

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
INITIAL HEARING /
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The Town of Tchula, Mississippi, is considering applying to the Mississippi Development Authority for a Community Development Block Grant of up to \$600,000.00 for sewer improvements. The State of Mississippi has been allocated approximately \$12 million that will be made available to cities and counties on a competitive basis to undertake eligible community development activities. These funds must be used to benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

The activities for which these funds may be used are in the area of public facilities and economic development. More specific details regarding eligible activities, program requirements, and the rating system will be provided at a public hearing which will be held at Tchula Town Hall on April 17, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the application.

The location for this hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. If a translator is needed for non-English speaking persons, please contact Reggie Ross at (662)283-2675 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting in an effort to accommodate this request. The Town of Tchula does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admissions or access to or treatment of employment in its program activities.

All comments are welcome and must be submitted in writing. For those unable to attend this meeting, written comments will be considered until the close of business on April 17, 2023. Written comments should be mailed to the Town of Tchula to the c/o Mayor Annie Polk at P.O. Box 356, Tchula, MS 39169.

HOLMES COUNTY
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Re: Child Find Program for
Children with Disabilities

The Holmes County Consolidated School District participates with the Mississippi Department of Education in an ongoing, statewide effort to identify, locate, and evaluate children through age twenty-one (21) who have health impairments, physical, mental, communicative, and/or emotional disabilities. Early identification of children in need of special education services is most important to each child. The information gathered from contacts with parents and other agencies will be used to help determine present and future program needs as progress is made toward the goal of providing a free appropriate public education to all children with a disability.

Holmes County Consolidated School District works with the local Head Start, Human Resource Services, Health and Mental Health Agencies, as well as local education agencies, physicians, and other individuals to identify and locate children out of school and in school who may need special education and/or related services.

Each year, the Office of Special Services serves approximately 300 students with disabilities in thirteen categories as identified by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004). A full continuum of services is offered to students with disabilities, who are eligible under IDEA.

Highly qualified teachers, therapists, and trained support personnel strive to offer the most appropriate programming options for each student based on his/her individual needs. If you feel your child or if you know of a child that is in need of any of the abovementioned services or evaluation, please contact Mr. Ravi Dutt, Program Specialist for the Holmes County Consolidated School District at (662) 834-2175.

Volunteer Mississippi
Announces 2023 Governor's
Initiative for Volunteer
Excellence Awards Recipients

Volunteer Mississippi, the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service, announced today the 2023 Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence (GIVE) Awards.

"As First Lady and Honorary Chair for the Commission for Volunteer Service, I look forward to partnering with Volunteer Mississippi to honor these outstanding Mississippi volunteers," said First Lady Elee Reeves. "Mississippi is comprised of selfless individuals who are committed to bettering our communities and lending a helping hand to our neighbors in need."

The GIVE Awards celebrate the exemplary service of Mississippi's most dedicated citizens. This award program presented by Volunteer Mississippi, in partnership with the Governor's Office,

recognizes and honors the valuable contributions of some of Mississippi's extraordinary citizens while inspiring others to follow their example.

"The story of volunteerism in Mississippi is about service as a way of life," said Monica Ritchie, Volunteer Mississippi executive director. "It's about leadership in our schools, workplaces, and communities. It's about results. Statewide volunteers and national service members are getting things done and making a difference for our children, our seniors, our veterans, and our military families."

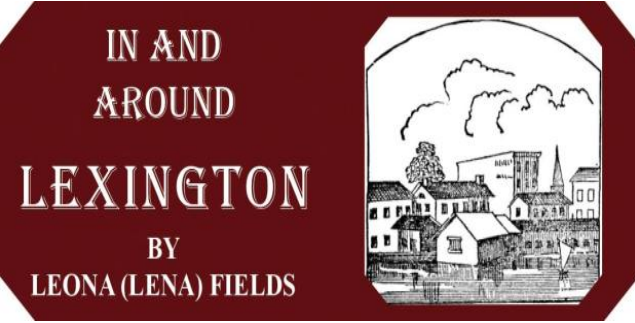
2023 GIVE Awards recipients will be honored at a special luncheon beginning at 10:45 a.m. on April 18, 2023, at the Old Capitol Inn in Jackson, with First Lady Elee Reeves and special

guest Steve Azar, the official Music and Culture Ambassador of Mississippi.

2023 GIVE Awards Recipients
Honorable mentions will be acknowledged in five of the 10 GIVE Awards categories for their service and

given a certificate of appreciation.

Volunteer of the Year Award Honorable Mentions: Ashton Hotard, Vicksburg; Deborah Clay, Columbus; Monica Bradshaw, Edwards; Aisha Erma Lenora Saffold, Durant.



On Friday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, the seniors at the Lexington feeding site got a surprise from the manager. She gave us a bag filled with green candy, a green necklace and some masks. We were given green wire with four leaf clovers on it. We made bracelets with the wire. Everyone enjoyed making a bracelet.

I appreciate the food pantry for the bags of food that were passed out Wednesday. The food pantry gives

out food the last Wednesday of each month or the 4th Wednesday. However, you have to fill out an application to be certified to get the food. You can get an application at the Home Extension building (4-H) across from Dollar General in Lexington.

It's time for spring cleaning so the snakes and insects won't bite us.

The Trinity M.B. Church in Howard Bottom will hold its Annual Spring Revival, April 3-5 at 7:00 p.m. Masks are required.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1) Hairdos
6) Led off
11) Gridlock component
14) Alternative to bottled
15) Arctic dwelling
16) Feel regret over
17) Sellers of illegal alcohol
19) Hard to explain
20) Emulate a bunny
21) Snacked
22) "Dear" mister
23) Living in water
27) Grandeur
29) It's certainly not a show dog
30) "Happy" mollusk
32) Kind of food or mate
33) Vicksburg combatant, briefly
34) Old rail riders, stereotypically
36) Animal variety
39) It was Persia
41) Black-clad teens, often
- 43) Folklore monstrosity
44) 100,000 make a newton
46) Back-up sounds
48) Shoot the breeze
49) "Able to ___ tall buildings ..."
51) Edible tuber of Polynesia
52) Superlative suffix
53) Christmas tree sheddings
56) False fronts
58) Special-interest grp.
59) Crater creator, perhaps
60) Barely defeat
61) Compass reading, sometimes
62) In a disgraceful way?
68) A, in Berlin
69) Not just "no!"
70) Auto contract, sometimes
71) Knight or Nugent
72) Garbo of "Ninotchka"
73) "___ of Iwo Jima"

DOWN

- 1) Picnic discard, sometimes
2) Lady associated with the Beatles
3) "Am ___ believe ...?"
4) Jazzy Earl Hines' nickname
5) Large irregular spot
6) Above average in size
7) Coop ovoid
8) Faint flicker
9) Main arteries
10) Rhinoplasty
11) How Buddha sits
12) Attend a class for no credits
13) Remove more moisture from
18) Concluding speech (var.)
23) Bitter-tasting
24) Ask
25) Bit of modern folklore
26) One spelling for a meal on a skewer
28) 100 cents, somewhere
31) Short choral composition
35) Bundle of grain
37) Delete, as messages
38) Mortgages, e.g.
40) "No ___ to apologize"
42) Pounced
45) Preserving, as pork
47) Tea parties, e.g.
50) Author
53) Group of nine
54) A Muppet
55) Martin of comedies
57) Breathing problem for heavy sleepers
63) Allow
64) The-lower-the-better pitching stat
65) Thing acquired on a beach
66) "Acid" drug
67) "All right!"

FOUR-LEGGED RACE

By Jerry Berns

