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## 4 charged with murder of local rapper

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Four people have been charged with murder and two others arrested in the ongoing investigation in the shooting death of a Philadelphia man outside his home last week.

“We are still conducting more interviews and following

up on whereabouts and other evidence,” said Philadelphia Police Chief Eric Lyons.

Tommie “Tom Tom” Warren, 31, died after being shot in the Monday, Dec. 27 incident.

By Thursday, officers had arrested the following six people:

- Dartavion Boyd, 18, of Sherwood Drive, was arrested

and charged with murder and aggravated assault.

- Jakyenzie Wilson, 22, of Cora Street, was arrested and charged with murder and aggravated assault.
- Jacoria Reynolds, 19, of North Donald Avenue, was arrested and charged with murder and aggravated assault.
- Zykeus Macon, 22, of

Samp Street, was arrested and charged with murder and aggravated assault.

- Meroski Harrington, 21, of Cajun Lane, was arrested and charged with accessory after the fact.
- James Carter, 22, of Coleman Street, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault.

Jail records show that Boyd was brought in on Dec. 29, and Wilson was arrested the previous day. The other four suspects were arrested on Dec. 30.

Lyons said that none of those arrested had bonded out as of Tuesday morning and remained in custody in the Winston County Detention Center.

Lyons said Warren is not

believed to have been a target and was hit by a “stray bullet” as two groups exchanged gunfire on MLK Drive nearby.

Lyons said a pizza delivery person was at Warren’s residence at the time of the shooting.

Boyd, Wilson, Reynolds and Macon were in one of the

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## sunday snow flurries



Barbara Yates Edwards throws a snowball at Linda Griffiths Sunday night outside of The First Baptist Church in the first dusting of snow this year. Sunday started with temperatures in the 70s, according to the

National Weather Service in Jackson. By the evening, temperatures had dropped to the low 30s and high 20s.

Photo courtesy of Linda Griffiths

## \$7.2 MILLION County, city plan COVID monies

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Neshoba County and Philadelphia officials said plans are in the works to spend their share of \$7.2 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds they were awarded 2021.

Neshoba County is receiving \$5.6 million and Philadelphia \$1.6 million in two payments under the federal rescue plan approved last year.

Half of the money, \$2.8 million to Neshoba County and \$800,000 to Philadelphia, was disbursed last year, and a second payment will be disbursed this year.

Neshoba County Administrator Jeff Mayo said supervisors have already allocated \$250,000 of the \$2.8 million received in 2021 to purchase two new ambulances and another \$250,000 for road improvements throughout the county. The county also awarded a \$1 million contract to ComSouth on Monday to complete the county’s switch over to the MSWIN radio system.

Philadelphia Mayor James A. Young said Philadelphia has contracted with Waggoner Engineering to help the city utilize its \$800,000 received in 2021 within the federal guidelines stipulated by the U.S. Department of Treasury for using the funds.

“We have a targeted area of water and sewer projects,” Young said. “Water and sewer are straight up within the Treasury guidelines.”

Mayo said supervisors are taking bids on upgrading the heating, ventilation and air condition for the Neshoba County Coliseum and touchless bathroom fixtures for the courthouse.

“Just from the potential for the HVAC and touchless fixtures will probably be more than the remain-

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## 136-year-old newspaper saved

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An original copy of the Dec. 3, 1885, edition of *The Neshoba Democrat* was presented to the newspaper recently by Philadelphia native Ray Humphreys, a retired hospital administrator who inherited the copy from his grandmother Jewell Elliott three decades ago.

“My grandmother just had it in her chest with a lot of other artifacts,” Humphreys said. “When she was going through it ... my mother saw it and saw her reading it and looking at it. She went over and joined her, and she realized what a treasure it was. And so my mother immediately called Stanley Dearman, the editor.”

Humphreys’ mother was Alta Kate Elliott Humphreys.

The now late Dearman was so excited to hear about the newspaper that he was sitting in Elliott’s living room in the House community within the hour and got a picture of Elliott with the newspaper, Humphreys said.

The resulting photograph and story were published in the Aug. 24, 1988, edition under the headline “Oldest Known Copy of Paper Owned by Mrs. Jewell Elliott.”

The Democrat announced in the Aug. 24, 1988, issue that Elliott had granted permission to reproduce the issue and the reproduction was included in that day’s issue.

“Many people still bring in that 1988 reprint in thinking it is an original but the pages were much shorter a century ago,” said Jim Prince, editor and publisher of the Democrat.

“This original is truly historic for the town.”

That 1885 Democrat was originally addressed to Mrs. Elliott’s grandfather W.H. Warren.

Among the advertisements in the 1885 Democrat is one for attorney R.F. Barrier who lived in a house that was across from The First Baptist Church. Barrier was married to Louisa Brand, who was the sister of the newspaper’s founder Charlton A. Brand.

Also listed in the advertisements of the 1885 issue is Adam Byrd, an attorney who was later chancery judge and United States congressman. He died in 1912.

“One of the advertisements is from Tom Lyle, a Meridian wholesale and retail grocer, that ‘also carries a full line of

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Neshoba County native Ray Humphreys poses with a framed original copy of the Dec. 3, 1885, edition of *The Neshoba Democrat* he gave to the newspaper.





# Sheriff to install license plate readers on 16

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Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark said he expects to have two license plate readers installed on Highway 16 as early as the spring. The license plate readers allow law enforcement to monitor vehicles coming into and leaving the county. Clark said he has submitted the proper requests to the Board of Supervisors and sent signed paperwork to Flock, a Georgia-based company, for two license plate readers. Flock license plate readers offer law enforcement information about vehicles coming and going from an area. Clark said he expects the readers to cost \$2,500 a year apiece with a \$250 installation fee. "These are cost-efficient and great tools for our law enforcement," Clark said. Based on his last conversation with a local sales rep for Flock, Clark said that they could have the readers installed and operating as early as the spring.

Clark said he wanted to place them at two locations on Highway 16 east to monitor vehicles entering the county from that road and another at the city limits to monitor vehicles coming and going from the city. During his research, Clark talked to officials in Lauderdale and Madison counties specifically. He said that departments like Madison Police Department and Ridgeland Police Department have seen benefits from the readers. Clark said that a Walmart in Lauderdale had installed some around their property and that he hoped to convince other local entities, whether it is the Philadelphia Police Department or neighborhoods, to look into installing some readers. Promotional material for Flock Safety cameras says they are in use in more than 1,400 cities across 40 states, and the company works with more than 1,000 police departments. They claim they have been shown to reduce crime by up to 70%.



Sheriff Eric Clark is installing two license plate readers on Highway 16 to monitor traffic in and out of town.

# County accepts \$1 million bid for MSWIN radios

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Neshoba County will complete its switch to the MSWIN radio system later this year. The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors accepted a \$1,068,060 bid for ComSouth to purchase 394 MSWIN radios and complete the infrastructure for the new system. During Monday's board meeting, supervisors voted to use a portion of federal American Rescue Plan Act money to pay for it.

The Neshoba County Sheriff's Department, the Philadelphia Police Department and Fire Department have already transitioned to the MSWIN radio system. "This will transition all of the volunteer fire departments, Emergency Management, the Road Department and other county entities to MSWIN," said Jeff Mayo, county administrator. "We will be totally away from the old VHS system we have been on and totally on the state system."

The MSWIN radio system allows law enforcement and emergency workers to communicate directly with their state counterparts. The county is awaiting approval from the state Wireless Communication Commission before moving forward. Mayo said he hopes the project will be completed by late summer. "The bid time is up to 180 days when they receive the purchase order. We will have to get the wireless commission's approval first," Mayo said. The county is expecting to get \$5.6 million from the ARPA. Of that, \$250,000 has been planned for road improvements. The remainder, officials said, will be used for heating, ventilation and air conditioning at the Neshoba County Coliseum and touchless fixtures at the county courthouse. In other matters, supervisors voted to:

- Approve the quarterly budget allocation for the Sheriff's Department (381,471), the jail (\$381,472) and the tax collector/assessor's office (\$118,949).
- Accept The Citizens Bank's bid to serve as the county depository for the next two years.
- Accept Scotty Vowell's bid for metal recycling services for the next years.
- Approve the closing of County Road 2216.

- Approve the renewal of the ESRI ArcGIS Software Maintenance contract at the cost of \$404.
- Approve inventory removal of old equipment for the tax assessors' and circuit clerk's offices.
- Approve a 16th Section Residential Lease for Jerry Calloway, Lee Calloway Stewart and Terrius Boyd at Township 11 North, Range 13 East.
- Approve the employees' payroll ending Dec. 27 and totaling \$194,656.
- Approve the elected officials' payroll ending Jan. 1 and totaling \$35,540.
- Approve the out-of-order

- claims and the claims docket. Supervisors accepted the purchase clerk's report.
- Rehired Wade White as the board attorney and Marty Crowder of Crowder Engineering and Surveying as county engineer for the year 2022.
- Accepted the \$600,000 CDBG grant to be used for the Neshoba County Hospital/Nursing Home's \$3.1 million renovation project. Bids are expected to be sought and work is expected to begin later this year.
- Approve a motion declaring Jan. 17 as Robert E. Lee/Martin Luther King holiday.



# Social gatherings not recommended on Tribal lands

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Choctaw Public Health Services on Dec. 29 announced it is strongly recommending no

social gatherings be held on tribal lands through Jan. 9. "From December 23-28, 2021, the daily COVID-19 reporting indicates a total of 94 positive tests.

"Positive cases reported in the communities of Bogue Chitto, Bogue Homa, Crystal Ridge, Conehatta, Pearl River, Red Water, Standing Pine and Tucker," Tribal Chief Cyrus

Ben stated in a release. "Contact tracing findings indicate much of the COVID-19 positives are due to social gatherings."



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# Teen killed in accidental shooting close to Dixon

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The accidental discharge of a firearm Monday afternoon near Dixon has left a teenager dead after his friends drove him to Williamsville to meet an ambulance, the authorities said.

The Neshoba County Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident that happened on Road 406 but ended up in front of Williamsville.

Sheriff Eric Clark said Tuesday his office was not releasing any names ensure the family has the time and space to inform those they need to and to "collect themselves." The incident remains under investigation but is currently ruled an accident, Clark said.

"There are still pieces that need to be pieced together," Clark said. "It is still unclear if they were just looking at the firearm or if it

was more of a show and tell situation. The incident is considered an accidental discharge at this time."

Clark said the incident was reported around 3 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 3. He said that three teenagers and a 12-year-old were left alone at a residence on Road 406.

Clark said that a 15-year-old and the 12-year-old were in a room with a gun safe and were handling a single-barrel 20-gauge, breach-loading shotgun with the hammer exposed when the gun went off in the 12-year-old's hands and shot the 15-year-old in the back.

Clark said the other two teenagers then acted quickly and got the 15-year-old into a family vehicle and called 911. Clark said they were able to meet EMS near Williams Brothers.

The 15-year-old was pronounced dead at Williams Brothers

by the coroner, officials said..

Clark said he knows the family involved and asks that the community keep them in their prayers.

Clark said the incident should serve as a reminder of the importance of firearm safety training and the "golden rules" for the handling of firearms that are taught in courses such as Hunter's education.

Clark said lists of rules range in number from program to program, but that essential rules include "keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, treat every firearm as if it is loaded and keep your finger off of the trigger until you are ready to shoot."

Clark said those rules remain central to law enforcement training and guidelines and should be reiterated daily to young people who regularly come into contact with or handle firearms.

## Paper

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whisky, brandy, wine and alcohol. ...

"One item said, 'The new Democrat office is now nearing completion and we expect to move into our new quarters about Saturday.' The new office was where the Philadelphia Insurance Agency is now, and was there until the early 1940s. ..."

Philadelphia Insurance at the time of the reprint was located on Center Avenue near the old Coke plant.

Before Elliott shared the issue, the earliest known copy of The Democrat had been one published in 1888.

"There was a fire at the newspaper office around the turn of the century, and all the file copies were destroyed," The Democrat's Aug. 24, 1888, story reports. "A few copies from the 1890s have been located and copied."

The 1888 story recounts that Elliott, then 90, decided to give the 1888 issue to her grandson Ray Humphreys whose birthday is Aug. 21. Ray

Humphreys was then vice president of Methodist Hospital in Hattiesburg.

Humphreys said he kept the newspaper with him all of those years through several moves throughout the state and has now settled back in Hattiesburg with his family in retirement.

Humphreys said he believed it was time to find an appropriate home for the old Democrat issue where more people could see it.

"It needs to be displayed where others can enjoy looking at the original," Humphreys said. "It needed to go back home."

Prince said the framed edition will hang in the lobby of the Democrat.

Humphreys said his mother had the newspaper framed before they gave it to him in 1988, and he later had it reframed with new glass. The four-page edition is displayed opened in a frame with glass on the front and back. The copy is well-preserved.

"I realize that it was not really being viewed," Humphreys said of the newspaper hanging in his home. "It truly has a great deal of interest to a lot of people who like his-

tory."

Humphreys said people could not see the newspaper unless they happened to be visiting him in his home, and they happened to be in the room where it was displayed.

Humphreys delivered the edition to The Neshoba Democrat office on Nov. 15. He said his grandmother had nine children, eight who survived, and 27 grandchildren and remained in the House community.

"Jewel Elliott was the queen mother of the family as far as we are all concerned," Humphreys said.

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### EDITORIALS

## Biden bends knee to Putin

Last week President Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin held a nearly hour-long call, at Mr. Putin’s request. It was the second call in one month, as Mr. Putin looks to take advantage of Mr. Biden’s weak political stature at home and inches closer toward invading Ukraine.

Mr. Biden — like many times before — made concessions to the Russian president by saying the U.S. would not deploy any troops to Ukraine or place any missiles there. Mr. Biden immediately took two military options off the table as Russia looks to expand its footprint in the East.

The call comes before a series of talks between the two countries this month. There’s little doubt, Mr. Putin requested the call to set the tone for those meetings and to gather further intelligence on Mr. Biden’s potential reaction if and when he decides to invade.

Mr. Biden told Mr. Putin he faces two options: one of de-escalation and diplomacy, or one where Russia invades and is met with stringent economic sanctions and increased military aid to Ukraine.

Mr. Putin has played this game before. The last time Mr. Biden, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan and Domestic Policy Council Director Susan Rice were in office, Russia seized nearby Crimea from Ukraine in 2014, giving it critical position on the Black Sea. The Obama-Biden response was pathetic. After warning Mr. Putin there were “consequences,” the former administration slapped Mr. Putin with visa denial and frozen assets for 11 people, seven of them Russian. None of them were on the leaders of the country, any oligarchs or Mr. Putin’s inner circle — no targeting of the energy sector.

Before Mr. Putin’s 2014 invasion, the Obama administration pursued the failed “Russian-reset” and allowed them entrance into the World Trade Organization, thinking international ties would

restrain Mr. Putin’s behavior. It only emboldened him. Mr. Putin couldn’t care less about what the international world thinks of him.

Even with COVID-19, Lockheed Martin exceeds 2021 F-35 production goal. Flash-forward eight years and the Biden administration is repeating former President Barack Obama’s mistakes. Last year, Mr. Biden lifted sanctions on the Russian Nord Stream 2 Pipeline, which has since been completed. The pipeline is a geopolitical gift for Mr. Putin, with one Biden State official recently saying energy is “the cash cow that enables” the Russian dictator.

The decision to lift the sanctions came just two weeks after the Russian criminal group DarkSide disrupted America’s energy supply with a ransomware attack on the Colonial Pipeline. When Mr. Biden met with Mr. Putin last year, after the attack, he weakly gave Mr. Putin a list of 16 sectors that he said should be “off-limits” to Russia.

Mr. Biden’s war on domestic energy is fueling Russia’s oil industry, with Americans paying on average over \$3.30 per gallon at the pump while Russian exports of oil to the U.S. hit an all-time high earlier this year.

After Mr. Biden’s Dec. 7 call with Mr. Putin, where the White House would like us to believe he made clear to Mr. Putin he must end his aggression toward the occupation of Ukraine, Mr. Putin added at least 10,000 more troops to Ukraine’s border.

While Mr. Biden claimed he would “command the respect” of Mr. Putin, he is now weakly trying to appease him with “any accommodation” to avoid a full-blown territorial grab.

Mr. Putin has the upper hand and knows it. The only Russia policy the Biden administration has is one of weakness.

— *The Washington Times*

### FLASHBACKS

#### JANUARY 3, 1942

Billy Fulton, All-State center from Blond; Clinton Kelly, Laurel Hill, and Wilburn Waddell, Linwood, Neshoba County High School stars from last year, are announced as probable starters when the east Central Warriors engage Ellisville, last year’s State champions, in Decatur. The two teams will play gain this weekend. News comes that Wilbur Winstead, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Winstead of the House Community, has transferred from San Diego, California to Lakehurst, N.J., where he is training as a parachute trooper.

#### JANUARY 3, 1952

A.J. McCraw has been named Attorney Referee for the Mississippi Workmen’s Compensation Commission and assumed his duties Wednesday. Headquarters will be in the state office in Jackson and the work will carry Mr. McCraw into various sections of the state on the hearings. Mr. McCraw is retiring as District Attorney for the 8th Judicial District after serving for eight years.

#### JANUARY 4, 1962

Area Medical Officer, Dr. William A. Pettit, is being promoted to Surgeon first of

the year. This grade in Public Health Service is equivalent to that of Major in the Army. Dr. Pettit, who administers the Philadelphia High Service Unit, comprising hospital, field health nursing and sanitation facilities. Dr. Pettit is the son of Dr. Tanley C. Pettit, Cleveland, Tennessee, and Mrs. Mary Dunkin, Riverside, California.

#### JANUARY 6, 1972

Barney Lillis of Fair Ground Road holds some apples that are from one of his apple trees. Lillis said that this was the only time he ever saw apples at this time of year. In addition to the fruit trees blooming at George Posey’s store at House. This is unreasonably warm weather which will end next week with a cold wave.

#### JANUARY 7, 1982

Robert Bowton of Brookhaven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bowton of Philadelphia, has qualified to run in the Boston Marathon in April of 1982. Bowton, 41, completed the 26.2 mile sixth annual Mississippi Marathon in three hours, eight minutes, to qualify in his age group for the international event.

#### JANUARY 1, 1992

Leesa Lee, a music

instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, plays a new grand piano recently purchased for the fine Arts Center Auditorium. The new addition was made possible by a gift from the Newton County Community Concert Association. Admiring the sounds of the grand piano is Association representative Kenneth Jones of Decatur.

#### JANUARY 2, 2002

This is the second year the H.O. Sargent Award has been awarded to a FFA member at Neshoba Central. This award is presented to a FFA member who is much diversified in their school activities. To receive this award they must be very active in other school activities and still devote time and effort needed to make the FFA chapter successful. Hope Chunn was the recipient of this award and she is the daughter of Robert and Jennifer Posey, both of Neshoba County.

#### DECEMBER 28, 2011

Walton Stinson shot his first deer in December while hunting with his friends. Stinson shot a 6-point which weighed around 160 pounds. Walton is the son of Mike and Leah Stinson.

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

## China is rival, not Russia

While all facts are true, not all facts are relevant.

And what are the relevant facts in this crisis where 100,000 Russian troops are now stationed along the Ukrainian border?

Fact one: There is not now and never has been a vital U.S. interest in Ukraine to justify risking a war with Russia.

History tells us that. Even as Ukraine was suffering in the Stalin-induced Holodomor, the terror-famine of 1932-33, President Franklin Roosevelt granted diplomatic recognition to the Bolshevik regime.

During four decades of Cold War, the U.S. never regarded Moscow’s control of Ukraine as any threat to the USA.

President Joe Biden was thus right to rule out military action in response to any Russian incursion or invasion of Ukraine.

Moreover, as it is declared U.S. policy not to retaliate militarily to an invasion of Ukraine, Biden should make it clear that Ukrainian membership in NATO is a closed question.

Not going to happen.

Ukraine is not going to be invited to join NATO and be given Article 5 U.S. war guarantees that are the primary benefit of membership.

Hence, with U.S. negotiations with Moscow over Ukraine impending, what is the state of play?

Russia is demanding that the U.S. give formal assurances that Ukraine and Georgia will never be admitted to NATO, and no nation bordering Russia will ever accept offensive NATO weapons that could imperil Russia’s security.

If Moscow cannot get such assurances that Ukraine will never become a member of NATO, Russian President Vladimir Putin warns, Russia may invade and occupy Ukraine to neutralize that threat.

The U.S. position?

While we will not resist Russia militarily, the most severe sanctions in history will be imposed on Russia, possi-

RICH LOWRY

## When does Trump get his apology?

The fullness of time, and now the omicron wave, have made it obvious how preposterous the chief lines of criticism against Donald Trump were during the pandemic.

It has been said, over and over, that Trump almost single-handedly killed Americans. Chris Hayes a couple of months ago called for a truth-and-reconciliation-commission-type inquiry into how Trump “willfully got hundreds of thousands of people killed.” Willfully!

During one of the presidential debates last year, Biden said of Trump, “Anyone who is responsible for that many deaths should not remain as president of the United States of America.”

Why, then, does Biden get to stay in office? Tragically, about as many people have died of the coronavirus this year as in 2020. Indeed, if you simply look at the progression of cases and deaths in the U.S. over time, you’d have no idea that a new president took office in January 2021.

That line from Biden in the debate, by the way, wasn’t a one-off; it was one of his main themes. “If this president is reelected, we know what will happen.” Biden said of Trump at the Democratic convention last year. “Cases and deaths will remain far too high.”

There are legitimate criticisms of Trump on COVID-19, from the initial testing snafu to his repeated overpromising about when the virus would disappear to his hostility to masks when they were a better option than lockdowns.

But none of this produced mass death, unless you believe

*Our great challenge in the 21st century is not Russia, it’s China.*

bly including cancellation of the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline from Russia to Germany.

Putin has lately issued a counterthreat.

If such severe sanctions are imposed on Russia, this will result in a “complete rupture of relations” and be a blunder “which our descendants will later appreciate as a huge one.”

Not long ago, a total severing of relations was the prelude to war.

While Putin and Russia initiated this crisis with the deployment of 100,000 troops to Ukraine’s borders, we should try to see this crisis through Putin’s eyes.

The heart of Greater Russia as one ethnic, cultural and historic nation consists not only of Russia but also of Belarus and Ukraine.

Yet, consider the political condition of that core nation today.

Ukraine has broken from Moscow and seeks its future in the West, the EU and NATO.

Belarus, a nation of 10 million, just went through an election where only fraud guaranteed victory for its 67-year-old autocrat, Alexander Lukashenko, who has ruled Belarus for a quarter-century.

Though an ally of Putin, Lukashenko is not the future.

And Putin himself, while popular, has been in power for two decades and is bedeviled by rising democratic resistance in Russia.

Now the Americans — who have, in a quarter-century, moved NATO across Germany into Eastern Europe and the Baltic states — are planning to bring into an alliance established to contain Russia the former Soviet republics of Georgia and Ukraine.

Putin has to see himself as the ruler of a diminishing Russia, not a rising power.

Time is not on Russia’s side or Putin’s side.

His principal ally, China, has 10 times the population of

Russia and an economy 10 times Putin’s. Moreover, China harbors ancestral claims to Russian territory in the Far East, which, in 1969, caused a border clash between the two countries.

Putin has decided that the long retreat of Russian power must end, that the eastward march of a NATO alliance created to contain and resist Russia must end, and if this means risking war over Ukraine, so be it.

Putin may see this as a now-or-never moment to halt the decades-long attrition of Russian territorial and national power.

And the U.S.?

In the Cold War, President Dwight Eisenhower did not intervene militarily to save the Hungarian rebels who rose against Moscow in 1956. Nor did President John F. Kennedy act to stop the building of the Berlin Wall in 1961. Nor did President Lyndon B. Johnson intervene to prevent Moscow’s crushing of the “Prague Spring” in 1968. Nor did President Ronald Reagan act when Solidarity was crushed in Poland in 1981.

Historically, those presidents who refused to use force in Central or Eastern Europe, to avoid a war with Russia where U.S. vital interests were not imperiled, were proven right.

Time was on America’s side in the Cold War. And, with Russia, time is still on America’s side.

Our great challenge in the 21st century is not Russia.

Indeed, in the long term, we want Russia on our side in the long struggle between the U.S. and the West, and Communist China.

What the U.S. should do in this Ukrainian crisis is to avoid a war with Russia, avoid an escalation, and leave our adversary with an honorable avenue of retreat. Again, with Russia, time is on our side.

*Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of “Nixon’s White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever.”*

ond term, surely there would be more Democratic suspicion about the vaccines than there is now — and that presumably would have been blamed on him.

In that convention speech, by the way, Biden promised, “We’ll develop and deploy rapid tests with results available immediately.” Now that there’s an enormous shortage of rapid tests, Biden explains that the latest wave moved too fast to get in front of.

Whatever you think of this explanation, it’s the kind of thing Trump officials said at the outset of the pandemic. It goes to show that it’s possible to be earnest and well-intentioned — as Biden’s allies believe he is — and yet get caught flat-footed by the latest permutation of a once-in-a-century event.

This is the possibility that Biden and his supporters were never willing to admit existed while Trump was in office. The suffering and death were never attributed chiefly to the virus itself; the bureaucratic mistakes never attributed to well-meaning people struggling in trying circumstances; the policy disagreements never attributed to sincere differences.

No, it was just all chalked up, like in the Chris Hayes segment, to near-criminality.

If this is the standard, Biden, too, is guilty. Of course, alleging that would be simplistic and absurd — not that it stopped anyone when Trump was in charge.

*Rich Lowery is editor of National Review, a leading conservative magazine founded by William F. Buckley.*

### LETTERS

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For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, — Titus 2:11-12 (ESV)



# No new deaths reported here as COVID cases rise

By STAFF REPORTS  
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No new deaths reported were here as COVID cases rise. Neshoba County recorded 283 new COVID-19 cases and no new deaths in the past week, according to the MSDH's Jan. 3 report.

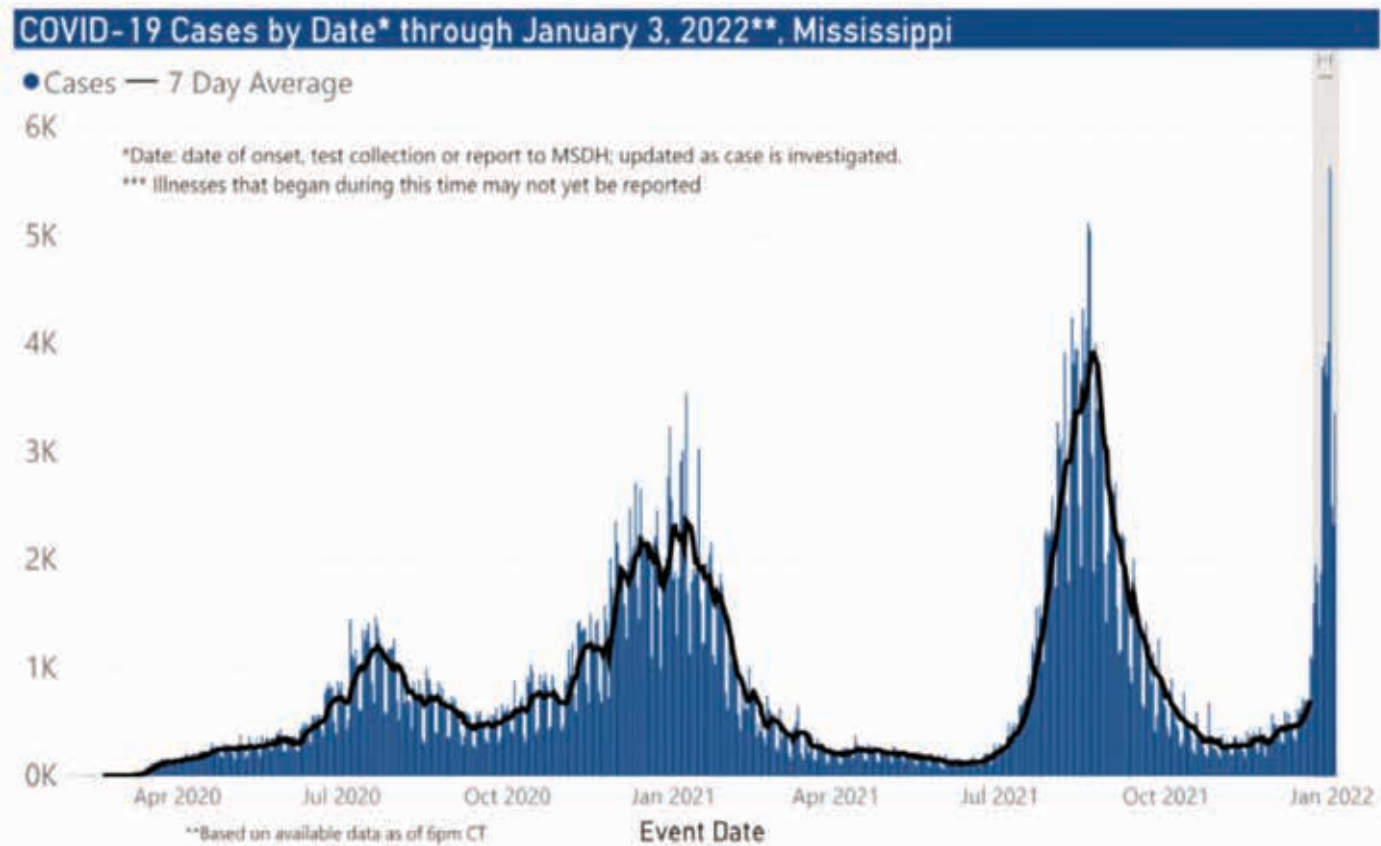
Neshoba County has now recorded a total of 7,125 cases of COVID-19 and 210 deaths since the pandemic began in March 2020.

Neshoba General announced Monday it was experiencing high volumes of COVID patients in the emergency room and clinics.

"We are also seeing an increase in Covid admissions to the hospital," Neshoba General said on Facebook announcing a visitation policy they outlined.

"We can no longer allow visitation except under the circumstances outlined in the attached policy until the surge subsides," the announcement said. "Thank you for understanding. Stay Safe!"

Among other things, the advisors said visitation is permitted at the Neshoba County Nursing Home following the most up to date guidelines from the Mississippi State Depart-



The 7-day case average is once again on the rise, due in large part to the Omicron variant.

ment of Health (MSDH) and Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention (CDC), officials said. The social media post

advised calling 601-663-1377 for the current guidelines for

visitation as they are subject to changing frequently.

## OBITUARIES

### Regina Faye Jim Hudson

Funeral service for Mr. Regina Faye Jim Hudson will be held at 2 PM Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at the Crystal Ridge Gym with Rev. Harvey Yoder officiating. Interment will be in Nanih Waiya Mennonite Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 5:30 PM Monday, January 3, 2022 at the Crystal Ridge Gym. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Hudson, 60, passed away on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at her home. Her hobbies included reading the newspaper and playing on her phone.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Selby Jim and Nora Dixon; son, Tommie Ray Hudson; sisters, Mavis Cotton and Mary Clemons.

Survivors include sons, Benjie Hudson, Brent Comby, Billy Hudson; sister, Lucille Cotton; 2 grandchildren.

### Katherine Bethany Neese

Funeral services for Katherine Bethany Neese were held Friday, December 31, 2021, at 12:00 noon from Linwood Baptist Church with Rev. Mike Skinner officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Neese, 88, of Union, died Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

Born and raised in Neshoba County, she lived in the Linwood Community most of her life. Mrs. Neese was a member of Linwood Baptist Church.

Survivors include daughter, Barbara Wallace; son, Michael Lee Neese, both of Linwood, MS; 18 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; 22 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Patricia Jolly of Forest, MS.

Preceding Mrs. Neese in death were husband, V. L. Neese; sons, Arvis Neese, Tommy Neese, Ronald Neese; granddaughter, Star Neese; grandsons, Brayden Traxler, Caleb Neese, Eric Neese; sisters, Irma Webb, Pearl Skinner, Ruth Burroughs; brothers, Leroy Bethany, Ralph Bethany, Wilbur Bethany; and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bethany.

### Jack Roland Land

Funeral services for Jack Roland Land were held Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Dennis Duvall officiating. Burial followed in Coldwater Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Land, 95, of Philadelphia, died on Sunday, January 2, 2022, at Mississippi State Veterans Home in Kosciusko, MS.

He was a native of Philadelphia and longtime resident of Neshoba County. He retired from U. S. Motors, Philadelphia. He formerly worked for Indiana Motor Company, Leland Motor Company, and Philadelphia Motor Company, all Ford dealerships. Mr. Land served in the U. S. Navy during WWII. He served in Japan after the atomic bomb drop. For a time, while stationed in Hawaii, had the daily responsibility of raising the flag over the sunken U. S. S. Arizona

in Pearl Harbor. He was a member of the American Legion and a member of the Philadelphia Masonic Lodge. Mr. Land was a member of the Southside Methodist Church.

Survivors include sons, Mike (Sheila) Land and Brad (Connie) Land, all of Philadelphia; four grandchildren, Chris Land, Nicole Land Kilpatrick, Jason Jack Land, and Breana Land; four great-grandchildren, Chloe Land, Dillan Land, Elijah and Isaiiah Kilpatrick.

Preceding Mr. Land in death were wife, Hazel J. Kennedy Land, and grandchild, Christie Brook Land.

Pallbearers were Keith McCrory, Ike Latimer, Tony Stone, Billy Land, Chris Kilpatrick, and Chris Land. Honorary pallbearers were Jason Jack Land, Dillan Land, Elijah Kilpatrick, and Isaiiah Kilpatrick.

### Kathy Savell McNeely

Kathy Savell McNeely was born February 8, 1954, in Union, Mississippi. Her parents were Alton Morgan Savell and Mildred Smith Savell. She graduated from Union High School in 1972 and continued her education at East Central Community College. She married Brian Edward McNeely of Jackson, Mississippi in 1974, and together they raised two children, Erin Lee McNeely and Kristy Nicole McNeely. She worked as a Court Reporter, both in a free-lance and official capacity for over 30 years, and was one of the few remaining pen stroke shorthand reporters in the State of Mississippi. Brian and Kathy remained married for 47 years until his death in October of 2021.

Kathy is preceded in death by her parents, Alton Morgan Savell and Mildred Smith Savell, her sisters, Brenda Savell Vanlandingham and Mary Beth Savell Tucker, and her husband, Brian Edward McNeely. She is survived by her children, Erin Lee McNeely Shows of Soso, Mississippi, and Kristy Nicole McNeely Todd (Marcus) of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, her sister, Martha Savell Rea (Richard, Sr.) of Union, Mississippi, her beloved grandchildren, Trevor Todd, Abigail Todd, Tai Shows, and Kreu Shows, as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held on Saturday, January 1, 2022, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Milling Funeral Home in Union, Mississippi, with graveside service following at 3:00 p.m., at Union City Cemetery. Bro. William Savell officiated.

Pallbearers were Richard Rea, Jr., Chad Rea, Anthony Groover, Kabet McNeely, Marcus Todd and Timothy Groover.

Milling Funeral Home of Union was in charge of the arrangements.

### Harry Lee Dixon

Funeral service for Mr. Harry Lee Dixon will be held at 10 AM Monday, January 3, 2022 at Hope Indian Baptist Church with interment in Bogue Homa Communi-

ty Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10 AM Saturday, January 1, 2022 at Hope Indian Baptist Church. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Dixon, 64, passed away on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at Forrest General Medical Center in Hattiesburg, MS.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Horace Dixon and Evelyn Bell; sisters, Lena Dixon Wesley, Odean Nickey, Anna Farmer; brothers, Emmett Dixon, Harold Jefferson.

Survivors include sisters, Sarah Willis and Angie Dixon; brothers, Chester Dixon, Steve Dixon, Paul Jefferson, Jared Jim, Kenneth Jefferson.

Pallbearers are Terrence Dixon, Bridgeo Phillips, Jr., Cameron Jenkins, Dejay Jenkins,, Noah Phillips, Delanovka Dixon, Christian Weeks, Gareth Eauthen.

### Truitt Nubbin Copeland

Funeral service for Mr. Truitt Nubbin Copeland was held 2 PM Monday, January 3, 2022 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. John E. Stephens and Rev. David Addy officiating. Interment was in East Lawn Cemetery. Visitation was 11-2 Monday, January 3, 2022 at John E. Stephens Chapel.

Mr. Copeland passed away Friday, December 31, 2021 at his home in Neshoba Co. where he lived most of his life. He was an Auto Mechanic. His hobbies were fishing, camping, riding motorcycles and cutting grass.

He is preceded in death by his wife, June Murphy Copeland; mother, Helen Copeland; great-grandson, Cooper Moore.

Survivors include his wife, Rita Faye Copeland of Philadelphia; father, James O. Copeland; daughters, Dana Quick (Ryan), Amanda Quick (Josh); sons, Dwayne Copeland (Windi), Andy Kelly (Jackie); sisters, Martha Smith, Dolly Clay, Linda Moody, Darlene Myers; brothers, Jimmy Copeland and Donald Copeland; (9) grandchildren; (2) great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews.

### Dennis H. Miller

After a long hard battle with Progressive Supra-Nuclear Palsy, Dennis H. Miller, 76, of Crawford, MS passed away peacefully away at his residence on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 surrounded by his family. A funeral service is planned for Sunday, January 2, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. at Magnolia Mennonite Church in Macon MS. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 1, 2022, at the church from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Contact Help Line, 308 Chubby Drive, Columbus, MS 39705 or

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Magnolia Mennonite Church, 2601 Magnolia Drive, Macon, MS 39341. Cockrell Funeral Home is honored to be entrusted with arrangements.

Dennis was born June 15, 1945, the middle child of Henry and Mary Miller in Hutchinson, KS. He moved to Macon, MS in 1965 for 1W Service as an orderly at Noxubee General Hospital and as a mission worker with the Choctaw Mission in Mashulaville. Dennis met and married Viola Schrock and together they ministered to the Oak Grove Church Community, ran a dairy farm and had seven children.

Dennis was an active member of Magnolia Mennonite Church. He was known for his song leading and for the delicious chili that he brought to church fellowship meals. For many years he served as a correspondent Bible study leader for Gospel Echoes, a mission which he turned over to Abram Calvillo in 2020. He also served for fifteen years with the Contact Help Line as a crisis hotline counsellor.

Dennis is preceded in death by his parents: Henry and Mary Miller; his parents in law: Rudy and Nettie Schrock and his son: Delwyne Vaughn Miller.

Dennis is free at last and leaves to rejoice his beloved wife of fifty-three years: Viola Miller and six children: sons: Veldyn and Becki Miller, and David and LaVonne Miller and daughters: Denaye and Brent Wenger, Deanne and Gerald Knicely, Vylene and Matthew Yoder, Dayna and Jared Kilmer and Mary and Jose Lanauze. He also leaves behind twenty-five grandchildren, six great grandchildren and eleven siblings.

### Voncille Tubby Bull

Funeral service for Ms. Voncille Tubby Bull will be held at 2 PM Sunday, January 2, 2022 at Pearl River Facility Building with Rev. Robert Patrick officiating. Interment will be in the Simon Isaac Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10 AM Friday, December 31, 2021 at the Pearl River Facility Building. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Bull, 77, passed away on Monday, December 27, 2021 at her home. She enjoyed watching tv, movies, traveling, going to the casino and seeing to her grandkids.

She is preceded in death by

her parents, Ernest Tubby and Effie Isaac; sisters, Zella Mae Martin and an infant sister; brothers, Rev. Robert Paul Tubby, Sr., and infant brother.

Survivors include daughters, Patty Bell, Marsha Bull; son, Jeremy Bull; 7 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Antoine Martin, Josh Martin, Colin Martin, Damian Bell, DeCarlo McMillan, Christopher Garcia, Marco Patrick, Robert Garcia, Jr.

### Julie Rae Jefferson

Funeral service for Ms. Julie Rae Jefferson will be held at 2 PM Thursday, January 6, 2022 at Macedonia Baptist Church with interment in Conehatta Community Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 4 PM Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at Macedonia Baptist Church. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Jefferson, 65, passed away on Monday, January 3, 2022 at her home. She enjoyed fishing, cooking, spending time with family and grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Raymond Chapman and Bobby Sue Jim; husband, Charles Jefferson, Jr.; daughters, Gail Jefferson and an infant; son, Sidney Chapman; sisters, Eula King, Mary Chapman; brothers, John Chapman, Jimmy Chapman.

Survivors include daughters, Natalie Jefferson and Cassie Jefferson; son, Charles Jefferson, Jr.; special companion, Michael Thomas; sister, Martha Denson; 26 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren.

### Wanda Ann Davis

Graveside service for Ms. Wanda Ann Davis will be held at 10 AM Friday, January 7, 2022 at Holy Rosary Cemetery with Father Bob Goodyear officiating. Visitation will be from 8:30-9:30 AM Friday, January 7, 2022 at John E. Stephens Chapel. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians reported 219 new positive cases of COVID-19 and one new death in the past week as of Jan. 1. The total number of positive cases for the Tribe now stands at 2,853, with 125 deaths. The Tribe reported four new hospitalizations in the past week.

As of Jan. 3, 30% of Neshoba County is fully vaccinated, and 34% of people in the county have received at least one dose, according to the MSDH.

Neshoba Central Elementary School and Neshoba Central High school each reported between one and five positive cases of COVID-19 for both teachers and students for the week of Dec. 7 through Dec. 13, the latest date for which statistics are available. No students or staff were quarantined in that period.

Statewide, since the pandemic began in March 2020, 319,504 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been recorded by the MSDH along with 241,758 probable cases, totaling 561,262 cases. There have been 6,996 confirmed COVID-19 deaths, along with 3,459 probable deaths, totaling 10,455 deaths.

arrangements.

Ms. Davis, 75, passed away on Saturday, January 1, 2022 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian, MS. She is preceded in death by her parents, John Davis and Nannie Starr; special friend, Elfred Jim; sisters, Gloria Charlie, Lucille Starr; brothers, Terry Davis, Stanley Davis, Larry J. Davis.

Survivors include sister, Mary Allen; brother, Ricky Davis.

Pallbearers are John Charlie, Darren Charlie, Djon John, Kamden Frazier, David Frazier, Brian Davis, Aaden Amos, Dominic Amos.

### George M. Higginbotham

George M. Higginbotham was born on April 21, 1927 in Kemper County, MS to the late William Henry and Mary Onie Green Higginbotham. He attended local schools and moved with his family to Meridian, MS when he was fourteen. He married Mae White in 1952 and they moved to Arkansas. To this union was born two children: Georgia and James Melvin. Soon they moved to Shuqualak, MS where they made their home.

George worked at the Garment Plant for most of his working life and retired from there. He was a member of the Macedonia United Methodist Church near Shuqualak. He enjoyed spending his free time fishing and going to flea markets on the weekends. George was a great cook and was a faithful parent and caregiver who always made sure that his children were off to school on time and that they always had something to eat.

A private family-only service will be held for Mr. George. Please may any memorials to the Shriner's Children Hospital 2900 Rocky Point Drive Tampa, Fla 33607. Cockrell Funeral Home is honored to be entrusted with the service arrangements.

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# Indian Child Welfare Act Conference to be held Feb. 16

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Renowned Native American repatriation and child welfare advocate Sandy White Hawk will be the keynote speaker at the tenth annual Indian Child Welfare Act Conference, which will be held on Feb. 16 at the Silver Star Convention Center in Choctaw

The opening ceremony is set for 8:30 a.m. Feb. 16. Chief Cyrus Ben of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians will speak at 9:15 a.m. Ms. White Hawk will speak at 9:30 a.m.

The annual conference began to educate state judges and social workers on requirements of the Indian Child Welfare Act, ICWA. Tribal leaders, attorneys, judges, social workers, and other professionals who deal with Native American children in a Youth Court setting are expected to attend the conference hosted annually by the MBCI.

A recurring theme of ICWA conferences is educating non-Indians about the intergenerational trauma caused by a history of removal of Native American children from tribal fami-

lies. White Hawk lived that adoption ordeal. She was removed from her Sicangu Lakota relatives in South Dakota and placed with white missionaries more than 400 miles from the reservation when she was 18 months old. She grew up in Wisconsin with no connections to her tribal heritage.

White Hawk is the founder and Director of First Nations Repatriation Institute. Her personal journey, and her work in helping others like her to find their way back to their tribal roots, is the subject of the documentary “Blood Memory.” The

film highlights her efforts to help others separated from the community as children to reconnect with their people, culture, traditions and ceremonies to begin healing. The title “Blood Memory” comes from the concept that experiences of one generation are passed to the next.

Conference sessions are scheduled throughout the day, including an update on tribal law, how social workers can learn to identify potential tribal interests, and a panel presentation exploring tribal culture.

Panelists include Harold

“Doc” Comby, deputy director of Internal Operations for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; Judge Michelle Brown-Yazzie, chief judge for the Mescalero Apache Tribe in New Mexico; and Justice Cheryl Demmert Fairbanks, interim co-director for the UNM Native American Budget and Policy Institute.

ICWA sets out federal requirements regarding removal and placement of Native American children in foster or adoptive homes. The U.S. Congress in 1978 set requirements that apply to state child custody pro-

ceedings involving any Native American child who is a member of or eligible for membership in a federally recognized tribe.

The ICWA Conference is a collaborative effort with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, the Administrative Office of Courts, the Children’s Bureau, the Mississippi Judicial College and the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services.

Conference seating is limited and registration is required. To register, follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ICWA2022>.

## COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

*Neshoba County Jail Docket for 12/27/21-1/3/22*

- Ira Hayes Anderson, 20, of 1519 Mills Road, burglary-commercial BLG. CARS. Etc....
- Keanu T. Anderson, 21, of 105 Duplex circle 118, driving under the influence- 1st offense
- Angel Cerria Bennett, 34, of 174 Skyland Drive, hold for other agency
- John Anthony Charles, 50,

of 1519 Hernando Point Cove of Hernnando, hold for other agency, possession of controlled substance, conspiracy to commit a crime-felony

- Ronnie Chickaway, 33, 11670 Road 149 of Louisville, failure to appear, possession of controlled substance
- Christopher Shawn Davis, 41, of 1617 5th Avenue North 602 of Birmingham, Alabama,

hold for investigations

- Susan Faith, 60, of 12931 Road 290 of Collinsville, disturbance of family
- Mallory Kathryn Glover, 29, of 821 East House Street 111 of Alvin, Texas, child endangerment misdemeanor, careless driving, failure to yield to blue light/siren, driving under the influence- 1st offense
- Shenna Gregory, 39, of 10250 Road 505 of Union, contempt of court
- Christy L. Hitt, 46, 624 East Main Street, disturbance of family, trespassing, 2 counts of possession of controlled substance, public drunk, possession of marijuana, vehicle, disorderly conduct
- Jzmarkeyus T. Hobbs, 21, of 274 West Atkins, failure to appear, contempt of court
- Demantreo Lometez Johnson, 27, 205 10th Street of Union, contempt of court
- Emmett Jones, 30, 186 Goat Ranch Road, driving under the influence- 2nd offense, contempt of court
- Chanse Michael Maher, 37, of 11311 Road 743 of Picayune, hold for other agency
- Tyler Marshell, 19, of Oswald Road 330, hold for investigations, burglary-commercial BLG, CARS. Etc....
- Jackie Matthews, 41, of 11751 Road 832, contempt of court
- Maurice McMillan, 37, of 144 Rolling Hills Circle, possession of paraphernalia, failure to

appear

- Megan Irene Morris, 30, of 527 Lamar Circle, disturbing the peace
- Jaylon MaShawn Myles, 19, of 140 Plug Leflore Road of Carthage, possession of controlled substance
- Dylan Andrew Pope, 22, of 10041 Road 1529, trespassing, petit larceny- less than \$1000.00
- Sam Proctor Jr., 46, of 119 ½ Mashula Lane, 2 counts of failure to appear
- Jennifer Lynette Simmons, 43, of 229 Rail Road Avenue, domestic violence aggravated assault
- Thomas Sistrunk, 35, of 1700 Pendleton Square Apartment C-21, simple assault
- Guy Thomas Jr., 33, of 10073 Road 367, hold for other agency, possession of controlled substance, suspended driver’s license, no insurance
- Jessie James Thomas, 70, of 12931 County Road 298 of Collinsville, disturbance family- 1st domestic violence
- Sheldon B. Tubby, 25, of 382 Oswald, 2 counts of failure to appear
- Adrian Dantavious Turner, 30, of 1920 Laurel Hill Road of Carthage, contempt of court
- Steve Vela, 44, of 6717 Summer Lane of Rosharon, Texas, disturbance of family
- Henry Warren, 46, of 10233 CO Road 385, failure to appear
- Bryan Timothy Williams, 41, of 332 Stratton Road of Decatur, contempt of court
- Alexandria Willis, 57, of 289 Willis, no driver’s license
- Chandell Willis, 35, of 160 Pine Ridge Road, driving under the influence- 1st offense
- Jalissa Willis, 23, of 143 Cobblestone Road of Walnut Grove, 2 counts of failure to appear
- Jermaine Franchez Willis, 32, of 112 Red Hill Drive of Carthage, failure to appear
- Andrea Leigh Wilson, 44, of 1078 East Kenwood Avenue of Brighton, Tennessee, hold for other agency, possession of controlled substance, conspiracy to commit a crime-felony
- Jesse Isiah Wyatt, 40, of 16207 Wyatt Lane of Moundville, Alabama, hold for other agency
- Destini Sherraine York, 28,

of 634 James Billy Road, contempt of court

*Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 12/26/21-1/2/22*

- Yolanda White, 52, of 436 Center Avenue, shoplifting
- Melissa D. Bell, 44, of 937 Cow Creek Road of Preston, MV- driver’s license- none, MV- no insurance
- Dar’tavion Boyd, 18, of 201 Sherwood Drive, murder- deliberate design, first degree
- Stanley Breazeale, 59, of 10631 Road 3407, simple assault- attempt by physical menace to create fear, accident; leaving scene unattended vehicle
- Tyler Brooks, 20, of 197 Cedar Creek Road of Macon, controlled substance; possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle, MV- seat belt violation, MV- no insurance, 2 counts of speeding over 20
- Skydan D. Burnside, 19, of 318 Martin Luther King, hold; detainee for other agency
- James A. Carter, 22, of 431 Coleman Street, hold; detainee for other agency
- Jahennessi Clark, 18, of Macon, controlled substance; possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle, MV- seat belt violation
- Dwain B. Clemons, 23, of 12140 HWY 16 West, disorderly conduct- interfering with business customers, invitees, etc.
- Antonio D. Cook, 22, of 1218 19th Street Apartment L6 of Meridian, controlled substance; possession of schedule 1 or 11- 1/10th gram- 2 grams or 2-10 dosage units, controlled substance; possession of schedule 1 or 11- 10- 30 grams or 20-40 dosage units, MV- driver’s license- none, MV- seat belt violation, MV- tag, none or expired
- Samantha J. Fortenberry-Anthony, 33, of 13650 HWY 15 South of Union, hold for MDOC
- Tyrone Groves, 36, of 384 Jerico Street, fleeing or eluding a law enforcement officer in a motor vehicle, disorderly conduct- failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers, MV- dri-

ver’s license- none, MV- no insurance, MV- seat belt violation

- Meroskie L. Harrington, 21, 103 Cajun Lane, hold; detainee for other agency
- Jessica L. Hickman, 43, of 1 Auburn Street Apartment 501 of Town Creek, Alabama, child; contributing to the neglect or delinquency of a child, alcoholic beverages- unlawful possession, public drunk
- Logan Holley, 20, of 14131 HWY 15 South, public drunk
- Andrew Holley, 38, of 11582 road 2610, shoplifting
- Debra L. Johnson, 39, of 166 Rolling Hill Circle, DUI- 1st offense, alcoholic beverages- unlawful possession, child contributing to the neglect or delinquency of a child
- Cherrell Lewis, 18, of 113 Dixon Road of Carthage, aggravated assault- domestic
- Zykeus Macon, 22, of 455 Samp STR., murder- commission of felony, first degree
- Noah Massey, 22, of 10311 Road 1137, DUI- test refusal
- Willie B. Miller, 64, of 425 Davis Road, DUI- 1st offense, MV- Disobedience of traffic control devices, controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia
- Unmarcus Parker, 25, of PO Box 63 of Union, DUI- 2nd offense
- Trisha R. Phillips, 36, of 11711 Road 149, DUI- 1st offense, MV- careless driving, MV- failure to give signal, resisting arrest
- Jacori Reynolds, 19, of 102 North Donald, murder- commission of felony, first degree
- Ashronda A. Robinson, 24, of 222 York Road, contempt of court; municipal court
- Jimmy L. Russell, 28, of 12650 HWY 16 East, hold; detainee for other agency
- Anthony C. Seales, 42, of Pearl Street Apartment 14, disorderly conduct- disturbance by explosions, noises or offensive conduct
- Patrick Solomon, 25, of 208 Rolling Hill Road, DUI- 2nd offense, MV- driver’s license/improper
- Jason C. Thrash, 42, of 11700 Road 325 of Union, DUI- 1st offense
- Jakynzi K. Wilson, 22, of 265 Cora Street, murder- deliberate design, first degree

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**END OF CHRISTMAS SALE**

  
*Season-2-Season, Inc.*

**1115 E. MAIN STREET PHILADELPHIA**  
**1 MILE FROM DOWNTOWN**  
**601-656-7104**



  
**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF NESHOPA COUNTY**

You are invited to become a “2020 Dream Builder” for our youth by supporting the future of our boys & girls through club programs such as:

- Power Hour (Tutoring)
- Mentoring Program
- Healthy Habits/Choosing the Best
- Passport to Manhood/Smart Girls
- Money Matters/Field Trips/Activities
- After-School Program (City & County Schools):  
150+ children attend each day
- All-Day Summer Enrichment Program  
200+ children attend each day

Your donation is so appreciated and should be made payable to:

“Boys & Girls Club of Neshoba County”  
P.O. Box 313  
Philadelphia, MS 39350

For more info on how you can invest in our children, call 601-656-4343.

For program info/enroll a child, call Jermaine Harris, County Unit Director, 601-880-6322.

## Funds

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der,” Mayo said.

Young said the city also hopes to use a portion of its money on renovating the Booker T. Washington building to be used as a community center, which is included Treasury guidelines.

Neshoba County will receive another \$2.8 million and Philadelphia another \$800,000 in 2022. Uses for those funds have not yet been determined, but both said a portion would likely help fund the remainder of the other projects.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians received \$53,051,330 in June. At the time, Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben said the money would be allocated as follows:

- “Through the Health and Human Services, the Choctaw Health Center has received \$46,514,453;
- “Through the Department of Interior, the Bureau of Indian Education for Choctaw Tribal Schools has received \$26,714,010;
- “Through Low Income Housing Emergency Assistance (LIHEA) has received \$68,904
- “Through the Bureau of Indian Affairs Justice Services, the Choctaw Police Department has received \$600,788
- “Through the Health and Human Services, Head Start has received \$320,662



Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ELOUISE CROCKER, DECEASED

CIVIL CASE NUMBER 2021-351

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi to Ricky J. Graves as Executor of the Estate of Mary Elouise Crocker, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate to present them to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

THIS the 28th day of December, 2021.

RICKY J. GRAVES, Executor

Prepared By:  
Marvin B. Speed  
Attorney at Law  
2101 Fifth Street  
Meridian, MS 39301  
Telephone: (601) 482-8783  
MSB No. 7715

Triple P Service Center  
929 Gum Street  
Philadelphia MS 39350

Ora Evans 1066 Frog Level LN Apt. 16  
Philadelphia MS 39350  
Check Into Cash of MS 905 W Beacon  
St. Philadelphia MS 39350

Your vehicle, 2004 Ford Escape  
vin#1FMYU03184KA43552, has been  
in my possession since 11/22/2021.  
This vehicle will be sold on 01/20/2022  
at Gum St. Philadelphia MS @ 8am

TITLE OF ABANDONMENT  
BEAMON WRECKER SERVICE  
11740 RD 571  
PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350

MAKE: 2003 NISSAN XTERRA  
VIN: 5N1ED28Y93C648659  
PLACE OF SALE: BEAMON WRECK-  
ER SERVICE  
SALE DATE: FEBRUARY 10 @ 8 A.M.  
OWNED BY: WILLIS LYONS  
ADDRESS: 11541 RD 571 PHILADEL-  
PHIA, MS 39350  
LIENHOLDER: REGIONS BANK

Triple P Service Center  
929 Gum Street  
Philadelphia MS 39350

To: Derick Murphy 509 Boulevard  
Street Lexington MS 39095

Your vehicle, 2002 Dodge Ram, vin#  
1D7HA16K82J220097, has been in my  
possession since 11/22/2021.  
This vehicle will be sold on 01/20/2022  
at 929 Gum Street Philadelphia MS  
39350

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
Part-Time Employment

Homemaker to work in Neshoba  
County on a part-time basis. Appli-  
cants must have a car, valid driver's  
license and auto liability insurance.

Contact: Sylvia Dean at  
East Central Planning and Develop-  
ment District  
Post Office Box 499  
Newton, MS 39345  
Phone: 1-800-264-2007

Equal Opportunity Employer

Title of Abandonment

Description: TITLE OF ABANDON-  
MENT MOTOR VEHICLE

MOORE'S AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR  
11401 HWY 492 EAST UNION, MS  
39365

YEAR: 2005  
MAKE: FORD  
VIN#1FTFPW12555KE70869

PLACE OF SALE: MOORE'S AUTO-  
MOTIVE REPAIR 11401 HWY 492  
EAST UNION, MS 39365

SALE DATE/TIME: NOVEMBER  
01,2021 6AM / JANUARY 15, 2021 6  
A.M.

COST: \$2446.94

Public Notice

All interested public and private tran-  
sit and paratransit operators within  
Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale,  
Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and  
Smith Counties, are hereby advised  
that the East Central Planning and  
Development District is applying to the  
Mississippi Department of Transpor-  
tation, Jackson, Mississippi, for a grant  
under Section 5310 of the Federal  
Public Transportation Act, as amend-  
ed, for the provision of Enhanced Mo-  
bility of Seniors and Individuals with  
Disabilities Service within the afore-  
mentioned counties.

This program consists of providing  
transportation services five days a  
week for medical, social, nutrition, and  
personal needs.

The purpose of this notice is to advise  
all interested parties, including transit  
and paratransit operators, of the ser-  
vice being planned for providing trans-  
portation services for the elderly and  
disabled within the area as described  
above, and to ensure that such a pro-  
gram would not represent a duplication  
of current or proposed services pro-  
vided by existing transit or paratransit  
operators in the area.

Comments either for or against this  
service will be received at any time  
within 5 days from the date of this  
notice. All comments should be ad-  
dressed to:  
East Central Planning and Develop-  
ment District  
Area Agency on Aging  
Post Office Box 499  
Newton, MS 39345

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NE-  
SHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL  
AND TESTAMENT OF EDWARD H.  
DARBY, DECEASED

JIMMY J. DARBY, EXECUTOR  
CAUSE NO. 21-356-JK

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Public Notices

Letters Testamentary having been  
granted on the 21st day of December,  
2021, by the Chancery Clerk of Nesho-  
ba County, Mississippi, to the under-  
signed, **Jimmy J. Darby**, upon the **Es-  
tate of Edward H. Darby**, deceased,  
notice is hereby given to all persons  
having claims against said Estate to  
present the same to the Clerk of this  
Court for probate and registration ac-  
cording to law within ninety (90) days  
from the date of the first publication of  
tis Notice or they will be forever barred.

This the 29th day of December,  
2021.

Jimmy J. Darby /s/  
Jimmy J. Darby, Executor of the Estate of  
Edward H. Darby, Deceased

Robert L. Thomas, MSB#8159  
ALFORD, THOMAS & THOMAS,  
PLLC  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
P.O. BOX 96  
PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350  
601/656-1871 Telephone  
601/656-0189 Fax Number

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF  
NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2020-153

IN THE MATTER OF THE HAZEL M.  
ALLEN  
REVOCABLE TRUST

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

To: Robin Allen  
526 Poplar Ave.  
Philadelphia, MS 39350

You have been made a Respondent  
in the hereinafter mentioned petition  
filed in this Court by Cindy Ferrell Allen  
and Jeffrey T. Webb, as Co – Trustees,  
seeking Authority to Sell Real Property  
and other Relief and First Accounting  
of Co – Trustees of the Estate of Hazel  
M. Allen, deceased.

You are summoned to appear and  
defend against said Petition at 9:00  
o'clock a.m. on the 9th day of Feb-  
ruary, 2022, in the Courtroom of the  
Neshoba County Courthouse at Phil-  
adelphia, Mississippi, and then and  
there to show cause, if any you can,  
why said should not be allowed and  
approved and the relief demanded  
therein granted.

Issued under my hand and the seal of  
this Court, this the 15th day of Decem-  
ber, 2021.

GUY NOWELL  
Chancery Clerk  
Neshoba County, Mississippi  
401 E Beacon Street, Suite 110  
Philadelphia, MS 39350

By: /s/ Guy Nowell by K. Greer, D.C.

TITLE OF ABANDONMENT  
BEAMON WRECKER SERVICE  
11740 RD 571  
PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350

MAKE: KIA SPECTRA  
VIN: KNAFE121275433787  
PLACE OF SALE: BEAMON WRECK-  
ER SERVICE  
SALE DATE: FEBRUARY 10 @ 8 A.M.  
OWNED BY: JOHN C. HODGE  
ADDRESS: 873 HWY 489 LAKE, MS  
39092

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NE-  
SHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINIS-  
TRATION  
OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA ANN  
MOWDY,  
DECEASED  
CAUSE NO.: 2021-cv-305-JK  
WANDA SAVELL  
EXECUTRIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been  
granted on the 15 th day of Decem-  
ber, 2021, by the Chancery Clerk of  
Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the  
undersigned upon the Estate of Bar-  
bara Ann Mowdy, deceased, notice  
is hereby given to all persons having  
claims against said Estate to present  
the same to the Clerk of this Court for  
probate and registration according to  
law within ninety (90) days from this  
date or they will be forever barred.

/s/  
WANDA SAVELL  
EXECUTRIX

Prepared By:  
STEVEN D. SETTLEMIRE  
Settlemares & Graham, PLLC  
410 East Beacon Street  
Philadelphia, MS 39350  
(601) 656-9597  
MSBN: 99674

CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT  
MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW  
INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
SHARON TAYLOR, DECEASED  
C. A. NO. 2020-720

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The heirs at law of **SHARON TAY-  
LOR**, deceased, and any and all other  
persons claiming any right, title or in-  
terest in and to the estate of **SHARON  
TAYLOR**, deceased, whose post office  
and street addresses are unknown to  
the Petitioner after diligent search  
and inquiry, and upon whom service  
of process may be had by publication  
as prescribed by law. You have been  
made a Respondent in a Petition for  
Determination of Heirship filed in this  
court by the Petitioner Kyle Taylor, Ad-  
ministrator of the Estate of **SHARON  
TAYLOR**, deceased. You are sum-  
moned to appear and defend against  
the petition filed against you in this  
action at **1:00 o'clock P.M. on the 16  
Th day of MARCH, 2022**, in the court-  
room of the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court  
at Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case  
of your failure to appear and defend a  
judgment will be entered against you  
for things demanded in the petition.  
You are not required to file an answer  
or other pleading but you may do so if  
you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of  
this Court, this the 21 st day of Decem-  
ber, 2021.

/s/ Jennileen Young  
CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT CLERK

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF  
NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
ESTATE OF CLYDE BERNELL  
KITTRELL,  
DECEASED by Jason Kittrell, Admin-  
istrator  
PLAINTIFF  
VS.  
CAUSE NO. 2021-346  
**JAMES A. TUCKER, JR.; SHELIA B.  
TUCKER; REGIONS BANK;  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; NESHOBA  
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI;  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR NESHO-  
BA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI;  
AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS  
AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR  
CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUI-  
TABLE INTEREST IN  
AND TO THE FOLLOWING DE-  
SCRIBED LAND SOLD FOR  
TAXES ON AUGUST 29, 2011, PAR-  
CEL NO. 03200-21-011.003, PPIN  
17708,  
LYING IN NW 1/4 OF SECTION 21,  
TOWNSHIP 12 NORTH,  
RANGE 10 EAST, NESHOBA COUN-  
TY, MISSISSIPPI;  
AND DOES 1-75, INCLUSIVE  
DEFENDANTS**

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: **ALL OTHER PERSONS,  
FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAV-  
ING OR  
CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUI-  
TABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE  
FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND  
SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST  
29, 2011, PARCEL NO. 03200-21-  
011.003, PPIN: 117708, LYING IN NW  
¼ OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 12  
NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, GREN-  
DADA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND  
DOES 1-75 INCLUSIVE**

You have been made a Defendant in  
the suit filed in this Court by Estate  
of Clyde Bernell Kittrell, Deceased by  
Jason Kittrell, Administrator, Plaintiff,  
seeking the Court to confirm the tax  
title of property in Neshoba County,  
Mississippi (the "Property"). Defen-  
dants other than you in this action are:  
James A. Tucker, Jr; Shelia B. Tucker;  
Regions Bank;; State of Mississippi;  
Neshoba County, Mississippi, and  
District Attorney for Neshoba County,  
Mississippi.

You are required to mail or hand de-  
liver a written response to the Com-  
plaint filed against you in this action  
to Andrew Hammond, Attorney for  
Plaintiff, whose address is Young wells  
Williams P.A., Post Office Box 6005,  
Ridgeland, Mississippi 39158 or 141  
Township Avenue, Suite 300, Ridge-  
land, Mississippi 39157.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED  
OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN  
THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 22ND  
DAY OF DECEMBER 2021 WHICH IS  
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YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER  
RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COM-  
PLAINT.

You must also file the original of your  
response with the Clerk of this Court  
within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and seal of said  
Court, this 13th day of December 2021.

GUY NOWELL , CHANCERY CLERK  
NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

(SEAL) \_\_\_\_\_ BY:  
W. Savell \_\_\_\_\_, D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF  
NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
ESTATE OF CLYDE BERNELL  
KITTRELL,  
DECEASED by Jason Kittrell, Admin-  
istrator  
PLAINTIFF  
VS.  
CAUSE NO. 2021-345  
**VIRGINIA F. NEESE; FRANCIS  
HICKS; JOHN HARVEY FRAZIER;  
WILLIAM NAPOLEAN FRAZIER,  
JR.; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS  
OF BILLIE FRAZIER A/K/A WILLIAM  
NAPOLEAN FRAZIER;  
MCDANIEL TIMBER COMPANY,  
INC.;**  
**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; NESHOBA  
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI;  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR NESHO-  
BA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI;  
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TABLE INTEREST IN  
AND TO THE FOLLOWING DE-  
SCRIBED LAND SOLD FOR  
TAXES ON AUGUST 26, 2013, PAR-  
CEL NO. 05200-26-003.000, PPIN  
3958,  
LYING IN SE1/4 OF SECTION 26,  
TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH,  
RANGE 11 EAST, NESHOBA COUN-  
TY, MISSISSIPPI;  
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SUMMONS

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john Harvey Frazier; William napoleon  
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sissippi 39158 or 141 Township Ave-  
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39157.

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NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

(SEAL) \_\_\_\_\_ BY:\_\_\_\_  
W. Savell \_\_\_\_\_, D.C.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received in the  
Neshoba County School District office,  
580 East Main Street, Philadelphia,  
Mississippi, 39350 until 3:00 p.m. on  
Thursday, January 27, 2022, for:

Neshoba Central Softball and Base-  
ball Facility  
Neshoba County School District  
(Philadelphia, Mississipp)

PryorMorrow Project Number:  
2021135

Bid documents are being made avail-  
able via original paper copy or elec-  
tronically. Planholders are required  
to log-in or register for an account at  
www.pryor-morrowplans.com to view  
and order Bid Documents. All plan-  
holders are required to have a valid  
email address for registration. Bid doc-  
uments are non-refundable and must  
be purchased through the website.  
Electronic bids are not required; how-  
ever, a submission of an electronic bid  
in lieu of a sealed bid shall be submit-  
ted at www.pryor-morrowplans.com .  
Questions regarding website registra-  
tion, online orders electronic bidding  
please contact Plan House Printing at  
(662) 407-0193.

Bid preparation will be in accordance  
with Section 02020 – Instructions  
with Bidders, bound in the Project Manual.

BID GUARANTEE: Proposals shall be  
submitted with Proposal Security in  
the form of Certified Check or accept-  
able Bid Bond in an amount equal to  
at least five percent (5%) of the base bid;  
such security is to be forfeited as liq-  
uidated damages, not penalty, by any  
bidder who fails to carry out the terms  
of the proposal. The Bid Bond, if used,  
shall be payable to the Owner. Bonds  
on the project must be received on or  
before the period scheduled for the

project and no bid may be withdrawn  
after the scheduled closing time for the  
project. Bids must be firm for a period  
of forty-five (45) days after the sched-  
uled time of opening.

PERFORMANCE-PAYMENT BOND:  
A 100% Performance-Payment Bond  
issued by a surety company author-  
ized to do business in the State of  
Mississippi will be required within ten  
(10) days after the successful bidder  
has been notified of the award of the  
contract to him.

CERTIFICATE OF RESPONSIBILITY:  
All bids submitted by a prime or sub-  
contractor for public works or public  
projects where said bid is in excess  
of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to  
perform contracts enumerated in Sec-  
tion 31-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
shall contain on the outside or exterior  
of the envelope or container of such  
bid the contractor's current certificate  
number. No bid shall be opened or  
considered unless such contractor's  
current certificate number appears on  
the outside or exterior of said envelope  
or container or unless there appears a  
statement on the outside or exterior  
of such envelope or container to the  
effect that the bid enclosed therewith  
does not exceed fifty thousand dollars  
(\$50,000). When bids are submitted  
electronically, the requirement for in-  
cluding a certificate of responsibility,  
or a statement that the bid enclosed  
does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dol-  
lars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of  
the bid envelope shall be deemed in  
compliance by including the same in-  
formation as an attachment with the  
electronic bid submittal.

The Owner reserves the right to reject  
any or all bids and to waive irregu-  
larities.

Publish: Wednesday, December  
29, 2021  
Wednesday, January 5, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE  
SIXTEENTH SECTION LAND RE-  
CLASSIFICATION

The Board of Trustees of the Neshoba  
County School District hereby gives  
notice of the reclassification of the fol-  
lowing Sixteenth Section Public School  
Trust Land from Residential to Forestry  
classification.

Section 16, Township 9 North, Range  
10 East

Commence at a point where the West  
right-of-way of Road 210 intersects the  
South section line of Section 16, Town-  
ship 9 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba  
County, Mississippi, and run North-  
westerly along the West right-of-way  
of Road 210 a distance of 1686.0 feet  
more or less to the Point of Beginning.  
From said Point of Beginning thence  
run West a distance of 304 feet more  
or less; thence run North a distance of  
186.0 feet more or less; thence run E  
a distance of 285.0 feet more or less  
to the West right-of-way of Road 210;  
thence run Southeasterly along said  
right-of-way a distance of 203.0 feet  
more or less to the Point of Beginning,  
containing 1.3 acres more or less all  
being located in the SE ¼ of NW ¼ of  
SE ¼ od Section 16, Township 9 North,  
Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mis-  
sissippi. Also described as Parcel 6.01  
on Map 113 of the Neshoba County  
Tax Assessor plat maps.

Any interested party desiring to object  
to this reclassification must submit  
such objection in writing to the Chan-  
cery Clerk of Neshoba County on or  
before 5:00 p.m. on the 5 th day of  
February, 2022.

Neshoba County School District  
Lundy Brantley, Superintendent

**Publish 3 times: December 22 and  
29, 2021 and January 5, 2022**

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE  
OF SALE

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2006,  
Justin C. Stovall and Heather Thomp-  
son Stovall executed a Land Deed of  
Trust to L. Scott Pickle, Trustee for the  
benefit of First Financial Bank, Benefi-  
ciary, which Deed of Trust is filed for  
record in Book 2006 at Page 8998 in  
the office of the Chancery Clerk of Ne-  
shoba County, Mississippi ("Deed of  
Trust 1"); and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2006,  
Justin C. Stovall and Heather Thomp-  
son Stovall executed a Land Deed of  
Trust to L. Scott Pickle, Trustee for the  
benefit of First Financial Bank, Benefi-  
ciary, which Deed of Trust is filed for  
record in Book 2006 at Page 9010 in  
the office of the aforesaid Chancery  
Clerk ("Deed of Trust 2"); and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2008, Jus-  
tin C. Stovall and Heather Thompson  
Stovall executed a Deed of Trust to  
L. Scott Pickle, Trustee for the bene-  
fit of First Financial Bank, Beneficiary,  
which Deed of Trust is filed for record  
in Book 2008 at Page 10379 in the  
office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk  
("Deed of Trust 3"); and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2010,  
Justin C. Stovall and Heather Thomp-  
son Stovall executed a Deed of Trust  
to L. Scott Pickle, Trustee for the ben-  
efit of First Financial Bank, Beneficiary,  
which Deed of Trust is filed for record  
in Book 2010 at Page 1239 in the of-  
fice of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk  
("Deed of Trust 4") (Deed of Trust 1,  
Deed of Trust 2, Deed of Trust 3, and  
Deed of Trust 4 are collectively re-  
ferred to as the "Deeds of Trust"); and  
WHEREAS, the Deeds of Trust author-  
ized the appointment and substitution  
of another Trustee in the place of the  
Trustee named in the Deeds of Trust  
or subsequently substituted therein,  
and First Financial Bank appointed  
and substituted Chad J. Hammons as  
Trustee therein, by instrument dated  
June 7, 2022, and duly filed for record  
in the office of the aforesaid Chancery  
Clerk in Book 2021 at Page 5015; and  
WHEREAS, default having been made  
in the performance of the terms and  
conditions of the Deeds of Trust, and  
the entire indebtedness secured there-



# Sheriff’s department charges 2 in commercial burglaries

By DUNCAN DENT  
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Two Neshoba County men face charges on three counts of commercial burglary after law enforcement officials said they broke into three convenience

stores, one in the county and two in the city, taking cigars, cigarettes and lighters on Dec. 31.

Ira Hayes Anderson, 20, of 1519 Mills Road, Conehatta, and Tyler Marshall, 19, of 330 Oswald Road, Philadelphia, were arrested and charged with

three counts of burglary of a business each.

On Tuesday, both men remained in the Neshoba County Detention Center on a \$40,000 bond each.

Sheriff Eric Clark said Anderson and Marshall have been

charged with the commercial burglary of Bobby’s Country Store on Highway 16 east reported on the morning of Dec. 31.

He said the Philadelphia Police Department also charged both with the burglaries at the Shell station on Highway 16

East and Joey’s Mini Mart on Holland Avenue.

“Anderson used a Kaiser blade to smash the glass entrances and proceeded behind the counters to grab cigars, cigarettes and lighters,” Clark said. “Marshall was the driver in all

three incidents.”

The burglaries are believed to occur on the same night.

Marshall was picked up on a checkpoint late that afternoon, and Anderson was turned over to Sheriff’s deputies by a relative, Clark said.

## Murder

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groups exchanging fire, and Lyons said Carter was part of the other.

The arrests came as a result of nearly 30 interviews, and more arrests are expected as the investigation continues, Lyons said.

“We still need to verify

some of the stories through further interviews,” Lyons said on Dec. 31 after announcing the arrests.

Lyons said police are still looking for more information, and any information that could assist in the investigation would be “gladly appreciat-

ed.”

Lyons said the investigation has led investigators to believe that some of the individuals may have been involved in the unsolved Dec. 28, 2020, shooting of 22-year-old Xenthirus Maxfield.

“No new updates on that case as of now, but we do believe some of the same individuals involved in that case are linked to this case,” Lyons said. “Hoping to get leads for

Maxfield case from individuals involved in this recent case.”

Maxfield was in a crowd of about 20 people around 5:30 p.m. Dec. 28, 2020, off of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive at the Booker T. Football field when he was shot.

Maxfield, known as Luh Bizzy, was transported by personal vehicle to Neshoba General, where he was later pronounced dead.

When police arrived, the crowd scattered, sources with knowledge of the situation have told The Democrat.

Warren was a local rapper and producer who went by the name “Air Teezy.”

In March 2021, Warren incorporated his business, AirtTeezy Entertainment LLC, with the State of Mississippi.

“Watching these guys fall in love with music and the looks they give when they hear their voices for the first time really makes me wanna go harder,” Warren wrote on his Facebook page this past

May. “It really makes me love what I’m doing. I pray y’all make it.”

Warren discussed violence in Philadelphia in June 2020 on Lee Carleton Smith’s podcast “The County Line: Lee Carl & Friends.” During their discussion, Warren equated much of the violence to a lack of parenting.

“It’s different — I think it’s more dangerous,” Warren told Lee when asked if the violence in town was greater than when growing up.

Warren told Lee when they were growing up, all they would hear was “these babies having babies. That was a big thing at one time. All it is is these babies grew up. I think that’s where the extra violence stems from.”

Warren said people shooting and getting shot are in their teens.

Anyone with information on this or any other potential crime is encouraged to call the Philadelphia Police Department at 601-656-2131.



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WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 9th day of December, 2021.

*/s/Chad J. Hammons*  
CHAD J. HAMMONS, SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE

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PUBLISH:  
December 15, 2021  
December 22, 2021  
December 29, 2021  
January 5, 2022

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of voting precincts and polling places to the public for comment as attached and as follows:

a.) Map depicting the proposed re-apportioned supervisor districts (See Exhibit “B”);

b.) Map depicting the proposed realigned voting precincts and polling places (See Exhibit “C”;

c.) List of the proposed voting precinct names and polling place locations (See Exhibit “D”);

d.) Chart depicting the total population, total white population, total black population, total American Indian population, total white voting age population, total black voting age population and total American Indian voting age population of each reapportioned supervisor district (See Exhibit “E”);

e.) Map depicting the same justice court judge and constable districts (See Exhibit “F”);

WHEREAS, the proposed reapportionment of supervisor districts and realignment of voting precincts, upon adoption thereof, would repeal, amend, supersede and otherwise change the existing supervisor districts and voting precincts; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed reapportionment of supervisor districts and realignment of voting precincts should receive comment from the general public and interested groups to ensure that said proposal does not have any adverse effect on the participation of minority groups in any elections under the proposed reapportionment and realignment plan;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, by the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi, as follows:

1. The attached plan and scheme, as shown on Exhibits “B”, “C”, “D”, and “E” that would reapportion supervisor districts and realign voting precincts, be adopted as the proposed voting plan and scheme for Neshoba County, Mississippi;

2. That public hearings be established and held on January 18, 2022 at 10:00 o’clock a.m. and on January 18, 2022 at 6:00 o’clock p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room at the Neshoba County Courthouse, to receive public comment on the proposed voting plan and scheme for Neshoba County. Further, that written comments received by the Board of Supervisors in care of the Chancery Clerk at 401 Beacon Street, Suite 107, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 or sent to [info@neshobacounty.net](mailto:info@neshobacounty.net) shall be deemed responsive to the request for public comment and included for consideration at the public hearings so established;

3. The proposed voting plan and notice of public hearing shall be published in The Neshoba Democrat for three (3) consecutive weeks, namely on December 29, 2021, January 5, 2022 and January 12, 2022; and,

4. The proposed voting plan and all relevant documentation related to such proposed plan be held in the Office of the Chancery Clerk and Office of the Board of Supervisors open to the public to inspect and further shall be published on the Neshoba County website at [www.neshobacounty.net](http://www.neshobacounty.net).

WHEREUPON, following the reading of the foregoing Order, Honorable Kinsey Smith seconded the Motion for its adoption. The President put the question to a roll call vote and the result was as follows:

Keith Lillis, Supervisor, District I Aye  
Kevin Cumberland, Supervisor, District II Aye  
Kinsey Smith, Supervisor, District III Aye  
Kevin Wilcher, Supervisor, District IV Aye  
Obbie Riley, Supervisor, District V Aye

WHEREUPON, the Motion having received the necessary three-fifths (3/5) vote required for passage, the President declared the Motion carried and the Order adopted.

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the sixth day of December 2021.

*/s/ KEVIN CUMBERLAND*  
KEVIN CUMBERLAND, PRESIDENT  
NESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Attest:  
*/s/ GUY NOWELL*  
GUY NOWELL  
CHANCERY CLERK AND CLERK OF NESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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### Resolution of the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors

CAME ON FOR CONSIDERATION before this Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi recognition that a proposed reapportionment of supervisor districts and realignment of voting districts and voting precincts of Neshoba County, Mississippi should be accomplished based on the 2020 Census and after considerable study and thorough discussion, Honorable Kevin Wilcher moved to adopt the following resolution:

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI ADOPTING A PROPOSED PLAN REAPPORTIONING SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS AND REALIGNING VOTING PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES OF NESHOPA COUNTY WHILE MAINTAINING CURRENT JUSTICE COURT JUDGE / CONSTABLE DISTRICTS OF NESHOPA COUNTY, ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED REAPPORTIONMENT AND REALIGNMENT PLAN FOR JANUARY 18, 2022, DIRECTING THE CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SAID PUBLIC HEARING AND A COPY OF THE PROPOSED VOTING PLANS AND HOLDING SAME OUT FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN HIS OFFICE AND ON THE NESHOPA COUNTY WEBSITE AT [WWW.NESHOBACOUNTY.NET](http://WWW.NESHOBACOUNTY.NET)

WHEREAS, Neshoba County, Mississippi (“Neshoba County”) is a body politic charged with establishing a voting plan and scheme for the election of supervisors, justice court judges and constables, pursuant to *Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-281* et seq. as amended, *Miss. Code Ann. § 19-3-1* as amended, *Miss. Code Ann. § 9-11-2* as amended, and *Miss. Code Ann. § 19-19-2*, as amended, where the Board of Supervisors are authorized to fix and alter the Supervisors’ district and Justice Court Judge/Constable districts, voting precincts and polling places;

WHEREAS, Neshoba County has established a voting plan and scheme to provide for five (5) districts in which to elect supervisors and two (2) districts in which to elect constables and justice court judges;

WHEREAS, certain data from the 2020 Federal Census was received by Neshoba County in August 2021 that reflected that the supervisor districts were alleged to be “malapportioned” such that Neshoba County is charged with the duty of reapportioning the supervisor districts to create more numerically even supervisor districts (See Exhibit “A”);

WHEREAS, the same 2020 Federal Census data received does not reflect or evidence that the justice court judge or constable districts are “malapportioned”;

WHEREAS, Neshoba County, acting by and through the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors, has carefully considered the various options and alternatives to reapportion the supervisor districts and realign the voting precincts of Neshoba County while maintaining the minority majority districts;

WHEREAS, Neshoba County employs precinct-based ballot scanners that provides the flexibility and efficiency of digital-imaging technology to support paper-based ballots and voting in conjunction with ballot marking devices to ensure robust access for those voters needing assistance;

WHEREAS, Neshoba County seeks to present the proposed reapportionment of supervisor districts and realignment

WHEREUPON, following the reading of the foregoing Order, Honorable Kinsey Smith seconded the Motion for its adoption. The President put the question to a roll call vote and the result was as follows:

Keith Lillis, Supervisor, District I Aye  
Kevin Cumberland, Supervisor, District II Aye  
Kinsey Smith, Supervisor, District III Aye  
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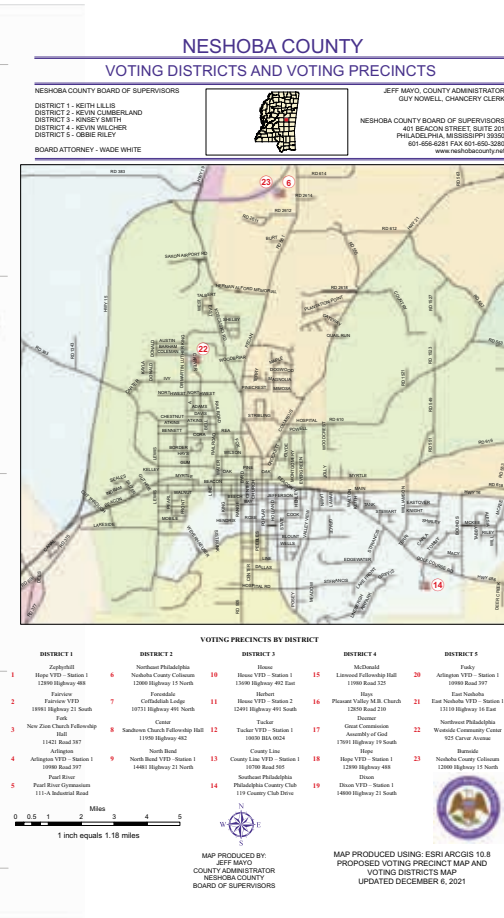
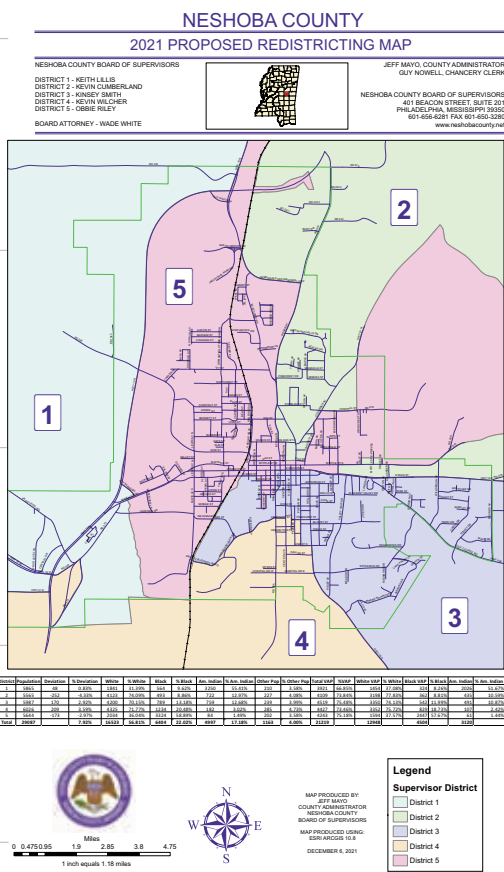
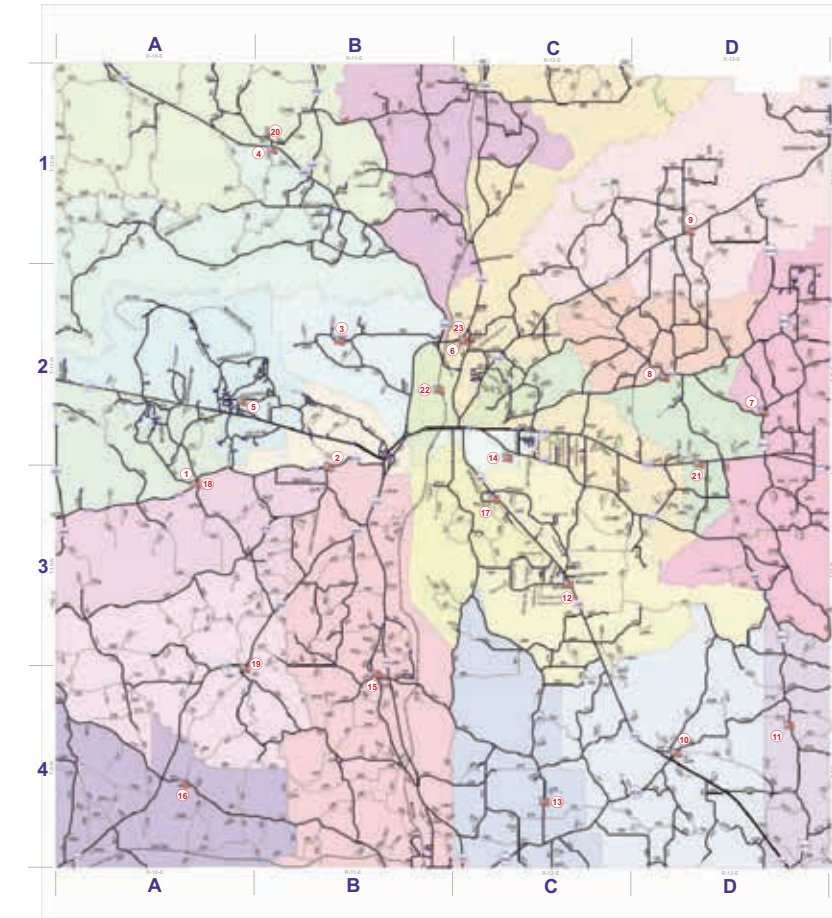
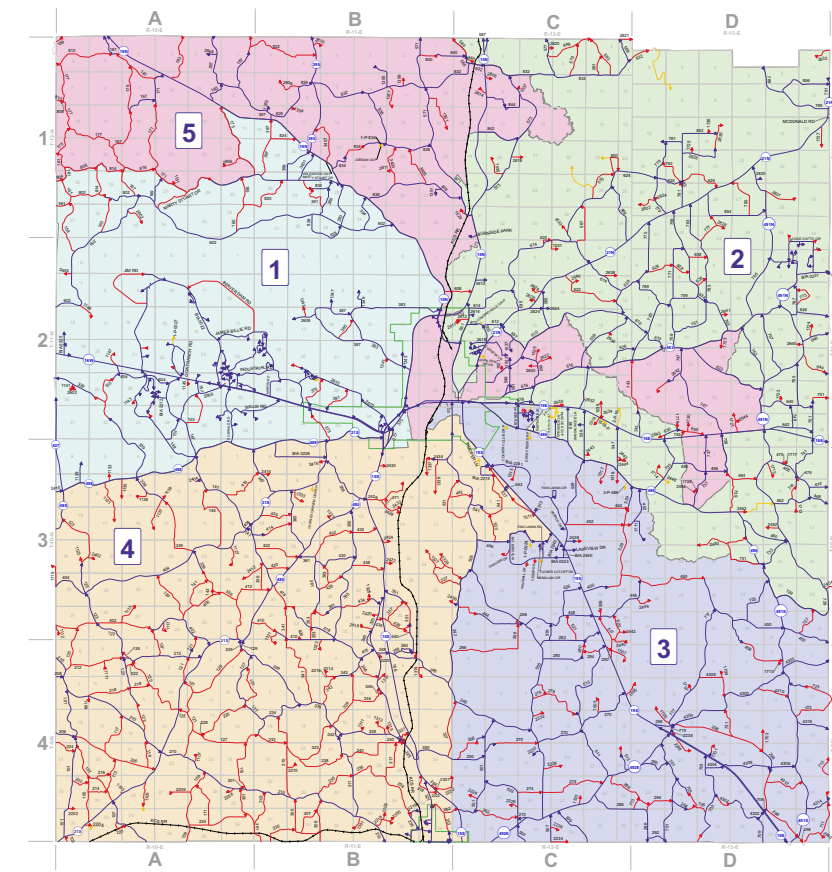
WHEREUPON, the Motion having received the necessary three-fifths (3/5) vote required for passage, the President declared the Motion carried and the Order adopted.

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the sixth day of December 2021.

*/s/ KEVIN CUMBERLAND*  
KEVIN CUMBERLAND, PRESIDENT  
NESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Attest:  
*/s/ GUY NOWELL*  
GUY NOWELL  
CHANCERY CLERK AND CLERK OF NESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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Chesna Taylor, Wesley Parker, Bo Parker, Jaxon Taylor, Amanda Taylor and Andie Kay Parker

# Taylor enjoys happiness that food offers

By COLEMAN EAKES  
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Amanda Taylor loves to make people smile by making them a meal they enjoy.

She has always loved being in the kitchen, especially when she was young.

Her grandmother, Vera Nell Hendrix, taught her how to make biscuits, canned tomatoes and cornbread.

Her grandmother loved to make cornbread in an iron skillet, Taylor said.

"My grandmother died when I was only 14, but she really was a mother to me," Taylor said.

Taylor has always loved making people happy with food, especially whenever she can make her children smile.

"I love to watch my kids be content with what they have on their plates and be happy and full whenever they're done," she said.

Taylor's passion for making

food that makes people happy comes from her mom Linda Calvert.

Taylor said her mother would always make exactly what she wanted, spice it exactly how it needed to be, and make her feel better than she did before the meal.

Taylor's fiancé, Wesley Parker, a feed mill dispatcher for PECO, also knows what someone wants to eat without them saying a word, she said, which is why he is her favorite chef.

Taylor said her favorite thing to eat is jalapeno poppers from Sonic, and her favorite drink is a Route 44 Diet Coke also from Sonic.

Taylor was born in Pelahatchie and now lives in Noxapater. She works at Bloomo Diner.

**PORK CHOP AND CABBAGE OVER RICE  
BAKE**

**Ingredients:**  
Boneless or Bone-in Pork

**COOK OF THE WEEK**

**Chops**  
1 Head of Cabbage (Chopped into 2-inch Pieces)  
1 Yellow or White Onion  
Diced in Strips  
1 Large Can Cream of Mushroom  
Salt and Pepper  
1 Tsp Onion Powder  
Directions:  
You will need to lay your pork chops on the bottom of the baking dish (I always use my broiler pan) then season to your liking. Then add a can of cream mushroom on top of pork chops. Then add a mixture of cabbage and onion on top of that, then season it to your liking. Cover with tin foil and cook on 375F in the oven for 30-40 minutes. Meanwhile, cook whatever type of rice you want (I always use white minute rice). Finally,

when it has reached the point where it's bubbly on top, then it's done and serve over rice.

**SPAGHETTI**

**Ingredients:**  
Family Pack Spaghetti Noodles  
3 Large Cans of Tomato Sauce  
3 Large Cans of Diced Tomatoes (Or Fresh Roma Tomatoes)  
Fresh Mushrooms  
2 Large Onions Diced  
2 Bell Peppers Diced  
2 Cloves of Garlic Sliced Thin  
2 lbs of Hamburger Meat  
1 Pack of Ground Sausage  
Butter  
Sugar  
Directions:  
Brown your hamburger

meat and sausage with onions, garlic, and bell pepper. Then set aside. You will need a big soup pot. Then open and pour in tomato sauce. Then open and drain diced tomatoes. Then pour in your onions and peppers and meats and add mushrooms. Then pour in your onions and peppers and meats and add mushrooms. You can season it however you prefer (I always use garlic powder, onion powder, and salt and pepper.) Bring to a heavy boil. Simmer on low for a few hours. Then add your cup of sugar. Simmer for another hour. Then you will need to cook your spaghetti noodles. Then drain. Then you're ready to chow down. This recipe will make enough for six people for two days.

**SAUSAGE AND PENNE  
BAKE**

**Ingredients:**  
2 lbs of Smoked Sausage of Your Choice  
2 Cans of Cream of Celery  
1 Can of Fried Onions  
1 Pack of Frozen Sweet Peas  
1 Pack Shredded Mozzarella Cheese  
Directions:  
Sauté your sausage with a little butter. Cook your penne noodles till done. Then mix all the ingredients in a big bowl and then transport the mixture into a decent size casserole dish. Cook on 350F for 35 minutes. Then take it out of the oven and enjoy.

## Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS  
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It was tiny Ezra James Young's first Christmas in the world and he was ready for Santa! He wore a cute pair of Christmas jammies for the occasion and looked adorable. It was a special Christmas for his parents, Eddie Joe and Kelly George Young who had been anticipating spending this Christmas with Ezra. First Christmases are truly memorable and they only happen once. Making memories together is priceless.

The Fifth Wednesday Bridge Club met on December 29th at The Holland House for lunch and an afternoon of bridge. Hostesses were Joyce Dansby and Shirley Cox.

It was a fun occasion for everyone attending. They enjoyed a Mexican lunch prepared by Joyce Dansby with a rum cake and blueberry pie for dessert. After lunch, it was time for bridge. There were three tables of bridge players which made it even more interesting. Cards were shuffled and dealt to each person. There was a lot of chatter along with serious players. It was a pleasant way to spend an afternoon and the time raced by.

Those attending were hostesses, Joyce Dansby and Shirley Cox, Susan Burt, Rau Fleming, Joyce Hardy, Beth Henson, Carol Oliphant, Charlene Webb, Jan Williamson, Alice Rowe, Sarah Hinkle, and June Nowell.

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Congratulations to Hailey Holland who graduated from Mississippi State University Starkville Campus on December 10. Hailey graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a Minor in Math. Next on her agenda is a job as Plant Utility Engineer at Sly, Inc., (a division of Carrier), in Mathiston, Mississippi. Her parents are Tommy and Sharon Eldridge Holland.

~

What better way to celebrate retirement after 36 years than a trip to Orlando and the Magic Kingdom? Gene Tolbert spent Christmas with his daughter, Leah Tolbert Shepard and her husband in Orlando where he and his wife, Pm Presley Tolbert, had such a magical time. Gene retired from Tolbert Chevrolet in December and has some fun times planned. He and Pam attended the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on New Year's Day where they cheered their Rebels with much enthusiasm. Congratulations!

~

It was a very exciting Christmas at Don and Sharon McKay's home this year. Two of their grandchildren celebrated their very first Christmas together. It was even more special when Anna Margaret McKay and Eleanor Johnson met for the first time. Anna Margaret is 3 months old and Eleanor is 7 months old. To help make sure the babies bonded with each other, both were dressed in identical outfits

during the visit. These first cousins have built-in best friends forever.

Anna Margaret's big brothers, Isaac and Fletcher were so excited to be in Philadelphia with their grandparents, too. They both like to help Sharon make biscuits in the kitchen whenever they are together.

The parents of Eleanor are Brent and Mollie McKay Johnson from Oxford. Richard and Glyn McKay are the parents of Fletcher, Isaac, and Anna Margaret from Texas.

~

Christmas was a joyous time for Lynda Stribling this year. Her daughter, Ragan Stribling Sonnabend and her husband, Marc Sonnabend with their two daughters who live in Arlington Heights, Illinois came to spend the holidays with all of the Stribling family. There are several cousins involved who live in Philadelphia and had a good time together. The Sonnabends stayed with Heath Stribling and his children. Everybody enjoyed hanging out together and getting better acquainted Long distance families are sometimes rather lonely around holidays, so glad everyone could get together this year.

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## Bridal Registry

Whitney Strickland & Mitchell Bounds .....	October 9, 2021
Laurel Ball & Michael Beckham .....	October 16, 2021
Caroline Henson & Joseph Willis .....	October 16, 2021
Shelby Herrington & Brandon Garner .....	October 23, 2021
Skyler Frank & Garrett Myers .....	October 23, 2021
Abby Wright & Kip Clark .....	November 6, 2021
Caitlin Purvis & Jordan Payne .....	November 13, 2021
Margaret Jordan & Sam Webb .....	November 20, 2021
Caitlin Purvis & Jordan Payne .....	November 13, 2021
Carly Smith & Dylan Bobo .....	December 11, 2021
Julia Rester & Brandon Ladd .....	January 23, 2022
Caitlyn Purvis & Jake Moody .....	February 12, 2022
Emma Clark & Ben Howe .....	February 19, 2022
Sara Watson & Jeremy Bowen .....	February 26, 2022
Gracy McLain & John Robert Irby .....	April 30, 2022

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Wedding copy must not exceed the equivalent of more than two 8 1/2 x 11 inch pages.

The Democrat reserves the right to edit articles to fit space requirements and style.

News of parties relating to engagements or weddings can be submitted.

## Obituary policy

The Democrat publishes a standard format obituary **at no charge**.

The standard obituary includes: service, burial and funeral home details, date of death, age, place of residence, a sentence or two of personal information (no opinionated comments) detailing occupation, education, church affiliation, military service, listing spouse or children, immediate survivors (list only spouses, children, siblings, number of grandchildren, number of nieces and nephews) and pallbearers. In-laws, aunts, uncles, friends and honorary pallbearers are not included in the free listing. The standard obituary may be up to 150 words in length.

To list extended family and more details, there is a charge of \$125 for up to 300 words total; \$250 for up to 500 words total; \$500 up to 1,200 words total. Photos may be included for an additional charge of \$25.

Obituaries must be submitted electronically by funeral homes to [obituaries@neshobademocrat.com](mailto:obituaries@neshobademocrat.com) no later than Tuesday at noon for publication in Wednesday's edition. Any obituary not submitted electronically is subject to a \$25 charge.

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# Jesus paid it all

Psalm 110:1 reads, “The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.” David is speaking prophetically about Christ. After he was crucified and raised from the dead, he ascended to heaven and sat down at the right hand of God, a posture of a reigning king invested with the power of God. This psalm is the most quoted in the New Testament.

In Hebrews 1:13 we are taught Christ’s position at the right hand of God argues he is superior to all creation and creatures: “To which of the angels has God said, “Sit at my right hand.” The answer is none. Christ is crowned Lord of all, and his sitting indicates he will be judge of all.

Peter quoted verse 1 in his sermon at Pentecost (Acts 2:34) and then concluded with this: “Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Those in the crowd who believed were “cut to the heart.” They saw by faith their offense against the Lord and turned to him for mercy.

True faith sees Christ at the right hand of God. His people know he is the exalted Lord. To seek first the kingdom of God as Jesus instructs us, we must willingly submit to his reign as king over us, and serve him accordingly. We can’t do this apart from confessing and repenting from sin. And this is what we see in the converts to Christ in Acts 2.

In Matthew chapter 22, the Jewish leaders approach Jesus with questions to try and trip him up in some way. At one point Jesus asks them a question, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They responded to him, “The son of David.”

Jesus said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet?’ If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?”

Jesus wasn’t trying to catch them with an argument or trip them up; he asked them this to illumine what is at stake in their resistance and rebellion against him. Jesus was the promised descendant of

David who would reign forever. All are accountable to him and all will give an account to him. We do well to remember Jesus is at the right hand of God.

In verse 3 we read, “Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments.” This is a wonderful promise of having your will subdued by Christ in such a way you offer yourself freely to him. It is a miracle for a sinner to desire the glory of the Lord. It puts us under obligation to love Christ when we recognize his working in us. Can you see his work in you?

Men tend to think serving the Lord to be hard. But it’s the only position that cultivates real joy. Jesus said: “Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

There are countless heavy yokes in this weary world. People think there can be no worse thing than assuming a yoke; particularly one with the dreaded restraints of Christianity. But all people wear a yoke, they serve some interest. There is only one yoke that leads to rest for the soul. It is in service to the Lord Jesus. What can be nobler than serving the Lord of all?

Your experience as a Christian may be one of struggle, and you wonder where is this rest, this victory the Lord speaks of? Take heart. Christ will take your struggles and you together. There is no meeting with Christ except with a heart broken for sin. The Christian life is called the “good fight” and “wrestling” against spiritual enemies. So the rest is found in Christ, in knowing he is at work in you. The more dependence we feel the more at rest we will be in him.

And never forget he is our high priest who gave himself for us as is depicted in verse 4 of this important psalm (and Hebrews 7). We can never be restful outside of knowing his atoning work for our sin, and knowing that through his blood we have peace with God. These truths will fasten our grips on Christ’s love, and heighten our resolve to honor him.

*The Rev. Chris Shelton is pastor of Union’s First Presbyterian Church.*

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# Neshoba Central enters regional competition

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The Neshoba Central basketball teams open the Region 3-5A portion of their schedule this week when they host Holmes County Central Tuesday night and Ridgeland on Friday.

The Lady Rockets start the week at 15-0 and are ranked No. 2 in a statewide poll. The Rockets come in at 6-6.

The Rocket teams played twice last week. The Neshoba Central girls defeated Noxubee County 94-53 and the Newton County girls 97-41. The Rockets lost a 52-43 decision at Noxubee County and defeated Newton County 65-52.

"We start region play this week," said Lady Rockets Coach Jason Broom. "We are ready. The competition gets tougher when you start playing region games. We have played the best quality teams we could find. We traveled and played

some big 6A teams along with the 4A teams in the area to get prepared. I feel good where we are."

**Lady Rockets 94  
Noxubee County 53**

Hama'ya Field scored 21 points to lead the Lady Rockets past Noxubee County.

Leading 23-13 after the first quarter, Neshoba Central outscored the Lady Tigers 23-11 in the second period and led 46-24 at the half. The Lady Rockets fired up their scoring in the third quarter, outpointing the Lady Tigers 29-10. In the fourth quarter, Neshoba Central outpointed Noxubee 24-19.

Carly Keats scored 12 points, while Shaylynn Hunter and Veronica Williams both scored 9 points.

**Noxubee County 52  
Rockets 43**

The Rockets saw their five-game winning streak end in a



Photo by STEPHANIE PEEBLES

Neshoba Central's Carly Keats drives up the court in an earlier game. The 15-0 Lady Rockets opened their Region 3-5A schedule Tuesday when they hosted Holmes County Central.

loss to Noxubee County.

Bryceton Spencer led with 16 points, while Elijah Ruffin scored 12 points. Ruffin was 8-for-10 at the free-throw line.

**Rockets 97  
Newton County 41**

The Lady Rockets came on strong in the third quarter to defeat Newton County.

Neshoba Central led 18-12 after the first quarter. The Lady Rockets would outpoint the Lady Cougars 26-17 in the second period and led 44-28 at the half. Neshoba Central outscored Newton County 55-12 in the second half to settle the issue.

Zhaire Leflore and Carly Keats both scored 14 points to lead the Lady Rockets. Williams scored 12 points while Hunter scored 11 and Bo Hunter scored 10.

**Rockets 65  
Newton County 52**

The Rockets built the lead in

the third quarter and held on to beat Newton County.

The Rockets led 16-11 after the first quarter. In a tight second quarter, Neshoba Central outscored the Cougars 16-15 and led 32-26 at the half. The Rockets scored 17 in the third quarter while holding Newton County to 7 and carried a 43-34 lead into the fourth quarter. The Cougars outscored the Rockets 18-16 in the fourth quarter, but Neshoba Central held on for the win.

Dexter Spencer led the Rockets with 14 points while Ruffin added 12. William Dreifuss scored 11 points.

The Rockets are trying to overcome illness and will have three players out against Holmes County.

"We are battling COVID," said Coach Russell Cruise. "Holmes County is ranked No. 1 in the 5A, and we will have our hands full."

# Rebelettes rebound with 3 wins to improve to 20-2

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After dropping their second game of the season last week, the Leake Academy girls responded with three blowout wins last week.

The Rebelettes improved to 20-2 on the season as they beat Riverfield 54-11, Winona Christian 62-24 and Delta Academy 69-23.

The Rebels split a pair of games as they lost 81-63 to Riverfield but bounced back and took a 66-60 win over Delta.

Leake Academy returns to play this week with a pair of district games. They will travel to Winston Academy on Tuesday and host Simpson on Friday.

**Rebelettes 54  
Riverfield 11**

The Rebelettes dominated the action, taking a 43-point win over the Lady Raiders.

Leake outscored Riverfield in every period. The Rebelettes led 24-4 at the end of the first and 31-7 at the half. Leake continued to roll in the second half and outscored Riverfield 12-4 in the third and 11-0 in the

fourth.

Miriam Prince led Leake with 16 points, while Katie Jones had 9 points and five rebounds. Morgan Freeny had 5 points and four steals, while Grace Maxey added 5 points. Ella Bell, Marleigh Myers and Allen Kaye Wilcox each had 4 points apiece.

**Riverfield boys 81  
Rebels 63**

On Monday, the Raiders used strong bookend periods to take an 18-point win over the Rebels.

Riverfield jumped out to a 21-11 lead in the first. Leake outscored the Raiders 18-11 and trailed 32-29 at the half. Riverfield outscored Leake 26-22 in the third to extend the lead to 58-51. Riverfield then outscored Leake 23-12 in the fourth to take the win.

Samuel Prince and Jake

Freeny each had 17 points apiece, while Whitt Welch had 16 points. Gavin White chipped in five points.

**Rebelettes 62  
Winona Christian 24**

The Rebelettes outscored the Lady Stars in every period and took a 38-point win on Wednesday at the Columbus Christian Christmas Tournament.

Leake led 19-10 at the end of the first before outscoring Winona 18-2 in the second to lead 37-12 at the half. Leake continued to extend its lead and outscored Winona Christian 12-7 in the third and 13-5 in the fourth.

Miriam Prince led Leake with 21 points, seven rebounds and seven assists. Emeri Warren had 12 points and four rebounds, while Grace Maxey also had 12 points. Katie Jones had six points and seven

rebounds, while Morgan Freeny had five points. Allen Kaye Wilcox also had seven rebounds and three assists for Leake.

**Rebels 66  
Delta 60**

The Rebels overcame another slow start and pulled away to take a 6-point win over the Raiders in the second half.

Delta jumped out to a 20-9 lead in the first period, but Leake outscored the Raiders 17-8 in the second to cut the lead to 28-26 at the half. Leake then outscored Delta 16-13 in the third to take the lead at 42-41. The Rebels then pulled away in the fourth, outscoring Delta 24-19 to take the win.

Jake Freeny led Leake with 18 points, while Samuel Prince had 16 points. Jack Harkins had 12 points while Gavin White had 9 points.

**Rebelettes 69  
Delta 23**

The Rebelettes outscored the Lady Raiders in every period and cruised to a 46-point win on Thursday in Canton.

Leake jumped out to a 25-5 lead in the first period and outscored Delta 17-7 in the second to lead 42-12 at the half. Leake then outscored Delta 13-2 in the third and 14-9 in the fourth.

In all, 15 Rebelettes scored as Emeri Warren led the way with 10 points, four rebounds and four steals. Morgan Freeny had 9 points, while Olivia Rudolph and Laney Turner each had 7 points. Katie Jones had 6 points and eight rebounds. Raylea Atkinson had 5 points, while Marleigh Myers, Miriam Prince and Milea Billie each had 4 points apiece.



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# Tornadoes ready for tough region foes this week

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Both Philadelphia Tornado basketball teams will be tested

during their first week back from the Christmas break.

The Tornado teams were to be competing in the Newton High School showcase Tuesday. The Philadelphia boys were to play the Laurel Golden Tornadoes, while the Lady Tornadoes were to take on Wayne County. Both Tornado teams were to visit Kemper County on Friday in their first Region 5-2A game.

The Philadelphia High School Lady Tornadoes are 5-5. "We have been in the gym working hard," said Coach Danielle Spurlock. "Even over the break, we have been coming in trying to get some conditioning work in and working on our shots."

"I know after the break, everyone wants to take time off, but this is the tough part. When

you come back, you go right into region play. You have to keep the mindset of playing and practicing."

Jaiden Burnside is the team's leading scorer, averaging around 15 points per game.

"We are going to compete in our region," said Spurlock, who led the Lady Tornadoes to the region finals last season. "We are going to work hard and put our best foot forward. I am still waiting for a couple of my girls to step up and play to their potential."

Coach Francisco Wilson's Tornadoes stand at 4-6.

"We are going to play a tough schedule coming back," Wilson said. "We won two in a row, and then we let two get away. We are trying to stay away from COVID. Out of 20

kids, we have 18 who have not shown any symptoms. We are trying to keep it from spreading, so we didn't get together as much over the holidays."

Devonte Scott is the team's leading scorer with 18 points per game. Andrew Crowder is averaging 11 points per game and is playing center.

"We are in a tough region, and it could go either way," Wilson said. "Kemper and Newton High School are tough. I am hearing Nanih Waiya and Lake have played well. Like I said, it could go either way. If we can stay in the top one or two, maybe win a couple of games on the road and all of the home games, it will help."

# Warriors look to remain undefeated

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Choctaw Central returns to action after the Christmas break with two important Region 4-4A games on the schedule.

Choctaw Central was to play at Kosciusko on Tuesday and

host West Lauderdale on Friday. The Lady Warriors start with an 11-3 record while the Warriors are 15-0. The Warrior teams compete in the same region with Leake Central, Louisville, West Lauderdale and Northeast Lauderdale. The Choctaw Central girls are defending region cham-

pions.

"These are the games that start counting," Coach Bill Smith said. "We didn't play during the holiday season, but we did practice. We hope the games we have played so far will prepare us for the region schedule. And we still have two Saturday showcases."

Mattison Bell is the team's leading scorer, averaging around 12 points per game.

Coach Brent Farmer said his undefeated Warrior team is ready to pick up where they left off before Christmas.

"We have practiced some during the holidays," Farmer said. "If we can manage this COVID, we will be OK. More people are testing positive every day. We have only had one player to be quarantined so far. Everyone is being careful. I am hoping the kids stay safe and take care of themselves. Just wash your hands, wear your mask and make the right decisions."

Farmer said he is proud of his team's good start.

"I have had these kids since they were in the eighth grade," Farmer said. "They have worked hard to get better, and that work is paying off."

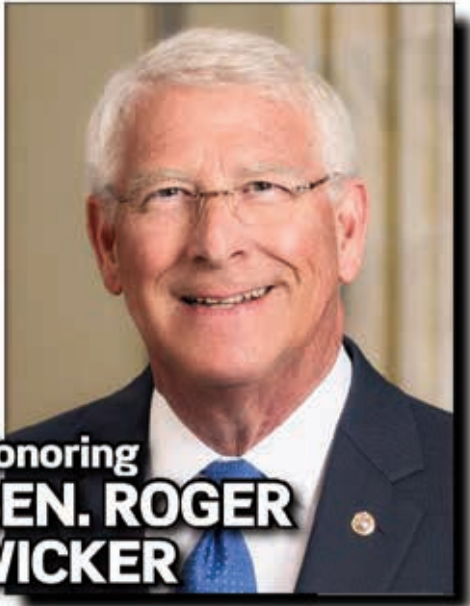
Farmer said Kosciusko and West Lauderdale will provide tough challenges.

"Kosciusko is always physical, and West Lauderdale has some good size," Farmer said. "They are well-coached. It is going to be a challenge."

"Normally, we play some during the holidays. But we had scheduled some tough games in November and December. We decided it would be best to let the kids recharge and rest before the district schedule."

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