

**IN AND AROUND LEXINGTON**  
BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS



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Keep the Meekye family uplifted in prayer. One of Rev. Lenoria Meekye, Jr.'s sisters sons went to sleep and did not wake up the next morning. He lived in Chicago. I do not have arrangements on the funeral.

TRIAD met Wednesday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m. at the Multi-Purpose Complex in Lexington. The speakers that gave The Right Infor-

mation and Direction were Lula Gatlin, Mississippi Department of Health, Jackson, MS, and Commissioner De'Keither Stamps, Jackson, MS.

Ms. Gatlin talked about women's cancer. She encouraged all women to get screened for cancer, both breast cancer and cervical cancer. She said know your family history. Early detection saves lives. Taking care of yourself is not selfish, it's necessary. Men need to ve-

tested for prostate cancer. Handouts were given. The ladies got neck fans and the men got flashlights. You can get free screening services. For more information and a list of service providers, visit [HealthyMS.com/bccp](http://HealthyMS.com/bccp). Contact the Breast and Cervical Cancer program: 1-800-721-7222 of 601-576-7466. Ms. Gatlin is a three time cancer survivor.

Commissioner Stamps said be healthy. He agreed with Ms. Gatlin. He said summer is the time to prepare for winter. Get a little at a time. Buy a little extra groceries each time you shop. He is looking for a few good people. He wants to hold a county to county townhall meeting. Attend meetings like school board meetings,

of approved costs of site preparation and regeneration. The upper limit on the total amount of tax credit that may be claimed during the taxpayer's lifetime is \$75,000.

Value of a Tax Credit versus a Deduction: A tax credit has more impact on taxes owed than a deduction since it reduces the taxes owed by the credit amount. A deduction reduces tax by the amount of the deduction times the marginal tax rate.

Restrictions and Eligibility: There are restrictions on the use of the RTC for landowners who receive cost-share. Generally, landowners who receive cost-share cannot claim the Mississippi tax credit on their unreimbursed costs of the expense unless their adjusted gross income is below the federal earned income credit levels.

Forestry Investment is a Good Investment: Investing in commercial forests has proven to be a good investment. The National Council of Real Estate Investment Fiduciaries reported returns of around 19% on U.S. timberland from 2019-2020.

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supervisors meetings, water board meetings, PTA's, city hall meetings. He wants you to contact him to apply and follow up. Counties can prosper by contacting each other. Debris is being picked up. Check out FEMA.

He mentioned Father's Day. He said father's should keep a light in their children's eyes. A candle was lit for hope.

The crime update was

given by Captain Sam Chambers. He said a few good men cannot do it by themselves. Law enforcers cannot do it by themselves. They need the public's help. Parents need to report weapons in their houses if they do not know where the came from. Two young men lost their lives in a shooting. Children were playing nearby at the time. That's dangerous.



**June 11** - Josh and Jacklyn Abel

**June 12** - Jimmie Dale and Marie Thomas

**June 13** - Carl and Brenda Britt, Michael and Shelby Ward

**June 14** - Greg and Laura Bigbee, Ricky and Joshlyn Winstead

**June 15** - Kenny and Tracy Killebrew, Drew and Jordan Trehern

**June 16** - Jeffrey and Beth Jones

To add your birthdays and anniversaries to our list, please send your information by mail to P.O. Box 60, Lexington, MS 39095; fax 662-834-1074; email to [hcherald@gmail.com](mailto:hcherald@gmail.com); or stop by our office at 308 Court Square in Lexington. No phone calls, please.

**Conservation Corner**  
by James Cummins  
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**Reforestation Expense and Tax: The Mississippi Advantage**

In 2006, the Mississippi legislature granted non-industrial private forest landowners a significant increase in the ability to recover forest investment by increasing the lifetime limit of the Mississippi Reforestation Tax Credit (RTC) of \$25,000 to \$75,000. The RTC is a 50% tax credit, which means the tax credit amount is 50% of the approved costs of practices implemented. Landowners should use both federal and state tax provisions to recover their reforestation expenses to maximize their forest investment returns. Here's a general overview of a few federal and state tax provisions to allow landowners to assess their options:

General Capital Asset Recovery: Non-depreciable capital investments, such as land and timber, must be capitalized and recovered when the investment is sold or claimed as a loss. This is true for both federal and state income tax. When costs are capitalized, they are recorded into a basis account. The basis is used to offset gains or losses

from the sale of an asset or to claim casualty or non-casualty business losses. This means the landowner will not be able to recover investment costs until he or she sells timber or claims a loss.

Special Federal Reforestation Recovery Rules: Fortunately, the IRS code allows taxpayers, with the exception of trusts, to recover reforestation costs at an earlier point of time. Under these rules, each year up to \$10,000 in reforestation expenses for a qualified timber property may be taken as a deduction. For expenses over \$10,000, the overage may be amortized or deducted over 84 months.

Cost-sharing and Taxes: Some landowners may receive cost-share funding from federal agencies or the Mississippi Forestry Commission. These agencies have special programs that pay for part of the costs of some practices. Remember that cost-share payments are treated as income.

Mississippi Reforestation Tax Credit: Mississippi taxpayers have the additional benefit of a tax credit for reforestation. The tax credit covers up to 50%



**June 11** - Mady Holt, Sarah Cotten, Nan Pierce Netherland, Paula Blackstock, Lois Hayes, Matt Jones, Brian Wong, Gladys Woodley, Anna Reese Hanks

**June 12** - Laura Johnson, Alyssa McLemore, Fallon Richmond, Rae Anne Haffey, Cheryl White Veazey, Crystal Tate, Ricky Hathcock, Benton Killebrew, Fenton Anderson, Pam Burrell

**June 13** - Shareta Coleman, Stephanie Taylor Campbell, Ashlie Chamblee, Sara Lynn Hammett Bloodworth, Hollye L. Watkins, Helenteen Steverson, Cecelia Marrone, Earsie Simpson, Shepherd Engle,

Michael Herrington  
**June 14** - Jaimee Richmond, James Gusta Watson, III, Mary Cannon Barrett, Michael Jones, Earsie Simpson

**June 15** - Lashunda Forrest, Anita McBride, Mary Taylor, Kenny Killebrew, Bobby Caldwell, Grover Horton, Xander Cook

**June 16** - Dana O'Briant, Mike Cronin, Amber S. Rosamond, Mason McLellan, Elaine Johnson, Mark Suggett, Brenda Williams

**June 17** - Glenn Huggins, Tammy Courts, Richard Bonds, Candace Jones, Tina Hudson, Bessie Lee Brown, Anvi Sethi, Hattie McLaurin



**WEST GROVE MB CHURCH**

West Grove MB Church, 472 West Grove Road, Lexington, will hold a Pre-Father's Day program on Sunday, June 14 at 11:00 a.m. 6-4,11

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**NEWPORT MB CHURCH**

Newport MB Church, 2028 Newport Road, Lexington, will hold a Family and Friends Day program on Sunday, June 14 at 11:00 a.m. Dinner will be served. 6-4,11

**SWEET HOME MB CHURCH**

Sweet Home MB Church, 11808 Ebenezer Road, will hold its annual Men's Day service on Sunday, June 21 at 11:00 a.m. 6-4,11,18

**SALEM MB CHURCH**

Salem MB Church, 1218 Salem Road, Pickens, will hold its pastors 9th anniversary program on Sunday, 6-4,11

**FERRELL FUNDRAISER**

A fundraiser will be held for Lamar and Dana Ferrell due to their loss of their house due to a fire on Saturday, June 13 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Coxburg Community Center. Hamburger plates will be sold, dine in or carry out. 6-4,11



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