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A crew works to restore power on Maple Avenue in Woodland Hills following winter storms that hit Mississippi last week on Monday and Wednesday. Ice accumulation on power lines and trees caused severe power outages throughout most of Neshoba County.

## 10 DAYS NO LIGHTS Chickens worry of Sandtown farmer

By STAFF REPORTS

Sheila Blount can't wait for hot water because it's been almost a week. "I am really looking forward to a hot shower when the power is restored," she said Tuesday from work.

The Blounts, who live in the Spring Creek community, were among the 15 percent in rural Neshoba County who were still without power Tuesday after winter storms brutalized the region last week.

Danny Robertson rode out most of the winter storm on their farm at Sandtown three miles from home taking care of their six chicken houses because the roads were impassable.

"The biggest problem was probably not living right next to the farm," Robertson said, adding they had to keep generators running but did not lose any chickens.

"We were fortunate," Robertson said. "We came out of this real lucky that we just lost power."

His wife Karri Robertson was at work on Tuesday and got a text message about noon that they had just received power — 10 days after the first storm hit on Feb. 14.

"I think all the linemen did a wonderful job getting the power restored," Robertson said. "It has been a struggle but we made do the best we could."

When Karri Robertson left for work at The Citizens Bank on Tuesday morning she said she knew crews were working in the area but was not sure when they would get to her.

Robertson said they lost power on Feb. 15, and the power was restored briefly on Wednesday for an hour and half but went out again.

The real worry for them was their chicken farm.

## 70% of county was without power

By DUNCAN DENT  
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As the lights flicker back on following winter storms that left 70% of the county without power last week, Neshoba countians are beginning to feel some return to normalcy.

Meanwhile, about 15% of rural electric customers in Neshoba County were still without power 10 days after the first storm hit on Feb. 14.

Shelly Collins Belk said she had 10 family members staying in her home on Road 234 in the Dixon community.

Monday morning she had been six days without power and had only had her water sputter back on a few days prior. By 3 p.m. Monday she was celebrating.

"Hallelujah! We have lights," Belk said. "One happy camper here. Thanks to God and the line-

men."

Brandie Walton, another Dixon resident, said she also had not had power since the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 16.

"They have been working so hard to get it fixed, and I am grateful," Walton said.

Emergency Management Director Darrell Wilson said Central Electric Power Association is continuing to make progress on repairs as county crews have cleared roadways countywide.

"Outage map numbers are steadily going down every time I check it," Wilson said.

As an example, Wilson reported close to 8,700 total outages Friday morning and by Monday morning that number was down to just 4,065 customers without power in the Philadelphia and Sebastopol districts.

By Monday evening, Central Electric's total customer outages was down to 2,936.

In a Tuesday morning release on their web-

site, Central Electric reported 2,235 members without electricity.

They said 1,813 customers without power are in Neshoba County.

Central Electric said they have been working in some 20 areas and communities to restore power around Philadelphia and Sebastopol as the two major winter storms battered the area with ice.

Attempts were unsuccessful to reach a Central Electric customer service representative or a company spokesperson for details on why so much of Neshoba County lost power and when the remainder of customers were expected to have their power restored.

"Central Electric Power Association experienced sustained power outages throughout its seven-county service area," the company said in a news release.

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Sheila Blount is the secretary at The First United Methodist Church and described the power situation as "frustrating and inconvenient," but she knows linemen are working hard to restore power.

They lost power last Wednesday evening and as of midday Tuesday still had no power.

Blount said she has a power line down in her yard and her mother-in-law's across the street has a line that runs only to her house down as well.

She said she suspects they will be among the last people to get power in their area as crews work to fix the damage that will restore power to the most people.

She has not been told when to expect to have power back on. "They say they don't know," Blount said.

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### COMMUNITY RESPONSE

## Baptists respond with aid, the Gospel

By SCOTT HAWKINS  
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Baptist churches around the county pitched in to make sure people who were without power in last week's winter storms got warm meals.

Members of the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Cooking Team brought in approximately 10 volunteers from south Mississippi who helped prepare and serve 1,800 hot meals over three days to Neshoba County residents impacted by the winter storms.

More than 70 percent of the

county lost power as temperatures plunged to near single digits in the winter weather that moved in Sunday, Feb. 14.

David Addy, director of the Neshoba Baptist Association, which organized the relief effort, said the meals were distributed free to people Saturday through Monday regardless of denomination, race or creed at nine Southern Baptist churches strategically located to cover the whole county.

Addy said the different meals, consisting of chili, ravioli, chicken and dumplings with green peas, green beans and a fruit, were mostly distributed to cars that drove through parking lots of the churches.

But a few churches, such as New Bethel Baptist Church near Laurel Hill, still had electricity and allowed people to come inside for a sit-down meal and to use the church as a warming station.

"We didn't run in to any problems," Addy said. "It all worked pretty well."

In addition to the 10 volunteers from out of the area, numerous local volunteers helped as well, Addy said.

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Ivie Savell, Eli Sharp, Evan Sharp, the Rev. Eric Sharp and Chloe Savell prepare to hand out food and water at New Bethel Baptist Church.



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# County operations returning to normal

By STAFF REPORTS

Things are getting back to normal at the Neshoba County Emergency Operations Center after last week's ice storms that at one point left most of Neshoba County without power.

From midnight Monday until Friday night Neshoba 911 received well over 835 emergency calls to 911, said Emergency Management Director Darrell Wilson.

That is double the call volume. "To me, this ice storm reminds me of Katrina as far as the power outage was concerned," he said. "We didn't have the structural damage that we did in the 2019 tornadoes. But there were a lot of trees in the road."

Wilson said the back-to-back winter storms on Mon-

day and Wednesday nights kept emergency workers busy.

"They were just about to see the light at the end of the tunnel Wednesday evening when the second storm hit. That knocked out power for most of the county," Wilson said.

"I will say this. The workers at Central Electric Power Association have been out in the freezing cold, trying to get the power restored. They have busted it," Wilson said.

"They have had a lot of lines down, poles broken and blown transformers. There are still people without power but that number is going down. I ask people to be patient with them."

The county's volunteer fire departments stepped up and helped to keep the roads clear of fallen trees, Wilson said.

"Our volunteers in the county are a big asset," Wilson said. "I appreciate everything that they do. At times, we can get them on scene a lot quicker than we can get a county crew.

They can get a small tree cut up and out of the way before the county crew can get to the building to get the saws."

Among the hardest-hit Tribal communities were Bogue Chitto and Tucker where the power was out for more than eight days in some instances.

Tribal facilities were offered as warming centers. Shelters, some with kitchen access, were available in the Bogue Chitto, Conehatta, Pearl River and Tucker communities.

Precautionary boil water notices were still in effect on

Monday in some Tribal communities including Pearl River.

Choctaw Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben on Sunday reported that over 80 additional employees from electric cooperatives in Mississippi, Alabam and Arkansas were assisting Central Electric with restoration efforts.

About 7,142 Central Electric customers were still without power on Sunday and an estimated 600 of those were Tribal member homes, Ben said.

Tribal members were able to claim reimbursements for hotel and other out-of-pocket expenses during the storm, Ben announced on Monday.

Pearl River Resort never lost power and was able to provide shelter for many.

## Storm

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The good news is the Blounts have a generator and

recently were able to borrow another one from family members who had their power restored.

Her husband, Joey Blount, has been working to switch the use of the generator between

their house and his mother's across the street, primarily to keep their freezers from defrosting.

Sheila Blount said they are surviving all things considered but that the extension chords

throughout the house have been the biggest nuisance.

"We have to move the extension chords around the house as we need them," Blount said. "Getting read in the morning has been a challenge."

## Power

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"The damage caused from not one, but two winter ice storms was significant. We understand the hardship of being without power for an extended length of time, and we are truly grateful for your continued patience."

Central Electric Power Association said they have more than 160 workers, including crews from electric cooperatives in Mississippi, Alabama and Arkansas, who arrived Saturday working in the field to restore power.

"We are proud of the tireless efforts of our crews as they continue to work until every member once again has power," the company said.

Central Electric Power Association serves more than 36,000 accounts in a seven-county area in central Mississippi, including Attala, Kemper, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Rankin and Scott counties.

At the height of the storms, Philadelphia Utilities General Manager Kirk Morgan said approximately half of their 4,000 customers, who are mostly in the city limits, lost power last week.

As of Monday, they had all of their customers' power back on, he said, adding they expected some more isolated power outages due to loose limbs falling from trees.

Morgan said customers started losing power on Tuesday after Monday night's storm, and they only had a few reported outages on Tuesday but it was the second storm Wednesday that came in on top of the first that made



A crew from Philadelphia Utilities wades through downed limbs to work on a power pole in town last week.

everything worse.

Morgan said most affected parts of town were Woodland Hills and Forest Park Circle due to the numerous large and old pine trees in those areas.

Morgan said they tried to attack those areas on Wednesday but had to pull out until the weather let up and work around those areas because of breaking limbs and trees.

Morgan said they had to make the decision to isolate the area and work around it while it was dangerous.

"It was too dangerous," Morgan said. "We had to pull out Wednesday and it was still too dangerous on Thursday."

Wednesday was when they reached the 50% mark on outages, and Morgan said that they had power fully restored by Saturday evening with assistances from crews from Starkville and New Albany that came to assist on Friday and Saturday.

"Everyone is back on," Morgan said Monday. "We appreciate the community being patient with us and communicating with us. That engagement really helps us out a lot."

Morgan said they had "all hands on deck" during the worst of the outages, and they encountered some problems with customers losing water pressure as well but that was never at the scale of customers without power.

Belk said her family found ways to adapt during their six days without electricity.

Between a butane fish cooker and a fireplace they were able to generate some heat as temperatures reached near single digits.

Belk said they shut doors and put blankets over entryways to areas they did not want to heat. They also used towels to block any air from escaping underneath doors. Closing the drapes at night also helped, she said.

With 10 people in the house, finding a place for everyone to sleep ensured that

everyone slept close together. Belk said they put mattresses on the floor and filled all couches.

The family was able to cook on a grill for the time the power was out. She said they were well-stocked on water and canned food but lost everything in the freezers and refrigerator.

She said they now know to have a chainsaw and generator ready for next winter.

"It's a good thing we know how to live and survive through something like this," Belk said.

Though she had not seen any trucks from the power company on her road until Monday, Feb. 22, Belk said she was thankful for the work they were doing.

She said she did not know what the impact of the lost time from work would be. Despite the uncertainty, Belk said she kept a positive attitude.

"All jokes aside, I do realize it has been even worse for some who had no source of heat or water and my prayers have been with them the entire time," Belk said. "It could be much worse."

County Administrator Jeff Mayo called the power outages "a Katrina level event for the county."

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors on Thursday, Feb. 18, declared a local state of emergency and were petitioning the Mississippi Governor's office to declare Neshoba County a disaster area.

The President of the Board declared the emergency which was attested by the Chancery Clerk. It will be ratified by the Board at their next meeting on March 1.

A special meeting was not necessary for the President of the Board to declare the emergency.

"The local declaration allows us some leeway in responding to the emergency including emergency purchases and being able to provide assistance that we would normally not be able to provide (i.e. assisting Central Electric off the Right-of-Way)," Mayo said.

The Mississippi Lieutenant Governor had previously declared a state of emergency on Sunday for the areas that were expected to be affected, Mayo said.

The request to the governor provides notification that Neshoba County is requesting state and federal assistance in response to the disaster.

Wilson said they have cleared the roadways throughout the county.

"We do not have any reports of any roads that are still blocked by trees or power lines," Wilson said. "We would like to ask that drivers take extra caution on the roads for the power crews that are working on the power lines."

Mayo said county workers have pushed debris to the side of the road to be picked up at a later date and keep the roads cleared for repair trucks and emergency vehicles.

The county had 12 crews working to clear the roadways throughout the county. Mayo said sanitation department staff had been pulled to fill out the crews as well.

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# Senate bill would recognize MBCI identification cards

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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A bill that would allow members of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to use Tribal identification cards like a state-issued ID card is working its way through the Mississippi Legislature.

A similar bill was considered during the 2020 Legislative session. Sen. Jenifer Branning said SB 2020 which she wrote has passed the Senate and has been sent to the House for consideration.

"This is something the Tribe really wanted, and we are going to try and get it passed this year," Branning said.

"Their Tribal ID would be recognized for purposes of travel, for voting, applying for services and all kind of things (one would need an ID for). We will hopefully get this across the finish line this year."

Branning also wrote Senate

Bill 2507 that involves the Tribe. It would allow non-tribal businesses that locate on Tribal lands to be eligible to apply for money from the Mississippi Development Authority.

"This would hopefully bring businesses to our community," Branning said. "We got it off the Senate floor, and it has been sent to the House."

Branning is chairman of the Transportation Committee in the Senate. She wrote Senate Bill 2825 known as the Mississippi Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2021."

Branning said this bill would do several things. It has passed out of the Senate and is now being considered by the House.

"First, it would divert a portion of the lottery money into our counties and municipalities for road repairs for a total of \$240 million," Branning said. "It would be \$80 million over three years."

Branning added that in the

third year, the bill would allow for a weight increase under the Harvest Permit.

"That would allow loggers and people who haul agricultural commodities to carry more weight than your regular truckers," Branning said. "When industry is looking to locate in the South to take advantage of our timber resources which we have an abundance of, they are going to look at the other states. Our lower weight limits count against us."

If the bill becomes law, it will move the Mississippi Department of Transportation enforcement division over to the Department of Public Safety.

"It would improve law enforcement as a whole," Branning said. "It would do away with duplication of services. We are one of only a couple of states in the nation that still runs it this way. We are trying to be better stewards of the taxpayer dollar."

# City offering amnesty for past-due fines

By STAFF REPORTS

Anyone with outstanding fees with the Philadelphia Municipal Court has until the end of March to take advantage of the city's amnesty program.

An amnesty program allows those who owe old fines and fees to come to City Hall and pay them without fear of being detained.

Municipal Court Clerk Marilyn Jackson said individuals may pay in full or arrange a payment plan with the Court Clerk's office without fear of being detained.

"This will allow people to clear their names and eliminate fines," Jackson said.

The program started on Jan. 1 and will continue through to March 31 of this year.

The city estimates they have 4,522 outstanding fines.

Contact the Municipal Court Clerk's office at 601-650-3584, or stop by to make arrangements.

The Municipal Court Clerk's office is located in City Hall and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They accept cash money, money orders, credit and debit card payments.

# Church

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The team at the Baptist Center was able to have more than 60 direct ministry contacts and 30 opportunities to pray with those in the drive-through feeding line, officials said.

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The people who came and picked up take-out plates "were so thankful for a hot

meal," he said.

As many as 8,700 of Neshoba's 11,000 electric customers were without power at the height of last week's winter storm.

Addy said three of the participating churches backed out of Monday's meal saying they no longer had a need.

"By tomorrow, most of the power will be restored," Addy said.

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EDITORIALS

## The cavalry arrives

Linemen in bucket trucks and Baptists serving hot meals have been like the cavalry arriving since a debilitating winter storm knocked out power to most of unincorporated Neshoba County last week, even shutting the Walmart in town for a couple of days.

At daybreak on a crisp, clear morning Tuesday and continuing as the sun rose, out-of-town crews in convoys of bucket trucks and utility vehicles were heading south on Holland Avenue out of town to the hardest-hit areas of the county to get the lights on and we are thankful as a community.

Electric cooperatives from Alabama, Arkansas and other parts of Mississippi, among others, have been assisting Central Electric to get the lights back on.

There are multiple heroes in this crisis, too many to name, but we can all be thankful for caring neighbors eager to pitch in and help.

The hardship many families here are facing was illustrated in an announcement by the Neshoba County School District on Monday offering assistance to children.

Elementary students who need a snack pack sent home, a clean set of clothes, hygiene products and so on were their concern on Monday.

“We are here to HELP! We realize many in our area still do not have power, water and may be in need,” the statement posted on Facebook said.

Parents or guardians were encouraged to email tplot@neshobacentral.com or call the school at 601-656-2182 and ask for Jessica McCoy.

What many assumed would be a snow day turned into a snow week with schools

and businesses shuttered.

Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief teams provided 1,800 hot meals over three days to Neshoba County residents impacted by the winter storm.

Nine Neshoba County Baptist congregations assisted in providing direct feeding and the Neshoba Baptist Center in town hosted a drive-through feeding line.

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“Most important of all was that one of our DR Chaplains was able to share with and pray with two individuals who accepted Christ as their Savior! Praise the Lord!” the relief ministry posted on its Facebook page about the Neshoba County efforts.

The Lord can use even a fence post to accomplish His will and without our aid, and he used a terrible winter storm and a relief ministry to bring two of His children unto himself at no cost, a free gift.

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So, there is some good that has — and will — come out of this storm.

Plenty of residents have questions and Central Electric should address concerns when the crisis is over.

But for now, thanks to all the heroes.

## FLASHBACKS

**FEBRUARY 28, 1941**  
Sam Stribling, of Philadelphia, son of Dr. W.J> Stribling, has been announced as one of the 14 varsity students eligible for membership in Phi Eta Sigma, national honorary scholastic fraternity for freshmen. Young Stribling, graduate of Philadelphia High School in the class of 1940, set a fine record zt Ole Miss during the first semester. He made straight “A’s” in all courses.

**FEBRUARY 22, 1951**  
Horace Heidrich of Laurel, President of the State Baptist Brotherhood organization, will be guest speaker at the Associational Rally at the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia.  
The following students have been named in the Who’s Who contest for the seventh grade in the Bond Consolidated School, James Hodge as sponsor: Prettiest girl, Shirley Fulton; Most handsome boy, Lemuel Jackson; Most talent girl, Margaret Fulton; and Most talent boy, Jimmie Robert Jones.

**FEBRUARY 23, 1961**  
Rated as the best team in the Choctaw Conference, the Philadelphia Tornadoettes emerged victorious when they won over Canton girls, to the tune of 64 to 56 in the closing hours of the tournament. Downing teams from Louisville, Ackerman, and Eupora, the local team qualified for the play-offs of the Choctaw Conference Championship in Kosciusko.

Dick Palmer, 9, shows his limit catch taken through the ice on Peach Lake, Detroit. The fish are bluegills.

**FEBRUARY 25, 1971**  
Winners of the six annual football awards at Neshoba Central High School were announced at the Awards Banquet by coach Bobby Posey. The men are; Sammy Cumberland, Most Valuable Line-man; Stanley Copeland, Most Improved Player; Steve Burt, Most Valuable Back; and Ricky Coghlan, Most Valuable Player and Scholar-Athlete Award.

**FEBRUARY 26, 1981**  
Bryan Collins has been selected as a Spirit of America XI Honoree. He is the 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collins of Vicksburg. He is also the grandson of Mrs. Sarah Richardson and the late Alfred Richardson of Philadelphia. He was selected all conference nose guard and most valuable defensive lineman of South Central A. Academy his sophomore year.

Norman Hudson, Diane Backstrom, Connie Lee, and Buddy Killen were among the four Neshoba Central High School Basketball players that was named to the Mid-Mississippi All-Conference Team.

**FEBRUARY 27, 1991**  
Shayne Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Martin, has been named to the Mississippi High School All-Star Football team. All-Star players are recommended by high school

coaches across the state, then approximately 40 players are chosen for this honor. Martin recently signed a full scholarship with East Central Community to play football.

**FEBRUARY 28, 2001**  
Choctaw Central High School’s Chantay Frazier (20) battles for a rebound against Hazelhurst in the semifinal of MHSAA Girls 3A South State Tournament. CCHS lost to Hazelhurst, but beat Forest to earn third place and advance to the state tournament. Choctaw Central won its first-round game in the state tournament by a score of 84-50 over Independence.

Brent Howell recently caught this 5 ½ pound bass in a private pond in Neshoba County.

**FEBRUARY 23, 2011**  
Adam Moore, placed second in the Regional Power Lift in the 181 pound weight class. James Harris, placed third in the 123 pound weight class. Both will advance to South State at Lake High School. Herschel Smith is the power lifting coach at Union High School.

Famed Philadelphia High School football standout Marcus Deupree, was presented with a Concurrent Resolution from the Mississippi Senate honoring his “high powered football career that was cut short by injuries”. Senator Giles Ward, R-Louisville, presented the resolution to Dupree at the Capitol.

NEWT GINGRICH

## Why I will not give up

*This commentary was first published at Gingrich360.com in December 2020.*

A smart friend of mine who is a moderate liberal asked why I was not recognizing Joe Biden’s victory.

The friend made the case that Biden had gotten more votes, and historically we recognize the person with the most votes. Normally, we accept the outcome of elections just as we accept the outcomes of sporting events.

So, my friend asked why was 2020 different?

Having spent more than four years watching the left #Resist President Donald Trump and focus entirely on undoing and undermining the 2016 election, it took me several days to understand the depth of my own feelings.

As I thought about it, I realized my anger and fear were not narrowly focused on votes. My unwillingness to relax and accept that the election was over grew out of a level of outrage and alienation unlike anything I had experienced in more than 60 years involvement in public affairs.

The challenge is that I – and other conservatives – are not disagreeing with the left within a commonly understood world. We live in alternative worlds.

The left’s world is mostly the established world of the forces who have been dominant for most of my life.

My world is the populist rebellion which believes we are being destroyed, our liberties are being cancelled, and our religions are under assault. (Note the new Human Rights Campaign to decertify any religious school which does not accept secular sexual values – and that many Democrat governors have kept casinos open while closing churches though the COVID-19 pandemic.) We also believe other Democrat-led COVID-19 policies have enriched the wealthy while crushing middle class small business owners (some 160,000 restaurants may close).

In this context, let’s talk first about the recent past and the presidency.

In 2016, I supported an outsider candidate, who was rough around the edges and in the Andrew Jackson school of controversial assaults on the old order. When my candidate won, it was blamed on the Russians. We now know (four years later) Hillary Clinton’s own team financed the total lie that fueled this attack. Members of the FBI twice engaged in criminal acts to help it along – once in avoiding prosecution of someone who had deleted 33,000 emails and had a subordinate use a hammer to physically destroy hard drives, and a second time by lying to FISA judges to destroy Gen. Michael Flynn and spy on then-candidate Donald Trump and his team. The national liberal media aided and abetted every step of the way. All this was purely an attempt to cripple the new president and lead to the appointment of a special counsel – who ultimately produced nothing.

Now, people in my world are told it is time to stop resisting and cooperate with the new president. But we remember that the Democrats wanted to cooperate with Trump so much that they began talking about his impeachment before he even took office. The Washington Post ran a story on Democrat impeachment plots the day of the Inauguration. In fact, nearly 70 Democratic lawmakers boycotted his inauguration. A massive leftwing demonstra-

*The truth is tens of millions of Americans are deeply alienated, angry over Trump loss.*

tion was staged in Washington the day after, where Madonna announced she dreamed of blowing up the White House to widespread applause. These same forces want me to cooperate with their new president. I find myself adopting the Nancy Pelosi model of constant resistance. Nothing I have seen from Biden since the election offers me any hope that he will reach out to the more than 74 million Americans who voted for President Trump.

So, I am not reacting to the votes so much as to the whole election environment.

When Twitter and Facebook censored the oldest and fourth largest newspaper (founded by Alexander Hamilton) because it accurately reported news that could hurt Biden’s chances – where were The New York Times and The Washington Post?

The truth of the Hunter Biden story is now becoming impossible to avoid or conceal. The family of the Democrat nominee for president received at least \$5 million from an entity controlled by our greatest adversary. It was a blatant pay-off, and most Americans who voted for Biden never heard of it – or were told before the election it was Russian disinformation. Once they did hear of it, 17 percent said they would have switched their votes, according to a poll by the Media Research Center. That’s the entire election. The censorship worked exactly as intended.

Typically, newspapers and media outlets band together when press freedom is threatened by censorship. Where was the sanctimonious “democracy dies in darkness?” Tragically, The Washington Post is now part of the darkness.

But this is just a start. When Twitter censors four of five Rush Limbaugh tweets in one day, I fear for the country.

When these monolithic internet giants censor the President of the United States, I fear for the country.

When I see elite billionaires like Mark Zuckerberg are able to spend \$400 million to hire city governments to maximize turnout in specifically Democratic districts – without any regard to election spending laws or good governance standards – I fear for the country.

When I read that Apple has a firm rule of never irritating China – and I watch the NBA kowtow to Beijing, I fear for our country.

When I watch story after story about election fraud being spiked – without even the appearance of journalistic due diligence or curiosity – I know something is sick.

The election process itself was the final straw in creating the crisis of confidence which is accelerating and deepening for many millions of Americans.

Aside from a constant stream of allegations of outright fraud, there are some specific outrages – any one of which was likely enough to swing the entire election.

Officials in virtually every swing state broke their states’ own laws to send out millions of ballots or ballot applications to every registered voter. It was all clearly documented in the Texas lawsuit, which was declined by the US Supreme Court based on Texas’ proce-

dural standing – not the merits of the case. That’s the election.

In addition, it’s clear that virtually every swing state essentially suspended normal requirements for verifying absentee ballots. Rejection rates were an order of magnitude lower than in a normal year. In Georgia, rejection rates dropped from 6.5 percent in 2016 to 0.2 percent in 2020. In Pennsylvania, it went from 1 percent in 2016 to .003 percent in 2020. Nevada fell from 1.6 percent to .75 percent. There is no plausible explanation other than that they were counting a huge number of ballots – disproportionately for Biden – that normally would not have passed muster. That’s the election.

The entire elite liberal media lied about the timeline of the COVID-19 vaccine. They blamed President Trump for the global pandemic even as he did literally everything top scientists instructed. In multiple debates, the moderators outright stated that he was lying about the US having a vaccine before the end of the year (note Vice President Mike Pence received it this week). If Americans had known the pandemic was almost over, that too was likely the difference in the election.

The unanimously never-Trump debate commission spiked the second debate at a critical time in order to hurt President Trump. If there had been one more debate like the final one, it likely would have been pivotal.

This is just the beginning. But any one of those things alone is enough for Trump supporters to think we have been robbed by a ruthless establishment – which is likely to only get more corrupt and aggressive if it gets away with these blatant acts.

For more than four years, the entire establishment mobilized against the elected President of the United States as though they were an immune system trying to kill a virus. Now, they are telling us we are undermining democracy.

You have more than 74 million voters who supported President Trump despite everything – and given the election mess, the number could easily be significantly higher. The truth is tens of millions of Americans are deeply alienated and angry.

If Biden governs from the left – and he will almost certainly be forced to – that number will grow rapidly, and we will win a massive election in 2022.

Given this environment, I have no interest in legitimizing the father of a son who Chinese Communist Party members boast about buying. Nor do I have any interest in pretending that the current result is legitimate or honorable. It is simply the final stroke of a four-year establishment-media power grab. It has been perpetrated by people who have broken the law, cheated the country of information, and smeared those of us who believe in America over China, history over revisionism, and the liberal ideal of free expression over cancel culture.

I write this in genuine sorrow, because I think we are headed toward a serious, bitter struggle in America. This extraordinary, coordinated four-year power grab threatens the fabric of our country and the freedom of every American.

*Newt Gingrich as the former speaker of the House. Visit Gingrich360.com.*



Former President Trump will speak at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) on Feb. 28 in Orlando.

## BIBLE SELECTION

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

— 1 John 4:18 (ESV)

## LETTERS

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OBITUARIES

Frances C. Atkinson

Frances C. Atkinson passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 surrounded by her loving family. She was 92.

A native and lifelong resident of Florence, she was the daughter of the late Oliver F. and Lottie Bryant Cooper.

Frances loved working in her yard and tending to her garden of beautiful flowers and plants. Her devotion to her faith in the Lord was unwavering; she was committed to helping the sick and devoted to the fellowship of her church and her community. She is remembered fondly for her love of gospel music, dancing, playing bingo, and seeking out a good garage sale. She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend. Her children and grandchildren love and miss her dearly.

Frances is preceded in death by her husband, Arnold Atkinson. Survivors include her sons, Michael Dorian Atkinson (Carolyn Wages) and Anthony Wayne Atkinson, both of Pearl; daughter, Susan Diane Odom, of Florence; 7 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021 at Sebrell Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 1:00 p.m. in Salem Baptist Church Cemetery in the Burnside Community of Philadelphia, MS.

Janice Hagan Fleming

Funeral services for Janice Hagan Fleming will be Sunday, February 28, 2021, at 2 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Chris Young officiating and vocalist Dayna Goff. Burial will follow in Big Oak United Methodist Church cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday, February 28, 2021, from 1 p.m. until service at McClain-Hays Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fleming, 84, of Philadelphia died February 18, 2021.

A native of Kemper County, she graduated from Damascus High School and was a graduate of EMCC. Mrs. Fleming was a member of The United Methodist Church.

Survivors include husband, Rev. Claude Fleming, Jr.; son, Claude L. Fleming III; daughter, Susan Barton; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, Wendell Hagan; sister, Lawanda Hagan Vick.

Mrs. Fleming was preceded in death by parents, George Henry and Velma Hagan; brother, Dwight Hagan.

Memorials may be sent to St. Jude, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Sarah Wilcher

Funeral services for Sarah Wilcher were held Saturday, February 20, 2021, at 2 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Dudley Winstead and Rev. Kyle Wooten officiating. Burial followed in Ebenezer Cemetery in Carthage, MS. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Wilcher, 90 of Philadelphia, MS, died Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Leake County and a graduate of Carthage High School. She worked for the Carthage Corporation as a seamstress and retired after 32 years. She enjoyed spending time with all of her family and attending church. Mrs. Wilcher was a member of New County Line Baptist Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Becky Barrett (Greg) of Edinburg; son, Pat Wilcher (Debra) of Edinburg; grandchildren, Patrick Wilcher (Valerie), Ben and Shelby Barrett; great-granddaughter, Lerah Wilcher; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Wilcher's husband, Grady Wilcher; son, Gary Paul Wilcher; parents, A.L. and Cassielene Tucker; and brother, Tommy Tucker preceded her in death.

Pallbearers were William Crenshaw, Howard Wilcher, Steve Adams, Ricky Adcock, Ben Adams and David Spears.

Harold B. Wilcher

Funeral services for Harold B. Wilcher were held Friday, February 12, 2021, at 1 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Bro. Kyle Wooten and Bro. Dudley Winstead officiating. Burial followed in Wilcher Cemetery with Full Military Honors. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Wilcher, 68, of Edinburg, MS, died Monday, February 8, 2021.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Edinburg MS, and a 1970 graduate of Edinburg High School. He served in the MS Air National Guard 183rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron as a Chief Master Sgt. until he retired in 2011 with 40 plus years of service. He was an avid outdoorsman and had a love for music and singing. Mr. Wilcher was a member of New County Line Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for many years.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Deborah Ray Wilcher of Edinburg; daughter, Melanie Wilcher Griffin (Danny) of Louisvillie; son, Michael Wilcher (Stephanie) of Edinburg; grandchildren, Madison and Mallory Wilcher; brothers, Howard Wilcher (Shellie) of Edinburg, Dennis Wilcher (Beccy) of Edinburg; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mr. Wilcher's parents, Troy "Tut" and Rosa Wilcher, preceded him in death.

Pallbearers were Steve Adams, Ricky Adcock, Ben Adams, Steve Stone, Ron Fitzhugh and Joseph Fitzhugh. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Mississippi Air National Guard.

Anthony Scott "Tony" Lewis

Graveside services for Mr. Anthony Scott "Tony" Lewis will be held at 3:00 PM Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at Sandtown Cemetery with Rev. Tyler Tingle and Rev. Kevin Brouillette officiating. Visitation will be from 12 PM-2:30 PM Tuesday, February 23rd. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge. Tony, 65, passed away Friday, February 19, 2021 at Baptist Hospital in Jackson, MS. He was born in Orlando, FL but made his home in Sandtown Community.

A self employed auto body repairman, Mason and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved his family, visiting friends and telling tales.

He was a member of Redeemer Baptist Church and an active member of the Men's Club.

Preceded in death: Parents, Charles Lewis and Bonnie Warren; Parents by Love, Beck and Helen Smith; Infant sister, Maria Lewis; Brothers, Charlie Lewis, Timmy Lewis and Jerry Smith.

Survivors: Wife, Pam Dickinson Lewis of Philadelphia; Daughters, Christina Lewis (Matthew) of Brandon and Kelsey Sanderford (Colby) of Philadelphia; Sisters, Charlotte Burrus of CA, Karen Adkins of Union, Beth Roberts of LA, Rosemary Smith of Union and Theresa Fanning of Philadelphia;

Brothers, Frannie Lewis of Philadelphia, Thomas Lewis of Union, David Lewis of Nanih Waiya, Derrell Smith of Philadelphia and Tim Smith of Philadelphia; (2) Grandchildren, Mary Alice Sanderford, Kinlee Nicole Sanderford and upcoming first grandson, Michael Calum Sanderford; Host of nieces and nephews

Pallbearers: Mike Savell, Danny Sharp, Ben Warren, Stan Stewart, Cody Butts, Matthew Tingle, Caleb Tingle and Shan Winstead. Honorary pallbearers: Doctors, Nurses, Respiratory Therapist with ER and SICU at Baptist Medical Center.

Jimmie Dale Copeland

Funeral services for Mrs. Jimmie Dale Copeland was held 2 PM Sunday, February 21, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Don Savell and Rev. Steve Craft officiating. Burial in Arlington Baptist Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

Mrs. Copeland, 71, passed away Monday, February 15, 2021 at Anderson Regional Medical Center. She is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, East Central Community College and Mississippi State University with a B.S. and M.A. Mrs. Copeland taught at Neshoba Central for 43 years and was a member of Arlington Baptist Church.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Tommy Lee Daniels and Edna Earl McDonald Sistrunk; stepfather, Bill Sistrunk; sister, Tommie Sue Daniels.

Survivors include husband of 49 years, Larry Copeland, daughter, Jaye Cox (Rodney); grandchildren, B.J. Goodwin, Destiny Cox; aunt, Genoby Waddles.

Pallbearers are Rusty Benson, Dobie Eakes, Scott Copeland, Stanley Copeland, Shawn Burton, Stacy Copeland.

Clara Collier

Graveside services for Mrs. Clara Moore Collier were held on Saturday, February 20, 2021, at 11 A.M. from New Prospect M.B. Church Cemetery, with Rev. Kenneth Davis officiating. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Collier, 79, of Philadelphia, passed away on Friday, February 12, 2021 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian.

She is survived by two sons, Gilbert Collier and Timothy Collier, both of Philadelphia, MS, six sisters, Martha, Regina, Shirley, Betty Ann, Patricia and Judy, five brothers, Sonny, Johnny, Pete, Johnny Riley, and Earl, 11 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Rushing, Tyrone Collier, Danny Carter, Johnny Stanfield, Otis Wells and Darryl McBeath.

Delores White

Funeral services for Mrs. Delores White was held at 3 PM Saturday, February 20, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. John E. Stephens officiating. Burial was in Old Pearl Valley Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

Mrs. White, 70, passed away on Monday, February 15, 2021 at Neshoba County General Hospital. She enjoyed event planning, cooking and decorating. Mrs. White was a member of Old Pearl Valley Baptist Church. She is preceded in death by her parents, Erby Wilson Agent and Wardean Fulton Agent.

Survivors: husband, James White; son, Shannon White; sister, Betty (Eddie) Pierce; extended family, Jay (Dale) Waid, Beau (Tori) Waid, Stanley (Jennifer) Bishop, Matthew, Samantha and Clint Bishop, Michael and Trish

Bennett and Anna Kay, Shannon and Karen Williamson; several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers are Jay Waid, Beau Waid, Stanley Waid, Matthew Bishop, Michael Bennett, Shannon Williamson, Jason Pierce, Chester Barrett.

Kevin Wayne Butler

Graveside services for Mr. Kevin Wayne Butler will be held at 10 AM Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Holy Rosary Cemetery with Father Bob Goodyear officiating. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Mr. Butler, 57, passed away on Sunday, February 7, 2021 at his home. He is preceded in death by his mother, Patsy Sam Buffington; grandson, Baby Boy.

Survivors include wife, Mary Butler; sons, Shane Butler, Shawn Butler and Sidney Butler; sister, Christina Buffington; brothers, Ken Butler and Karl Butler; father, Jerry Butler; 3 grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Ignacio Perez, Ramiro Perez, Antonio Perez, Karl Butler, Jr., Jeremy Butler, Justin Butler, Zach Butler, Tristen Fortenberry.

Mary Sue Jefferson

Graveside services for Ms. Mary Sue Jefferson will be held at 2 PM Friday, February 26, 2021 at Conehatta Community Cemetery. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Ms. Jefferson, 64, passed away on Friday, February 12, 2021 at her granddaughter's home in Laurel, MS. She was preceded in death by her parents, Goldman Jefferson and Millie Anita Dixon; daughter, Daphane Thomas; son, Isaiah Thomas; sister, Cindy Jefferson; brothers, Bobby Jefferson and Robert Jefferson.

Survivors include daughters, Jessica Arauz, Marley Townsend, LaHoma James; son, Matthew Thomas; sisters, Sylvia Jefferson, Minnie Shoemake; brother, Learn Jefferson; 9 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren.

Richard Keith Thompson

Graveside service for Mr. Richard Keith Thompson will be held at 10 AM Thursday, February 25, 2021 at Holy Rosary Cemetery with Father Bob Goodyear officiating. There will be no visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Mr. Thompson, 77, passed away on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson, MS. He was preceded in death by his parents, Tubby Thompson and Paloney Willis; sisters, Dorothy Thompson, Margaret Thompson; brother, Jerry Thompson.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers are Demondo Mingo, Gordon Willis, Jr., James D. Willis, Farrell Davidson, Michael Bell, Tyler Willis, Kevin Willis, Stewart Willis.

Leroy Frazier, Jr.

Graveside services for Mr. Leroy Frazier, Jr. will be held at 10 AM Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at Nanih Waiya Mennonite Cemetery with Rev. Patrick Evans and Pam Smith officiating. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Mr. Frazier, 52, passed away on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Merit Health in Jackson, MS.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leroy Frazier, Sr.; sisters, Margie Frazier Williams, Margaret Lynn Todd; brothers, Michael Lee Frazier, Timothy Lee Frazier, Roy Frazier.

He is survived by his mother, Bobbie Jean Frazier.

Hugh Harold King

Graveside service for Mr. Hugh Harold King will be held at 2 PM Thursday, February 25, 2021 at Choctaw Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Thomas Ben, Jr. and Rev. Mark Patrick officiating. There will be no visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Mr. King, 67, passed away on Sunday, February 14, 2021 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian, MS. He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene Williams King; parents, Barkum King and Nancy Denson; daughter, Natalie Nicole King; son, Ted Johnson; sister, Melba King; brothers, Adair King, Ricky King, Kenneth King and Addie King.

Survivors include his daughters, Kisha King, LeAndrea Johnson, Modina Johnson; sons, Kirk Williams, Donovan King, Shane King, Ted King; sister, Angeline King; brothers, Vernon King; 23 grandchildren.

Frankie Luke

Funeral service for Mr. Frankie Luke was held at 12 Noon Saturday, February 20, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. John Branning officiating. Interment in Coy Community Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

Mr. Luke, 67, passed away Sunday, February 14, 2021 at his residence in North Bend Community. He worked at Taylor Machine Works, avid hunter and fisherman and member of Coy Community Church.

Preceded in death: Father, Odie Wayne Luke; Brothers, Wayne Luke, Charles Luke; Son, Gene Luke.

Survivors: Wife, Sarah May Luke of Philadelphia; Mother, Annie Sue Luke of Philadelphia; Daughters, Lamenda Hase (Chris) of Ocean Springs; Stepdaughters, Wendy Wilkins (Anthony) of Meridian, Mitze Singleton (Bobby) of Philadelphia; Stepson, Tim Harrison (Mashelle) of Philadelphia; Daughter-in-law, Melissa Luke of Sturgis; Sister, Lesia Boswell (Olen) of Philadelphia; (4) Grandchildren; (10) Step-Grandchildren.

Pallbearers: T.J. Kilgore, Austin Harrison, Sammy Singleton, Cody Singleton, Trace Wilkins, Dalton Luke, Christian Warren.

Nevalena Denson Billy

Graveside services for Ms. Nevalena Denson Billy will be held at 2 PM Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at Hope Indian Baptist Cemetery with Bro. Leonard Jimmy and Williamson Isaac officiating. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Ms. Billy, 75, passed away on Friday, February 19, 2021 at Choctaw Residential Center in Choctaw, MS. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rapheal Billy, Sr.; parents, Ezell Denson and Ludie Anderson; daughter, Clarissa Wilson; sons, Ronnie

Nickey, Kenneth Nickey, Gregory Nickey; sisters, Geneva Frazier, Annie Ruth Steve, Louise Denson, Ruth Denson, Mable Jim; brothers, George Denson, Cecil Denson.

Survivors include sons, Alvin Nickey, Jimmy Dale Nickey; sister, Kaffie Isaac; 9 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers are Marcus Sockey, Daiton Henry, Zaiah Isaac, Jerry Lewis, D'Vante Isaac, Arthur Thomas, Zach Davis, Robert Tubby.

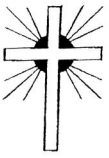
Timothy York, Sr.

Graveside services for Mr. Timothy York, Sr. will be held at 10 AM Monday, February 22, 2021 at Pearl River Community Cemetery. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Mr. York, 53, passed away on Friday, February 19, 2021 at his home. He was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony Tony York, Sr. and Betty Griffin; sister, Andrea York; brothers, Iron eyes Cody York and Tracy Scott York.

Survivors include daughters, Coyo York and Mahala York; sons, Timothy York, Jr. and Devonte Bell; sisters, Michelle York, Diane Isaac, Debbie York, Misti York; brothers, Anthony Tony York, Jr., Joshua Littlelky York, William York, Tatum Morris; 2 grandchildren.

Nephews will serve as pallbearers.



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*MR. TIMOTHY YORK SR.*  
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2 PM MON., FEB. 22, 2021  
GRAVESIDE  
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Acts 4:1-22

We see the apostles Peter and John on trial in this passage. They are arrested after Peter (through the power of Jesus name) heals a crippled man. The arrest is not triggered as much from the healing as it is what Peter is saying. He is teaching a large Jewish crowd that Jesus of Nazareth, whom they crucified, is the promised Christ and has been raised from the dead (verses 1-3).

When the trial begins the next day, the Jewish leaders ask Peter and John by what power or what name did you do this (verse 7)? Then we are told that Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit and he answers directly. And in his answer we see what the chief work of the Holy Spirit is: to exalt Christ.

Peter says let it be known to you and all Israel that this has happened "by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead." Peter goes on to quote Psalm 118; that Jesus is the cornerstone of the people of God, and that "there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

In other words if you do not have Christ, you will perish outside of the people of God, you will not have a place. There are three main defects in men since the fall. There is ignorance and blindness to God; there is rebellion in the will and affections toward God; we are in a cursed position subject to God's wrath because of this.

We need a Savior answerable to these needs, and Christ, the Son of God, is the only sufficient Savior. There is no other way to be reconciled to God. Christ died for sinners, and he was raised from the dead that men may be justified before God.

The Holy Spirit opens our eyes to the light of Christ. He convinces us of our sin and misery, the holiness of God, and the need of Christ's sacrifice. You can do nothing apart from God's Spirit. We have no power over the devil and death. We cannot take our own sins or any other person's sins away. Truly, we will not believe the truth of God apart from the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit being poured out at Pentecost is a testament to our spiritual

poverty and God's grace. He points poor sinners to a loving Savior who gave himself for them. He brings refreshment to the soul, makes Christ the name above all names in our hearts. The Holy Spirit is the gift of life. Life is more than material. Life that endures is in knowing Christ.

We see the Spirit give the apostles boldness (verse 12). Jesus had told his disciples the night before he was to be crucified that they would be persecuted by men; that the servants were not above the Master. If men hated Christ, they would hate his disciples also. But Jesus had also told them he would never leave them; that the Holy Spirit would be with them in tribulation and on trial before men.

The contrast between the apostles and the Jewish leaders stands out at the end of the trial. The rulers are worried about the opinions of the people (verses 16-17); the apostles are focused on being obedient to God. The rulers threaten the apostles. Peter and John answer: "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard (verse 19)."

They are very respectful, and are making an appeal for their Jewish brothers to pay careful attention to what has happened. This is the hand of God. Christ has been raised from the dead. It is not the time to fear losing your position, or losing face, or pursuing worldly ambitions. They are in great jeopardy from God; now is the time to repent, rather than resist.

The gospel of Christ is opportunity. And when it goes forth, there will be souls who believe. We see in verse 4, that 5000 souls believed from Peter's sermon. Even among these obstinate rulers and priests gathered to threaten the apostles, some would come to faith (Chapter 6:7).

Men can threaten and put to death Christ's people in this world. But they are powerless to thwart God's purposes he has for his gospel. Christ will be proclaimed. Some will come to him. Others will perish outside of him. So the Lord appeals to us all, seek Christ (and the life in him), while he may be found. Look into these things, and call on the name of the Lord.


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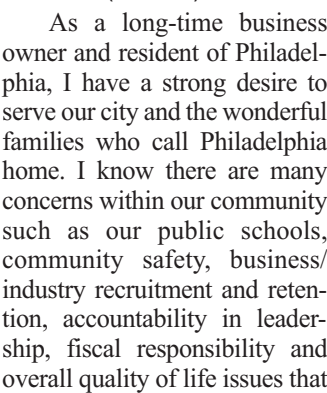


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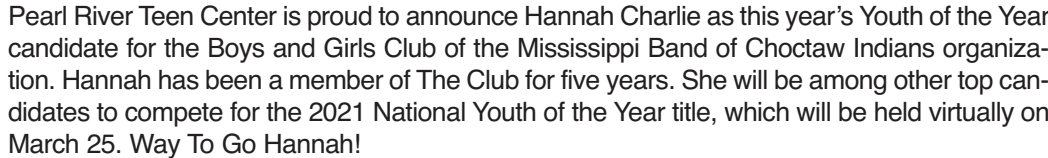


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Sincerely,  
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COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

*Neshoba County Jail Docket from 2/8-2/15*

- Keaton Abel, 22, of 10061 Rd 446; probation violation
- John W Bell, 30, of 2577 Albo Stamper Rd, Conehatta; failure to appear X2, contempt of court
- Michael Lee Bryant, 29, of 11633 Rd 383; shoplifting-less than \$1000.00, possession of paraphernalia
- Elizabeth K Cain, 36, of 6950 Hwy 488; serving sentence
- Ronnie Lynn Edwards, 41, of 566 C Phippen Rd, Meridian; hold for investigations, possession of controlled substance, possession of firearm by convicted felon
- Timothy Eichelberger, 49, of 199 Ray McDonald Rd, Noxapater; contempt of court
- Gurdy Farmer, 33, of 130 South Oswalt Rd; failure to appear
- Jamie Ray John, 46, of 10270 Rd 604; contempt of court
- Cameron Bailey Lillis, 19, of 10200 Rd 1535; disturbance of family
- Antonio Dimeria Lyles, 35, of 683 Pettey Rd, Forest; suspended drivers license
- Linnie A Malone, 50, of 2304 Jones Rd, Noxapater; possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia
- Tawaina McSwain, 41, of 9321 Hamrick, Collinsville; possession of controlled substance, hold for investigations
- Darrel W Mingo, 50, of 442 Campus Drive, Conehatta; bad check-1st or 2nd offense less than \$100.00
- Andrew C Nash, 32, of 120 Birmingham St, Louisville; disorderly conduct
- Keith C Nash, 34, of 1081 Rd 1321, Union; failure to appear
- Angela Nicole Singleton, 25, of 105 Chestnut; driving under the influence-1st offense, no insurance, possession of paraphernalia, contempt of court
- Samuel Wallace, 37, of 12770 Rd 325, Union; contempt of court
- Amelia R Williams, 41, of 309 Deer Trail; contempt of court
- Rosie Willis, 28, of 112 Red Hill Rd, Carthage; no

charges listed

- Merrick Bacon, 33, of 483 Black Jack Rd; contempt of court
- Steven Doyle Brown, 31, of 857 A County Rd 5011, Baldwin; hold for other agency
- Montral Curlin, 31, of 245 Coleman St Apt #306; public drunk
- Kevin Wayne Edwards, 44, of 10051 Rd 1707, Union; disturbance family 1st – domestic violence
- Christopher Charles Foreman, 36, of 313 Marshall Dr, Columbus; failure to appear
- Richard Lamar Garrett, 36, 210 MLK Dr; failure to pay
- Spencer Richard Harvey, 28, of 10041 Rd 379; disturbance family 1st – domestic violence
- Richard Lynn Hopson, 42, of 51 Old Rock Rd, Lauderdale; careless driving, seat belt violation, suspended drivers license, DUI, no insurance, driving under the influence-2nd offense
- Morgan Santana Hunter, 20, of 116 N Walnut St, Noxapater; failure to appear, driving under the influence-1st offense, expired license tag, no drivers license
- Anitha S Lewis, 38, of 520 Pleasant Valley Rd; expired license tag, driving under the influence other substance
- Anthony Lewis, 52, of 10460 Rd 410, Union; possession of alcohol in dry county X2
- Michael A Talbert, 36, of 488 Allan Lane, Walnut Grove; contempt of court, speeding- 1 to 20 miles over limit
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*Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 2/1-2/8*

- Jedadiah Appleby, 35, of 613 Jefferson St, Ponotoc; disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers
- Daniel D Ben, 29, of 82 Campus Drive Ext, Conehatta; hold-detainer for other agency
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- Misty Brown, Homeless; disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers
- David M Christian, 24, of 14881 Hwy 488; controlled substance; possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle
- Richard D Croskey, 21, of 403 Ivy St; simple assault-attempt by physical menace to create fear
- Kelli N Davis, 36, of 10331 Road 282; hold-detainer for other agency
- Isaiah Frazier, 16, of 434 North Columbus Ave; shooting into dwelling house, burglary-commercial buildings, cars, etc, grand larceny
- Cassie N Hamilton, 42, of 10261 Rd 357, Union; hold-detainer for other agency
- Joseph L Hodges, 28, of 279 West Beacon; DUI-3rd offense, license-driving while revoked or suspended, MV-no insurance, *speeding 20 over*
- *Kenneth Horton, 35, of homeless; hold-detainer for other agency*
- Steven E Knowles, 32, of 326 North Street Apt C-12, Union; larceny-petit value under \$1000
- Anthony D Lewis, 19, of 10460 Road 410, Union; MV-failure to obey/disregard of traffic control, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct-breaching peace with a willful and wanton disregard for the life or safety of another
- Bernard Mathis, 55, of 279 Depot Hill St, DeKalb; contempt of court-municipal court
- Bernard Mathis, 55, of 279 Depot Hill St, DeKalb; hold-detainer for other agency
- Richard L McCraw, 50, of 10531 Rd 248, Union; hold-detainer for other agency
- Devin B McMillian, 33, of 128 Farmer Road; DUI-2nd offense, hold-detainer for Neshoba County Sheriff Office
- Chad B Neese, 43, of 10460 Rd 424; arrest report-warrant
- James E Norris, 38, of 3473 Laurel Hill Rd, Carthage; DUI-2nd offense, MV-no insurance, MV-drivers license-none
- Laporsche K Nunn, 32, of 1840 Palmer Road, Louisville; MV-no insurance

- Sharmyn E Parker, 52, of 1110 B Kosciusko Road; public drunk
- Frankie E Pruitt, 40, of 2711 11th Street, Meridian; grand larceny-value \$1000 or more but less than \$5000, contempt of court-municipal court
- Casey D Russell, 34, of 393 Dr Brantley Rd; possession of controlled substance
- Patricia F Savell, 43, of 10800 Hwy 16 West; hold-detainer for *other agency*
- Patrick L Stokes, 44, of 10480 Rd 3401; malicious mischief-felony-value over \$1000 but less than \$5000
- Megan Warren, 34, of 10060 Rd 759; larceny-petit-value under \$1000, receiving stolen property-value under \$1000, credit cards-credit card numbers use with intent to defraud-\$100 or more

*Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 2/8-2/14*

- Amy R Burnham, 35, of 1210 Stewarts St; DUI-1st offense, disorderly conduct-dis-

turbing the peace, disorderly conduct-disturbance in public place

- David M Christian, 24, of 14881 Hwy 488; controlled substance-possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle
- Cortez D Cole, 25, of 1125 West Avenue; disorderly conduct-disturbance of family, disorderly conduct-disturbance in public place, public drunk
- Jamie E Cumberland, 49, of 1095 Hwy 16 East; MV-careless driving, possession of controlled substance
- Qualee Fryer, 18, of 265 MLK Jr. Dr; possession of controlled substance
- Joseph L Hodges, 28, of 279 West Beacon; DUI-3rd offense, license-driving while revoke or suspended, MV-no insurance, speeding 20 over
- Thurman P Isaac, 56, of 124 Thompson Rd; public drunk, disorderly conduct-disturbance in public place

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Jayroe, 18, of 1066 Frog Level Lane Apt #F56; hold-detainer for other agency

- Jeremy Kindle, 41, of 10391 Rd 367; DUI-test refusal
- Bernard Mathis, 55, of 279 Depot Hill St, DeKalb; hold-detainer for other agency
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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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# Marston enjoys cooking Hawaiian, Portuguese

By SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS  
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Scott Marston grew up in Hills, Iowa, a small town of only about 500 people seven miles south of Iowa City. But Hills seemed like its own universe.

Marston was raised with two brothers and a sister. His mother was of Portuguese and Hawaiian descent, and his father was Irish. Their cooking introduced him to many kinds of different cuisines.

During the week, his mother would cook Hawaiian or Portuguese, or even sushi.

Marston's father enjoyed cooking fried meats and potatoes, so his dad would spend all day cooking for the family on Sundays.

In 1978, Marston joined the Army and was stationed in Germany. After serving three years, Marston came back from Germany and earned a degree in psychology at about the time his parents moved to Birmingham, Alabama, for a promotion.

Marston visited his parents, and while in the South, auditioned for a stand-up comedy act, got the job and spent the next six years touring the country. He would ultimately meet his wife Melissa, who is a Kosciusko native.

Raising a family in Little Rock, Mississippi, the couple eventually made their way to Philadelphia where he was in new car sales.

They have three grown children and five grandchildren. Marston likes spending time with his grandchildren playing ball and other outdoor activities. He is currently teaching his youngest grandchild to play golf.

Marston is a sale associate at James Gray Sales and is passionate about his job, family, and cooking.

"I learned to cook at a young age," said Marston, "Each one of us growing up had a different job in the kitchen whether it be cleaning the table before and after we eat or helping to cook."

Thanks to the different influences in his family, Marston knows how to cook many different foods ranging from Portuguese sweet bread to Irish meals and Hawaiian foods.

Marston has many of the recipes from his childhood and is passing them down to his children.

**PORTUGUESE SWEET BREAD PAO DOCE**  
2 tablespoons active dry yeast  
¼ cup warm water  
1 cup lukewarm milk (scalded, then cooled)  
¾ sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
3 eggs  
½ cup butter, softened  
5-6 cups all purpose flour  
1 egg (for glaze)

Dissolve yeast in warm



Melissa and Scott Marston

water in a large bowl. Stir in milk, ¾ cup sugar, 3 eggs, margarine or butter, and 3 cups flour. Beat until smooth. Stir in enough of the remaining flour to make the dough easy to handle. Knead dough on a lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic (about 5 minutes). Place in a greased bowl and let rise in a warm place until it is double in size (about 1 to 1 ½ hours). Punch down dough and divide in half. Shape each half into a round slightly flat loaf. Place each into a well-greased round pan 9 x 1 ½ pan. Cover and let rise until double (about an hour). Heat oven to 350. Beat 1 egg and brush over tops of loaves. Sprinkle with 1 teaspoon sugar. Bake until loaves are golden brown,

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10 lbs white russet potatoes  
2 cans cream of bacon soup  
2 cans cream of chicken soup  
2 cans cheddar cheese soup  
1 lb thick cut bacon  
2 large white onion  
2 tspn rosemary

Wash off the potatoes. Bring the potatoes with skin still on to a boil for 30 minutes. Skin potatoes saving

the boiled water, cube potatoes into 1-1/2-inch cubes, place potatoes back in water over med-high heat. While the potatoes are boiling chop bacon and onion and render, draining about ½ of bacon grease, add remaining grease and bacon and onion to cubed potatoes. Stir in cream of bacon soup then cream of chicken and finally stir in cheddar soup (add one or two cans of water depending on how thick or thin desired). After 15 minutes simmering serve with garnish of chives and capers.

**GRILL POPPERS**  
(You can use any red meat, especially venison)  
2-3 lb tenderized meat  
2 blocks Philadelphia cream cheese  
1 small jar jalapeño slices  
2 purple onions  
2 lbs thick sliced bacon  
1 lb of shredded cheddar cheese  
1 box toothpicks  
1 bottle Italian dressing  
Cube tenderized meat into 1-2-inch squares and marinate in Italian dressing while moving on. Finely chop onions and jalapenos.

Mix onions and jalapenos with cream cheese and cheddar cheese, should be a very stiff paste. Place one piece of meat on dry surface dabbing 1 tspn of paste in center, roll closed and wrap in bacon, pinning with a toothpick, repeat until finished. Prepare on a hot grill (no flames). Place poppers evenly overheat, turn every 2 minutes until bacon is crisp on edges, remove from heat and let cool 5-10 minutes and enjoy.

## Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS  
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The Philadelphia Tornadoes Archery Team won its first Archery Meet on February 11. The meet was held at Philadelphia High School.

The Tornadoes competed against the Meridian and Kosciusko teams for the win. It was an exciting event for the team members. Congratulations!

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The Neshoba Central School District has recognized the Teachers of the Year and the Support Staff Member of the Year, 2020-2021

Sheila Goss was named Support Staff Member of the Year for the district. Neshoba Central Elementary Teacher of the Year Award went to Connie Clark; Middle School Teacher of the Year was Chad Clark; High School Teacher of the Year was Shannon Broom. These individuals were recognized for their outstanding performance and contributions to the educational process of the Neshoba Central School District. Congratulations!

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Wearing a pale lavender Elsa dress with a deep lavender bow in her hair, Darci Chunn welcomed her little friends to her "Frozen" 3rd Birthday Party which was held in her home. The "Frozen" theme transformed the living area into a magical scene.

There were large posters of the characters from the movie on the walls along with special areas with larger than life stand up cutouts in strategic places. A huge Happy Birthday banner was hung along with the number 3 in a gold inflated balloon. Backdrops were hung in some places which looked like sheets of ice and snowflakes. The word, "Believe", was attached to one of them.

An arch of balloons in "Frozen" colors hovered above the refreshment table which was covered in a cloth with a design down the center and cameos of the leading "Frozen" characters mounted on the wall behind it.

A beautiful cake was the centerpiece. It was a three layered cake frosted in the signature Frozen blue with white snowflakes around each layer. The top layer was white with a number 3 candle. Cookies iced in Frozen colors with Darci's name on them in white were served as well as various finger foods. Plates and napkins carried out the theme.

A fun activity for the guests was making the snow character, Olaf, from a fluffy mound of white with stick cookies for arms and candy for his nose and buttons. A figure of Olaf was hanging down from the ceiling among the balloons as part of the decorations. An enthusiastic rendition of "Happy Birthday" was sung

and Darci blew out the candle. Everyone enjoyed sampling the food and watching her open her presents. It was a fun party! Darci is the daughter of Eli and Bethany Morgan Chunn who enjoyed giving the party for their sweet child.

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The Friendly Fish and the Caterpillar kindergarten classes at Neshoba Central Elementary School presented a Valentine program for parents and grandparents. The program was held on February 12 in the auditorium.

"A Special Valentine" was performed by some special little Valentines who sang and recited and did a wonderful job. They entered wearing masks and stood on the stage with a backdrop decorated with big hearts and the title of the program in shiny red letters across the top of the curtain. The audience enjoyed watching their children so very much. Their teachers, Mrs. Posey and Mrs. Vowell, along with their assistants, worked so hard to make this happen. The students had fun, too!

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# Union teams advance to second round

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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Both Union basketball teams took victories Monday night and advanced to the second round of the Mississippi High School Activities Association's Class 2A state tournaments.

The Union girls took a 46-43 victory over Bogue Chitto and the Yellowjackets defeated Wesson 53-35.

The Union girls will host Puckett in their second-round game Wednesday. On Thursday, the Union boys will travel to Bay Springs.

The Union girls were in a

low-scoring contest until the final quarter. Union carried a 27-24 lead into the fourth quarter. Then both teams scored 19 points and the Lady Yellowjackets held on to their four point advantage.

Madison Buckley led Union with 10 points while Keirra Russell, Kamyia Rus-

sell, Georgia Cooper and Taniqua Hunter each scored eight points.

Union improved to 23-6 with the victory.

The third quarter was the difference for the Union boys as they took a win over Wesson.

Union led 9-7 after the first

quarter. The Yellowjackets would outscore Wesson 15-14 in the second quarter and led 24-21 at the half.

Union then outscored Wesson 18-5 in the third quarter and carried a 42-26 lead into the final eight minutes of play. Union outscored Wesson 11-9 in the final quarter.

Jamarcus Jones led Union with 13 points while Kenyon Clay added 12 points. Bryce Jones finished with 10 points.

The Union boys improved to 19-7.

# Choctaw Central four wins away from state title

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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The Choctaw Central Lady Warriors defeated Ripley 56-40 Monday night in the first round of the Mississippi High

School Activities Association Class 4A girls basketball tournament.

The Lady Warriors, 21-3, will be home again Wednesday when they host the South Pontotoc girls in the second round.

South Pontotoc defeated Clarksdale in its first round game.

"We are taking them one game at a time," Lady Warriors Coach Bill Smith said. "Our goal is to win the state

championship and right now, we are four wins away. We went up 15 to 20 points on Ripley and managed to maintain that lead through most of the second half."


Leading 16-9 after the first quarter, the Lady Warriors

outscored Ripley 19-10 in the second quarter and led 35-19 at the half.

Choctaw Central maintained its lead, outscoring Ripley 16-12 in the third quarter. The Lady Warriors led 51-31 going into the final stanza and

held on for the win.

Lyleonia Johnson and Shantashia John both scored 13 points to lead the Lady Warriors, Carly Keats added 12 points and Meloney Thames scored four.



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## Lady Tornadoes hold on in win over Wesson

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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The Philadelphia Lady Tornadoes pulled away in the second quarter as they defeated Wesson 44-34 Monday night in the first round of the Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 2A girls basketball tournament.

The Lady Tornadoes improved to 9-9. They advance

to the second round game Wednesday at Bay Springs with a 6 p.m. tipoff time.

Philadelphia led 12-11 after the first quarter. The Lady Tornadoes then outpointed the Lady Cobras 11-6 in the second quarter to go up 23-17 at the half.

Wesson kept the game close. Philadelphia had a 10-8 scoring edge in the third quarter and carried a 33-25 lead into the final

eight minutes of play. The Lady Tornadoes outscored Wesson 11-9 in the final quarter to take the victory.

Zharia Leflore and Jaenasha Clemons both scored 13 points to lead the Lady Tornadoes.

"I thought we played well," Philadelphia Coach Danielle Spurlock said. "We had a good second quarter and held the lead through the second half."

## Lady Warriors softball team starts season 0-4

Alana Edmonds and Mattie Hodge combined for nine RBIs through a four-game stretch over the weekend for the East Central Community College Lady Warrior softball team.

The Lady Warriors went 0-4 in back-to-back doubleheaders

in the Meridian Community College Rush Invitational. Despite the effort from the freshmen, the Lady Warriors fell to Calhoun Community College, 5-4, Snead State, 7-2, Coastal Alabama-North, 8-3, and Des Moines Area, 8-6. The

losses drop the team to 0-6 on the season.

East Central was to be back on the diamond on Tuesday as the Lady Warriors took on Coastal Alabama-South.

## ECCC basketball teams take on MGCCC

The Lady Warriors of East Central Community College picked up their first win of 2021 Friday with a 60-50 victory over the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The Lady Warriors' Monday night game versus Pearl River has been postponed due to COVID concerns on the Lady Wildcats team. ECCC is slated to be back on the court on

Thursday when the team travels to Summit to face the South-west Lady Bears.

**ECCC men**

The East Central Community College Warriors fell to 0-7 Saturday as the team dropped a tough game with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College 83-73.

Devin Carter (Louisville) led the way for the Warriors with a career-high 24 points. The sophomore posted stellar percentages from the free throw stripe as he made 9-of-11 attempts. Demajon Topps (Winona) added 15 points and JaMichael Wilson (Rayville, La.) poured in 13 to round out the Warriors' top scorers.

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# Of Local Interest

**4H S.A.F.E.T.Y. SHOOTING**

Neshoba County 4H has a well-established S.A.F.E.T.Y. Shooting Sports Club for youth ages 8- 18. The goal of this club is to teach the youth of our community about firearms safety and conservation via regular practices and a little friendly competition. While accomplishing this main goal, our kids also learn a great deal responsibility and have fun doing it. The disciplines offered are Archery, Shotgun, .22 rifle, .22 pistol, air rifle, and air pistol. Parents with children interested in joining need to call the Neshoba Extension Office at 601-656-4011 and/or email us at ca783@msstate.edu. When you get in touch with us, you will learn what is necessary to enroll in 4H as well as all the details associated with joining this particular club.

**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
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## LEGALS

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 Agreed 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 '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

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOREST 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 NESHOBACOUNTY THE 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 Tubby/Christopher 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 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: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 NESHOBACOUNTY, 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 Let- ters 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 4th day of January, 2021. /s/Nicole MooreNICOLE MOOREMORRISON, EXECUTRIXOF THE ESTATE OFWILLIE C. MOORE,DECEASED ROBERT L. THOMAS, MSBN 8159ALFORD, THOMAS & THOMAS, PLLCATTOR- NEYS AT LAWPOST OFFICE BOX 96PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI 39350(601) 656-1871 52371

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI THE NESHOBACOUNTY 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, Philadel- phia, 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, Philadel- phia, 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 BID- DERS: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 SUPERVISORSNESHOBACOUNTY, 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 Phila- delphia, 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 prepara- tion 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 construc- tion 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 pro- posals. 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 con- tent 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 environmen- tal 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 deter- mined 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 NESHOBACOUNTY 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 Febru- ary, 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 registra- tion according to law within ninety (90) days from the date or they will be for- ever barred.THIS, the 11th day of Feb- ruary, 2021. Respectfully submitted,s/ Terry L. JordanTERRY L. JORDAN, Executor TERRY L. JORDANAttor- ney at Law, PLLCPost Office Drawer 459Philadelphia, MS 39350Phone: (601) 656-2451Fax: (601) 656-2458MS State Bar No. 3234 52375

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBACOUNTY 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 MISSIS- SIPPI 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, Mis- sissippi, 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, thisthe 11th day of February, 2021. Chancery Clerk of Neshoba Co., MS By: /s/W. Savell, D.C. Dates of Publi- cation: 3 times Submitted by : TERRY L. JORDAN MS Bar # 3234Attorney at LawPost Office Drawer 459Philadel- phia, MS 39350Phone: (601) 656-2451 52376

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBACOUNTY THE 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 Chan- cery 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, thisthe 11th day of February, 2021. Chancery Clerk of Neshoba Co., MS By: /s/W.Savell D.C. Dates of Pub- lication: 3 times Submitted by : TERRY L. JORDAN MS Bar # 3234Attorney at LawPost Office Drawer 459Philadel- phia, MS 39350Phone: (601) 656-2451 52377

PUBLIC NOTICE SIXTEENTH SEC- TION LAND RECLASSIFICATION The Board of Trustees of the Neshoba County School District hereby gives notice of the reclassification of the following Sixteenth Section Public School Trust Land from Agricultural to Forestry classification. Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 11 East All that part of the E ½ of NW ¼ of SE ¼ and all that part of the NE ¼ of SE ¼ lying and being North and West of Road 385 and all that part of the South 11 acres of the SE ¼ of NE ¼ lying and being West of Road 385 in Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 11 East. Neshoba County, Mississippi. Less and except: Beginning at a point where the Northwest right-of-way of Road 385 crosses the South line of the E ½ of the NW ¼ of SE ¼ and run Northeastly along the Northwest right-of-way of said road a distance of 528.00 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning; thence run Northeast- erly along the Northwest right-of-way of said road a distance of 924.00 feet more or less; thence run West 231.00 feet more or less; thence run Southwestly parallel to said right- of-way a distance of 924.00 feet more or less; thence run East 231.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 5.0 acres more or less, being situated in the E ½ of NW ¼ of SE 1/4 lying and being North and West of Road 385; less and except: 1.83 acres described as starting at a point where Road 385 intersects the West right-of-way of Road 383 in the Northeast corner of the S ½ of SE ¼ of NE ¼ and run in a Southwestly direction along said right-of-way of Road 385 a distance of 300.00 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning of this 1.83 acres; thence run South 45 degrees West a distance of 250.00 feet more or less; thence run South parallel to Road 385 a distance of 320.00 feet more or less;

thence run North 45 degrees East a distance of 250.00 feet more or less to the West side of Road 385; thence run Northeastly along said right-of-way a distance of 320.00 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning. Less and except: the following 4.0 acres described as starting at a point where the South line of the SE ¼ of NE ¼ intersects the West side of Road 385 and run Southwestly along the West side of Road 385 a distance of 250.00 feet more or less; thence run North- easterly perpendicular to Road 385 a distance of 250.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run Northwestly perpendicular to Road 385 a distance of 417.00 feet more or less; thence run Northeastly parallel to Road 385 a distance of 417.00 feet more or less; thence run Northeastly parallel to Road 385 a distance of 417.00 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning, being 4 acres in the NE ¼ of SE ¼: Less and except: Commence at a point where the West right-of-way of County Road 385 intersects the South line of the NW ¼ of SE ¼ this being the Point of Beginning; thence run West 188.0 feet more or less; thence run North 556.0 feet more or less; thence run East 335.0 feet more or less; thence run Southeastly perpen- dicular to County Road 385 a distance of 285.0 feet more or less to the West right-of-way of said Road 385; thence run Southwestly along said right-of- way a distance of 538.0 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning being 5.0 acres more or less in the E ½ of NW ¼ of SE 1/4; Agricultural acreage containing 19.7 acres more or less described herein. Further described as Parcel 20.01 on Map 50 of the Neshoba County Tax Assessor plat maps. Any interested party desiring to object to this reclassification must submit such objection in writing to the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County on or before 5:00 p.m. on the 9 th day of April, 2021. Neshoba County School DistrictLundy Brantley, Superintendent Publish 3 times: February 24, 2021 and March 3 and 10, 2021 52378

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 Benefi- ciary 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 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 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 300.0 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 Northwest 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 deegres 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 pin marking the SW corner of the SW ¼, SW ¼, Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East,



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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; then run South 3 degrees 20 minutes East 105 feet for a point of beginning; run South 3 degrees 20 minutes East 225 feet; then West 739.39 feet; then South 219 feet; then West 325 feet; then North 14 degrees 58 minutes West 459 feet; then East 1170 feet, more or less, containing 7.5 acres, more or less, located in the N ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 11 East and in the NW ¼ of NW ¼, Section 30, Township 11 North, Range 12 East. Parcel Number 05225A-00A-017.001. TRACT VII: - In-tentionally Omitted TRACT VIII: From an iron pin on the NW Corner of the S ¼ of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, run South for 280.06 feet; then run West for 2,138.73 feet to an iron pin on the South right-of-way (15 feet South of the center line) of Myrtle Street which is the Point of Beginning; then run South for 291 feet; then run South 89 degrees 16 minutes West for 100.0 feet; then run North for 295.8

feet to an iron pin on the said South right-of-way of Myrtle Street, being the NE Corner of C & D Building Supply; then run South 85 degrees 14 minutes East for 100.34 feet along the said South right-of-way of Myrtle Street to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.68 acre, more or less, and being situated in the W ½ of SW ¼ of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Parcel number 06329C-00A-023.001. TRACT IX: A parcel of land containing 0.42 acres situated in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 11 East in the City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi, and more particularly described as follows: From the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, run North 75 degrees 51 minutes and 6 seconds East for 1236.57 feet to a point where Kentawka Creek crosses the Southeastern side of the right-of-way for Mississippi Highway 15, 16 & 21 Bypass; then run North 45 degrees and 13 minutes East along said right-of-way for 484.71 feet; then South 44 degrees and 47 minutes East for 30.00 feet to the Point of Beginning of the following described parcel of land. From said Point of Beginning, run North 45 degrees and 13 minutes East for 165.00 feet; then South 55 degrees and 22 minutes East for 81.00 feet; then South 34 degrees and 38 minutes West for 162.19 feet; then South 45 degrees and 38 minutes West for 25 feet; then North 55 degrees and 9 minutes 28 seconds West for 115.9 feet; then North 45 degrees 13 minutes East for 25 feet to the Point of Beginning. Parcel Number 05200-35-008.008 TRACT X: Begin at the SW corner of SW ¼ of SW ¼, Section 24, Township 11 North, Range

11 East, and run East 217.8 feet; then run North 266 feet to the South line of a street; then run South 43 degrees 46 minutes West 303 feet along the Southern line of said street; then run South 21 degrees 15 minutes East 56 feet along the Eastern line of said street to the North line of Fork Public Road; then run East 19 feet to the point of beginning; containing (0.75) ¾ acre more or less and being in the SW corner of SW ¼ of SW ¼, Section 24, and also in the SE corner of SE ¼ of SE ¼, Section 23, all in Township 11 North, Range 11 East, City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Parcel Number 05124C-00E-030.000. The foregoing real property, together with all improvements and appurtenances erected thereon, and all fixtures of any and every description attached to said real property (collectively, the "Property") shall be sold together on an "As Is, Where Is" basis without warranty or recourse, express or implied, as to title, possession, use and/or enjoyment, and subject to the following: 1. Any unpaid taxes against the Property; 2. Any recorded easements, conditions, covenants, rights-of-way or subdivision plats affecting the Property; 3. Any dedication of roads affecting the Property and any governmental zoning and subdivision ordinances or regulations in effect; and, 4. Any prior or superior liens, judgments, deeds of trust, or other interests of record and/ or existing as a matter of law regarding the Property. I shall convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 12th day of February, 2021. /s/ Alan Lee SmithALAN LEE SMITH, actingsolely in my capacity asSubsti-tuted Trustee Baker, Donelson, Bearman,Caldwell & Berkowitz,

P.C.Attn: Alan Lee Smith, Esq.P.O. Box 14167Jackson, Mississippi 39236(601) 351-8932 Property Name and Physical Address: Tracts I, II and III: East Gate Plaza Shopping Center1120 & 1122 East Main StreetPhiladelphia, MississippiTax: 06329C-00A-025.000 (PPIN: 6819) Tract VI: Vacant Land behind Ronnie's SteakhousePecan AvenuePhiladelphia, MississippiTax: 05225A-00A-017.001 (PPIN: 17675) Tract VIII: Warehouses on Myrtle Street1207 Myrtle StreetPhiladelphia, MississippiTax: 06329C-00A-023.001 (PPIN: 6817) Tract IX: Krystal Restaurant10 Canal PlacePhiladelphia, MississippiTax: 05200 -35 -008.008 (PPIN: 17257) Tract X: Warehouse on Carter Avenue907 Carter AvenuePhila-delphia, MississippiTax: 05124C-00E-030.000 (PPIN: 3822) Publication Dates:February 17, 2021; February 24, 2021;March 3, 2021; and March 10, 2021

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI NE-SHOBA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY: MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, AND CAE-LYN BREEZE HOLLINGER, SHALYN GRACE HOLLINGER AND TERRANCE EDWARD HOLLINGER, II, A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH THEIR NEXT FRIEND, MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, PETITIONERS VS. CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. 2021-9 FELICIA GAIL SHARRAH AKA HOLLINGER AND TERRANCE EDWARD HOLLINGER, RESPON-DENTS COUNTY COURT SUMMONS-STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: Felicia Gail Sharrah AKA Hollinger, who is not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose post office address is not known to the Petitioner after diligent inquiry. You

have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by the Neshoba County Department of Child Protection Services, by Marcus D. Davenport and Caelyn Breeze Hollinger, Shalyn Grace Hollinger and Terrance Edward Hollinger, II., seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minors and demanding that the full custody, control, and authority to act on behalf of said minor be placed with the Neshoba County Department of Child Protection Services. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 14th day of April, 2021, in the courtroom of the Neshoba County Chancery Court Courthouse at 401 East Beacon St, Philedelphia, Mississippi 39350, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a Judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 12th day of February, 2021. GUY NOWELL CLERKNESHOBA COUN-TY, MISSISSIPPIPHILEDELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI 39350 BY: K. Greer DCDeputy Clerk Office of the Attorney General Post Office Box 220Jackson, Mississippi 39205Telephone No. (601) 359-4248Duran.Davis@ago.ms.gov

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF ESTATE OF ALATHA FRANCES SMITH BRADLEY, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NO. 20-328-JK JOHNNIE LEE BRADLEY, JR. EXECUTOR NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 11 th day of Febru-ary, 2021, by the Chancery Court

of Neshoba County, Mississippi, in civil action number 20-328-JK to the undersigned upon the Estate of Alatha Frances Smith Bradley, and the Exec-utor, having filed an AFFIDAVIT with the Clerk confirming his reasonably dil-igent efforts to identify persons having claims against said estate and finding none, notice is hereby given to all per-sons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred. This the 17th day of February, 2021. JOHNNIE LEE BRAD-LEY, JR., Executor of the ESTATE OF ALATHA FRANCES SMITH BRADLEY Prepared by: John G. Compton MSB #6433 Witherspoon & Compton, LLC P.O. Box 845 Meridian, MS 39302-0845 Telephone: 601/693-6466 Email: jcompton@witherspooncompton.com

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