

Dr. Daniel Edney appointed new State Health Officer

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The Mississippi State Board of Health recently announced that Daniel P. Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM, will be appointed as the new State Health Officer of the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH), effective August 1, 2022.

Edney currently holds the position of Deputy State Health Officer. He initially joined MSDH as chief medical officer and regional health officer for the Central Public Health Region in February 2021.

According to State Health Officer Dr. Thomas Dobbs, Edney has been a tremendous asset since he joined the health department, and especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Among his various contributions, Dr. Edney worked with various organizations and partnerships to explain COVID-19 and answer questions. He has also worked with providers to sign them up to give COVID-19 vaccine, and he fielded questions from providers about allergies and other complica-

tions related to the administration of the vaccine,” said Dobbs.

Edney appreciates the time he has spent working closed with Dobbs.

“Following in the footsteps of Dr. Dobbs, I, too, hope to serve as a catalyst for change – especially with infant and maternal mortality, the opioids battle plaguing the country right now, and moving the needle in preventive health and health equity issues,” Edney added.

A summa cum laude graduate of both William Carey University and the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, Edney is a board-certified General Internist with sub-



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specialty board certification in Addiction Medicine. He completed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Virginia.

He has practiced general primary care internal medicine in Vicksburg since 1991 and has worked actively in the field of addiction medicine since 2013. He currently serves as an addiction medicine specialist for various inpatient residential facilities and outpatient programs in the state and has a private practice at the Medical Associates of Vicksburg.

Edney is a former president of the Mississippi State Medical Association and currently serves as a board member on the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure. He has also served as a fellow and laureate for the Mississippi Chapter of the American College of Physicians and a fellow of the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

Edney will be replacing Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH, who is resigning from his position at the end of July.

Locals named to President's and Dean's lists at MC

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The Mississippi College (MC) Office of Academic Affairs releases the President's list after the close of fall and spring semesters each academic year. To be eligible for the President's list, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average, based on a 4.0 system.

The following students who are on the President's list are from Pelahatchie:

- Colburn Jones
- Laura Wingo

The MC Office of Academic Affairs also releases the Dean's list after the close of fall and spring semesters each academic year. To be eligible for the Dean's list, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average, based on a 4.0 system.

The following students who are on the Dean's list are from Pelahatchie:

- Scarlett Castillo
- Jason Wuestefeld

ERA Shooting Sports Team wins third consecutive state championship title



Students from ERA earned scholarships at the MSSP, held by MDWFP. Pictured (l to r) are: Coach Vince Bynum; Gabe Nutt of Morton (\$3000); Brayden Warner of Brandon (\$250); Lana Jones (\$2000); and Coach Phillip Nettles.



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The 2022 ERA Shooting Sports Team includes, front row (l to r): Coach Vince Bynum, Irby Rawson, Garrett Gregory, Gabe Nutt, Lana Jones, Brayden Warner, Evan McIlwain, Olivia Griffing, Addison Brown, Claire Myrick and Coach Phillip Nettles; second row (l to r): Isaac Young, Hudson Bynum, Aiden Boyd, Chylen Williams, Will Burrow, Parker Davis, Grayson Williams and Abram Rowell; and third row (l to r): Gavin Thomas, Braiden Warren, Riley Huff, Garreth Barham, Tyler Burgess, Rhodes Warner and Landon Haas.

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In a two-day shoot, April 30-May 1, 2022, the Mississippi Scholastic Shooting Program (MSSP) welcomed the top 150 sporting clay, skeet and trap shooters between seventh- and twelfth- grade. The Foundation for Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks (MDWFP) awarded \$12,000 in scholarships to the tournament winners. East Rankin Academy's (ERA) Shooting Sports Team took home the State Title for the third consecutive year and brought home \$7,500 of the scholarships given.

The following students from ERA were

recognized for their sharp shooting in the state tournament: **Combine HOA (High Over All)**, Gabe Nutt; **Combine HOA Squad**, Gabe Nutt, Lana Jones and Brayden Warner; **Combine 1st Place Female**, Lana Jones; **Combine 1st Place Squad**, Hudson Bynum, Addison Brown and Landon Haas; **Combine 2nd Place Male**, Brayden Warner; **Combine 2nd Place Female**, Addison Brown; **Combine 3rd Place Male**, Hudson Bynum; **Combine 3rd Place Female**, Olivia Griffing; **Sporting Clay HOA**, Brayden Warner; **Sporting Clay 1st Place Female**, Lana Jones; **Sporting Clay 1st Place Squad**, Brayden Warner, Lana Jones and Gabe

Nutt; **Sporting Clay 2nd Place Female**, Addison Brown; **Sporting Clay 2nd Place Squad**, Addison Brown, Hudson Bynum and Landon Haas; **Sporting Clay 3rd Place Female**, Olivia Griffing; **Skeet 1st Place Male**, Hudson Bynum; **Skeet 1st Place Female**, Lana Jones; **Skeet 1st Place Squad**, Gabe Nutt, Lana Jones and Brayden Warner; **Skeet 2nd Place Female**, Olivia Griffing; **Skeet 2nd Place Squad**, Hudson Bynum, Addison Brown and Landon Haas; **Skeet 3rd Place Female**, Addison Brown; **Trap 1st Place Female**, Olivia Griffing; **Trap 1st Place Squad**, Gabe Nutt, Lana Jones and Brayden Warner; **Trap 2nd**

Place Male, Gabe Nutt; **Trap 2nd Place Female**, Addison Brown; **Trap 3rd Place Female**, Lana Jones; **Top Gun 1st Place Male**, Brayden Warner; **Top Gun 2nd Place Male**, Gabe Nutt; **Top Gun 2nd Place Female**, Addison Brown; **Top Gun 3rd Place Male**, Hudson Bynum; **Top Gun 3rd Place Female**, Lana Jones; **Honorable Mention 6th Place Female**, Evan McIlwain; **7th Place Combine Squad**, Parker Davis, Riley Huff and Abram Rowell; **10th Place Combine Squad**, Olivia Griffing, Chylen Williams and William Burrow; and **23rd Place Combine Squad**, Braiden Warren, Aiden Boyd and Evan McIlwain.