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Hughes crowned Homecoming Queen

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are (left to right) Goodman Campus Vice President **Andy Wood**, the Queen's escort **Cordarius Brown**, 2021 Homecoming Queen **Jordan Hughes**, Holmes President **Dr. Jim Haffey** and Alumni Association President **Derek Starling**. Photo by Jared Thomas.

On Thursday, Oct. 21, Holmes Community College hosted its annual Homecoming celebration on the Goodman Campus. Jordan Hughes of Kosciusko, daughter of Patricia and Jack Hughes, was crowned 2021 Homecoming Queen at halftime. Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey crowned the queen, Alumni Association President Derek Starling presented her robe and Goodman Campus Vice President Andy Wood presented her flowers. Hughes was escorted by Cordarius Brown of Madison.

Prior to the Homecoming Court Presentation, the Holmes Marching Band, directed by Jeffrey Brown and Terry Miller, performed on the field. The rest of the Goodman Campus court included: Student Body Maid Hayley Haffey of Kosciusko and her escort

Carter May; Sophomore Maid Jordan Pritchard of Lexington and her escort Will Cook; Sophomore Maid Lindsey Kate Turner of Sallis and her escort Evan Scott; Freshman Maid Aasjahla Tinae Garron of Winona and her escort Eric Gibbs and Freshman Maid Kelsey Gilmore of Lexington and her escort Brody Wilks.

Ridgeland Campus court members were as follows: Student Body Maid Bethany Biggers of Canton and her escort Nick Foreman; Sophomore Maid Taylor Barnes of Wiggins and her escort Elijah Hudson; Sophomore Maid Brooklyn Gaddis of Brandon and her escort R.J. Thompson; Freshman Maid Arian Felton of Madison and her escort Chris Carter and Freshman

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Holmes adds CTE programs across the district

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured is Grenada nursing student **Swayze Gardner**

This fall, the Holmes Community College Career-Technical Education (CTE) Department began offering a number of new programs across the district. On the Ridgeland Campus, Holmes began offering the Drafting and Design program as part of the Engineering Technology Department. Taught by Heather Mooney, these courses include Engineering Graphics, Mechanical Design I, Construction Standards and Materials, Computer Aided Design I, Computer Aided Design II and Blueprint Reading I.

Additionally, the Ridgeland Campus will add the Heating, Ventilation, Air

Conditioning (HVAC) & Refrigeration Technology program in the spring of 2022 and will offer the Massage Therapy program with a spring 2022 start date. HVAC & Refrigeration Technology is a post-secondary instructional program that prepares individuals to work in engineering departments or private firms installing, maintaining and operating small or medium air conditioning, heating, and refrigeration systems. Holmes is adding an Evening/Weekend Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) option on the Ridgeland Campus, as well.

“We are starting an evening/weekend

program here in Ridgeland to start in January of 2022,” said ADN Department Chair/Assistant Director Alice Austin, PhD, RN. “The application process is open through Sept. 15 and requirements include: a 2.0 GPA, an ACT composite of 18, an ACT reading score of 18 and an ACT math score of 17 (or have completed College Algebra). Pre-requisite are Anatomy & Physiology I and II, Microbiology and Nutrition. We are excited to offer this option to our students.”

Along with the expansions to CTE programs on the Ridgeland Campus,

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Levy named Humanities Teacher of the Year

From Staff Reports/Photos



LaShonda Levy

LaShonda Levy, an English instructor on the Goodman Campus, was selected as the 2021-22 Holmes Community College Humanities Teacher of the Year. She will deliver her scholarly presentation, “Beauty and Poise: African American Women Writers of the Harlem Renaissance” on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. in McMorrough Library on the Goodman Campus. The lecture is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

Levy's presentation will explore how, despite the challenges of being African American and female during the Jim Crow era, the women authors of the Harlem Renaissance still managed to write beautiful pieces of

literature that are still relevant and culturally important presently.

Levy is in her ninth year as a full-time instructor at Holmes, where she teaches English and serves as an academic advisor for elementary education and childcare technology. She teaches English Composition I and II, African American Literature I and II, Orientation and Intermediate English. Levy has worked in higher education since 2002, previously holding positions at Jackson State University and Strayer University.

Levy holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts in English from Jackson State University. As a graduate stu-

dent, she was inducted into the Alpha Epsilon Lambda National Honor Society. Professionally, she is a member of Two-Year College English Association of Mississippi (TYCAM), Two Year College English Association for the Southeastern Region (TYCA-SE) and the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). She also serves as the TYCA Liaison for Holmes with TYCAM.

A native of Carthage, Levy has a son, Erik, and enjoys reading and watching sports in her spare time. She is also a member of Word and Worship Church and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

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Hurricane Ida’s impact on Mississippi

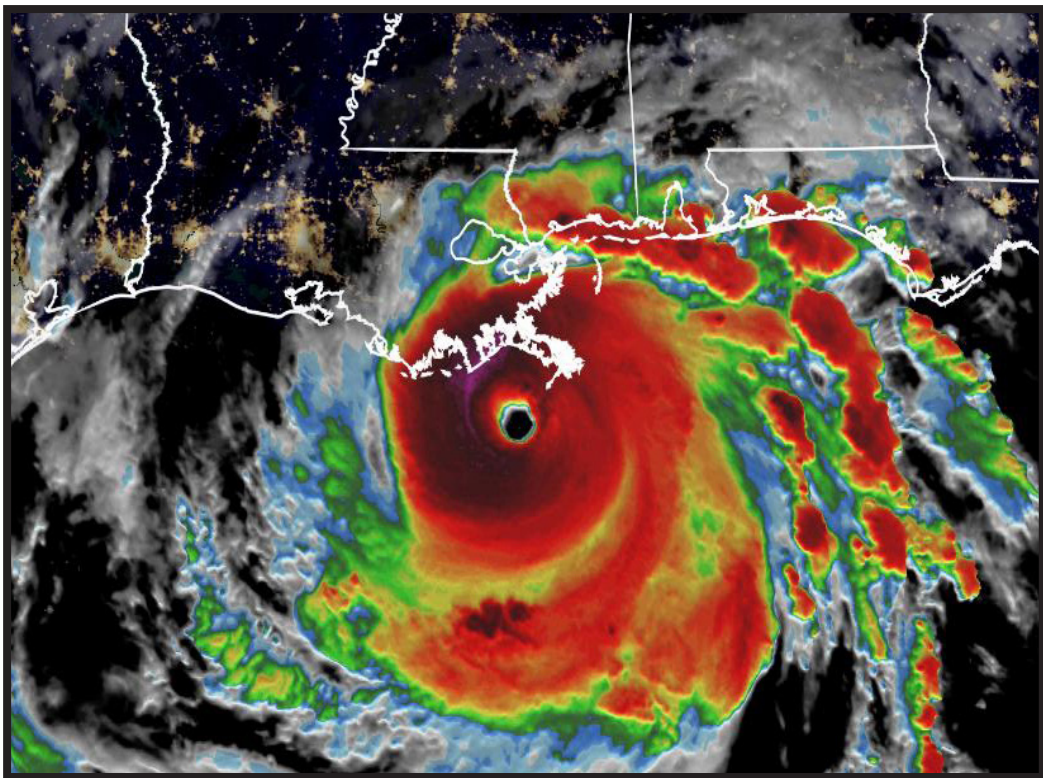
By Callie Pope
Staff Reporter



Hurricane Ida made landfall near Port Fourchon, Louisiana on Sunday, Aug. 29. The storm was formed in the Caribbean on Thursday, Aug. 26. Ida was an extremely dangerous Category 4 storm and sustained winds up to 150 mph. Ida then turned inland, bringing rain, strong winds and tornado watches all throughout Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. Hurricane Ida coincidentally made landfall the same day that Hurricane Katrina made landfall 16 years ago on the southeast Louisiana and Mississippi coast.

Here in Mississippi, residents across the state are picking up the damage from Hurricane Ida. Over 144,000 Mississippi residents lost power during the height of the storm. The hardest-hit areas are in the southwest part of the state near McComb and Brookhaven. “Because of the extent of damage and rebuilding required, we ex-

pect recovery to be difficult and challenging, and customers in the hardest-hit areas should expect extended power outages lasting for weeks,” officials stated. While Hurricane Ida was a Category 4 storm, the damages were not as bad as we expected here in Mississippi. Many schools closed on Monday, Aug. 30, expecting major damages but here in Madison County, there was just rain and strong winds. Most of the severe damages were in South Mississippi, near the coast. Sadly, two deaths occurred in Mississippi when a section of major highway collapsed in George County in the state’s southeast, said Malary White, the external affairs director for the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency. Ten other people were injured due to the storm. “Compared to Louisiana, we caught a big break,” White said. Hurricane Ida was expected to be another Hurricane Katrina for Mississippi but thankfully we did not have as much damage as expected. Sadly, two people lost their lives and t10 others were injured. Mississippi was very lucky compared to



Louisiana where Hurricane Ida hit hard. Thankfully here at the Holmes campus in Ridgeland we did get a day off for the storm but now we are back to normal,

hoping for a great rest of the semester with no more hurricanes.

The vaccine dilemma

By Nick Perkins
Staff Reporter



The vaccine is a hot-bed topic in schools and workplaces across the world at the moment. The vaccine is such a hot topic due to a great majority of people trusting it, and another large group not trusting the vaccine. We know the vaccine is required on campuses around the country but what about the

large group that doesn’t trust the vaccine? Is it fair for workplaces and schools to require people to take the vaccine? Some say it’s completely necessary due to the number of COVID-19 cases spiking and because of the new Delta variant. The vaccine is frowned upon amongst the right political side and for the most part pushed by the left. Research would say that the vaccine works and companies are even making a version of the vaccine that is safe for kids to take but what if someone doesn’t want to take it?. Is it

lawful to make someone take a medicine that they do not want to take? That’s the question that has people split within the country right now. The people will always have a say in what they decide to take and what not to take but what about when it comes to the safety of others? Who are we to force somebody to ingest something against their will? This topic is blazing across board rooms and council meetings around the world. The people have the final say in their body, but a lot of people feel as if author-

ity or the government is using jobs and schools as a loophole to bypass the people’s say in the matter. This observation has brought the spotlight on the government and how they are going to handle this situation. This has brought to light how different our states are and how each individual state handles their (capitalize) covid cases and vaccine-related parliament. At the end of this the question to ask is, “Ddo I have to take something that I don’t want to if I am being forced to?”

Welcome to Bulldog Nation

By Lakesia Smith
Staff Reporter



Welcome and welcome back my fellow Bulldog comrades! All have anticipated what this year will hold for us on the Goodman

Campus. Dorm students are all settled in and the teachers are back to their new normal schedules. Holmes is still making the students and teachers their first priority in staying safe against Covid-19. While taking precautions, the school year still seems to have many events planned.

Different organizations and teams are preparing for performances and events. Many students, like myself, are excited about (capitalize)homecoming this year. Seeing as students didn’t get the experience of a lot of college gatherings last year, there is an enormous amount of joy about what is to come.

Masks are required at Holmes and are being monitored every week even though the mandate was lifted. Holmes is persistent in making sure everyone is being safe and cautious. Well, my fellow Bulldogs we will see what the year brings!

Updated Agenda

By Tymer Reynolds
Staff Reporter



Since the beginning of time, women have had to learn differently from men. Marriage is important, and this is something that women should strive for. Men bring

home the bacon, and women are in the kitchen cooking the bacon. What happens if the roles were reversed? The woman is out making the bacon and the man must cook it instead. Fast forward to the present. In 2021, we are now seeing the “Boss Woman” archetype. This archetype is a woman who has the confidence, drive and knowledge

to get what they want. No matter what obstacles are in the way these women will be successful. More women these days are getting into this archetype. They want to have something of their own, and not ask anyone for anything. Where does this leave men? Men are now having to compete with the “Boss Woman” for their jobs and

positions. Even though they must compete with these alphas, these women are less likely to get paid for their worth. Women today are still fighting for these equalities and one day we will get it.

Are COVID-19 vaccinations safe?

By Lakesia Smith
Staff Reporter



To those who don't know what the COVID-19 vaccine is, it is a vaccine intended to provide acquired immunity against severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, the virus

that causes coronavirus disease 2019. The initial focus of SARS-CoV-2 vaccines was on preventing symptomatic, often severe illness. We have been experiencing this virus since the start of 2020. Masks and vaccines are now the new norm. I recently did a few interviews, with students who would like to remain anonymous, to get their input on getting the COVID vaccine.

Many are on board and many are skeptical about getting the shot. While others are on board to get the shot to help stop the spread, many are skeptical because you can still catch it even with the vaccine. Some have even died from side effects of taking the shot. Whatever one chooses to do is their personal opinion and I feel they have that right as a person. I don't understand how people who are

vaccinated feel its okay to call unvaccinated people stupid and dumb. As long as a person is taking the necessary steps to keep themselves safe, for example wearing a mask, then that will help slow the spread as well. Ultimately, the goal is to get things back to normal so I hope the nation can come together as one and knock this plague out of our land.

Awesome autumn in Mississippi

By Alek Dickerson
Staff Reporter



A handful of people like the hot and humid summer heat from Mississippi, but many were ready for the cool breeze that the fall was going to bring. Sept. 22, the

first day of autumn, I went around asking Holmes' students their views and opinions of the delightful weather.

Deondra Willis, a freshman at Holmes Community College, said, "I love the cooler weather. More specifically, I love the fall fashion." The outfit she's wearing is a brown two-piece sweatsuit to "get all the fall feels."

Hailey Jacks, also a freshman, had the same views as Willis. Jacks said, "I absolutely adore this weather. It gives me the chance to wear my cardigans that haven't seen the light of day for a year."

After my interviews with Willis and Jacks, I went to the public to get a sense of how they feel about the change.

Riley Smith, an interviewee from Walmart, is one of the handful of peo-

ple that enjoys the summer heat. She said, "I honestly will miss the heat. It gave me an excuse to stay in the water. I was always on a boat, going tubing and kayaking."

While taking pictures, a young man named John McCloud came up to me, so I asked him some questions. His response to the weather change was different from all the other ones I have heard.

McCloud exclaimed, "My favorite part about the fall season is that it kick-starts the holidays. I like to see people happy and no matter how much stress it can be, people are typically happy during those times. Joyful kids going trick-or-treating paired with grateful people during Thanksgiving. Life slows down and we look at it more differently than the other seasons."

As I'm in awe of what he's saying, he continues, "Whether it's the color of the trees, county fairs, pumpkin patches or haunted houses, we look at fall different."

The majority of people, whether fall is their favorite season or not, find something enjoyable about the autumn vibes that Mississippi provides.

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The parking lot

By Nick Perkins
Staff Reporter



The parking lot is a safehaven for the students at Holmes Community College. The parking lot is a central hub for all students. As a student, the parking lot means a lot to me because it is

a place where I can go between classes to work on schoolwork or socialize with my friends. It's a place where weekends are heard about and stories are told.

People tend to migrate with their kind and it is reflective of the schools where the kids came from. They now herd together in our parking lot. Our

parking lots are great for socializing but are poorly organized. The parking lot has an awful hamartia with not being organized. Not by groups or friends, but by general traffic control. The parking lot is smally confusing, but the bad part is the consequences.

If you make a mistake in the parking lot or park in the wrong parking lot, you get a ticket. I feel as if it's important to enforce traffic rules in student parking lots, that is not the issue. The issue is confusion between students and parking control. What if there was a way where we could turn this issue into opportunity. I believe we should be assigned parking chosen by students or faculty members. The ability to choose the person's parking spot is crucial as to not add a problem to another problem.

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Falling in love with local activities

By Alek Dickerson
Staff Reporter



Fall is here and so are all of the wonderful activities that come with it. Whether you are looking for pumpkin patches, haunted houses/trails or dates for the Mississippi State Fair, I got you covered. The 162nd Mississippi State Fair is happening this year. It is wise to be cautious this year because COVID-19 is still around. This time last year, the cases shot up tremendously. The fair will be in town from Oct. 6-17. The fair is located in the Mississippi

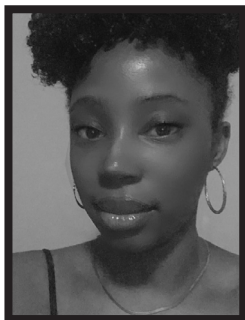
State Fairgrounds in Jackson. Check the website for more information on the fair. If you are looking for some fun activities to do with your friends or family, Nichols-Boyd Pumpkin Patch or Resting Place Lowery Tree Farm are the places to be. Moseley Meadows consists of a hay maze, pumpkin patch-pick and train ride. It also offers concessions, a petting zoo and picnic areas. You can bring your own food, but they have awesome food available for you to purchase. Resting Place consists of a pumpkin patch, tractor pulled hay rides and wagon rides. It also offers a picnic area and farm animals.

Resting place is located in Flora and Nichols-Boyd is located in Brandon. Check out their websites or their Facebook pages for more information on the times, pricing and location. If you want something more on the spookier side this season, then the House of the Haunted Fields might be the event for you. This event is an outside haunted trail called “Trail of Nightmares,” This event offers concessions, Halloween goodies and local vendors that offer homemade spooky items. House of the Haunted Fields is located in Raymond. Feel free to check out their Facebook page/Google page for pricing, times and direct location.



Astrology

By Tymer Reynolds
Staff Reporter



Since the beginning of the year, we have been seeing a trend with astrology all over social media. You are probably wondering what astrology even is. Well, according

to Webster’s Dictionary, “Astrology is when the stars and planets have influence on human affairs.” We are more than just our regular old sun sign. There is more to a person that just being a Virgo sun. It is an entire birth chart that makes a person unique. In astrology, there is something called the “Big 3,” which is your sun, moon and

rising sign. The sun sign is who someone is at their core, the moon sign is a person’s emotions and the rising/ascendant sign is a person’s first impression. Also, in astrology there are different elements like earth, fire, air and water. All these things make up a person and can tell why a person does certain things due to different aspects in their birth chart. For example, I am a

Virgo sun, Sagittarius moon and a Cancer rising. To calculate your exact chart, you would need to know the place you were born and your birth time. Astrology is a cool and fun thing to get into.

Holiday Challenge

By Lakesia Smith
Staff Reporter



With the holidays quickly approaching, I have constantly wondered how I could give back. Each year different organizations

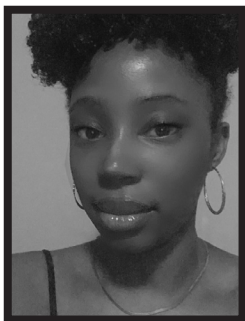
giveaway free turkeys and do Toys for Tots. Well this year I decided to do the same, but instead of donating randomly, I picked a children’s shelter to help sponsor for Christmas. There are many kids who are put in shelters and foster homes each year without any say so.

During the holidays they are left by themselves feeling alone and unloved. I know this because I was once in a home during the holidays. I am partnering with many self-owned businesses to raise money and donate toys to the shelter. This holiday I ask you, my fellow

Bulldog, to think of someone not as fortunate as you and donate to any local charity or fundraiser. Giving is the reason for the season.

Sexual Harassment

By Tymer Reynolds
Staff Reporter



The saying, “It’s hard being a woman,” is certainly an understatement. Women go through so many things. It’s difficult experiences for every situation that they

are exposed to. For example, with dating or even starting a new job, situations can be difficult. Sexual harassment or sexual advancement is something a woman does not like going through. Both scenarios can happen anywhere, but it is extremely crazy when it happens in the workplace. In the workplace, a woman would not expect for anything sexual to ever happen

in that space. On the other hand, it is very common for this to happen to women. To hear about women’s experiences with dealing with hardships like this are extremely heart-breaking. Why can’t society understand the difference between right and wrong? Women have the right to say no to anyone’s advances. When a woman has

told a person no it should not advance into a more sexual state. That seems to happen a lot more than people talk about. It is sad that in 2021 women are still being sexually harassed in the workplace and just in general.



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Homecoming (continued from Front Page)

Maid Hailey Jacks of Birmingham, Alabama, and her escort Jon Dylan Wilcher.

Finally, Grenada Campus court members included: Student Body Maid Jamya Faith Benson of Grenada and her escort Nicholas Johnson; Sophomore Maid Hannah Briscoe of Grenada and her escort Michael Buchanan; Sophomore Maid Martha Clark Robertson of Greenwood and her escort Reid Mullen; Freshman Maid Alyssa Campbell of Grenada and her escort Lane Lemley and Freshman Maid Sadie Roberts of Oakland and her escort Dawson Carnathan.

This year's football game against the Mississippi Delta Community College Rangers kicked off at 3 p.m. and the

Bulldogs fell to the Rangers 41-13. Prior to kick-off, the Chorale sang the national anthem, and the Homecoming Honorees were recognized on the field. Honorees included: Alumna of the Year, Doris Belk of Kosciusko; Distinguished Service Award recipient, Dr. Brady Richardson of Kosciusko; Young Alumnus of the Year, Dr. Dustin Gentry of Louisville and Veteran of the Year John Wallas of Canton.

Homecoming festivities kicked off with a Visual Arts Display in the McMorrough Library at 8 a.m. and a FunRun hosted by Holmes' Occupational Therapy Assistant program at 9 a.m. The softball, baseball and basketball teams played inter-squad scrimmages, as well. Academic Programs

and Career-Technical Education hosted a Career and Transfer Fair from 10 a.m. in the Grove and at the same time, Workforce Development hosted "Major's Truck Expo" with all of the big industry vehicles on display for guests coming to campus.

The honorees were recognized in McDaniel Auditorium at 10 a.m. followed by the debut performance from the Holmes Connection! and Coachmen at 10:30 a.m.

Other mid-day activities included food trucks, fun and games in the Grove accompanied with live music by Mississippi Songwriter of the Year Finalist Lauren Lindsay and the Holmes Jazz Band. At noon, the Holmes Chorale performed a variety of their music

in the Chapel on the Hill. Faculty, staff, students, alumni and guests also enjoyed tailgating and a pep rally prior to kick-off.

Leading up to Homecoming Day, all the campuses had an opportunity to show their school spirit with designated dress-up days. Monday was Favorite Band T-Shirt Day, Tuesday was Animal Print Day, Wednesday was Tacky Christmas Day and Thursday was School Spirit Day, where everyone was encouraged to wear the Homecoming t-shirt.

For more information about Holmes Homecoming or other alumni events, contact Katherine Ellard at kellard@holmescc.edu.



The Holmes cheerleaders pose for a photo after halftime with former cheerleader and the 2020 Homecoming Queen **Mikayla Williams**.



The Holmes **Connection!** performs in McDaniel Auditorium on Homecoming Day. They are under the direction of Mike Yates.



The Holmes **Chorale** sings the national anthem prior to kick-off.



The Holmes **Career-Technical Education Department** gathers for a group photo post-meeting during Homecoming.

Goodman Campus introduces 2021 Homecoming Queen and Maids

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Pictured is the Holmes Goodman Campus Homecoming Court. They are (left to right) Escort **Eric Gibbs**, Freshman Maid **Aasjahla Tinae Garron** of Winona, Escort **Will Cook**, Sophomore Maid **Jordan Pritchard** of Lexington, Escort **Cordarius Brown**, Homecoming Queen **Jordan Hughes** of Kosciusko, Student Body Maid **Hayley Haffey** of Kosciusko, Escort **Carter May**, Sophomore Maid **Lindsey Kate Turner** of Sallis, Escort **Evan Scott**, Freshman Maid **Kelsey Gilmore** of Lexington and Escort **Brody Wilks**.

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Jordan Hughes, daughter of Patricia and Jack Hughes, is a pre-veterinary medicine major. She is active on campus as a flute player in the Holmes marching band, a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and as a Student Support Services member and tutor. Off campus, Hughes is a member of Mt. Zion M.B. Church and enjoys baking sweet treats, making arts and crafts and playing with her pets. After graduating from Holmes, she plans to obtain her bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University and then apply for their veterinary medicine program. After earning her degrees, Hughes would

like to return back home and work for Kosciusko Veterinary Hospital.

Hayley Haffey, daughter of Dr. Jim Haffey and Rae Anne Haffey, is a pre-med major. She is an officer for Phi Theta Kappa, a Holmes Ambassador and a member of the Student Government Association. Haffey is also a member of First Baptist Church of Kosciusko. In her free time, she enjoys going to the beach, snow skiing, traveling, shopping and hanging out with friends and family. After graduating from Holmes, Haffey will attend Mississippi State University to pursue a degree in biological science/pre-med. She then plans to further her education at University of Mississippi Medical Center in hopes of becoming a doctor.

Jordan Pritchard is the daughter of Christy and J.J. Pritchard. She is majoring in radiology. During her time

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at Holmes, she has been a member of the cheerleading squad and Phi Theta Kappa.

Lindsey Kate Turner, daughter of Jackie and Tim Turner, is a biological science major. On campus, she is involved in the Holmes Connection!, Coachmen, Chorale and Baptist Student Union. She is also a Phi Theta Kappa officer. Off campus, Turner is a member of Sallis Baptist Church

where she helps lead worship. Her hobbies include: spending time with her family and pets, and being the lead singer in a wedding band called Stylish. After Holmes, Turner plans to transfer to Mississippi College to study medical science and then go to the University of Mississippi Medical Center to earn her doctorate in medicine.

Aasjahla Garron is the daughter of

Tina and Dennis Garron. She is majoring in pre-physical therapy/kinesiology and is a member of the Holmes Cheerleading team.

Kelsey Gilmore, daughter of Wendy and the late John Gilmore, is a history major. She is active on campus as an Ambassador, Chorale singer, MOSAIC member, Baptist Student Union member and work-study student for the Business Office. Off campus, Gilmore

is a member of Beulah Baptist Church in Lexington. Her hobbies include hanging out with friends, reading and biking. Gilmore plans to stay at Holmes for two years before transferring to Mississippi State University. At MSU, she will obtain her master's degree in history and hopes to eventually get a job at a two-year college like Holmes.

Grenada Campus introduces court members

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Pictured are the Holmes Community College 2021 Grenada Campus Homecoming Court members. They are *(left to right)* Escort **Lane Lemley**, Freshman Maid **Alyssa Campbell** of Grenada, Escort **Michael Buchanan**, Sophomore Maid **Hannah Briscoe** of Grenada, Escort **Nicholas Johnson**, Student Body Maid **Jamya Faith Benson** of Grenada, Escort **Reid Mullen**, Sophomore Maid **Martha Clark Robertson** of Greenwood, Escort **Dawson Carnathan** and Freshman Maid **Sadie Roberts** of Oakland.

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Jamya Benson, daughter of Regina and Patrick Benson, is a sophomore majoring in elementary education and special education. She serves as vice president of communications for the Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Mu Beta Chapter, she is a work-study in the Admissions Office and serves on Student Government Association. Benson also received the Highest English Composition Award in the spring of 2021 and was named to the Dean's and President's lists. Off campus, she is a keyboardist/vocalist for her church and helps with the youth choir. Her

hobbies include shopping, playing with her pets and singing karaoke. After graduating from Holmes, Benson plans to further her education at the University of Mississippi, majoring in education with a minor in music.

Hannah Briscoe, the daughter of Pam and Jeff Briscoe, is a business administration major. She is active on campus as an Ambassador, a work-study student, a Phi Theta Kappa member and a Baptist Student Union member. Briscoe has also participated in Miss Mississippi's Outstanding Teen Organization, and manages the gift side of Sav-Mor Drugs and Gifts in Grenada. She is part of the praise band at Emmanuel Baptist Church, as well. Her hobbies include shopping, drawing with sidewalk chalk, singing and photography. Briscoe's future plans include opening a bridal boutique that helps brides plan their whole wedding from the catering and venue down to flowers, hair and makeup, and of course, the gown.

Martha Clark Robertson, daughter of Carla and Russell Robertson, is a pre-nursing major. Robertson is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and of Immanuel Baptist Church. In her free time, she enjoys exercising and hanging out with friends and family. Robertson's future plans include earning her bachelor's degree

in nursing and working in the neonatal intensive care unit.

Alyssa Campbell is the daughter of Jennifer Campbell and Sheena and Bobby Campbell. She is a pre-nursing major and member of First Baptist Church of Grenada. Her hobbies include sleeping, shopping, snapchatting her friends, hanging out with family and friends and playing with her Great Dane, Kane. She also enjoys working at La Bella Fonte in Grenada. In the future, Campbell hopes to one day be able to work at LeBonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis as a nurse in the pediatric intensive care unit.

Sadie Roberts, daughter of Amanda and Luke Roberts, is majoring in special education with a minor in psychology. On campus she is involved in Student Government Association as well as the Baptist Student Union. Roberts is also a member of Friendship Baptist Church where she is part of the praise team. Her hobbies include: journaling, making TikTok videos and hanging out with friends. Roberts plans to transfer to Mississippi State University in the fall of 2022 while majoring in special education, and later she hopes to become a specialist for a special needs program.

Ridgeland Campus introduces court members

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Pictured are the Holmes Community College 2021 Ridgeland Campus Homecoming Court members. They are *(left to right)* Escort **Elijah Hudson**, Sophomore Maid **Taylor Barnes** of Wiggins, Escort **R.J. Thompson**, Sophomore Maid **Brooklyn Gaddis** of Brandon, Escort **Nick Foreman**, Student Body Maid **Bethany Biggers** of Grenada, Escort **Chris Carter**, Freshman Maid **Arian Felton** of Madison, Escort **Jon Dylan Wilcher** and Freshman Maid **Hailey Jacks** of Birmingham, Alabama.

Holmes Community College recognized members of the 2021 Homecoming Court on Oct. 21. Ridgeland Campus court members include: Student Body Maid Bethany Biggers of Canton; Sophomore Maid Taylor

Barnes of Wiggins; Sophomore Maid Brooklyn Gaddis of Brandon; Freshman Maid Arian Felton of Madison and Freshman Maid Hailey Jacks of Birmingham, Alabama.

Bethany Biggers, daughter of Vick-

ie and Cresley Pierce, is a pre-med major who is active on campus. She is an Ambassador, a member of Focus Factor and president of both Phi Theta Kappa honor society and the STEM Club. Biggers is a member of Apostolic Lighthouse Church and in her free time enjoys spending time with friends, four-wheeler riding, writing, traveling, meeting dogs, learning new things, going on adventures and shopping. Her future plans include going to medical school and becoming a pediatrician.

Taylor Barnes is the daughter of Jeannine and Anthony Smith and Angela and Steve Barnes. She is a psychology major who serves as Horizons yearbook editor and as a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Outside of Holmes, Barnes is a youth leader at St Francis Assisi Catholic Church in Ridgeland and works as a barista. In her free time, she enjoys photography, making rosaries and event-planning. Barnes' future plans are to go into adolescent counseling in a private practice.

Brooklyn Gaddis, daughter of Kea

Gaddis and Marcus Gaddis, is a dental hygiene major. On campus she is a Horizons yearbook staff member, and in her free time, she enjoys painting, shopping, singing and photography. After obtaining her associate degree from Holmes, Gaddis plans to attend the University of Mississippi Medical Center to complete her dental hygienist degree.

Arian Felton is the daughter of Monique Moore, Edwin Felton and Johnny Winston. She is a business administration major who spends her free time working, shopping, spending time with friends and family and competing in pageants.

Hailey Jacks, daughter of Angela Jacks and Chris Jacks, resides in Ridgeland but grew up in Birmingham, Alabama. She is a psychology major who attends Pinelake Church. Jacks' hobbies include: reading, writing, hanging out with friends and being artsy. After Holmes, she plans to transfer to a university and obtain her master's degree in psychology to become a mental health counselor.

Doris Belk named Holmes Alumna of the Year

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Holmes President **Dr. Jim Haffey** presents a plaque to Holmes’ Alumna of the Year **Doris Belk**.

Doris Belk of Kosciusko is the 2021 Holmes’ Alumna of the Year. Belk was awarded this honor by the Holmes Alumni Association during a presentation in McDaniel Hall Auditorium on Oct. 21. Belk was also recognized on the field prior to the game against Mississippi Delta Community

College. A native of Ethel, Belk graduated from Ethel High School. After high school Belk graduated from Holmes in 1955 and continued on to Mississippi State University. Belk is owner and president of Mitchel Metal Products, Inc. in Kosciusko which she built with her late husband, Dewitte Belk. Mitchel Metal is a privately-held and family-owned manufacturer of HVAC sheet metal products. Belk serves as a member of the Air Distribution Institute, Mississippi Manufactures Association and National Manufactures Association. Holmes has stayed close to her heart over the years as she is currently serving as the Holmes Board of Trustees secretary, on the Holmes Development Foundation Board of Directors and on the Board of Governors where she also serves as secretary. Additional committees she has participated on at Holmes include: the fundraising committee to renovate and furnish the old President’s Home and the fundraising and furnishing committees for the Chapel on the Hill. Among many of Belk’s talents, she is one of the many commissioned artists who have courthouse paintings from the Holmes District hanging in the Board of Trustee Board Room. Belk continues to be active in her community by serving in the Fun and Flower Garden Club of Kosciusko, as a Junior Auxiliary Life Member, an Attala County Historical Society Board Member and as a member of First Baptist Church.

Dr. Brady Richardson receives Distinguished Service Award

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Holmes President **Dr. Jim Haffey** presents a plaque to Holmes’ Distinguished Service Award Recipient **Dr. Brady Richardson**.

Dr. Brady Richardson is the 2021 Distinguished Service Award Recipient. Holmes Alumni Association gives out this deserving award to a committed individual who show dedicated service to Holmes Community College. Richardson was very active on campus during his time in Goodman. He served as SGA President, voted Who’s Who, selected for Hall of Fame, played tennis, active on the scholar bowl team and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Richardson achieved academic success at Holmes and was the valedictorian of the 1995 commencement. After Holmes, Richardson continued on to Mississippi State University earning a Bachelor of Science. Then attended medical school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center where he earned a Doctor of Medicine. Richardson completed his Residency at the University Of Tennessee College of Medicine in Chattanooga. During his residency Richardson earned his respect of his peers and was assigned chief resident. Upon completing his residence Richardson, returned home to Attala County where he practiced with Premier Medical group as a partner from 2004-2014. Currently, Richardson works for Baptist Medical in Mississippi as their emergency department Medical Director at the Attala and Leake hospitals. He also works as the Medical Director for Sta-Home Hospice. Richardson serves as the Vice President of the Holmes Development Foundation at Holmes where he has shown dedicated service to the college. Now Richardson and his wife, Nicki(also attended Holmes), live in Kosciusko with their children Layna (18), Malone (15), Maddie (15) and Kai (9) where they all are members of First Baptist Church and involved in numbers civic activities.

Maj. Gen. John Wallace, USAF, recognized as Veteran of the Year

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Holmes President **Dr. Jim Haffey** presents a plaque to Holmes’ Veteran of the Year **Maj. Gen. John Wallace**.

Maj. Gen. Wallace, a Madison County native, retired with 39 years of service with the U.S. Air Force. In 1958, Maj. Gen. Wallace entered pilot training and graduated as an interceptor fighter pilot. During his six years of active service Maj. Gen. Wallace also served as an instructor pilot. In 1964, when Maj. Gen. Wallace resigned from his regular commission, he joined the Mississippi Air National Guard. While with the Mississippi Air Guard, he flew reconnaissance fighters for three years and multi-engine cargo planes for 25 years. Maj. Gen. Wallace served as assistant adjutant general for the air as well as commander of the Mississippi Air National Guard from 1985-1996, then retired as a major general. Maj. Gen. Wallace earned an electrical engineering degree from Mississippi State University and a Master of Science from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Maj. Gen. Wallace has also served his community. He was general manager of Canton Municipal Utilities for 38 years, has been involved in the Madison County Economic Development Authority, the Metro Economic Development Alliance, the Municipal Emergency Agency of Mississippi and the Chamber of Commerce. Maj. Gen. Wallace has served on the Holmes Development Foundation Board of Directors and Board of Governors since it was founded more than 45 years ago. Now, Wallace and his wife, Barbara live in Canton. They have three children all of which attended Holmes, and three grandchildren.

Dr. Dustin Gentry named Young Alumnus of the Year

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Holmes President **Dr. Jim Haffey** presents a plaque to Holmes' Young Alumnus of the Year **Dr. Dustin Gentry**.

The Holmes Community College 2021 Young Alumnus of the Year recipient is Dr. Dustin Gentry.

Dr. Gentry is a native of Kosciusko and a 2005 graduate of Holmes. While attending Holmes, Dr. Gentry was very active on campus as editor of the Growl, an Ambassador, a member of Baptist Student Union and a member of Phi Theta Kappa where he served as vice president. He received the Michael Klauk Award, the WY Sudduth Social Science Award and was selected for Hall of Fame.

After Holmes, Dr. Gentry continued on to Mississippi State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry and molecular biology. Following MSU, he went to University of Mississippi Medical Center where he earned his Doctorate of Medicine in 2011.

While doing his residency at the University of Texas Northeast from 2011-2014, Dr. Gentry earned his master's degree in business administration from the University from Texas at Tyler in 2014.

Dr. Gentry is currently serving as the attending physician and chief of medical staff at Winston Medical Center in Louisville. He also acts as associate medical director for Quality Hospice.

In 2021, the Mississippi Association of Family Physicians named Dr. Gentry Young Physician of the Year. He also serves on the Board of Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians and is on the Legislative Action Committee.

Dr. Gentry and his wife Dawn, live in Louisville with their three children Elizabeth Grace (6) Evelyn Ruth (6) and Eleanor Kathryn (3).

CTE programs *(continued from Front Page)*

Holmes is offering Forest Technology, Conservation Law Enforcement Technology and Business & Office Technology courses on the Goodman Campus. James Floyd is the adviser for the Forest Technology and Conservation Law enforcement programs while Ginny Ables is the instructor for the Business & Office Technology courses. The classes are taught in the Donald E. Phillips Business Building on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Conservation Law Enforcement Technology is a two-year program of study that prepares the graduate for entry-level employment as a Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (game warden) in the state of Mississippi. The program blends technical courses in forestry and academic courses in criminal justice with other academic courses, including the core.

Forest Technology is an intensive program of instruction and training to prepare individuals for service in different aspects of forest management

operations. Major topics of the program include: the role of foresters in society; the identification and valuation of forest and ornamental woody species; the manipulation of forest stands to produce specific benefits; the impacts of fire, insects, and disease in forest stands; forest measurement and mapping methods; and timber harvesting and utilization systems. Forest Technology is a two-year program.

"We're the only community college in the state that offers the degree for conservation law enforcement technology, and there are only two other colleges that currently offer degrees in Forest Technology," Floyd explained. "We're expanding the program to increase our foot-print and better serve our clients."

Floyd said that students who enjoy field trips, labs in the field and ones looking for a career outdoors would make great candidates for these programs.

The Business Technology program

includes a basic core of courses designed to prepare a student for a variety of entry-level positions through selection of a concentration leading to a Technical Certificate, Advanced Technical Certificate or Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree.

"Because of our new technology, we are excited to be able to offer a Flexible Hybrid Zoom option for students to take classes in all BOT pathways without having to travel across campuses," Ables said. "Being able to offer the BOT program to all locations of Holmes increases the students we can reach. It also allows our students to network across campuses enriching their college experience. We feel that this new opportunity will be useful for those interested in BOT as they work toward their career goals."

"This program is an excellent choice for a variety of students as there are multiple options for completion: one year certification, two-year advanced certification, and an AAS degree," she

added. "For those students looking to find a career in which they can excel in medical office, business management, and at-home career roles, these programs allow for education that leads straight to the field. For those that wish to continue their education at the university level, there are transfer options post-program as well. The variety of options allows students to choose the path that best aligns with their career goals and lifestyle."

Finally, CTE is adding a full-time Welding program at the Attala Center in Kosciusko and is set to begin in the spring of 2022.

"We are excited that Welding is now offered on four of Holmes' campuses: Ridgeland, Goodman, Grenada and now Kosciusko," said Welding instructor Nathan Hutchinson. Welders are in high demand right now and we can't turn out students quick enough to fill the vacant job spots."

To sign up for these classes, click on the Enroll Now tab on the Holmes

Holmes' Smith serves as MPB Workforce Wednesday presenter

From Staff Reports/Photos



Earline Smith, Holmes Community College's district director for Adult Education/HSE, served as a presenter for Mississippi Public Broadcasting's Workforce Wednesday on Aug. 18. Smith discussed the Customer Service Employment Academy and Holmes' partnership with Goodwill and Adult Education.

"We are thankful for Smith being MPB's Workforce Wednesday presenter," said MPB Community Liaison Specialist Jasmine Harvey. "She did an amazing job capturing our audience while providing engaging content that highlighted the student's workplace experience program, Smart Start and the community partnership with Holmes and Goodwill Inc. for the Customer Service Academy. I have heard nothing but positive feedback from those that attended."

The Customer Service Employment Academy is an extensive six-week program for students enrolled in Holmes adult literacy and workforce preparation activities (including Smart Start Pathway Course and ACT WorkKeys programs). Students also have the opportunity to participate in Goodwill's workforce training program, which included customer service and sales courses through the National Retail Foundation.

Students who complete the program receive several credentials that make them more competitive in the job market. These credentials include the Mississippi Smart Start Credential, National Career Readiness Certificate, and the Customer Service and Sales Certificate.

Along with Smith, other presenters for the Workforce Wednesday program

included Vicki Burton, vice president for Goodwill Workforce Development, and Bronwyn Robertson, program specialist for workforce and employer engagement for the Mississippi Community College Board.

"Overall, the goal for August Workforce Wednesday was overachieved and the Education team is looking forward to a continuing partnership with MCCB, Goodwill Inc. and Holmes Community College and Customer Service Academy," Harvey said.

Those interested in joining the next Workforce Wednesday can visit getting-towork.mpbonline.org for more details.

For more information about the Customer Service Academy program, individuals can contact Smith at esmith@holmescc.edu or 662-472-9105.

PTA class gives back to Duck Hill

Special from the Winona Times



As a way to give back to the Town of Duck Hill, students from the Holmes Community College Physical Therapy Assistants class collaborated with the Friends of the Duck Hill Library to create a lending library and a food pantry.

Meg King, director of the PTA

program at HCC Grenada, said the lending library was made out of wood and was put together by the students themselves. The food pantry was made out of an old newspaper rack from the Grenada Star.

“Shirley Lane coordinated with the class, they [Friends of the Duck Hill

Library] had some funds that they wanted to use, so the class didn’t have to fundraise for this one, the funds were already available,” King said.

She said the class cleaned up the donated rack and painted it. Both are now sitting outside of the library. King said the pantry is available for those in need to take what they need. If someone has more than they need, they can donate it to the pantry.

“It’s all nonperishable items. They wanted to use the old newspaper stands because they thought they would be best if they had it airtight,” she said.

King said the goal is to put the libraries and pantries throughout the Holmes Community College district. The district consist of Holmes, Attala, Montgomery, Carroll, Grenada, Choctaw, Webster, Madison and Yazoo counties.

She said their next libraries and pantries may be in Kosciusko or Goodman.

“There will be two, one library and one pantry to each town in the district,” she said.

King said they want to continue the project each semester.

She said the Phi Theta Kappa at

Holmes Community College will also help to keep the pantry stocked.

“For this project, the funds were available so they didn’t have to raise them. But, for their projects they have to raise the money, they have to design the projects, they have to construct, they do the whole shebang, it’s all on them. We don’t push them to do anything,” she said.

Last year, the class also did a project in Duck Hill. They renovated Cemetery Park in town.

“The park is amazing!” King said. “They have sand play, swings, they cleaned up the tennis court and the basketball court. It went well. The kids are having so much fun on it!”

King said the last two projects have been in Duck Hill but most of the projects are in the Grenada area.

“It’s really wherever our students are from. They know who has the biggest need,” she said. “They are the ones that have made this happen and I’m super proud of them. They’ve worked really hard.”

She said the project are her students’ way of giving back to the areas where they live. King said this PTA class will graduate December 2022.

Association of Surgical Technologists elects Elliott as National Secretary

From Staff Reports/Photos



Jessica Goins Elliott, Holmes Community College Surgical Technology program director/instructor, was elected as National Secretary of the Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) National Board of Directors during the AST conference held in Las Vegas, Nevada, July 21-23. The Association of Surgical Technologists is administered by an 11-person Board of Directors who are elected by the membership at the annual conference. The Board of Directors is composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and seven Directors. The Board of Directors is charged with the overall responsibility of

conducting the affairs of the association.

As the oldest and most widely recognized professional organizations for surgical technologists, AST has more than 45,000 members and represents the interests of more than 80,000 practitioners nationwide. AST actively promotes education for the profession; legislatively advocates for practitioner recognition; supports state-level constituent organizations; and has committed to students as the future of the profession.

For 25 years, Elliott, both a certified surgical technologist and a registered nurse, has served as the program director

of the Surgical Technology department at Holmes. Elliott, the first from Mississippi titled with the Fellow of the Association of Surgical Technologists designation, recently completed her second term as a director on the Association of Surgical Technologists National Board of Directors.

For more information about the Association of Surgical Technologists, visit <http://www.ast.org/>. For more information about the surgical technology program at Holmes, contact Elliott at jelliott@holmescc.edu or (662) 227-2310.

Coleman appointed to Association of Surgical Technologists’ National Standing Committee

From Staff Reports/Photos



Travia “Shea” Coleman CST, clinical coordinator and instructor of surgical technology on the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus, was appointed a two-year term to the Association of Surgical Technologists’ Education and Professional Standards Committee on Aug. 9. In addition to representing her state as the Mississippi Association of Surgical Technologists president, Coleman has participated as an elected delegate at the Association of Surgical Technologists National Conference for the past seven years.

AST has three national standing com-

mittees. Members are appointed by the AST president and approved by the board of directors. The AST Education and Professional Standards Committee develops strategies to stabilize and increase the quality of entry-level surgical technology education. Members serve for a term of two years as vacancies occur, and can serve a total of three, two-year terms. This committee is responsible for developing strategies that enhance entry level surgical technology education and review production of educational material.

For more information about the Associa-

tion of Surgical Technologists, visit <http://www.ast.org/>.

For more information about the Surgical Technology program on the Ridgeland Campus, contact Coleman at (601) 605-3396 or tcoleman@holmescc.edu.

The Mississippi State Fair

By Callie Pope
Staff Reporter



This year was the 162nd Mississippi State Fair. The fair began on Oct. 6 and ended on Oct. 17. The fair was held on 105 acres and was full of everyone's favorite fair foods, carnival rides, games, contest, concerts and more! During the 2021 Mississippi State Fair, guests found excitement in the numerous livestock shows and musical entertainment. The longstanding tradition of the biscuit booth was still ongoing, where you can get a free homemade biscuit every night. Gates opened on Wednesday, Oct. 6 with wristband night for \$30 and free

admission into the fair for all police officers, first responders, firefighters, health care workers, medical professions and active military. On Tuesday, Oct. 12, one of country music's well-known artists Riley Green performed on the Budweiser stage at 7:30 pm. A local artist Hannah Everhart performed on Friday, Oct. 8.

For safety, hand sanitizing stations were provided throughout the fair-ground. Highly-touched areas and surfaces were sanitized as well.

Dog missing seven years found in Mississippi

By Callie Pope
Staff Reporter



A microchip helped identify Sissi, a dog found in Rankin County that had been missing for seven years from Florida. Kelly Weissinger found Sissi in the Easthaven subdivision and posted photos of Sissi in the Facebook group, "Rankin County MS Lost and Found Pets ONLY." Weissinger took the little Maltese to a veterinary hospital in Brandon, where veterinarians discovered she had been microchipped. This allowed the veterinary hospital to contact Sissi's owner, Brigitte Bourgoignie.

Dr. Richard Kirby with the Hometown Veterinary Hospital said, "She was in a little bit of bad shape. She had a lot of fleas. She also had a lot of skin problems. We ran some blood tests on

her and she was good."

Bourgoignie, who lives in Miami, said that seven years ago she went to the grocery store, and when she returned, Sissi was gone. Bourgoignie also said Sissi, who is now 14 years old, was not known to leave the house. She said she took Sissi everywhere with her and considered her to be a best friend. After losing Sissi back in 2014, Bourgoignie told CBS Miami she gave up hope in bringing her faithful companion home, but that all changed just a few days ago.

A call was made for someone to take Sissi from Rankin County to her home in Miami. Brandon Tyler lost his cat in 2016 and wanted to reunite pets with their owners. He is the co-founder of

the Word of Life Transport, an animal and furniture shipping service. Tyler came to Mississippi to pick up Sissi and take her back home to Florida. When Tyler arrived with Sissi, he could tell that Bourgoignie was "emotional and so overcome and so happy and so relieved to finally be getting her baby back." Bourgoignie has no idea how Sissi ended up 900 miles away but plans to document her travels in a children's book.

"I have this idea of doing a book to try to explain to kids when you lose someone you love, there's always hope and a positive aspect of it," she said.

Ridgeland PN students perform blood pressure screenings

From Staff Reports/Photos

On Oct. 23, the Ridgeland Campus practical nursing students performed blood pressure screenings at the Scarecrow Cruise and Show antique car show in Madison. The event was held downtown at the historic Montgomery House and was one of the region's largest cars shows. A number of guests stopped by to get their blood pressure checked.

(right) Pictured is **Betty Sue Adams**, retired math instructor and the wife of former Ridgeland Campus Vice President Joe Adams.



Pictured are (left to right) Ridgeland PN students **Sarah Johnson**, **Genesis Dorsey**, **Kaylee Brinkley** and **Sarah Gray**.



PN students check Holmes math instructor **Lisa Anglin**'s blood pressure.

Grenada Campus hosts Pink Out Day for breast cancer awareness

From Staff Reports/Photos



On Tuesday Oct 26, the Holmes Community College Grenada Campus encouraged everyone to wear pink for breast cancer awareness. There was a breast cancer information table set up near the deli provided by some of the Grenada Campus nursing students.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This tradition began in October 1985, when the American Cancer Society and the pharmaceutical division of Imperial Chemical

Industries created a partnership to help others and raise money for research. Former first lady Betty Ford played a big role in this and helped raise awareness as a breast cancer survivor herself.

Holmes offers new Medical Terminology course

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured is **Dr. Antoine Gates**, biology instructor and chairman of the Holmes Community College STEM Division, teaching the new Medical Terminology for Health Professions (BIO 1813) class on the Ridgeland Campus.

This fall, Holmes Community College is offering a new science course, Medical Terminology for Health Professions (BIO 1813). This course is offered on all Holmes campuses as well as online.

The Holmes biology faculty members, along with Vice President for

Academic Programs Dr. Jenny Bailey Jones and Ridgeland Academic Dean Dr. Tonya Lawrence, worked hard in the spring of 2021 creating and requesting approval for this medical terminology course that students can use toward graduation at Holmes as well as a pre-requisite for University

of Mississippi Medical Center UMMC (and potentially other) programs.

“Our Holmes faculty always work toward goals that are in the best interest of our students,” Dr. Jones said. “This is reflected in this entire process of creating and receiving approval for this course. On a larger scale, this group of forward-thinking STEM Division faculty members have created something that will benefit all Mississippi community college students interested in health professions.”

Dr. Lawrence also gave credit to Holmes faculty members for bringing this course to fruition.

“When Division chairpersons like Dr. Gates are willing to put in the time and effort to develop a course, submit the course for approval at the state level, request it be added to our college course offerings and then develop the course for the best student experience, I am reminded of our mantra – #no-placelikeHolmes!” Dr. Lawrence said. “It’s this kind of thinking and planning that makes us a step above the others and our students recognize that.”

All course sections for the medical terminology class have successful

enrollment. More importantly, the class was added to the Uniform Course Numbering System for all community colleges to be able to offer it as well.

“I am excited that Holmes is offering this course that will assist students in earning their Associate of Arts,” said Dr. Antoine Gates, biology instructor and chairman for the Division of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). “It will also help them meet the pre-requisite requirement for programs at UMMC and potentially other colleges, which is very helpful. The other instructors and I met a few times over the summer in professional learning communities (PLC) in hope of creating consistency between each campus and offering students the best experience possible. We hope our students are as excited as we are about this course.”

For more information about the Medical Terminology for Health Professions class or Holmes’ STEM Division in general, contact Dr. Gates at agates@holmescc.edu.

Madison native will graduate high school and Holmes in the same month

From Staff Reports/Photos



Shreenithi Lakshminarayanan

Madison native Shreenithi Lakshminarayanan is no stranger to success and is already ahead of the curve. In May of

2022, she will earn her diploma from Germantown High School and, shortly thereafter, her Associate of Arts degree from Holmes Community College thanks to the Dual Enrollment program.

The Dual Enrollment program allows high school students to get a head start on their college career by earning college credit prior to graduation from high school. Shreenithi began taking dual enrollment classes through Holmes in the eighth grade.

The daughter of Lakshminarayanan Vaidyanathan and Sripriya Sairam, Shreenithi holds a perfect 4.0 GPA as well as a perfect ACT score of 36. In 2020 she participated in Holmes’ Creative Writing Contest where she won multiple awards including: first place in the Drama Category for “Plague Year,” second place in Poetry for “Constancy” and Honorable Mention in Personal Essay for “Quantum Entanglement.”

Shreenithi is active on campus at Germantown High School as a member of the Science Olympiad Club, Mu Alpha Theta national mathematics honor society and Beta Club. She was also one of the four finalists in the National Personal Finance Challenge, which showcases high school students’ ability to manage their finances.

In addition, Shreenithi also participated in the Nanoparticles and Bioengineering Lab Summer Research Experience at the University of Mississippi this summer under Dr. Eden Tanner. The experience gave her the chance to work in a collaborative research environment, learn how to make and test nanoparticles and ionic liquids and work in a team with other scientists, including Dr. Tanner.

Upon graduation from Germantown and Holmes in 2022, Shreenithi will pursue a degree in either chemistry, biochemistry or computer science, which she is majoring in at Holmes. She is undecided which

university she will transfer to.

“I’ve taken the majority of my dual enrollment classes on campus at Holmes,” Shreenithi said, “and it has been a wonderful experience. I’ve had opportunities that I wouldn’t have had in high school alone, such as the opportunity to take Calculus I-IV and Differential Equations. The courses at Holmes also introduced me to some experiences that gave me a better idea of what I might want to do one day.”

“I encourage other students to consider taking dual enrollment courses if they are willing to work hard and are passionate about what they are pursuing,” Shreenithi said. “Anyone can do it if they just have the motivation to follow through.”

For more information on Holmes’ Dual Enrollment programs, contact Dees Britt at (601) 605-3349 or dbritt@holmescc.edu.

Curfew in Canton

By Alek Dickerson
Staff Reporter

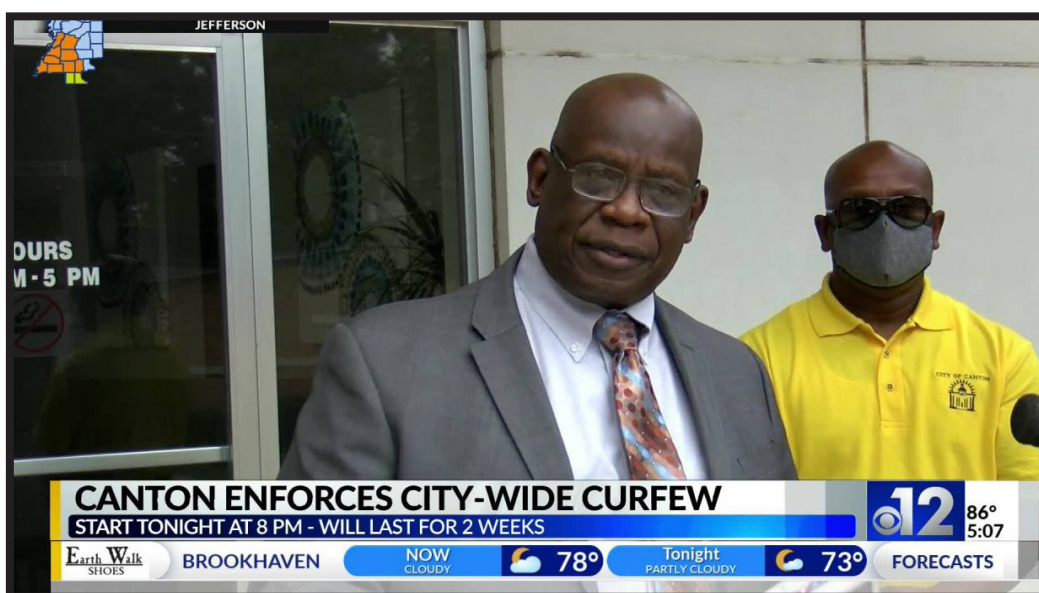


Photo from WJTV.com

A 6-year-old boy and a 42-year-old man were shot dead in Canton. The

42-year-old, Tracy Wilder, was changing the oil in his car when the bullet

struck him. When his body was discovered, it was laid down by his car.

About a mile away in the back seat of a vehicle, a 6-year-old boy was shot in the head by a stray bullet. Two out of four suspects have been taken into custody, 24-year-old Tomar Smith and 16-year-old Obe Lee, and have both been charged. The two deaths and one injury have left the mayor of Canton in a tough spot but will lead to a major decision. Mayor William Truly made the executive choice to have a city-wide curfew mandate and will be in effect for the next two weeks. The mandate applies to everybody under the age of 18, unless with a parent/guardian.

The mandate was created the day after the double homicide of the 42-year-

old man and the 6-year-old boy. Mayor Truly is hoping that with the mandate the gun violence will decrease. He is fed up with violence that has occurred in the city, but he is more fearful of the violence coming from young people, particularly with the suspects’ ages being as young as 16 and 24.

Mayor Truly wants this to be a very valuable lesson. He states, “As the mayor of the City of Canton, I said to those who govern our schools and to the church and churches of Canton and to all organizations, this violence must stop. Oftentimes perpetrated by young people who are just teenagers we have to teach that an eye for an eye is not the right way.”

Bridget Goodnight named new Head Women’s Basketball Coach

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Board of Trustees named Batesville native Bridget Goodnight as the new head women’s basketball coach at Holmes Community College.

The Magnolia Heights School graduate played basketball for two seasons at Northwest Mississippi Community College and basketball and tennis for two seasons at Blue Mountain College. At Blue Mountain, she ranked third in three-point

shooting during the 1994-95 season and first in free throw shooting in 1995-96. She was also involved in many extracurricular activities at both Northwest and Blue Mountain.

Her coaching and teaching career spans from high schools in North Mississippi including Southern Baptist Educational Center, Magnolia Heights School, Starkville Academy, Houston High School and also at Avoyelles Public Charter School in Louisiana. She was a graduate assistant coach at Delta State before serving as assistant coach at Henderson State University, Pensacola Junior College, Nicholls State University and Gulf Coast State College. She was head coach at Columbia State Community College and most recently at Judson College in Alabama.

“I am grateful and humbled by this opportunity,” Goodnight said. “I am so appreciative to Dr. Haffey and Andy Wood for the trust they are placing in me to lead the women’s basketball program.

“I understand that responsibility comes

with opportunity and I will strive each day to exceed all expectations,” she said. “I am looking forward to what’s ahead, and thankful to be coming back home to the great state of Mississippi.”

Goodnight said she has been familiar with Holmes for many years and knew she had to grow as a coach to land a head coaching position.

“Over the years, I have been fortunate enough to learn, grow, and become more prepared,” Goodnight said. “Holmes Community College offers a great overall experience for a student-athlete, provides the resources needed for success, and sets up a pathway for student-athletes to continue their academic and athletic careers.

“As far as the Mississippi CC system, I was a student-athlete at this level, and it is quite an honor to be able to return as a coach,” she said. “The knowledge and experiences I had have served me well and I hope to pass those things along to my players. It will be exciting to compete and a privilege to work alongside the great coaches in this state.”

Goodnight said fans should expect her team’s play to be fast-paced and exciting to watch. “We will be organized and prepared,” she said. “Physical strength and conditioning will be top priorities in order to achieve the results we all want. Defense and rebounding will always be an emphasis, but scoring points will be a focal point in everything we do. Practices will be competitive, purposeful, and energetic in order to prepare us for game competition.

“The players will be expected to compete, to represent themselves, their families, their program, and their college with character. Academics will be the first priority. We want to win on the court, in the classroom, in the community, and on our campus. We will all work together, hold each other accountable, demonstrate respect and gratitude, and do things the best they can be done.”

Goodnight holds an associate of arts degree from Northwest, a bachelor’s degree in biology and chemistry from Blue Mountain College and a master’s degree in education from Delta State University.

Audrey Young joins Holmes CC athletic training staff

From Staff Reports/Photos



Heflin, La. native Audrey Young has joined the Holmes Community College Athletic Department as an assistant certified athletic trainer.

The Lakeside High School graduate holds bachelor’s degree in athletic training from Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Ark. and master’s degree in sports administration with honors from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Okla.

Prior to Holmes, Young served as a

graduate assistant athletic trainer at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

She holds the following credentials: Board of Certification for Athletic Training and Licensed Athletic Trainer in the State of Mississippi.

Luke Walker joins Lady Bulldog softball coaching staff

From Staff Reports/Photos



Collinsville native Luke Walker has been named the new assistant softball coach at Holmes Community College.

Walker comes to Holmes from Alcorn State University, where he served as assistant/pitching coach with the softball

program from May 2020 until the present. The Lady Braves were the 2021 SWAC runners-up and had the No. 2 ranked pitching staff in the conference.

Prior to working at Alcorn State, he served an assistant softball coach at East Mississippi serving as pitching coach. Before East Mississippi, he was the head baseball coach at Lamar School in Meridian. He coached Lamar to three consecutive playoffs appearances including a pair of 2-AAAA semifinals. He was named Coach of the Year in 2016.

He began his coaching career at Mississippi Valley State University for three seasons. At Valley, he was the hitting and field coach along with serving as the recruiting coordinator.

Walker played his college career at

MVSU, where he was the team captain earning a spot on the SWAC All-Academic Team and won a Commissioner’s Scholar Award. Before Valley, he played at East Mississippi Community College, where he batted .355 average and was an NJCAA Academic All-American.

He played high school at West Lauderdale High School, where he helped lead the team to a state championship and a No. 2 ranking. He was named All-State and All-District at West Lauderdale.

Walker holds an associate’s degree in liberal arts from East Mississippi, a bachelor’s degree in health, physical education & recreation and a master’s degree in criminal justice administration from MVSU.

Brooke Walker joins Lady Bulldog basketball coaching staff

From Staff Reports/Photos



Terry native Brooke Walker has been named assistant women’s basketball coach at Holmes Community College.

Walker comes to Holmes from Humphreys Academy in Belzoni, where she served as head coach for the junior high and high school girl’s teams in 2020 and 2021. Her junior high squad won the district title while her high school team won the district, North State and A state championships, and she was named the MAIS A Coach of the Year.

She is also currently the head coach of the Team Mississippi 15U team and assistant coach of the Team Mississippi 18U team. She is also an assistant coach

with the Mississippi Jazz AAU teams (6th-12th grade). Her teams have won the Nike National Championship twice and has 15 local and regional championships.

Walker played high school basketball at Copiah Academy, where she was named the team MVP, MAIS All-Star and First Team All-Conference. After Copiah, she played two seasons at Northwest Mississippi Community College.

She holds an associate of arts degree from Northwest and a bachelor’s degree in general studies with minors in Sociology, English and Education from the University of Mississippi.

Wilson named NJCAA and United Soccer Coaches Player of the Week

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College sophomore forward Ravynne Wilson of Meridian has been named the NJCAA and the United Soccer Coaches Association Player of the Week for her play the week of Oct. 17-23.

Wilson scored five goals in two matches vs. Itawamba Community College and East Central Community College. She had a hat trick in the match against East Central on Friday, Oct. 22 and two goals on Tuesday, Oct. 19 in the match against Itawamba. The Lady Bulldogs won both matches 3-1 and captured their sixth straight North Division title with Friday’s win over

EC.

This is the second time this season that Wilson has won both awards.

Prior to being named NJCAA Player of the Week, Wilson was named the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference Women’s Soccer Offensive Player of the Week for her five goals in one week. She claimed the MACCC for the second time this season.

Holmes ties Northwest to end the regular season; focus on postseason tournament

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs finished the regular season at home on Tuesday, Oct. 26 with a 2-2 draw against the Northwest Mississippi Community College Lady Rangers.

The Lady Bulldogs, now 12-1-2, will now go into the MACCC/Region XXIII Tournament as the North No. 1 and will play in the semifinals on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. vs. the winner of the South No. 2/North No. 3 match

being played on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Holmes took a 1-0 lead in the 27th minute on a goal from Katelin Johnson on an assist from Madelyn Polk, and the Lady Bulldogs led 1-0 at halftime.

The Lady Rangers tied the match in the 60th minute before going up 2-1 in the 78th minute.

Ravynne Wilson tied the match in the 88th minute on a penalty kick.

Trojans spoil Holmes’ Homecoming, 24-15

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Bulldogs fought hard on Homecoming 2021 but came up short at home on Oct. 21 to the Mississippi Delta Community College Trojans, 24-15.

The Bulldogs fell to 0-8 on the sea-

son. Holmes finishes the season on Thursday night, Oct. 28 at Northeast Mississippi Community College at 6:30 p.m.

Mississippi Delta got on the scoreboard first in the game on a 51-yard

touchdown pass. The extra point was good, and Delta led 7-0 with 14:23 left in the first quarter.

Holmes answered the touchdown with a 15-play and 77 yard scoring drive that was topped off by a one yard run from Kerrick Ross. Luke Moffett’s extra point was no good.

Delta answered the score on a 67-yard touchdown pass. The extra point was good, and Delta led 14-6 with 4:29 left in the first.

Moffett hit a 20-yard field goal with 13 seconds left before halftime. Delta led 14-9 at halftime.

In the third, Delta scored with 56 seconds left in the third to go up 21-9 after the extra point was good.

Jordan Willis connected with Ross on a 50-yard pass with 12:49 left in the game. The two-point run was no good.

Delta added a field goal with 3:18 to go from 25 yards to end all scoring at 24-15.

Ty’Vez Tate had 49 yards on 13 carries while Ross had 47 on nine carries and Javontae Matthew had 44 yards on 12 carries.

Braxton Bolton led the Bulldogs with nine tackles while D’Arrion Washington and Zak Morris each had five and Jordan Milton, Justice Robinson and Jacquel Honer each had four. Washington had one tackle for loss for three yards while Milton had three TFLs for 11 yards and Honer had 1.5 TFLs for three yards.

Holmes fall to Rangers in regular season finale

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Northwest Mississippi Community College Rangers shutout the Holmes Community College Bulldogs by a 3-0 final on Oct. 26.

Northwest sophomore Luis Cosme scored just 36 seconds into the game. Peyton Coker connected with Sidney Black, Jr. in the 38th minute, pushing the Rangers to a 2-0 halftime advantage.

Both teams combined for 17 first half shots, but Northwest fired off just six second half shots, while Holmes was

held to just four over the final 45 minutes. In the second half, sophomore Aaron Cook nabbed his first career goal with less than a minute remaining, scoring off an assist from Dereck Gomez. Xzavier Paylor collected five saves in a full 90 minutes of action, while Holmes earned six combined stops from Armando Barron and Jordan Stevens.

With the final game of the season, the Bulldogs finished 1-9-1 overall.



The Growl Staff



Alek Dickerson

Dickerson is a sophomore from Biloxi, but moved to Ridgeland in 2017. When deciding a major, she originally wanted to do criminology because her Abuelo (grandfather) is a lawyer, but then realized that she would not enjoy it and it didn't fit her personality. Someone introduced her to Public Relations. Because Holmes does not have a Public Relations major, she is majoring in Journalism/Mass Communications. She plans to transfer to The University of Southern Mississippi and obtain a career in activism journalism, broadcast journalism, investigative journalism or event/wedding planning. Outside of school, she loves to interact with friends and family, create anything with her hands and participate in events around her. She is also very into different cultures because she is the daughter of a Puerto Rican mother and a Jamaican father.



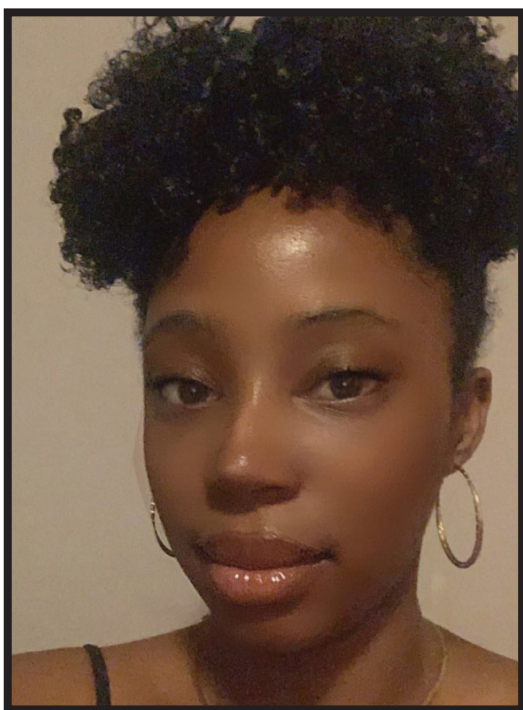
Nicholas Perkins

Perkins of Madison is a freshman on the Ridgeland Campus. Outside of school, he works at Old Capitol Inn. He enjoys the media because of the saying, "The most important aspect of a situation is the information," and his favorite news source is Mississippi Public Broadcasting. Perkins believes the news is such an important part of society because it's how everyone keeps updated on what's going on in the world. His personal philosophy is that we should all be aware of what's going on around us. Perkins believes the news is something that isn't as talked about among his peers as it should be and he feels very deeply that he should help reintroduce the news and media among his generation.



Callie Grace Pope

Pope is a sophomore pre-med major from Madison. She is an active member of Pinelake Church and has been working in childcare at Burn Bootcamp in Madison Ms since 2017. Callie plans to transfer to Ole Miss with an end goal of gaining employment at a children's doctor's office. In her spare time, she likes to paint, hang out with friends and family and shop.



Tymer Reynolds

Reynolds is a graduate of Jim Hill High School. She is a second-year student at Holmes, and her passion for writing generated from the creative stories she narrates on Wattpad. She is currently majoring in pre-law; with high hopes she can further her education at Harvard. Tymer thrives on her goals, which is to help the less fortunate with the oppression of the judicial system.



Lakesia Smith-Smart

Smith-Smart has always had a passion for music. She is a sophomore on the Holmes Goodman Campus who began singing in her church choir at an early age. This sincere passion has followed her throughout her lifetime, for she has traveled extensively performing and entering several musical contests abroad. After finishing high school, she continued indulging in her passion by attending Holmes with a concentration in vocal performance. In 2019, Lakesia opened her own dance school in Lexington, MS named House of Mannassah: Kessey's Kiss. She continues to grow as an independent artist, sharing her musical talents and gifts with the world.