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FACING LIFE IN PRISON

Dupree pleads to dealing meth

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A Philadelphia man has pleaded guilty to federal charges of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and faces life in prison, the Justice Department announced.

Landon Marquale Dupree, 35, pleaded guilty Thursday before U.S. District Judge Kristi H. Johnson to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, announced Acting U.S. Attorney Darren J. LaMarca and Jack P. Stanton,

Acting Special Agent in Charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations in New Orleans.

Although Dupree had previously been convicted of selling cocaine in Neshoba County, he again sold and distributed drugs (methamphetamine) in Philadelphia on July 15, 2020, officials said.

Dupree is scheduled for sentencing on May 12, 2021, and faces a maximum penalty of life in prison and up to an \$8 million fine.

This OCEDEF program is

the result of an extensive investigation, dubbed "Operation Highlife," which began as an operation targeting illegal narcotics distribution in central Mississippi that involved the distribution of methamphetamine. The distribution network encompasses the states of Texas and Mississippi.

The OCEDEF program is a joint federal, state and local cooperative approach to combat drug trafficking and is the



Landon Dupree

nation's primary tool for disrupting and dismantling major drug trafficking organizations, targeting national and regional level drug trafficking organizations, and coordinating the necessary law enforcement entities and resources to disrupt or dismantle the targeted criminal organization and seize their assets.

Dupree in 2002 as an 18-year-old was charged with the sale of cocaine. As recently as 2018 he was charged with

felony pursuit, expired license tag, suspended driver's license, no insurance, possession of marijuana, vehicle, improper license tag- altered, possession of a controlled substance. He faced felony possession of a firearm in 2005. And in 2013 faced charges of conspiracy to commit murder.

He is the youngest son of Philadelphia High School football standout Marcus Dupree, a former American football player.

The case is part of a joint investigation by Homeland Security Investigations and the

Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, with assistance from Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Philadelphia Police Department, Neshoba County Sheriff's Department, Neshoba County District Attorney's Office, Scott County Sheriff's Office, Flowood Police Department, Rankin County Sheriff's Department, Hinds County Sheriff's Department, Carthage Police Department, Union Police Department, Louisville Police Department, and MHP.



Cars navigate down west Beacon Street Monday as a winter storm dropped a mixture of sleet, snow and ice throughout Neshoba County and much of Mississippi. Businesses throughout the county remained closed on Tuesday. The low was 16 degrees.

Winter storm closes even Walmart

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Nearly half of Neshoba County's rural electric customers remained without power Tuesday as a major winter storm pressed down with record low temperatures and more precipitation forecast.

Nearly 4,000 Central Electric customers were without power Tuesday across the seven-county service area with a majority of those outages in Neshoba.

Schools, public buildings and most businesses, including Walmart, remained closed Tuesday as a layer of mixed precipitation and ice pelted the region.

Williams Brothers was open on Tuesday, however. The store announced on Facebook they were going to be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday.

Main Street at Lewis Avenue was closed at about noon on Tuesday and residents were still being warned to stay home as another round of winter weather was expected Thursday and Friday.

Highway 21 south was reported impassable from the bypass to Mississippi 488. Also, the area near Neshoba County Fairgrounds Gate 1 was extremely treacherous with multiple cars off of the roadway, officials said.

Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark estimated

half the county was without power Tuesday and said his office was trying to keep up with an influx of welfare checks brought on by the freezing temperatures.

Residents should not travel unless it is absolutely necessary, Clark said, and he urged people to check on loved ones and neighbors.

No weather-related deaths had been reported Tuesday, Clark said.

His department did assist a couple in moving in with some family members for the duration of the extreme conditions so they would not freeze to death.

Most of his staff is on call and working rotating shifts. See **STORM**, page 5A

COVID-19

Vaccines delayed due to weather

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Individuals scheduled to receive their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine this week had their appointments rescheduled as a result of the extreme winter weather, officials said.

Neshoba County added 73 new confirmed COVID-19 cases and no new deaths over the past week, according to statistics released Tuesday by the Mississippi State Department of Health.

Neshoba County's total confirmed COVID-19 cases now stands at 3,712, up from 3,639 last week, since the COVID-19 pandemic began last March.

The county's COVID-19 death toll stands at 165 unchanged from last week's MSDH report.

Neshoba Central High School is the only school in Neshoba County to have reported any quarantined students with 11 students quarantined for the week of Feb. 2-5, the latest dates for which school reporting is available. No other Neshoba County schools had any students quarantined for the week of Feb. 2-5, according to the MSDH report.

As of Sunday, Neshoba County had 3,721 vaccinated for COVID-19 here, up 1,488 vaccinations from last week's report of 2,233 total vaccinated in Neshoba County. The state says "people vaccinated in Neshoba County," but they don't say if they are residents.

The Democrat has numerous reports of residents from other counties coming here for the vaccination.

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OPEN ARMS MINISTRY

Food ministry grows with demands

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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Plant a seed and watch it grow.

That sums up the work of the volunteers of the Open Arms feeding mission this past year.

Open Arms started in 2012. Once a month, volunteers prepared a hot meal for whoever wanted it. And many came.

Toward the end of 2015, they increased it to two hot meals a month. They were gifted with a building they could use as their own. They were preparing around 350 meals

each time.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit last March, it was no longer safe to have a group of people together for a sit-down meal. So Open Arms began giving out food bags and the number of people they have reached since has multiplied.

"Since the end of April, we have been giving an emergency food distribution every second and fourth Tuesday of the month," said co-chairman John Bowen.

"People drive up, and we give them a bag of food with 12 to 14 items in it. We are at 239 Railroad Avenue. Take a right

at Old Mexico and then take right before you cross the railroad track. We average around 350 bags each distribution."

The distribution begins at 3:20 p.m. and lasts until 5:15 p.m. When daylight saving time starts, it goes back to 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

But that is not all they do. Open Arms has become involved in other feeding programs. The Philadelphia and Neshoba Central elementary schools have had food closets for their students in the past.

"I don't know when they started it," Bowen said. "We are

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Open Arms food pantry volunteers, from left, Harold Dennis, Stu Yarbrough, Charles Judon and Stanley Salter distribute food at a recent event on Feb. 9 in Philadelphia.



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A home on County Road 396 off Mississippi 485 became engulfed in flames Monday.

Fire engulfs home at Good Hope

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A fire in the Good Hope community destroyed a home Monday evening.
The Neshoba County Sheriff's Office and volunteer fire personnel responded to the call on County Road 396 off of Mississippi 485.
Sheriff Eric Clark said his office received a call between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, of a house fire on County Road 369.

Clark said that the structure was fully involved when emergency personnel arrived on scene though no injuries were reported.
"The house was a total loss, but I guess the good news is that the resident was out of town on work if you can call that good news," Clark said.
Clark said Fairview Volunteer fire personal responded as well as some members of the Linwood VFD.

1 killed, 2 injured in Mississippi 15 wreck

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The Mississippi Highway Patrol responded to a two-vehicle wreck on Mississippi 15 south near Union that claimed one life and injured two individuals Monday around lunchtime.
Jania Keshyra Clemons, 20, of 1700 Pendelton Square, was fatally injured in the incident, according to MHP spokesman Andy West.
The incident report says the wreck occurred at 11:55 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15, on Mississippi 15 south near Union when a 1991 Toyota Avalon coming northbound lost control and crossed the center line

and collided with a 2004 Chevy SK1 traveling southbound.
The Avalon struck the Chevy on the passenger side. The Chevy came to a final rest facing west in the southbound lane of the roadway.
The Avalon came to a final rest in the ditch on the west side of Mississippi 15.
Clemons was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the collision. She was a passenger in the Avalon.
The driver of the Chevy, 25-year-old John Tilman of Lake, complained of some pain.
The driver of the Avalon, Ziryun Landerson, 20, of Meridian was reported to have sustained moderate injuries.

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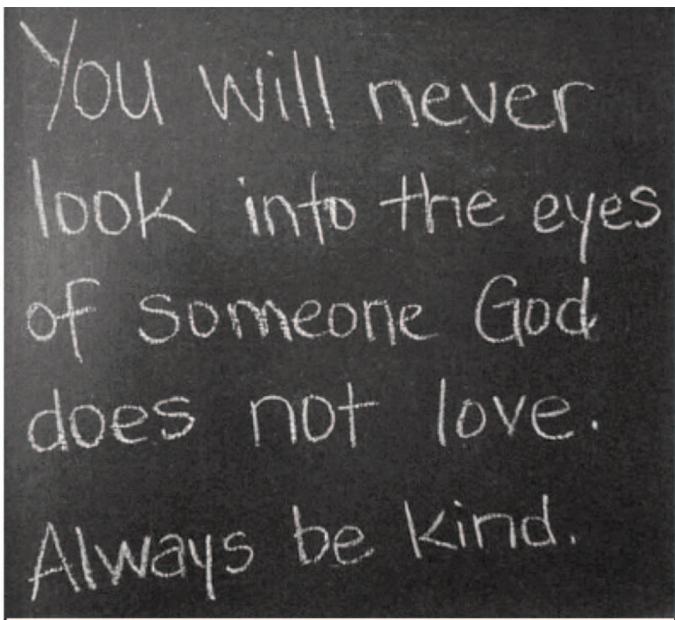
The state of Mississippi is currently giving COVID-19 immunizations for the following:
• All healthcare workers and EMT/paramedics
• Persons age 65 or older or those with pre-existing conditions.
Vaccinations are currently being administered in Neshoba County at the Coliseum, 12000 Mississippi 15 North, Philadelphia.
Sign up online at covidvaccine.unc.edu or call 1-877-978-6453. The website is the best option, officials have said.
Selected Walmart pharmacies and local clinics and hospitals are now offering a limited number of COVID-19 vaccinations. Go

to <https://msdh.ms.gov/c19appointment#local> to check availability.
The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians reported 13 new COVID-19 cases in the past week for a total of 1,783 positive cases, up from 1,770 in last week's report.
The Tribe reported one new death from COVID-19 in the past week for a total of 106 deaths from the virus, with four current hospitalizations.
Some Tribal deaths may also be included in the Neshoba death total, but officials make no distinction.
Much of Mississippi, including Neshoba County, remains under a mask mandate and social distancing orders by Gov. Tate Reeves through March 3.
Mississippi's total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases now stands at 180,207 with another 108,507 probable cases for a total of 288,714 COVID-19 cases and 4,594 confirmed deaths and 1,907 probable COVID-19 deaths for a total of 6,501 COVID-19 deaths, since the pandemic began last March.

Ministry

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all about feeding families and children. We wanted to get involved and did this past fall. We are providing the food. They come to us or we bring it to them. They make up a menu, and we see what they can find to provide it. It is something the children can take home. It is easy to prepare for the family."
Need is the only requirement. Open Arms gives 39 bags to the clients of an adult day care.
"They live over the county," Bowen said. "The daycare picks up the bags. When they take their clients back to their homes, they take a bag with them. That is a big blessing to them."
Open Arms hears from churches that are aware of needs.
"We have one church that comes and takes a few bags out into the homes in the county," Bowen said. "That's what we want. If you know of someone, call and say I have eight, however many, that I can get these bags to them because they need them."
And as the need for food has grown, so have the number of volunteers who come in and help bag the food. Members from churches such as First Baptist Church, Trinity Baptist, Jerusalem Church, Bethsaida Baptist, and civic organizations such as the Rotary Club, the Sertoma Club, the Shriners, the Masonic Lodge and Leadership Neshoba have given their time to make this happen.
The food distribution initially started with a very generous donation. And donations have continued to come in. If you are interested in giving, the address is: Open Arms, 239 Railroad Avenue, Philadelphia, MS, 39350.
So, Open Arms changed from preparing meals to distributing food because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. When the day comes that COVID-19 is not the threat it is now, what will the ministry do?
"We will make that decision when the time comes," said co-chair Kaye Rowell. "We don't know what we are going to do. A year ago, at this time, we didn't think we would be giving out emergency food bags either. We will make the decision when the time comes."
"We are reaching a lot of folks this way but before we were reaching a lot of folks the other way. I think we are able to reach more this way and they are able to take home several meals instead of having a hot meal," Rowell said.
For more information about Open Arms, email openarms39350@gmail.com or call 601-663-8500.



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Neshoba County Sheriff's deputies seized gallons of illegal alcohol from a night club located in the county at a place known as Da Spot.

Deputies stop illegal night club

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A night club raid in rural Neshoba County this weekend netted two arrests and gallons of booze, according to the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office.

Anthony Lewis, 52, of 10460 County Road 432 was charged with possession of alcohol with intent to sell and possession of beer with intent to sell.

In unincorporated areas of

Neshoba County the sale of packaged alcohol is illegal.

Sheriff Eric Clark said Lewis was released from Neshoba County Detention Facility on a \$1,500 bond.

In the same incident, Richard Garrett of Philadelphia was arrested during the raid on a warrant from Justice Court Neshoba County. He was taken to the Neshoba County Detention Facility. Garrett bonded out of the detention facility on a \$1,500 bond.

Clark said that arrests stemmed from a multiagency raid Saturday evening.

On Feb. 13, Neshoba County Sheriff's deputies assisted Mississippi Alcoholic Beverage Control Law Enforcement division in executing a warrant on a business known as Da Spot, a night club that is located at 10500 County Road 410.

The raid netted a large amount of beer and liquor.

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EDITORIALS

Silencing conservatives

Some people may find President Joe Biden’s repeated calls for “unity” a welcome respite from the division of the Trump years. Maybe so, but the evolving discussion around allowing the government to step in and censor the free press should be as alarming as anything the former president did.

It is especially frightening that some of the leaders of this effort are academics and journalists, both of whom thrive because of our traditional free speech culture. Progressive columnists have called for government interventions in the media marketplace to ensure fairness and accuracy, the “de-platforming” from the Internet of sites that spread “disinformation,” for cable and satellite carriers to be bullied into dropping conservative media channels, and for organized boycotts of products advertised on conservative news outlets to convince sponsors to walk away unless the editorial side of things is “reformed.”

It’s easy to have unity once all questioning and dissenting voices are suppressed. But would that be good for the country? There’s no doubt Mr. Biden is serious about bringing us together but, for that to happen, both sides must admit they’ve played a part in dividing the country.

Conservatives and conservative media do have things to answer for, but to blame them alone for the nation’s problems is itself disinformation. The concerted, sustained effort to shut-down and shut-out Fox News, One America, and Newsmax — outlets all created, at least in part, as a response to continuing leftward drift over decades of the rest of the broadcast media is outrageous.

It goes without saying that if the effort to silence conservative broadcasters succeeds, it won’t be long before the same tactics are used against conservative publications. Varied points of view must be given the opportunity for expression if voters are to educate themselves and reach their own conclusions.

Leading the charge but hardly alone is Media Matters, a progressive group founded by David Brock, that’s waged a lengthy campaign targeting Fox News and, increasingly, the Murdoch family who are its major shareholders.

Why Fox? It’s where approximately half the country gets its news. If it’s silenced, how will its viewers react, especially if it’s the government that does it? The answer, one suspects, is not well. We are living in an age where trust in the media is at an all-time low. According to Axios, 56 percent of Americans agree that “Journalists and reporters are purposely trying to mislead people by saying things they know are false or gross exaggerations.”

The distrusting, jaded attitude toward the media as an institution isn’t the result of conservative media. Recent events have let us all see behind the curtain just how hostile the media environment with all its self-righteous indignation truly is. Americans believe that what they see on TV is dishonest, and understandably are unsure of what to believe anymore.

— *The Washington Times*

FLASHBACKS

FEBRUARY 21, 1941
The Mississippians, University of Mississippi “swing” orchestra, will appear on a program to be given in March by the Ole Miss Musical Club. The program is being sponsored by the Philadelphia High School band, and will also feature numbers by the men’s glee club and the girl’s trio.

FEBRUARY 15, 1951
Pvt. Jack McMillan, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. McMillan of Philadelphia, volunteered for service with the U.S. Air Force and has recently completed his basic training at the Air Force Base at San Antonio, Texas. Pvt. McMillan is a 1950 graduate of East Central Junior College in Decatur.

FEBRUARY 16, 1961
Commending Mississippi State College and the Extension Service for their part in launching a community development program, Rev. Kenneth G. Hall, of Kosciusko, formerly of Philadelphia, spoke at the college. Rev. Hall, for a number of years Baptist Missionary for Neshoba County spoke at the meeting for the Mississippi Christian Fellowship, which held their meeting in Starkville as part of the conference.

FEBRUARY 18, 1971
The Philadelphia Education Association held its second meeting recently to elect delegates for the MTA, NEA, and MEA which will convene in Jackson, Mississippi. The delegates that were elected were; Charles Shumake, Jimmy Moore, Mrs. Audine Agent, and Mitchel Meredith.

Hal Posey, Delta State College’s leading rusher during the 1970 football season, has been named to the first team college Division Academic All-American football squad. Posey, a native of Philadelphia, compiled a perfect 4.0 grade point last year and his major is Pre-Med. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Posey.

FEBRUARY 12, 1981
Mayor Allan King, signed a proclamation Friday designating February as American Music Month. The people present for the signing are; Mrs. Norman Johnson Jr., President of the Lydian Music Club; Mrs. Wallace Cox, Chairman of American Music Month; and Sarah Peebles, Committee Member.

Neshoba County Spelling Bee contestants from the eighth grade at Philadelphia High School are; Libby Little, Sheila Myers, Mike Barrett, and Christy Jones.

FEBRUARY 20, 1991
These students from Neshoba County were recently inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and include; Pam Belk, Union, Nicole Flint, Philadelphia, Richie Rivers, Union, Cindy Ferguson, Philadelphia, and Raymond Butler, Union.

Shirley Skinner, of the Dixon Community Development Club, placed first in the Secretary Book Contest. Betty Ethridge, of the Neshoba Club was second.

FEBRUARY 21, 2001
Clark Luke, a sophomore at Philadelphia High School was recently selected for the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Seminar. He is the son of Bobby and Linda Luke. Luke is an honor student who is active in Beta Club, Philadelphia High Academic Team, First Priority, the history club, the science club, the chess team and the scholars bowl team.

Philadelphia High School pitcher/center fielder, William Marss, recently signed a scholarship to play baseball for ECCC next season. The people present are: his father, Dan Mars; his mother, Cheryl Mars; PHS head baseball coach, Scott Hill; and East Central Community College Coach, Jake Yarbrough.

FEBRUARY 16, 2011
Andrew Kiepe, of Philadelphia, recently served as a page for the Mississippi Senate. Pages generally run errands for officials and Senate staff.

Kiepe was sponsored by Senator Giles Ward. He is the son of Rachel Kiepe and attends Neshoba Central High School.

Five Neshoba Central students signed letters of intent to further their football careers at East Central Community College. The students are; Martin Wilson, Dustin Tubby, Dillon Warren, Terrence Steele, and Jacob Gilbert.

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Will the Left reunite GOP?

“Our historic, patriotic and beautiful movement to Make America Great Again has only just begun.” So said Citizen Trump Saturday on his acquittal by the Senate of the impeachment article of “incitement of insurrection” in the Jan 6 invasion of the Capitol.

“I look forward to continuing our incredible journey together to achieve American greatness for all our people,” said Trump. “We have so much work ahead of us, and soon we will emerge with a vision for a bright, radiant and limitless American future.”

Translation: Donald Trump is not going anywhere soon.

The new Senate minority leader, Mitch McConnell, has another view.

While he had voted to acquit Trump because he saw the Senate as acting outside the Constitution in prosecuting a former president, now a private citizen, he was unequivocal about the validity of the charge.

Trump is guilty, said McConnell: “There’s no question, none, that President Trump is practically and morally responsible for provoking the events of (Jan. 6).”

“The people who stormed this building believed they were acting on the wishes and instructions of their president. And having that belief was a foreseeable consequence of the growing crescendo of false statements, conspiracy theories and reckless hyperbole which the defeated president kept shouting into the largest megaphone on planet Earth.”

Nor had then-President Trump done his duty to stop the rioting by his followers: “He did not do his job. He did not take steps so federal law could be faithfully executed and order restored.”

McConnell was saying that Trump not only was guilty of the charge of incitement but also has disqualified himself as leader of the Republican Party, and the party should wash its hands of the former president.

If it’s Trump’s Party now, McConnell was saying, he is seceding.

Democrats, the Left, the Establishment, media, cancel-culture can reunite GOP.

Nikki Haley, whom Trump honored by naming her U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, in an interview published Friday, told Politico that Trump, “let us down. ... We shouldn’t have followed him, and we shouldn’t have listened to him. And we can’t let that ever happen again.”

Haley, too, has belatedly washed her hands of her benefactor.

But Sen. Lindsey Graham called McConnell’s remark a burden for the party to bear in 2022 and Trump the still-indispensable leader:

“We need to unite the party. Trump-plus is the way back in 2022. ... We can’t do that without Donald Trump.”

Who is the future party leader? Who comes after Trump?

The succession struggle in the GOP is now underway. But as for now, Donald Trump is The Man, and he is not going anywhere.

As former president and most recent nominee, he is the party’s titular leader. He won the largest total of popular votes in party history, 74 million. He intends to raise millions and campaign in 2022 in states where he is wanted — and in states where he may not be wanted.

And he will likely set the issues agenda, as a media obsessed with Trump will elevate everything he says, if only to denounce it.

Yet, Trump’s immediate future is likely to see a blizzard of subpoenas from litigants and prosecutors that will take a toll of his time and resources.

Still, even if Trump cannot unite the Republican Party, he brings, far and away, the largest pile of chips to the table.

That House Republicans voted 19-1 against impeachment and Senate Republicans voted 6-

TY MARTIN | NESHOPA TEENAGE REPUBLICANS

Republicans seek diversity

The Republican Party is about limited government, individual liberties and working people of all walks of life who desire better opportunities for their children.

As the chairman of the Neshoba County Teenage Republicans, I want to lay out a plan for the next four years that highlights what conservatives need to do in order to reclaim a majority in Congress, take back the White House and reach out to African-Americans and other minorities.

The Republican Party in 2016 controlled the Office of the President, the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate while also holding on to a strong conservative Supreme Court.

As of the most recent election, our party has lost everything except the Supreme Court. We need a change.

This loss could be a major blow to Republicans, but as a leader in the conservative movement both in Neshoba County and on the state level, I see a path forward that includes increasing our minority outreach and spreading our strong message of limited government and individual liberties for all Americans.

One of the first things the GOP needs to do in order to win again is to increase our minority outreach.

Former President Trump in the November election gained six percentage points among black men and five percentage points among Hispanic women.

The Trump Campaign did this right during their campaign with those kinds of gains. He visited largely black and Hispanic areas and introduced policies that not only help these two groups but made many Americans flourish. Trump received 47 percent of the overall vote.

Historically, our party does

We must reform our party to attract young, diverse people and improve our minority outreach.

not have a good history of success with minority engagement. Like it or not, it’s true and we need work in that area.

The best way we can solve our need for diversity is on the local level. By getting involved with minority groups and engaging our friends, we will be able to demonstrate the real Republican Party, not the one created in the media.

The second thing our party needs is to get more young people involved. The United States has 328 million people, where people ranging from 24-29 make up 23 million people and people ranging from 20 to 24 make up 22 million people.

This together is 45 million people, or roughly 47 percent of the votes in the 2020 election.

From now on, this generation will largely decide the next elections, and this year the Democrats did a far better job at youth outreach than the Republican Party did — and they won.

The myth about the GOP created in the media is that we are all older white males and sadly this is partly true, but I envision more aggressive outreach among all who champion limited government and individual liberties like I do.

Demographics are changing. We need younger voters in the GOP, more minority voters and more female voters if we can ever dream of taking back the House, the Senate and the White House.

We do have fringe groups that I condemn such as QAnon operating under the flag of the Republican Party that are

actively causing our support from these key demographic groups that we need to suffer.

I have signed on to a letter with Teenage Republicans from around the nation in order to hopefully make a dent in QAnon’s activities. This letter denounces the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol riots and directly condemns QAnon.

So, I call on all my fellow Republicans to stand united that we may once again take back our majority in Congress. We need to get back to doing actual work passing real bills that affect the working man and woman. We can focus on improving our economy once again instead of wasting taxpayer funds on the impeachment of a now private citizen.

If we can improve on the things I’ve talked about here, we have a very real shot at reclaiming our majority over the next four years.

This is why we must reform our party to accommodate the younger generations and improve minority outreach. Because in the end, young people are our future and they will decide who is elected over the next four years.

I look forward to a more diverse Grand Old Party holding its head even higher when we crush and wipe away the blemish left by the radical left. If we put forth better candidates with more principled policies, I think our future is bright.

Ty Martin is a 10th grader at Neshoba Central High School. Reach him at neshoba.tars.chairman@gmail.com. He plans to attend the University of Mississippi, obtain a law degree and pursue political office. He is chairman of the Neshoba County Teenage Republicans and vice-chairman of the Mississippi Teenage Republicans Federation.

1 against conviction testifies to the breadth and depth of his support. As for the Never-Trumpers, John Weaver seems to have done for the Lincoln Project what John Wilkes Booth did for Ford’s Theater.

What can reunite a party as divided as it hasn’t been since the Barry Goldwater-Nelson Rockefeller battle of 1964?

The Democrats can; the left can; the establishment can; the media can; the cancel-cultural elite can — all of whom are disliked or detested by Republicans. Its enemies can reunite the Republican Party.

The Biden crowd has already killed the Keystone XL pipeline and put federal lands off-limits to future drilling, imperiling the energy independence the GOP had achieved under Trump.

The open-borders crowd, which seeks to swamp Middle America with millions of new migrants, is seeking to emasculate U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, end deportations and tear down the Trump wall.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom of California is in danger of being recalled and fired, and Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York may be charged with misleading federal authorities about how many New Yorkers died in nursing homes because he assigned COVID-19 positive patients into rooms alongside them.

While the invasion of the Capitol was the most publicized act of mob violence in decades, it was not the most violent, nor is it the norm.

When antifa, Black Lives Matter and leftist allies smashed statues, looted and torched inner cities and attacked cops in 2020, that was the norm. And the street criminals who compiled those new records of shootings and killings last year in almost all of our cities, they were not Oath Keepers or Proud Boys.

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In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

— 1 John 4:10 (ESV)

Storm

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tion to fulfill every welfare check and make sure law enforcement situation are covered in the event of an emergency.

A number of people are volunteering and Clark has been working to find ways they can help.

Traffic seemed to be significantly diminished on Tuesday,

Clark said, with most vehicles being emergency responders and utility company personnel.

There have been multiple calls of cars that have slid off of the road.

Philadelphia Police Detective Bobby Pattillo said things have been quiet aside from issues related to the snow and ice. PPD has also warned people to avoid the roadways while they are iced over.

Central Electric’s outage tracker estimates about 4,183 customers were out of power as of noon Tuesday. They

reflect dense outages clustered east and south of Philadelphia and extending south of Union.

The overnight low in Philadelphia on Monday was 12 degrees, according to the National Weather Service.

The NWS described the snowfall as a “dusting” but noted the ice accumulation on the ground and roadways is significant.

The previous record low was 16 degrees on Feb. 16, 1950, according to the NWS.



Anna Claire Breedlove shows off a massive icicle found off Kosciusko Road.



Bracie and William Hancock play in the snow at Burnside.



Bryon Whitley’s drone view shows accumulations of snow and sleet on Holland.

OBITUARIES

H.D. “Butch” Russell

On Friday February 12, 2021, H.D. “Butch” Russell, loving husband, father and grandfather passed away at the age of 74. Butch was born on July 27, 1946 in Carrollton, AL to H.S. and Mannie (Bryan) Russell.



H.D. Butch Russell

In 1968, he married the love of his life, Betty Hamlin. They raised one son, Bryan, and were almost inseparable for 52 years.

Butch is survived by his wife, Betty; son and daughter-in-law, Bryan Russell and Natalie Johnston-Russell; grandchildren Liam and Lorelei Russell; sisters Mary Evelyn Drain, Hilda Faye Russell, and Barbara Ann Hatcher. He was preceded in death by his parents H.S. and Mannie Russell and brothers Richard Bryan Russell, Carl Russell, and sister Sadie Russell Harlan.

Known for his fairness, compassion, great sense of humor and love of cooking (especially BBQ), Butch loved his grandchildren Lorelei and Liam more than anything else.

Butch was a long-time educator that served as teacher, coach, and principal in Selma and then in Demopolis. He represented Third District Athletic Association on the Central Board of Control of the Alabama High School Athletic association for a number of years, was a long time member of the Demopolis Rotary Club, and a Paul Harris Fellow. He wanted to be remembered as an educator that cared about children and wanted them to succeed.

Pallbearers will be Pete Pepenhorst, Jimmy Stanford, Scott Freeman, Scott Biggs, Joe Bedsole, and David Stephens. Hon-

orary pallbearers include Andrews Sunday School Class, Thursday Morning Prayer Breakfast Group, Buttmasters BBQ team, The Selma Aunts and Uncles, Coach Cody Keene, and all past and present faculty staff at Demopolis High School.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at the First Baptist Church in Demopolis at 11:00 a.m. A private burial will follow in the afternoon in Aliceville. For those who are so moved, memorial gifts can be made to the Demopolis City Schools Foundation.

Edwina Fischer

Graveside services for Ms. Edwina Fischer was held at 2 PM Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at East Lawn Cemetery with John E. Stephens officiating. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Ms. Fischer, 88, passed away Monday, February 8, 2021 at John C. Stennis Memorial Hospital in Dekalb, MS. She lived in Leake and Neshoba Counties most of her life. She worked many years at U.S. Electrical Motors. She enjoyed sewing and gardening. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Preceded in death: Parents, Marzine Fisher and Hattie Mae Hollingsworth Fisher; Great-Grandson, Drew Dorman.

Survivors: Daughters, Patricia Ezelle of Philadelphia and Jeanie McKay (Mike) of Philadelphia; Sisters, June Knepper of FL and Kathy Whitehead of Sebastopol; Brothers, Jack Fisher of Bogue Chitto, MS, Rudolph Fisher Sr. of Sebastopol and Bill Fisher of Conehatta, MS; (1) Grandchild, Jody Dorman; (1) Great-Grandchild, Payton Dorman.

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Funeral services for Mr. James Parish Stribling were held on Sunday, February 14, 2021, at 1 P.M. from the chapel of Beck Funeral Home, with Rev. Harold Coburn officiating. Burial was at New Prospect M.B. Church Cemetery. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Stribling, 44, of Philadelphia, passed away on Monday, February 8, 2021 at his home.

He is survived by his mother, Annie Stribling of Philadelphia, MS, one sister, Dorothy Stribling-Deering of Raleigh, MS, one nephew, Kiery Stribling, one niece, Ny’Kierra Stribling, three uncles and one aunt.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

John R. Harrington

Funeral services for Mr. John R. Harrington was held 2 PM Thursday, February 11, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Mark Gill and Rev. Curt Pace officiating. Interment in Springfield Baptist Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

Mr. Harrington, 83, passed away Monday, February 8, 2021 at G.V. Sonny Montgomery VA Medical Center in Jackson. He lived in Leake/Neshoba Coun-

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ties most of his life. He was a U.S. Army Veteran and mechanic with Safe Harbour Marine. He was a member of American Legion and New Bethel Church. He was an avid hunter/fisherman and enjoyed tinkering.

Preceded in death: Parents, Lewis Harrington and Bessie Marie Uzzle Harrington; Wife, Marguerite Harrington; Brothers, Henry, Jack and Lewis Harrington; Granddaughter, Amanda Savell.

Survivors: Wife, Maggie Harrington; Sons, Raymon Savell (Lawanda), Tony Savell (Opal), David Savell (Lynn), Dalton Savell; Sisters, Myrtle Keith, Sue Orman; (7) Grandchildren; (11) Great-Grandchildren; Several nieces, nephews.

Felicia Henderson

Funeral services for Mrs. Felicia Annette Henderson were held on Saturday, February 13, 2021, at 1 P.M. from the chapel of Beck Funeral Home, with Rev. Eric Hill officiating. Burial was at Springhill M.B. Church Cemetery in Union. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Henderson, 47, of Union, passed away on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at Choctaw Residential Center.

She is survived by her children, Kevin Russell, K’Neisha

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Pallbearers were JaDarius Carter, Corey Harmon, George Harmon, Carl Buckley, Curtis Montgomery and Curt Russell.

Earl James Farmer, Jr.

Graveside Service for Mr. Earl James Farmer, Jr. will be held at 2 PM Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at Pine Bluff Cemetery in Sebastopol, MS with Rev. Matt Clark officiating. There will be no visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Mr. Farmer, 42, passed away on Friday, February 12, 2021 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian, MS. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Janielle Farmer; sister, Heather Farmer.

Survivors include wife, Leslie Famer; Father, Earl Jim Farmer, Sr.; mother, Mary Jane Dixon; step-father, Billie Hockett; daughters, Shaylon Farmer, Nequita Farmer, Jayden Wilcher, Earlianna Farmer; sons, Deshaune Farmer, Dakota Farmer, Cameron Farmer, Quin-

cy Farmer; sisters, Patricia Joe, Aleisha Lewis, Julie Farmer, Ashley Farmer; brothers, Leon Wesley, James Farmer; 4 grandchildren.

Sam Sonny Amos

Graveside Service for Mr. Sam Sonny Amos will be held at 2 PM Sunday, February 14, 2021 at Bogue Chitto Community Cemetery with Rev. Charles Doby Henry officiating. There will be no visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Mr. Amos, 69, passed away on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at his home in Hope Mills, NC. He was a 24 year Veteran with the United States Air Force. Mr. Amos is preceded in death by his parents, Wade and Christine Bell Amos; brothers, Alexander Earl Amos, Willie Gene Amos, Willie Jim Amos, Stephen Amos.

Survivors include wife, Marina Amos; daughters, Stacey Amos and Sabrina Amos; son, Samuel Amos; sisters, Sue Amos and Janice Amos; 2 grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Roger Amos, Andrew Amos, Tyler Amos, Braxton Amos, Antwon Amos, Stephen Amos, Jr.

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Acts 3: 17-26

In this passage, Peter applies his sermon (verses 11-16) to the crowd of people who are gathered and astonished at a crippled man being instantly healed. Peter has already explained that the man was healed through faith in Jesus of Nazareth. He has also declared that Jesus is the promised Christ of the prophets, and that they are culpable in his death. Very weighty statements.

Now he explains what they must do; repent. Peter then gives reasons to repent, teaching us the nature of repentance. The first incentive is the offer of forgiveness of sins. Peter says, "Brother, I know you acted in ignorance, as did your rulers." Peter is not excusing their guilt in putting Jesus to death, but he is saying it is forgivable, and their other sins as well.

He continues; "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out." Obviously, repentance involves knowing (and admitting) the guilt of your sins and turning to Christ. To have your sins "blotted out" means completely absolved, wiped off the record. God remembers them no more. This is how great the grace of God is. Christ has fully paid for sin, all your offenses against God's law.

The converse of this helps us understand the magnitude of it. To not have your sins blotted out means you are accountable for all of them before God, who hates sin. The grace of God shown to us in the person and work of Christ is amazing, but it also manifests to us the plight of the sinner without it. You are estranged from God and held accountable for your sins. You are justly condemned.

The second reason Peter gives to repent is that "times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." The turning to Christ for forgiveness restores your relationship with the Lord. As much as we may like sin, it is discomfoting to the soul. We fear death for a good reason; it is a terrible thing. Christ takes away the sting of death, which is sin. Death cannot harm one connected to Christ.

The sinful nature is such it must die, and a new nature disposed toward God's glory replaces it, and in it we may enjoy fellowship with God. The struggle against sin remains. But a repentant soul no longer aims to justify his sinful nature, rather to die to it. That is the nature of true repentance. The incentive is it brings joy in knowing the blessedness of

God. Christ replaces sin as the object of life.

Peter gives a third incentive in verses 21-22. Turning to Christ will make you a member of his kingdom when he comes again to restore all things. Therefore, turning to Christ is a blessing for you whether it is in the present or the future. Peter wrote in his first epistle that believers in Christ have an "incorruptible inheritance." And though they have trials now, they also have expectant joy in Christ.

In verses 22-24, Peter appeals to the prophets in the Old Testament who "all" wrote about the coming Messiah. Jesus is the one they wrote of. He quotes Moses in Deuteronomy 18: "The Lord God will raise up a prophet like me from your brothers. And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people." Moses was pointing to Jesus of Nazareth.

Moses was a type of Christ. He was appointed by the Lord to be a mediator for the people, to deliver them from bondage. Yet he wrote of a greater prophet to come. He wrote of Christ. Christ brings light in the darkness, life in a world filled with death. There is no way to life apart from listening to him, apart from having him. But if you have him, you have everything.

Peter also mentions Samuel as a prophet who proclaimed the coming of Christ. Samuel was the one who anointed David as king of God's people. David would later conquer the enemies of God's people. He too was a type of Christ. His name means "beloved." Christ is the greater king David pointed to. Christ is the beloved of God, the only begotten Son of God. To love him is the way of life.

Peter is holding out life and death to us. God is saying turn to Christ and live. All the Scriptures have this one redemptive message. Look to the promised one of God (Christ), who destroys the works of the devil, and restores life with God for those under the power of sin and death.


You must ask yourself if you have repented; if you have turned to Christ; if you reckon yourself dead to sin and alive in Christ. If Christ is of greater worth to you than this present world, and if you are looking forward to his day, when he restores all to the glory of God. if you will embrace him and live.

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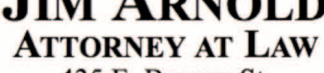
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Anyone can contact me at 601.575.8889, or email Leo.Renaldo@gmail.com. Together we can make a difference. Sincerely, Leo E. Renaldo

Weyerhaeuser gives \$10,000 grant to help battle cancer

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The American Cancer Society recently received a \$10,000 grant from Weyerhaeuser, a longtime community partner.

"We appreciate the Society and all they do," said Weyerhaeuser Plant Manager Stan Webb. "We were happy to be able to take \$10,000 out of our grant money to give to them to help with their mission."

For years, Weyerhaeuser held a company golf tournament as their fundraising project for the Relay for Life effort.

Three years ago Weyerhaeuser's golf tournament evolved into the Neshoba County Relay For Life Partnership Golf Tournament and raised more than \$50,000 in each of its first two years.

In 2020, the tournament was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"On behalf of the American Cancer Society, I would like to sincerely thank everyone at Weyerhaeuser for their continued commitment to the fight against cancer," said Rebecca Winburn, community development manager for the American Cancer Society. "Their annual golf tournament is always a bright spot on the community events calendar, but the event couldn't take place due to COVID-19."

"They saw the need and went above and beyond to gift this grant in 2020 to the Relay For Life of Neshoba County."

This year alone, an estimated 18,750 Mississippians will be diagnosed with cancer. To fight that statistic, Weyerhaeuser has

continued to partner with the American Cancer Society.

"These funds allow the Society to be there for those touched by cancer, including those who are currently dealing with a cancer diagnosis and those who may face a diagnosis in the future," Winburn said.

Plans are already being made to bring the Partnership golf tournament back on Sept. 30, at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Course.

"I hope we will have a big tournament for two reasons," Webb said, "One, the Cancer Society needs the money. And two, it will mean things are getting back to normal."

If you are wanting more information on how to participate please contact Webb at stan.webb@weyerhaeuser.com.

Unemployment rate idle for December

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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Neshoba County's unemployment rate in December stood at 5.8%, about the same as the previous month, according to numbers from the Mississippi Employment Security Commission.

The unemployment rate in December 2020 was 5.4%. Last month, the unemployment rate stood at 5.9%.

This was an improvement from last year during the shutdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Neshoba County's unemployment rate reached 16.2 percent in April and 14 percent in May.

Neshoba County's labor force in December stood at 9,790, up 60 from the previous month. Of that, 570 were out of work.

Here is a look at the unemployment rates in neighboring East Central Mississippi counties.

	Dec.2020	Nov. 2020	Dec. 2019
Kemper	7.6	7.8	7.4
Leake	6.1	5.8	5.4
Lauderdale	5.8	5.9	5.1
Newton	5.4	5.2	5.3
Scott	4.8	4.7	4.2
Noxubee	8.8	9.4	7.4

Winston	7.0	6.9	5.6
Attala	6.6	6.6	6.2

Mississippi's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2020 at 5.9% was unchanged over the month. When compared to the December 2019 rate of 5.2 percent, the rate increased seven-tenths of a percentage point. The number of unemployed decreased 200 over the month, while the employed total decreased 7,900 from the prior month.

The nation's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2020 at 6.5% increased one-tenth of a percentage point over the month, but was 3.1 percentage points higher than the year ago rate of 3.4%.

Mississippi's non-farm employment increased 2,500 over the month, but was 16,200 lower than one year ago. Trade, Transportation & Utilities sector registered the largest monthly

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- Recovery takes more than medication
- Relapse can happen – be ready
- Recovery is a long-term process

STAYING SOBER DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season presents special challenges for those in recovery. For an individual facing recovery or for family members and loved ones supporting someone in recovery, it may be helpful to understand how individuals have maintained sobriety in the face of stress, anxiety and depression brought on by the holidays.

To name a few methods that may be helpful to maintain sobriety during the holidays would be working out regularly and eating healthy. Sobriety tactics and studies have confirmed that establishing and maintaining healthy habits can be a key component of a successful recovery from drugs or alcohol.

Prioritizing sleep, following safety guidelines to spend time with family and friends, meditating, and being strict with a budget were also helpful tactics.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Holidays can be stressful, difficult, and even dangerous, especially when it comes to drug and alcohol use. For a safe and happy holiday, it's important to be aware of the dangers, triggers, and strategies needed, to keep anxiety, depression, stress, and addiction under control. If it all gets to be too much, don't be afraid to ask for help.



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Grandmother source of Leone's influence

By SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS
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Alexis Leone grew up in Philadelphia. She grew up with parents, Chris and Rachel Kiepe, and her siblings Annaliese Johnson and Andrew Kiepe. Leone graduated from Neshoba Central in 2009 and got her bachelor's at Mississippi State University in University Studies. Leone works at C-spire here in Philadelphia. She has worked there for four years as a Sales-account service representative.

Leone is married to Patrick Leone, who works on the riverboat, and is gone for 28 days and then home for two weeks. Together the couple has a blended family. They have four children. When Leone's husband is home, the family enjoys spending quality time together by watching movies and enjoying each other's company. The family also attends church on Sundays at the Sanctuary.

Leone's hobbies include binge-watching her favorite television show. Leone is also really into make-up, which she considered her favorite hobby. Leone is passionate about being a mother, and she loves spending time with her children. Leone loves being a wife to Patrick and going on adventures with him when he is home. Leone considered them homebodies mostly, but they always find something to entertain them and their children.

During Thanksgiving, her father, Chris Kiepe, became sick with COVID-19. Chris Kiepe has been in the hospital since November.

"He went into multi-organ failure from COVID. And was intubated and put on the ventilator," said Leone.

The family has put a fundraiser on Facebook, so the house is safe when their father does come. Before Chris got sick, he was renovating his home. The money from this fundraiser will help the family finish these renovations.

Leone's grandmother is her cooking influence. Her grandmother owned her own catering business in Memphis. And during the Summer, when Leone was smaller, she would help grandma and get extra money for helping her.

Leone's children love when she cooks spaghetti, and her husband loves the seafood bisque she makes. When he is home, though, Patrick Leone is the chef and makes the meals for the family. Leone's favorite part of cooking is eating her finished meal, and her least favorite part of cooking is cleaning, but she tries to clean as she goes.



(Front L-R) Caleb Leone, John Marston Leone, Lakelyn Williams (Back) Alexis Leone, Patrick Leone. Ezra Leone

OLD MEMPHIS CAKE

Cake:
1 Duncan Hines Devils

Food cake mix

1 1/4 cups strong coffee

4 eggs

1/2 cup vegetable oil

Buttercream filling:

3 lbs confectioner's sugar

3/4 cups shortening

1/2 cup butter, softened

1 tsp vanilla

1/4 tsp salt dissolved in 2

TBS warm water

Water (as needed to thin

icing for spreading or piping)

Glaze:

1/4 cup Hershey's Especially Dark

Cocoa powder

1/2 cup butter

1 to 1 1/4 cup heavy

COOK OF THE WEEK

cream

1 teaspoon vanilla

2 pounds confectioner's

sugar

Pinch salt

Pecans (for garnish)

Directions

Cake: Mix ingredients

and pour into 2 8-inch or 9-

inch round prepared cake

pans. Bake on 350 degrees

until center springs back

when touched (box says 26-

31 minutes for 8-inch, 24-29

minutes for 9-inch). Remove

from pan to rack and cool.

Cut in half horizontally to

make four layers.

Buttercream: Combine

ingredients and whip until

fluffy. Pipe or spread a layer of icing onto each layer of cake, including the top, stacking as you go.

Glaze: Combine the cocoa and butter in a saucepan and stir over medium heat until cocoa is dissolved. Add remaining ingredients and stir until smooth. Glaze should coat the spoon and form a crust after sitting for about 5 minutes. Make sure glaze is still pourable but not so hot it melts the buttercream icing.

Pour over cake, spreading if necessary, but keeping a smooth finish.

Garnish with dollops of buttercream dotted with pecans.

Note: This recipe was adapted for a full size cake from 16 mini-cakes. Keep

this in mind when pouring the icing.

BEEF AND CHEESE MANICOTTI

1 medium onion, coarsely

chopped

1 pound ground beef

Salt and freshly ground

black pepper

14 (8-ounce) manicotti

1 (15-ounce) container

whole-milk ricotta

3 cups shredded mozzarella

1 cup grated Parmesan

2 tablespoons chopped

fresh parsley leaves

2 garlic cloves minced

2 cups marinara sauce

2 tablespoon butter, cut

into pieces

• Heat a heavy medium

skillet over medium heat.

Add 1 teaspoon of the olive

Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS
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A signing ceremony was held on the campus of Choctaw Central High School on Tuesday, February 9, which changed a Warrior into an Eagle. Trevell Vivians signed to continue his education and football career at Hinds Community College.

Trevell was surrounded by his family, teammates, coaches, friends, and supporters who had come to congratulate him and wish him good luck in his future. Congratulations!

Landon Beason won First Place in Showmanship at the Dixie National Junior Dairy Show on February 5. He competed against 15 young entrants in his age division, and came out on top. Landon has worked hard with his new heifer and he was rewarded!

Through participation in 4-H dairy showing, Landon has learned leadership skills, responsibility, confidence, how to win, how to lose, and much more. There is a lot of education that goes into showing, as well as consistent work.

It isn't just leading an animal around a ring. The Beason Family Farm family is so very proud of him. Congratulations!

This is local Black History News from Ruby Thompson-Brazzle. Her daughter, Pashen Thompson, became the first young lady to have her basketball jersey #22, retired at Philadelphia High School in 1995. She was also the first Tornado to receive a full ride scholarship to play for the late, great Pat Head Summit, and the Lady Tennessee Volunteers at the University of Tennessee

in Knoxville. The team won two National Championships in 1996 and 1997 while Pashen was a member of the team.

Pashen was drafted to play for the American Basketball League, "Columbus Quest." Pashen earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Tennessee and teaches at Philadelphia. Her son, Isaiah Autry, and her mother, Ruby Thompson-Brazzle are so very proud of her accomplishments. She is a also a very charming and personable individual. Her smile is contagious! Thank you for sharing.

Lesa Eiland is the very proud mother of two college graduates. Her son, Dominic Eiland, earned an Associate Degree from East Central Community College after completing the spring semester, 2020.

Her older son, Greg Antonio Eiland, is a state graduate of Mississippi State University. Both young men played on their schools' football teams with great success. Congratulations!

Neshoba Central High School held its annual Winter Formal on the evening of February 6, at The Venue in Philadelphia from 7 PM until 10 PM. Tickets were sold to seniors for the event.

It was a chilly evening, but the girls did not mind. They were all wore their prettiest dresses with hair and makeup perfectly done. The boys looked handsome in their best attire complete with smiles.

The guests were so excited to attend such a special event. The Venue was transformed into a beautiful Winter Won-

derland for the occasion. Parents worked hard to make this a memorable evening for the seniors and their dates. Gamble Miller Martin set up a free photo booth for memory making pictures which added to the fun.

It seemed that a good time was had by everyone. The decorations, food, music, and being together again with classmates made this a night to remember. Thank you to all parents who made this possible.

Awards Day for the Mississippi Quarter Horse Youth Association and 2020 High School Rodeo was held on January 30, 2021, in the Columbia Rodeo Arena in Columbia, Mississippi. Due to the pandemic, the awards day had to be rescheduled.

Hunter Beason was the recipient of numerous awards, including Top 10, Reserve Champion Boys Cutting; Reserve All Around Cowboy; Reserve Cowhorse Champion; Rounds 1 & 2 Boys Cutting Champion; Round 1 Reined Cowhorse Champion; Boys Cutting Champion; Cowboy Rookie of the Year; MQHYA Champion Header and MQHYA Champion Working Cowhorse. He was the recipient of 10 buckles!

Helen Beason, Hunter's sis-

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oil, onion and ground beef. Season with salt and pepper. Saute until the meat browns and the onion is translucent, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat, and cool.

• Brush 1 teaspoon of oil over a large baking sheet. Cook the manicotti in a large pot of boiling salted water until slightly softened, but still very firm to the bite, about 4 to 6 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the manicotti from the pot to the oiled baking sheet and cool.

• Meanwhile, combine the ricotta, 1 1/2 to 2 cups mozzarella cheese, 1/2 cup Parmesan, and parsley. Add the garlic, salt, and pepper to taste, and mix. Stir the cooled meat mixture into the cheese mixture.

• Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

• Brush the remaining 2 teaspoons of oil over a 13 by 9 by 2-inch glass baking dish. Spoon 1 1/2 cups of the marinara sauce over the bottom of the prepared dish. Fill the manicotti with the cheese-meat mixture. Arrange the stuffed pasta in a single layer in the prepared dish and spoon the remaining sauce over.

• Sprinkle the remaining 1 1/2 cups of mozzarella cheese, then the remaining 1/2 cup of Parmesan over the stuffed pasta. Dot entire dish with the butter pieces. Bake the manicotti uncovered until heated through and the sauce bubbles on the sides of the dish, about 30 to 35 minutes. Let the manicotti stand 5 minutes and serve.

SWEET AND SAVORY BROCCOLI SALAD

Salad:
1/2 pound bacon
3 heads broccoli, or more to taste, chopped
1 red onion diced
3/4 cup raisins
3/4 cup chopped salted cashews

Dressing:
1 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons

Cook bacon in a large skillet and over medium-high heat, turning occasionally, until crisp, about 10 minutes. Drain the bacon slices on paper towels and crumble once cooled. Mix bacon, broccoli, red onion, raisins, and cashews together in a large bowl. Whisk mayonnaise, brown sugar, and red wine vinegar together in a separate bowl; drizzle over the broccoli mixture in small amounts, tossing the salad between additions to coat somewhat evenly.

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Lady Warriors 5 wins away from goal

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Choctaw Central Lady Warriors rolled through the Region 4-4A tournament last week and are looking forward to their Class 4-4A state opener Thursday night against Ripley.

The Lady Warriors enter

the playoffs with a 21-3 record. Ripley comes in at 12-9.

“Our goal is the same as it is every year,” Coach Bill Smith said. “We want to win the state championship. Right now, we are five games away from that.”

The state tournament was to have started Monday. With

a winter storm moving across Mississippi that brought snow, ice and temperatures in the teens and lower, the Mississippi High School Activities Association has moved the first round to Thursday (girls) and Friday (boys). Choctaw Central will be home again on Monday with a win over Ripley. They would host the win-

ner between Clarkdale and South Pontotoc.

The Lady Warriors opened the tournament last Thursday with a 69-28 win over Leake Central. Choctaw Central went up 56-20 at the half. Carly Keats led with 21 points and Meloney Thames scored 20.

Choctaw Central came back to beat Louisville 56-37 in the

tournament championship game.

Choctaw Central led 15-7 after the first quarter. The Lady Warriors outpointed the Lady Wildcats 11-10 in the second quarter and led 26-17 at the half. Choctaw Central outscored Louisville 19-12 in the third quarter and carried a 45-29 lead into the final quar-

ter. Choctaw Central held on for the victory. Shantashia John led with 19 points while Thames and Lyleonia Johnson both scored 10 points.

Thames was named the tournament MVP while Kylie Williamson, Keats, John and Johnson were named to the all-district team.

Union girls claim district tournament title

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Union Lady Yellowjackets won the Region 6-2A

basketball championship Friday night with a 49-36 victory over Philadelphia in the finals.

The Union boys placed second in the tournament, losing

to 59-45 to Newton High School in the finals. The tournament was held at Scott Central.

Both Philadelphia teams

qualified for the state Class 2A tournaments. The state tournament was to have started Monday. With a winter storm moving across Mississippi that brought snow, ice and temperatures in the teens and lower, the Mississippi High School Activities Association has moved the first round to Thursday (girls) and Friday (boys).

On Thursday, the Union girls will host Bogue Chitto while the Philadelphia girls will host Wesson.

On Friday, the Union boys will host Wesson and Philadelphia will visit Loyd Star.

The Lady Yellowjackets under coach Matt Wilbanks, have shown continued improvement in his four years as head coach.

“We won 15 games my first season, 17 his second season, and 23 last year,” Wilbanks said. “We have won 22 games so far this year and we won the district tournament. They say this is the first time Union has won the tournament since 1993.”

“These girls were eighth graders and ninth graders when I started. We made it to the second round of the playoffs last year. We’ll see how we do from here on out.”

The Lady Yellowjackets opened the district tournament with a 37-36 win over Lake. Union carried a 35-33 lead into the final quarter and held on for the win.

Kamyia Russell led with 12 points while Keirra Russell scored seven.

The Lady Yellowjackets would face Philadelphia in the finals. The Lady Tornadoes had beaten them twice in the regular season but Union came on strong in the third quarter. The Lady Tornadoes led 16-14 at the half. But Union came on to outscore Philadelphia 21-8. The Lady Yellowjackets carried a 35-24 lead into the final quarter and held on for the win. Kamyia Russell led Union with 23 points while Georgia Cooper added 12 points.

The Philadelphia girls entered the tournament as the No. 5 seed. But they managed to beat the No. 1 seeded Newton girls and advanced to the finals.

The Lady Tornadoes defeated Scott Central 64-57 in the play-in game. Philadelphia led 36-25 at the half. Zhaira Leflore led the Lady Tornadoes with 27 points while Jaiden Burnside added 22.

Philadelphia advanced to

the semifinals where they knocked off Newton 47-45. Philadelphia led 25-18 at the half. Leflore led the Lady Tornadoes with 22 points.

That put the Lady Tornadoes in the finals where they lost to Union. Leflore scored 22 points to lead the Lady Tornadoes.

Boys bracket


The Union boys dropped a 59-45 decision to Newton High School in the championship game.

Newton led 18-12 at the half. The Tigers then took control of the game as they outpointed Union 23-13 in the third quarter.

Jamarus Jones scored 20 points to lead the Yellowjackets and Bryce Young added 10 points.]

Union defeated the Philadelphia boys 75-71 in the semifinals. Union led 34-23 at the half and held off a Tornado rally in the second half. Jones led with 32 points and EJ Campbell put in 17. Stats for Philadelphia were not available.

The Philadelphia boys lost the consolation game to Scott Central and entered the state tournament as the No. 4 team.



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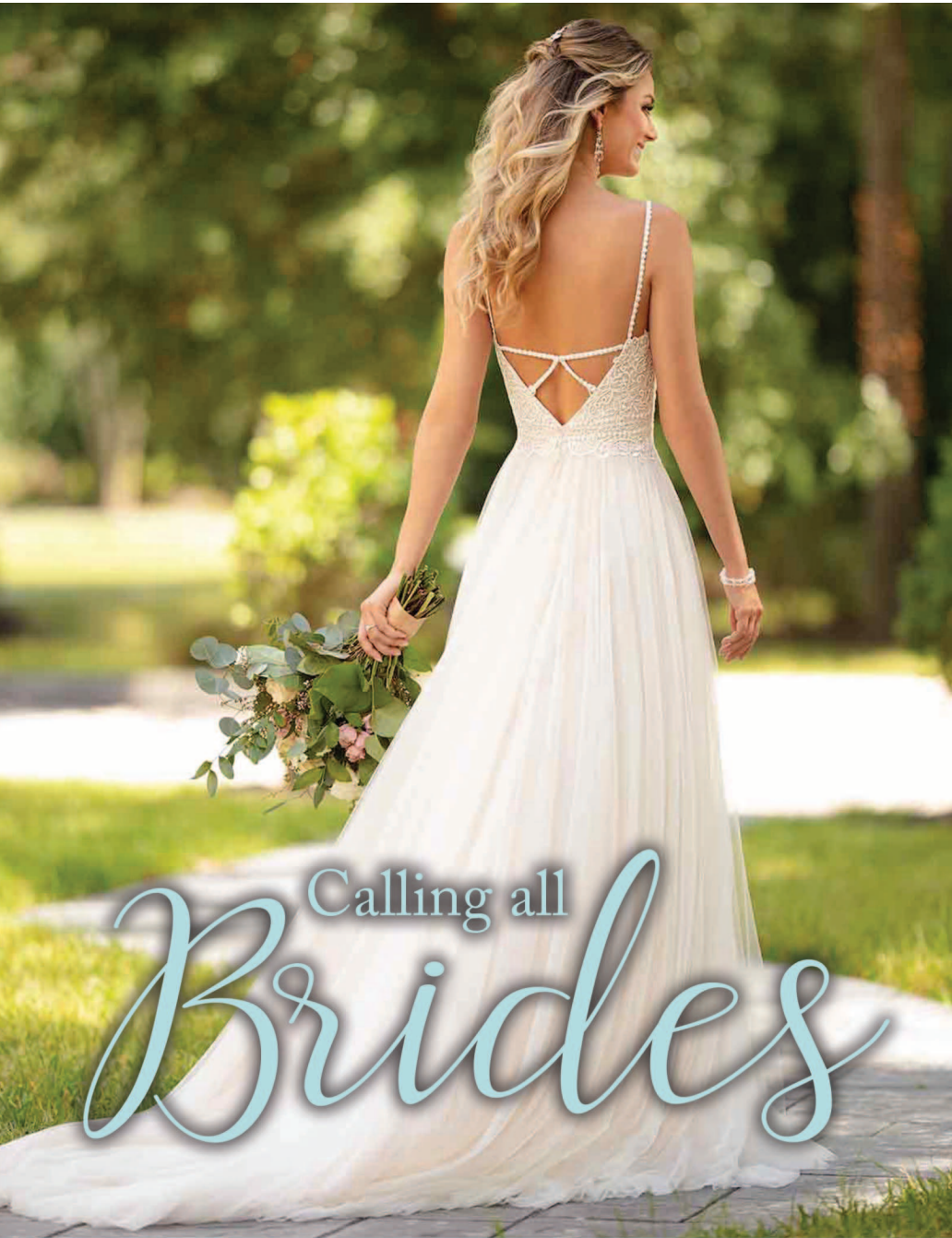
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4H WOODWORKING CLUB

Neshoba County 4H is restarting its Woodworking Club for youth ages 10-14

who would like to learn the basics of woodworking. Local volunteers are donating tools, time, and wisdom to safely teach our youth the joy and fulfillment of the craft. Participants will learn shop safety along with a wealth of other skills and woodworking techniques. The cost to join is only \$25. Parents of children interested in joining need to call the Neshoba County Extension Office to enroll. The class is limited to 8 participants, so it will be first come first serve. For questions or to enroll please contact Austin Ainsworth, Neshoba County Extension Agent, at 601-565-4011.

PRE-K PROGRAM SCREENING

If you or someone you know has a 4 year-old child that you would like to have tested for possible placement in the Philadelphia Pre-Kindergarten Program, please call the Elementary Office at 601-656-2000 to set up an appointment on February 26, 2021. Parents may call between the hours of

8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The Pre-Kindergarten Program will be housed at Philadelphia Elementary School. Children will be screened for enrollment with a pre-kindergarten skills assessment. The children with the greatest academic need will have priority in placement.

The Pre-K class will adhere to the regular schedule of Philadelphia Public Schools. Pre-K students will be offered breakfasts and lunches by the Philadelphia Public School District Food Services. Applicants may start turning applications in on February 26, 2021. Applicants must be toilet-trained. Students residing outside the Philadelphia Public School District are not eligible for the Pre-K program at Philadelphia Elementary. Pre-K students residing within the Philadelphia City Limits may be eligible for transportation.

In order to have a child tested for possible placement, parents must bring the following items to the testing appointment:

Two (2) proofs of residency in the Philadelphia Public School District

A certified birth certificate (child must be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2021)

The child's social security card

The child's immunization record

Friends

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ter, also won awards in the junior division. She was the recipient of the Junior High Cutting Champion Award and ranked in the Top 10 Junior High Reined Cowhorse division. These two siblings enjoy their sport and like to attend competitions all over the state. It is hard work and demands a lot of time and dedication.

Their proud parents are Dr. Kevin and Mecie Beason. Their equally proud grandfather is Mr. Ricky Bengs of Philadelphia. Congratulations!

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI LINDSEY GARRARD PETITIONER VS. CAUSE NO. 2016-N0217 KENNETH MEASELL RESPONDENT RULE 81(d)SUMMONS BY PUBLICATIONTHE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: Kenneth Measell, whose current physical whereabouts are unknown after diligent search and inquiry You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Lindsey Garrard for contempt and modification of child support and custody. You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition at 9:00 a.m. on the 5 th day of March, 2021, in the courtroom of the Jasper County Chancery Courthouse in Bay Springs, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or 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 28 th day of January, 2021. George T. Hayes, Chancery ClerkNewton County, Mississippi BY: /s/Chrissie Buffington D.C. 52345

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE OF SALEWHEREAS, on January 8, 2008, Depot Marketplace, LLC executed a Land Deed of Trust to Robert Thomas, Trustee for the benefit of The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, which Deed of Trust is filed for record in Book 2008 at Page 275 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi ("DOT 1"); andWHEREAS, on October 21, 2011, Depot Marketplace, LLC executed a Land Deed of Trust to Robert Thomas, Trustee for the benefit of The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, which Deed of Trust is filed for record in Book 2011 at Page 7670 in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk ("DOT 2"); andWHEREAS, on February 13, 2013, Depot Marketplace, LLC executed a Deed of Trust for the benefit of The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, which Deed of Trust is filed for record in Book 2013 at Page 2985 in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk ("DOT 3") (DOT 1, DOT 2, and DOT 3 and hereinafter referred to as the "Deeds of Trust"); andWHEREAS, The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia filed its Amended Verified Complaint ("Complaint") on September 6, 2018, in the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi ("the Chancery Court"), Civil Action No. 2018-211, requesting, among other things, foreclosure of the real property described in the Deeds of Trust; andWHEREAS, on or about June 12, 2018, in connection with its filing of the Complaint, The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia recorded a Lis Pendens Notice in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, in Book 30470 at Page 59; andWHEREAS, the Chancery Court entered its Default Judgment Against Depot Marketplace, LLC; et al in Civil Action No. 2018-211 on December 17, 2020 (the "Default Judgment"), appointing Jeffrey R. Barber as Special Commissioner and directing and authorizing Jeffrey R. Barber, Special Commissioner, to proceed with foreclosure of the real property described in the Deeds of Trust, and the equipment, fixtures, and other articles of personal property attached or affixed to said real property; andWHEREAS, the Chancery Court entered its Aged Judgment Under Miss. R. Civ. P. 54(b) in Civil Action No. 2018-211 on December 17, 2020 (the "Agreed Judgment"); andWHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the terms and conditions of the Deeds of Trust, and the entire indebtedness secured thereby being due and payable pursuant to the terms of the Deeds of Trust, and the Chancery Court having directed and authorized the undersigned Special Commissioner so to do, I will, on the 26th day of February, 2021, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during legal hours, being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at the north door of the County Courthouse of Neshoba County in Philadelphia, Mississippi, for cash to the highest and best bidder, the following described land and property located at 257 West Beacon Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi (the "Property") lying and being situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:Tract I:A parcel of land containing 4.00 acres and containing Block 123, 132, and 133 and parts of Lots 1 & 8 in Block 124, parts of Lots 1, 2 & 5 in Block 131, parts of Lots 1, 2, 3, & 4 in Block 134 and part of Lot 4 in Block 140, as shown on the plat of West Philadelphia, Mississippi as recorded in Plat Book No. 1 on page 2 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point located at the intersection of the Southern side of Block 123 of West Philadelphia and the Western side of the Kansas City Southern Railroad right-of-way, run North 30 degrees and 05 minutes East along said Western railroad right-of-way for 234.00 feet; thence continue along said right-of-way which begins a 2868.54 feet radius curve to the left for an arc distance of 543.88 feet (Chord bearing and distance is North 24 degrees and 40 minutes East for 543.06 feet); thence West for 417.05 feet to a point in the center of a ditch, thence South along the center of said ditch for 431.18 feet; thence South 20 degrees 00 minutes East along the center of said ditch for 93.32 feet; thence South along the center of said ditch for 177.13 feet to a point on the Northern right-of-way of Beacon Street; thence East along the North right-of-way of Beacon Street for 41.22 feet to the Point of Beginning. DESCRIPTION OF ACCESS EASEMENT:A strip of land along the Eastern side of Block 141 of West Philadelphia, Mississippi, as recorded in Plat Book No. 1 on page 2 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County and more particularly described as follows: From a point located at the intersection of the Southern side of Block 123 of West Philadelphia and the Western side of the Kansas City Southern Railroad right-of-way, run North 30 degrees 05 minutes East along said West railroad right-of-way for 234.00 feet; thence continue along said right-of-way which begins a 2868.54 feet radius curve to the left for an arc distance of 543.88 feet (Chord bearing and distance is North 24 degrees and 40 minutes East for 543.06 feet) to the Point of Beginning of the following described

access easement. From said Point of Beginning run West for 20.00 feet; thence North 32 degrees 41 minutes East for 56.49 feet; thence North 92.15 feet to a point on the Southern side of Gum Street; thence South 76 degrees and 20 minutes East along the Southern side of Gum Street for 32.58 feet to a point on the Western side of said railroad right-of-way; thence South 17 degrees 43 minutes West along said railroad right-of-way for 138.57 feet to the Point of Beginning. Tract II:The West 75 feet of that 100 feet wide strip of land lying Westerly of the Main Track centerline of the Kansas City Southern Railroad Company in the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 11 East of the Choctaw Meridian, Neshoba County, Mississippi, bounded on the South by the North line of Beacon Street in Philadelphia, Mississippi; and bounded on the North by the South line of Gum Street in Philadelphia, Mississippi. This parcel is subject to a 20 feet wide easement for Spur Track No. 4 granted by the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company to the Gulf & Mississippi Railroad Corporation as referenced in deed dated June 27, 1985.FURTHER, in conjunction with the aforesaid sale of the Property located at 257 West Beacon Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, and at the same place and time as said sale, I will offer for sale at public outcry and sell for cash to the highest and best bidder, all equipment, fixtures, and other articles of personal property attached or affixed to the aforesaid Property. No representation is made as to the existence or condition of such equipment, fixtures, and other articles of personal property described above. All of such equipment, fixtures, and other articles of personal property described above will be sold as is and where is. There is no warranty relating to title, possession, quiet enjoyment, fitness, merchantability or the like in this sale and disposition of the collateral. For clarity, the sale will not include equipment or personal property owned by tenants of the Property.Foreclosure will be made subject to any unpaid ad valorem taxes for 2020.Pursuant to the Default Judgment and the Agreed Judgment entered by the Chancery Court, the sale will be conducted as follows: (1) Jeffrey R. Barber, Special Commissioner, shall read the notice of sale, (2) The Property shall then be offered for sale, (3) The highest bid received shall control. (4) The sale shall be for cash payable by certified funds, cashier's check or wire transfer to Jeffrey R. Barber, Special Commissioner, unless The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia is the successful bidder in which case any bid amount shall be paid as a credit on the Default Judgment entered in Civil Action No. 2018-211 on December 17, 2020, due to The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia as set forth in the Default Judgment. All funds payable shall be delivered on the day of the sale. (5) Any funds received at the sale shall be deposited in the trust account of Jones Walker LLP and shall be held in such account pending further order of the Chancery Court. (6) After the sale, Jeffrey R. Barber, Special Commissioner, shall file with the Chancery Court his report of the sale together with the proposed form of the deed and the proposed disbursement of the sale proceeds. The report shall request that the Chancery Court authorize execution, delivery and recording of the deed and disbursement of the sale proceeds as set forth in the Default Judgment. (7) In the event the Chancery Court approves the report, the Special Commissioner's Deed shall convey the Property described above to the successful bidder without warranty of title. (8) The foreclosure sale will terminate and cut off the interests of all parties in and to the Property described above. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 29th day of January, 2021. /S/JEFFREY R. BARBER, SPECIAL COMMISSIONER JONES WALKER LLPAttorneys at LawP. O. Box 427Jackson, Mississippi, 39205(601) 949-4900 PUBLISH: February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2021 52346

TITLE OF ABANDONMENT MOTOR VEHICLE Triple P. Services Center929 Gum StreetPhiladelphia, Ms 39350 MAKE: 2013 Dodge AvengerVIN #: 1C3CDZBG1DN636925 PLACE OF SALE: Triple P. Services CenterSALE DATE: 02/22/2021 at 8am at 929 Gum Street Philadelphia, MS 39350 OWNED BY: Lasheen K Williamson or Curtis T Williamson, 3067 Hugh Mitchell Rd, Conehatta, MS 39057 LIEN HOLDER: ExTer Finance, PO Box 166008, Irving, TX 75016 52348

TITLE OF ABANDONMENT MOTOR VEHICLE Triple P. Services Center929 Gum StreetPhiladelphia, Ms 39350 MAKE: 2012 GMS AcadiaVIN #: 1GK-KRRED3CJ256652 PLACE OF SALE: Triple P. Services Center SALE DATE: 02/22/2021 at 8am at 929 Gum Street Philadelphia, MS 39350 OWNED BY: Christina Lewis, 10252 RD 1321, Union, MS 39365 LIEN HOLDER: Lige's Auto Sales, 400 Pecan Ave., Philadelphia, MS 39350 52350

TITLE OF ABANDONMENT MOTOR VEHICLE Triple P. Services Center929 Gum StreetPhiladelphia, Ms 39350 MAKE: 2005 Honda AccordVIN #: 1HGCC56875A086177PLACE OF SALE: Triple P. Services CenterSALE DATE: 02/22/2021 at 8am at 929 Gum Street Philadelphia, MS 39350OWNED BY: Christina Lewis, 10252 RD 1321, Union, MS 39365 LIEN HOLDER: Lige's Auto Sales, 400 Pecan Ave., Philadelphia, MS 39350 52350

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR EST PRODUCTS FOR SALE ON COUNTY SCHOOL LANDS Sealed bids will be received by the Neshoba County School District at 580 East Main Street Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350, up to and not later than 9:00 A.M. on March 12, 2021, for the right to purchase all timber marked or designated for that purpose, on 125 acres in Section 16, Township 10N, Range 10E, Neshoba County, Mississippi.Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the material for sale, conditions of sale and submission of bids should be obtained from the Area Forester, Mississippi Forestry Commission, Philadelphia, Mississippi (601-656-1381). The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. Advertise on: February 17th and 24th March 3rd and 10th, 2021.

Please return certification of advertisement along with the invoice to: Neshoba County School District580 E. Main StreetPhiladelphia, MS 39350 52360

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBA COUNTYTHE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MALCOLM ISAAC CHRISTOPHER TUBBY, PETITIONER CAUSE NO. 21-12 NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters of Administration having been granted on the 5 day of February, 2021, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Christopher Tubby, upon the estate of Malcolm Isaac, 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 the date or they will be forever barred. THIS, the 5th day of February, 2021. Respectfully submitted,/S/Christopher TubbyChristopher Tubby, Administrator TERRY L. JORDANAttorney at Law, PLLCPost Office Drawer 459Philadelphia, MS 39350Phone: (601) 656-2451Fax: (601) 656-2458MS State Bar No. 3234 52362

NOTICE OF BIDS The City of Philadelphia has declared surplus the herein-after described property and desires tosell same by competitive bids. The City will receive sealed bids until 5:00 P.M. on Monday, March 1,2021, for the purchase of the following items. The property is described as follows:2014 FordChevy Colorado1994 Jeep2006 Cadillac C/T1996 Toyota Camry2000 Honda Van2002 Dodge RamAll vehicles are located at 215 Oak Street, PhiladelphiaAnyone wishing to see these items should contact the City Clerk at 525 Main Street,Philadelphia, MS, or by phone at 601-656-3612. ORDERED this the 19 th day of January 19, 2021. Nikki Walton, City Clerk 52370

NOTICE OF BIDS The City of Philadelphia has declared surplus the herein-after described property and desires to sell same by competitive bids. The City will receive sealed bids until 5:00 P.M. on Monday, March 1, 2021, for the purchase of the following items. The property is described as follows: Flat Bed Utility Trailer 16 ft 3500 lb axles "located at 205 Rea Street, Philadelphia Anyone wishing to see these items should contact the City Clerk at 525 Main Street, Philadelphia, MS, or by phone at 601-656-3612. ORDERED this the 2nd day of February, 2021. Nikki Walton, City Clerk 52369

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIE C. MOORE, DECEASEDNICOLE MOORE MORRISON, EXECUTRIX NO. 2020-290 KK NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 4th day of January, 2021, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, Nicole Moore Morrison, upon the Estate of Willie C. Moore, 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 the date of the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred.This the 6th day of January, 2021. /s/Nicole MooreNICOLE MOOREMORRISON, EXECUTRIXOF THE ESTATE OFWILLIE C. MOORE,DECEASED ROBERT L. THOMAS, MSBN 8159ALFORD, THOMAS & THOMAS, PLLCATTORNEYS AT LAWPOST OFFICE BOX 96PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI 39350(601) 656-1871 52371

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OFNESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI THE NESHOBA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS will receive competitive sealed bids and proposals in the Office of the Chancery Clerk, for the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi, at the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 107, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 or electronic bids and proposals submitted at www.neshobacounty.net/bids until 12:00 PM on the 12th day of March 2021 for the purposes of acquiring the following services and contracts: Lawn Care Maintenance Services for Neshoba County Facilities. Detailed specifications for the above described services and bid submittal forms may be obtained from the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors office at the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 201, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350, by calling 601-656-6281 or on Neshoba County's website at www.neshobacounty.net. Neshoba County, Mississippi will determine if compliance with the specifications exist before accepting any bid. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:All responses to the solicitation for said system shall be returned, with detailed proposals included therewith, including the fixed price amount to be bid, via sealed envelope clearly marked with "Proposal for Lawn Care Services" to the address provided above or in a PDF document format, and submitted electronically, atwww.neshobacounty.net/bids under the correct bid solicitation, by 12:00 PM, local time, on Friday, March 12 th , 2021. Should proposals exceed the threshold required for reverse auction bids, proposing vendors meeting the required specifications will be invited to participate in the reverse auction bid for acquisition of same services.It shall be incumbent upon each bidder to understand the specifications as listed herein and to obtain clarification when necessary. It is not the intent of these specifications to limit the bidding to any particular provider of services, but rather to select such services to provide for specific needs and specific tasks. Any reference to name-brand materials or equipment is intended to establish the minimum necessary standards only and bids submitted on materials, equipment and services equal thereto, at the sole discretion and determination of Neshoba County, shall be considered. Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi on the 4th day of January 2021. /s/GUY NOWELLGUY NOWELL, CLERK-BOARD OF SUPERVISORSNESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI Publication dates: February 17th and February 24th, 2021 52373

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES The City of Philadelphia requests proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide engineering services for work related to the implementation of approved FY 2021 CDBG project(s). You are invited to submit six (6) copies of a proposal, in accordance with this request, to the Office of the City Clerk, City of Philadelphia, 525 Main Street, Philadelphia, MS 39365, no later than 10 a.m., on March 9, 2021. The Engineer will be responsible for preparing project cost estimates for application preparation and, if awarded, the selected Engineer will provide all engineering services through project closeout in accordance with federal, state and local laws, regulations and policies. The scope of work includes, but is not limited to, the following: 1) prepare plans and specifications; 2) distribute bid documents; 3) assist in bid opening and prepare bid tabulation; 4) assist in the execution of construction contracts; 5) hold pre-construction conference; and 6) perform construction inspection including periodic reports to the City of Philadelphia and approve all payment requests. The City of Philadelphia is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The City encourages Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs) to submit proposals. The City also encourages Section 3 eligible businesses to submit proposals. Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended (12 U.S.C. 17010) requires, to the greatest extent feasible, that the City and its contractors that participate in the above-referenced program give opportunities for job training and employment to lower-income residents of the City of Philadelphia. Section 3 also requires that contracts for work in connection with the Section 3 area be awarded to Section 3 eligible business concerns. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked with the following language: "Proposal for CDBG Engineering Services." Proposals will be evaluated on the following factors: Qualifications (40 points); Experience (40 points); and Capacity for Performance (20 points). To be evaluated properly, the following must be addressed in detail: Qualifications – List qualifications of persons assigned to the project; Experience – Information regarding the firm's experience and the projects previously undertaken, including the type and amount of grants awarded, the project activities, and the status of the projects; Capacity for Performance – Identify the number and title of staff assigned to provide services. The City will designate a selection committee to evaluate each proposal. The selection committee may hold proposals for a period to not exceed thirty (30) days for the purpose of reviewing the content of the proposals and investigating the qualifications of the firms and assigned individuals. The City reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals. Subject to CDBG award(s) and the removal of all environmental conditions, the City will award a contract with the qualified individual or firm whose proposal has the highest number of cumulative points issued by the selection committee and determined to be the most advantageous to the City, price and other factors considered. The contract will include scope and extent of work and other essential requirements. An individual contract will be executed for each awarded project, and the contract will be on a fixed price basis. The City has the authority to terminate the selection at any time. 52374

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBA COUNTY THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRENDA J. SISSON TERRY L. JORDAN, PETITIONER CAUSE NO. 2021-20 NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 11th day of February, 2021, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned TERRY L. JORDAN, upon the estate of BRENDA J. SISSON, 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 the date or they will be forever barred.THIS, the 11th day of February, 2021. Respectfully submitted,/ Terry L. JordanTERRY L. JORDAN, Executor TERRY L. JORDANAttorney at Law, PLLCPost Office Drawer 459Philadelphia, MS 39350Phone: (601) 656-2451Fax: (601) 656-2458MS State Bar No. 3234 52375

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBA COUNTY THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEROY YATES HARLEY RICHARD BEEBE, PETITIONER CAUSE NO. 2020-295 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATIONTHE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: All Unknown Heirs-at-Law of LEROY YATES YOU HAVE BEEN MADE A DEFENDANT IN THE SUIT FILED IN THIS COURT BY HARLEY RICHARD BEEBE, PETITIONER, SEEKING A DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP OF LEROY YATES. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 23rd day of March, 2021, before the Honorable Kiley Kirk, Chancery Judge of the Neshoba County Chancery Court located in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in this 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 SAID COURT, this the 11th day of February, 2021. Chancery Clerk of Neshoba Co., MS By: /s/W. Savell, D.C. Dates of Publication: 3 times Submitted by :TERRY L. JORDAN MS Bar # 3234Attorney at LawPost Office Drawer 459Philadelphia, MS 39350Phone: (601) 656-2451 52376

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBA COUNTYTHE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY P. MCKEE TABITHA M. WINSTEAD, PETITIONER CAUSE NO. 2020-206 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATIONTHE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: All Unknown Heirs-at-Law of SHIRLEY P. McKEE YOU HAVE BEEN MADE A DEFENDANT IN THE SUIT FILED IN THIS COURT BY TABITHA M. WINSTEAD, PETITIONER,

SEEKING A DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP OF SHIRLEY P. McKEE. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 23rd day of March, 2021, before the Honorable Kiley Kirk, Chancery Judge of the Neshoba County Chancery Court located in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in this 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 SAID COURT, this the 11th day of February, 2021. Chancery Clerk of Neshoba Co., MS By: /s/W.Savell D.C. Dates of Publication: 3 times Submitted by :TERRY L. JORDAN MS Bar # 3234Attorney at LawPost Office Drawer 459Philadelphia, MS 39350Phone: (601) 656-2451 52377

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS, on March 5, 2010, East Gate Properties of Philadelphia, Inc., a Mississippi corporation (the "Borrower") executed that certain Land Deed of Trust (the "Original Deed of Trust") to Robert Thomas, as trustee (the "Original Trustee"), for the use and benefit of The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, a Mississippi banking corporation (the "Beneficiary"), which instrument was recorded in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi (the "Recording Office") on March 17, 2010, at Deed of Trust Book 2010, Page 1851; and, WHEREAS, on August 12, 2014, Borrower and Beneficiary entered into that certain Modification to Deed of Trust (the "2014 Amendment"), thereby modifying and amending the Original Deed of Trust, which 2014 Amendment was recorded in the Recording Office on August 13, 2014, at Deed of Trust Book 2014, Page 6927; and WHEREAS, on December 22, 2015, Borrower and Beneficiary entered into that certain Modification to Deed of Trust (the "2016 Amendment"), thereby modifying and amending the Original Deed of Trust, which 2016 Amendment was recorded in the Recording Office on January 5, 2016, at Deed of Trust Book 2016, Page 179; and WHEREAS, on March 16, 2017, Borrower and Beneficiary entered into that certain Modification to Deed of Trust (the "2017 Amendment" and together with the 2014 Amendment, the 2016 Amendment and the Original Deed of Trust, collectively, the "Deed of Trust"), thereby modifying and amending the Original Deed of Trust, which 2017 Amendment was recorded in the Recording Office on March 27, 2017, at Deed of Trust Book 2017, Page 2151; and WHEREAS, as of February 8, 2021, pursuant to that certain Substitution of Trustee (the "Trustee Substitution"), Beneficiary substituted Alan Lee Smith (the "Substituted Trustee") as trustee of the Deed of Trust, in the place and stead of the Original Trustee and of any other substituted trustee, which Trustee Substitution was recorded in the Recording Office on February 8, 2021 at Book 2021, Page 1069, and thereafter spread upon the land records maintained by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby (the "Indebtedness") having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, Beneficiary has called upon the Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and make foreclosure thereof according to the terms of said Deed of Trust and applicable Mississippi law, for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, with the proceeds thereof to be applied in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust and related loan documents. NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alan Lee Smith, acting solely in my capacity as Substituted Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me pursuant to the Deed of Trust and applicable Mississippi law, do hereby give notice that I will, between the legal hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, offer for sale at public outcry at the north door of the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 E. Beacon Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described real property situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to-wit: REAL PROPERTY TRACT I: From an iron pin on theNorthwest corner of the South ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, run South for 294.54 feet; thence run West for 1,938.73 feet to an iron pin located on the South right-of-way line (15 feet South of the centerline) of Myrtle Street, which is the Point of Beginning; thence run South for 566.10 feet to an iron pin located on the North right-of-way line (30 feet North of the centerline) of Mississippi Highway No. 16; thence run South 89 degrees 30 minutes West along said North right-of-way line for 100.0 feet to an iron pin, being the Southeast corner of Cecil George's property; thence run North for 576.0, feet to an iron pin located on said South right-of-way line of Myrtle Street, being the Northeast corner of Cecil George's property; thence run South 84 degrees 50 minutes East along said South right-of-way line for 100.41 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 1.31 acres, more or less, and being situated in the West ½ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Parcel #06329C-00A-025.000 TRACT II: From an iron pin on the Northwest corner of the South ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, run South for 309.85 feet; thence run West for 1,642.89 feet to an iron pin located on the South right-of-way line (15 feet South of the centerline) of Myrtle Street; thence run North 88 degrees 04 minutes West along said South right-of-way line of Myrtle Street for 207.45 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 84 degrees 38 minutes West along said South right-of-way line of Myrtle Street for 88.9 feet to an iron pin which is the Northeast corner of the property owned by Dale Price; thence run South for 30.0 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run South for 266.10 feet to the North right-of-way line (30 feet North of the centerline) of Mississippi Highway No.

16, said point also being the Southeast corner of the Dale Price property; thence run North 89 degrees 28 minutes East along said North right-of-way line for 276.9 feet to an iron pin which is located on an old fence line; thence run North 2 degrees 50 minutes along said old fence line for 216.55 feet; thence run North 1 degree 29 minutes East along said old fence line for 50.0 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 28 minutes West for 288.9 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 1.73 acres, more or less, and being situated in the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Parcel #06329C-00A-025.000 TRACT III: Commence at the NW corner of S ¼ of NW ¼ of SE ¼, Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, and run South 309.85 feet; thence run West 1,642.89 feet to a point on the South line of Myrtle Street for the Point of Beginning; thence run North 88 degrees 04 minutes West 207.4 feet along the South line of said Myrtle Street; thence continue North 84 degrees 38 minutes West 88.9 feet along the South line of Myrtle Street to an iron pin; thence run South 300 feet; thence run North 89 degrees 28 minutes East 288.9 feet to a point; thence run North 01 degree 29 minutes East 279.2 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 1.93 acres, more or less, and being located in the S ½ of SW ¼, Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Parcel #06329C-00A-025.000 AND ALSO, a 30 foot right-of-way easement for the purpose of egress, ingress and regress more particularly described as commence at the NW corner of S ¼ of NW ¼ of SE ¼, Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, and run South 309.85 feet; thence run West 1,642.89 feet to a point of the South line of Myrtle Street; thence run North 88 degrees 04 minutes West 207.4 feet along the South line of Myrtle Street; thence continue North 84 degrees 38 minutes West 88.9 feet along the South line of Myrtle Street; thence run South 300 feet; thence run North 89 degrees 28 minutes East 60 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence run South 266.10 feet to the North right-of-way line of State Highway No. 16; thence run North 89 degrees 28 minutes East 30 feet along the North right-of-way line of Highway No. 16; thence run North 266.10 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 28 minutes West 30 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.18 acre, more or less, and being in the SW ¼ of SW ¼, Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Parcel #06329C-00A-025.000 LESS AND EXCEPT #1: (Parcel #06329C-00A-025.001) From an iron pin on the NW corner of the S ¼ of the NW ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, run South 285.50 feet; thence run West for 2,038.73 feet to an iron pin of the South right-of-way (15 feet South of the centerline) of Myrtle Street at the NE Corner of the Kenneth & Janet Hillman property; then run South along the East line of the Hillman property for 351.0 feet to the South edge of a block wall for the point of beginning; then run South along the East line of the Hillman property for 203.4 feet to the North right-of-way of Mississippi State Highway No. 16; then run North 88 degrees 13 minutes East along said right-of-way for 70.0 feet; then run North for 203.8 feet to the South edge of a block wall; then run along the South edge of the block wall South 87 degrees 52 minutes West for 70.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. This parcel contains 0.33 acres, more or less, and is situated in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. LESS AND EXCEPT #2: (MS Highway 16 Road ROW) Begin at a point on the present Northerly right-of-way line of Mississippi Highway No. 16 as shown on the plats for State Project No. 79-0024-04-001-10, said point also being the Southwest corner of Grantors property; from said Point of Beginning run thence North 01 degree 26 minutes West along the Westerly line of Grantors property a distance of 10.0 feet; thence North 88 degrees 44 minutes East a distance of 377.6 feet to the Easterly line of Grantors property; thence South 02 degrees 15 minutes West along said Easterly property line a distance of 13.7 feet to a point on the said present Northerly right-of-way line; thence run South 85 degrees 52 minutes West along said present Northerly right-of-way line a distance of 25.6 feet; thence South 88 degrees 44 minutes West along said present Northerly right-of-way line a distance of 100.0 feet; thence North 88 degrees 25 minutes West along said present Northerly right-of-way line a distance of 100.0 feet; thence South 88 degrees 44 minutes West along said present Northerly right-of-way line a distance of 151.1 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.11 acres, more or less, and being situated in the Southwest ¼ of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi. LESS AND EXCEPT #3: (Parcel #06329C-00A-025.002) From an iron pipe marking the SW corner of the SW ¼, SW ¼, Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, run North for 768.44 feet; then run East for 690.77 feet to a point on the North right of way of Mississippi Highway No. 16 for the Point of Beginning. Then run North for 207. 62 feet; then run North 88° 56' 42" East for 131. 34 feet; then run South for 209.12 feet to a point on the North right of way of Mississippi Highway No. 16; then run along said right of way South 89° 35' 58" West for 131.32 feet to the Point of Beginning. This parcel contains 0.63 acre, more or less, and is situated in the SW ¼, SW ¼, Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. TRACT IV: - Intentionally Omitted TRACT V: - Intentionally Omitted TRACT VI: Starting at the NE Corner of Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, run East 30 feet; thence run South 3 degrees 20 minutes East 105 feet for a point of beginning; run South 3 degrees 20 minutes East 225 feet; thence West 739.39 feet; thence South 219 feet; thence West 325 feet; thence North 14 degrees 58 minutes West 459 feet; thence East 1170 feet, more or less, containing 7.5 acres, more or less, located in the N ¼ of NE ¼ of

