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2 plead guilty in pond murder

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY steve@neshobademocrat.com

A man and a woman pleaded guilty to manslaughter last week in connection with the Hope pond murder last year. A third defendant, James Walter Kelly, is scheduled for trial on capital murder charges this summer, according to District Attorney Steven Kilgore. In all, nine people were arrested and charged after the body of Demarcus Houston was found Oct. 20, 2019, weighted down in a pond.

In the plea last week, Tyrone Braxton, 24, and Joanna Brook Gilmer, 26, both of Neshoba County were sentenced. The case was made a capital case because of an underlying charge of kidnapping. Houston had died by suffocation before being dumped in the pond, according to officials. In a plea bargain with the District Attorney's Office, both were allowed to plead guilty to the manslaughter charges.

Braxton was sentenced to 20 years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. Gilmer was sentenced to 12 years. Houston's family had reported him missing Oct. 23, 2019. Of the original nine charged, a grand jury later returned five indictments — three capital murder defendants — Braxton, Gilmer and Kelly — and two for accessory after the fact of capital murder — Justus Barfield and Ian Caleb Thompson.

The accessory cases against Barfield and Thompson are still pending, Kilgore said. "Braxton and Gilmer both pleaded guilty to manslaughter," Kilgore said. "The third defendant is going to trial. There is a motion to bring in the state group, Capital Defense, through the state Public Defenders Office, Kilgore said. They are brought in anytime there is a death penalty case. "As of right now, we are seeking the death penalty,"

Kilgore said of the case against Kelly. "They will need some time to investigate and figure their job out. We don't have a timeline. We are hoping to do it in July ... for that trial." Circuit court is currently in a dual session in Philadelphia and Decatur. Kilgore reported the following people who pleaded guilty and their sentences: Patrick Atkinson, 40, pleaded guilty burglary of a camp house, and burglary of a storage shed. He was sentenced to drug court;

James Clingan, 26, pleaded guilty to business, burglary, burglary of a shed and burglary of a camper; sentenced to 14 years in the custody with the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC); Austin Jarriel, 21, pleaded guilty to possession of synthetic marijuana and guilty to possession of cocaine. Sentenced to three years in the custody of MDOC; Michael Wilson, age unavailable, pleaded guilty to See COURT, page 2A



Neshoba County School District Superintendent Lundy Brantley shows off a CNC (Computer Numerical Control) laser cutter, which will be among the pieces of equipment used in the new Innovation Lab for welders to make things like fire pits.

Neshoba Central building Innovation Lab

By JOHN LEE john@neshobademocrat.com

Instructor Sadera Anderson can't wait to experience and to teach the new technology that's coming with the Neshoba Central High School Innovation Lab this spring. Anderson, who has been teaching at Neshoba Central for 20 years, said every day is a new challenge, and she is continuously learning along with her students as they are exposed to updated technology and ideas. The I-Lab, as it is known, will be located in the former ROTC facility on the east side of the

campus between the main high school building and the agriculture building. "These are wonderful students who are eager to learn, and I am eager to be right there with them as they do," Anderson said. "This new lab is going to provide them with so many new opportunities." The I-Lab aims to design a space for students to study and practice welding, carpentry, engineering, physics, agriculture and digital media to collaborate on projects they are interested in creating. Along with the welding machines and blue-print printers that will be coming to the I-Lab,

Anderson is looking forward to the 3D printers the lab will have as well, and what her students can do with them to improve life in the classroom. "The sky is the limit on what they can make," Anderson said. "They can make things like tools, cups and more. The more we can get them exposed to new technology and get them national industry certified, the more job opportunities they'll have." Lundy Brantley, superintendent of the Neshoba County School District, said the overarching goal of the project is for students to bring an idea See LAB, page 2A

COVID-19

Mayor walks back mandate

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Philadelphia Mayor James A. Young said he misspoke last week in issuing a new mask mandate for Philadelphia after the governor lifted the state mandate. "It really was not a mandate and was basically a strong emphasis from me to keep the mask-wearing going but leave it up to individuals and businesses to decide whether to wear a mask," Young said Tuesday. "It is just my strong recommendation for that." Meanwhile, the state opened up vaccinations for any 50 and over. The mask recommendation from the mayor will be in place through the end of April, but Young said he will look at it again at the end of March, Young told the Democrat on Friday. Young said the mask recommendation carries no force of law, has no paperwork and is not a legal document but rather his recommendation. Young said the number of COVID-19 infections is decreasing in the city and Neshoba County but now is not the time to let the mask-wearing go. "We need to let more people get vaccinated, and a mask (recommendation) is a simple thing we can do until it is over," Young said. "The virus is too dangerous to play with." Young said if some people choose not to wear a mask, people See MASKS, page 2A

FOUR DECADES OF TEACHING

Retired PHS teacher dies in Highway 19 crash

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@neshobademocrat.com

Barbara Ann Mowdy, who spent nearly nearly four decades as an educator, — more than two of them as a math instructor at Philadelphia High School — will be laid to rest this afternoon following a fatal car crash Sunday evening. "I attribute much of my professional success in life to Ms. Barbara Mowdy," said PHS graduate and Philadelphia native David Bridges, associate professor of mechanical engineering at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. "She was an excellent teacher, and those courses prepared me well for all of the math I would later take at the college level."

Mowdy, 78, died in a three-car crash on Highway 19 just south of Bethesda Sunday evening, according to the Mississippi Highway Patrol. A visitation is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today (Wednesday) at McClain-Hays Funeral Home with a graveside service following at 1:30 p.m. at the Bethesda Baptist Church Cemetery. Mowdy, 78, died after her Ford passenger vehicle was struck by two vehicles as she was apparently preparing to make a left turn onto a county road. Many other former stu-



Barbara Ann Mowdy

dents were remembering Ms. Mowdy on Facebook Monday. "She taught 'old school' mathematics (Algebra, Trig, Geometry, Adv. Math) and the learning disciplines that were needed not only in math but in life," said another PHS graduate and Philadelphia native the Rev. Hubert Yates, state director of Disaster Relief Ministries for Mississippi Baptists. Ms. Mowdy was born on March 2, 1943, and lived most of her life in Neshoba County. She graduated from the Neshoba County Schools and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from The University of Southern Mississippi (formerly known as Mississippi

Southern College). Upon graduation from USM, she obtained a master's degree from Mississippi State University. She began her long career as an educator in 1965 in Long Beach and spent the last 23 years of her career as a math instructor at Philadelphia High School where she retired in 1993. After PHS, she went on to serve as an adjunct faculty member at East Central Community College from 1991 until her final retirement in 2004. "Miss Mowdy truly had a love for teaching, whether at school in the classroom, or at home, assisting her multiple nieces and nephews and great See MOWDY, page 3A



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UV lights installed in Philadelphia schools

By AMELIA HENSON
Special to the Democrat

Philadelphia Public School District installed 175 ultraviolet lights to help prevent COVID-19.

Maintenance Supervisor Terry Watkins explained the process of the iWave-R Residential Air Cleaners.

"The HVAC systems have filters that catch viruses and bacteria, and if any particles leak through the filters, the ultraviolet lights catch and destroy them," Watkins said.

The iWave-R Residential Air Cleaners are installed throughout the elementary and high school and have many benefits: kills mold bacteria and viruses; kills pathogens in space; reduces particles in air; and controls odors.



From left to right: Terry Watkins and Tywon Davis install an iWave-R Residential Air Cleaner to help prevent COVID-19 in the Philadelphia Public School District.

Watkins said that these lights are also used in healthcare facilities to prevent bacteria and viruses.

"We installed the iWave-R Residential Air Cleaners because they are a top-notch product used in hospitals and emergency rooms all over," Watkins said.

Watkins stated that these ultraviolet lights are self-clean-

ing and require no maintenance.

Superintendent of Education Dr. Lisa Hull stated that this is one way the school district is taking precautions to prevent COVID-19.

"After implementing our cleaning and sanitizing protocols and procedures last summer, we knew the next step was to address the air quality in our buildings. The combination of ultraviolet lights and air filters is another way to keep our students and staff safe during the pandemic," Dr. Hull said.

Dr. Hull also stated that the installation process has taken several months due to lack of supplies from manufacturers, but the project will be completed once the backordered lights are received.

Court

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felon in possession of a firearm five counts; sentenced to five years with MDOC;

- Justin Little, a former teacher in the Union schools, pleaded guilty to gratification of lust; was sentenced to five years with MDOC. Little must register as a sex offender;
- Dalton Durant, 24, plead-

ed guilty to auto burglary and burglary of a building; sentenced to drug court;

- Destiny Spink, 24, pleaded guilty to auto burglary, burglary of a building three counts. And possession of methamphetamine; sentenced to drug court;
- Andrew Bondie, 40, pleaded guilty to burglary of unoccupied dwelling; sentenced to drug court;
- Scotty Bell, 40, pleaded guilty to DUI 3rd offense; sentenced to drug court;

- Adrian Jackson, 21, pleaded guilty to statutory rape; sentenced to 30 years in MDOC custody; must register as a sex offender.

Kilgore's office plans to try three cases a week for the next three weeks, in Philadelphia and Decatur.

"We are trying to work down the backlog we have because of the pandemic," Kilgore said.

While he described the schedule as fluid, Kilgore said the first to go on trial would

be Donald Ray Jolly, 47, of Union, who was indicted last year on four counts of statutory rape.

The indictment listed four separate incidents between April 2018 and October 2019.

Jolly is alleged to have had intercourse with a female under the age of 14.

He was arrested in January 2020 by the Neshoba County Sheriff's Department.

Masks

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should not argue or fight over the recommendation.

"Be reasonable and respectful," Young said.

Young said early on in the COVID-19 pandemic Neshoba County was a hot spot in the state with a high number of COVID-19 infections, and he does not want to see local numbers spike again.

"Businesses are operating well now and the sales taxes are up," Young said. "It is important to keep people safe and keep businesses open and wearing a mask is a simple way to do that."

A mask mandate remains in place for Choctaw Tribal lands,

Chief Cyrus Ben announced earlier in the week.

Gov. Tate Reeves last week lifted the state mask mandate.

Over the past week, Neshoba County recorded 44 new confirmed COVID-19 cases and three new COVID-19 deaths, according to Tuesday's Mississippi State Department of Health COVID-19 report.

Neshoba County has now recorded 3,861 confirmed COVID-19 cases up from 3,817 last week, and 172 deaths, up from 169 last week, since the pandemic began last March.

During the past week, 638 people were vaccinated for COVID-19 in Neshoba County for a total of 5,699 total vaccinations administered in the county, according to the MSDH.

The state, however, does not designate in what county the

recipients reside, and the Democrat has numerous reports of residents from other counties coming here for the vaccination.

The state of Mississippi is currently giving COVID-19 immunizations for the following:

- All healthcare workers and EMT/paramedics
- Persons age 50 or older or those with pre-existing conditions.
- Teachers, first-responders

Vaccinations are currently being administered in Neshoba County at the Coliseum, 12000 Mississippi 15 north, Philadelphia, on Tuesdays through Fridays.

Sign up online at covidvaccine.umc.edu or call 1-877-978-6453. The website is the best option, officials have said.

Selected Walmart pharma-

cies and local clinics and hospitals are now offering a limited number of COVID-19 vaccinations.

Go to <https://msdh.ms.gov/c19appointment#local> to check availability.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians reported 14 new COVID-19 cases in the past week for a total of 1,822 positive cases, up from 1,808 in last week's report.

The Tribe reported three new deaths from COVID-19 in the past week for a total of 111 deaths from the virus, with two current hospitalizations.

Some Tribal deaths may also be included in the Neshoba death total, but officials make no distinction.

The state had not updated the schools report by press time Tuesday afternoon.

Lab

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to life and use it in other classes to help accomplish the idea.

"During the day, the lab will be similar to a science lab, except it is based on student ideas, and it will have welders, a machine that prints blueprints and more," Brantley said. "The main purpose of it is teaching teamwork, as teamwork is essential and one of the attributes that employers look for in their employees."

He said another purpose of the lab is workforce develop-

ment training, which will happen in the evening after school hours, where students and adults alike can receive training in the areas of welding, sheet metal skills and more.

The Workforce Development Initiative focuses on skill attainment to obtain National Industry Certification, as well as employment with industries or college placement, he said.

Brantley said the Neshoba County School District is partnered with the East Central Community College Workforce Development, and they also have a lab on the East Central campus with some different pieces of equipment. He said the NCSD is combining

resources with them.

"National industry certification is our big thing," he said. "It gives our kids a leg up. We had 33% out of seniors in the 2020 graduating class that completed one or more apprenticeships and internships when they were in high school."

He said the district's vision is to graduate students that are college career ready with more than just a high school diploma.

Since the Neshoba County School District is partnered with the East Central Community College Workforce Development, they have the money to pay instructors, but also can


get former students involved.

"Say there's a student that graduated from here, and a year later they realize they want to do something different for their career," Brantley said. "They can come back here, and we can help them."

Brantley plans on doing a ribbon-cutting when the lab is complete and ready to open in April, as this will be a huge occasion for the district.


"There won't be another lab in East Central Mississippi in a high school like this," he said. "Especially with the capabilities to help train our kids and give them the opportunities they need."

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County hopes to draw jobs with spec building at park

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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A new spec building in the Industrial Park is being build with hopes of creating new jobs.

County Administrator Jeff Mayo said the county currently doesn't have available industrial space should a company be looking to move into Neshoba County.

"It is going to be about 7,000 square feet," Mayo said. "It will be located between the two Taylor Machine Works buildings."

In last week's meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the county hired Pritchard Engineering to do site planning and survey work at the site. PryorMorrow was hired for the architectural and engineering services.

Mayo said there was no

timeline for completion. The building will be a prefab metal building.

The county-owned the old Hunter Engineering building in Union but sold it to Allied Locke, which already had a manufacturing facility there in the old Brook Manufacturing building.

"We don't have a buyer yet," Mayo said. "But hopefully someone will be interested."

Tornado sirens sounding off were test

The tornado sirens that sounded Tuesday morning were being serviced in preparation for the severe weather season, officials said.

"They are doing maintenance on the tornado sirens," said Emergency Management Director Darrell Wilson.

County Administrator Jeff Mayo said that the clear weather this week was a good

opportunity to perform maintenance and run tests to make sure they are functioning properly in anticipation for the upcoming severe weather season.

Mowdy

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nieces and nephews with their math homework," her obituary said.

MHP Sgt. Travis Luck said that the two other vehicles were a Toyota Tacoma and a Cadillac passenger vehicle.

Bessie Killings, 72, of Meridian, the driver of the Cadillac, suffered moderate injuries.

Michael Greer, 18, of Ridgeland, the driver of the Tacoma, suffered no injuries, according to Luck.

"The case remains under investigation and there are no pending charges at this time," Luck said.

The accident occurred near the intersection with Road 515 at 6:53 p.m.

Luck said that Mowdy was stopped in her Ford at the intersection of Road 515 and Highway 19 when she was struck from behind by Greer's Tacoma.

Luck said that Moody's Ford was struck again in the roadway by Killings in her Cadillac.

A medical helicopter and the Philadelphia Fire Department's Rescue One responded,

ed, according to a witness in the area.

Neshoba County Sheriff's Office deputies assisted the

Mississippi Highway Patrol in responding to the wreck, Sheriff Eric Clark said.



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PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Crisis at the border

*The emerging
existential crisis
at the border.*

During a Democratic debate in 2020, the candidates were asked if their health care plans would cover “undocumented immigrants.”

Each raised his or her hand, including front-runner Joe Biden.

From that stage, the message went forth: If the Democrats win this election, then it is amnesty for all and open borders in America.

The message was reinforced by repeated Democratic praise for sanctuary cities, by calls to “abolish ICE” and end deportations, by pledges to stop work on Donald Trump’s wall, if not to tear it down.

Message sent to Mexico, Central America and the Third World:

If the Democrats win and you make it across the border into the United States, under President Joe Biden, you will not be sent back. After only a brief hassle, the economic opportunities and social welfare benefits of the richest country on earth will be open to you and yours.

Hence, when Biden won, a new and potentially historic surge to the Southern border began, and the number of illegal arrivals and crossings are in the growing thousands every day.

According to a White House domestic policy council document, the number of children who, without a parent or guardian, will arrive at the border in 2021 will be about 117,000 — 50% higher than the record number of children who arrived in the 2019 humanitarian crisis.

In February, some 100,000 immigrants were apprehended by the Border Patrol for illegal border crossing. “I actually think that’s an undercount,” says Victor Manjarrez Jr., ex-Border Patrol agent who teaches at Texas University.

The pre-Trump policy of “catch-and-release” has been reinstated.

Children and families who cross illegally from Mexico cannot now be held for more

than 72 hours. They are being released into the U.S. to await a court date — potentially years off — to hear their claim to a right to be here. Most never show up.

“We are weeks, maybe even days, away from a crisis on the southern border,” says Rep. Henry Cuellar, a Democrat whose Texas district abuts Mexico. “Our country is currently unprepared to handle a surge in migrants in the middle of the pandemic.”

Congressional Democrats, following Biden’s lead, have proposed a new citizenship act. “Dreamers,” brought here by their parents as children, would be put on a three-year fast-track to U.S. citizenship.

The 11 million to 22 million illegal migrants already in the country — the exact number is unknown — would be put on an eight-year track to citizenship.

The Democratic Party is signing on to the largest mass amnesty for illegal immigrants in history — which would produce millions of new voters for the party.

Among the recent border-crossers, who are transported by bus to detention centers, where they remain for 72 hours and then are released to travel where they wish, many are carrying the coronavirus.

Thus, what’s shaping up on the border is not only a national security crisis but a national survival crisis. For it is impossible to see, given the Biden administration policies adopted, how the invasion of America can be halted. And if 2 million or 3 million migrants reach the U.S. border and cross over each year, and we do not send them back, what stops the invasion and remaking America?

What would blanket amnesty and a renewed invasion portend?

In a decade, Texas, the

Southwest and much of the South would take on the political aspect of California where the GOP has become a permanent minority party.

As many illegal migrants do not read, write or speak English, and do not bring a unique set of skills, their immense and growing presence can only deepen our national disunity.

Almost all of these folks are poor or working-class people who would have to rely on government subsidies for their health care, food support, housing and the schooling of their children.

With the unemployment rate rising again in the Black community, which has sustained the heaviest collective hit from the pandemic and economic collapse, the migrants would be competing with them for jobs.

And as the illegal migrants are disproportionately young and male, they would add to the surging crime rates in America’s major cities.

America is headed, seemingly inexorably, to a future where a majority in this country traces its ancestry to Asia, Africa and Latin America, a future where this already fractionated nation is even more multiracial, multiethnic, multilingual and multicultural than today.

With racial conflict as sharp as it has been in decades, with our political parties at swords point, with the culture war raging unabated, as mobs tears down statues and monuments to America’s founders, exactly what national problem will be solved by an unrelenting wave of migrants illegally crossing the border into our country year after year?

One wonders: Is this how the Republic ends?

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

EDITORIALS

Justice for George Floyd

Justice is a lofty ideal, but it mustn’t thrash about in the course of human events like the stars and stripes atop a flagpole. The integrity of the judicial system is on trial as George Floyd’s name is once again blaring across the national landscape. As Americans ponder the tragedy of one man, they should not forget that many more lives have been blighted by lawlessness in the aftermath of his death. Justice for George Floyd that ignores the ruination of others would dishonor its meaning.

This week features the sky-high-profile trial of former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin, charged with second-degree murder and manslaughter in the Memorial Day 2020 death of Floyd. Three others are scheduled for trial in August. The video of Mr. Chauvin kneeling on the victim’s neck during an arrest set off a season of nationwide protests and riots led by Black Lives Matter and Antifa revolutionaries.

It is likely no coincidence that the House of Representatives chose to preface the upcoming trial with last week’s approval of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, a wide-ranging reform bill now awaiting Senate consideration. Some of the measure’s provisions promise to add valuable clarity to interactions between police and citizens, such as requirements that federal uniformed officers, and state and local law enforcers receiving federal funds, be equipped with body cameras and dashboard cameras.

Other provisions, however, threaten to weaken police presence in America’s communities. The bill would ban certain chokeholds and require suspects pose

imminent danger before the use of force, including deadly force, is permissible. Perhaps most impactful, the bill would restrict the ability of officers who engage in misconduct to invoke qualified immunity, which protects government officials engaged in their duties from civil suits.

A more just society is the bill’s intent, but the law would have unintended consequences if it renders police reluctant to emerge from their patrol cruisers for fear of a mistake that makes them the next target of a violent protest.

Disturbing aftereffects of the George Floyd tragedy are already evident. The FBI’s Preliminary Crime Report shows that murder nationwide increased an astonishing 20.9% in 2020. Aggravated assault rose 8.3% across the 50 states. Arson surged 24%, including a staggering 54.8% in 1 million-population municipalities.

There were hundreds of George Floyd protests. Some were peaceful, but scores of individuals were killed during the violent ones. News reports variously placed the number between 20 and 30. By contrast, 18 unarmed Black persons were shot by police nationwide in 2020, according to The Washington Post. Killing innocents in protest of the slaying of an innocent simply compounds misfortune with tragedy.

For his role in the death of George Floyd, Mr. Chauvin is to face justice meted out by a court of law. Americans whose riotous behavior contributed to the deaths of their fellow citizens should also be called to account. Otherwise, justice is a joke.

— The Washington Times

FLASHBACKS

MARCH 14, 1941
Miss Patty Sue Williams, daughter of Mrs. Kate Williams and the late Brown Williams of Philadelphia, was recently elected President of the Delta Gamma sorority at the University of Mississippi. She leaves for the University of Oklahoma, in Norman, Oklahoma, to represent Mississippi Chapter at the national convention.

MARCH 8, 1951
T.J. Durrett has been named by the Philadelphia City School Board to head the schools for the coming school year. Mr. Durrett succeeds J.A. Nowell, who recently resigned after serving during the past three years.

Neely Sanford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Sanford was named Queen of the Pi Kappa Alpha Cotton Ball at the Heidelberg Hotel Victory room in Jackson. A sophomore at Millsaps College, Miss Sanford was chosen from five finalists by Showman Billy Rose. She is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority.

MARCH 9, 1961
Ray Gipson was named by the Board of Alderman as a member of the Philadelphia City School Board, to succeed J.M. Lofton, Sr., who recently resigned. Mr. Gipson is a graduate of the local high school, Mississippi State College, with a MA degree and taught in the school of Business Administration for two years following his graduation in his alma mater.

Pfc. Otis Guy Gross, who

has been in the service for the past several months is now stationed at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado. Before entering the service, the young serviceman attended the Philadelphia High School. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Gross, with whom he made his home.

MARCH 12, 1971
Suzy Hand, first chair flute in the Philadelphia High School Band, has been selected for a six week tour of Europe with the Band of America. A senior, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mr. Max Hand and is also drum majorette. Stan Yates, first chair trumpet, has been named to the Lions All State Band and will go to Atlantic City for the Lions Convention in July. a junior, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ytes, and is a star basketball and football player.

Mrs. Mary Gipson has been named Woman of the Year by the Philadelphia Business and Professional Women’s Club. She will be honored at a coffee in the Home Demonstration kitchen of the courthouse. Mrs. Gipson has been a member of the Park Commission for five years and presently serves on the Beautification Committee.

MARCH 5, 1981
Jim Hardy, principal at Neshoba Central High School, announced today that Roger Owen has been elected to serve as head basketball coach for the 1981-82 school year. Coach Owen comes to Nesho-

ba Central from Meridian High School where he served as boys’ coach for the past season.

Rusty Smith, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ross Smith, has been selected as the STAR Student from Philadelphia High School. Smith named Mrs. Sarah McKay as the STAR Teacher. Smith attends Philadelphia High School where he serves as Parliamentarian for the Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America.

MARCH 13, 1991
Randy and J.B. Files recently caught this blue catfish weighing ten pounds, and two ounces, in Bluff Lake on the Noxubee Refuge.

MARCH 7, 2001
The Lady Chiefs of Tucker Elementary School placed first in the annual Choctaw Tribal Schools basketball tournament at the Tucker Community Gymnasium as they defeated the Lady Warriors of Choctaw Central Middle School, 48-45. In winning the tournament, they also claimed a perfect 12-0 record for the season.

MARCH 9, 2011
Mary Margaret Bailey was named Neshoba County’s Junior Miss. The theme of this year’s program was, “Peace, Love and Junior Miss”. Bailey is the daughter of David and Dee Dee Bailey. She currently attends Philadelphia High School and aspires to attend Mississippi State University following graduation.

LETTERS

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Fifth Grade: First row, from left, are Ahniya Cleveland, Brody Copeland, Halo Young, Jayden Burnside, Savannah Stokes and Kooper Smith. In back are Madalyn Gordon, Erica Ellis, Jada Clemons, Brantlee McKinion and Cheyenne Gibson.

OBITUARIES

William “Bill” Webb

Graveside services for Bill Webb were held March 6, 2021, at 11:00 from Morrow Cemetery in the Dixon community with Reverend Dennis Duvall officiating. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Webb, 94, of Philadelphia, passed away in sweet peace on Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

He was well known for the quality cattle he raised. His service on local boards promoted soil and water conservation, beef cattle farming, and community services. At the end of World War II he went to Japan to serve his country. He was a member of Hope Baptist Church.

He and his wife, Edwina, owned and operated their family grocery store, City Market and Grocery, for 34 years. Through the years he enjoyed hosting family gatherings which often included taking family on hayrides through the woods and pastures to enjoy nature. A love for gardening, green pastures and raising cattle were instilled by him in the lives of his family by his life's work.

Fondest memories of him will linger for generations in the hearts of those who call him dad and papaw. Late night servings of ice cream, card games, and midnight chats will continue in his memory.

Survivors include daughter Linda Gail Boulter (Buddy), son, Rex Webb; grandchildren, Mandy Fisher (Matt), Kristin Kirkland (Stephen), Rachel Harbarger (Claude), Miriam Medlin (Michael), and Thomas Webb; eleven great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Webb was preceded in death by wife Edwina Watkins Webb; parents, Andrew V. and Anna Webb; sisters, Ruby Walton, Bernice Whittington, Mary Hamilton, Lorene Johnson, Elois Tullos and brothers, infant Andrew, Charles Webb, XEarl Webb and Don Webb.

The family requests donations to be made to a charity of choice to help provide food, clothing, or shelter to those many in need during these times.

Sherbert L. Moore

Graveside services for Mr. Sherbert Lee “Sonny” Moore

were held on Saturday, March 6, 2021, at 12 P.M. from St. Paul M.B. Church Cemetery, with Rev. Devertis Savage officiating. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Moore, 77, of Philadelphia, passed away on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at his home

He is survived by his wife, Martha Ann Moore of Philadelphia, MS, four sons, Robbie Moore, Lonnie Moore, Jerry Moore and Roger Moore all of Philadelphia, three daughters, Lora Jean Bingham, Lisa Mcleod and Karyn Williams all of Philadelphia, 13 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

His sons and son-in-laws served as pallbearers.

Robert Pitts

Funeral services for Robert Pitts were Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. from Christian Life Apostolic Church with Rev. Benny Alford and Rev. Hank Pilgrim officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Pitts, 74, of DeKalb, died Saturday, March 6, 2021.

Born in Water Valley, MS, he was a resident of Kemper County and worked as a security guard for Anderson Hospital. Mr. Pitts was a member of Christian Life Apostolic Church.

Survivors include wife, Rebecca Pitts; daughter, Jean Brown; sons, Robert Bryan Pitts and Rodney Pitts; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sisters, Pat Mulford, Dorothy Berryhill, Daisy Douglas, and Esther Fay Govea; brother, David Pitts.

Mr. Pitts was preceded in death by parents, Horace and Bessie Pitts; grandsons, Michael Cody Pitts and Justin Slay Pitts; sisters, Marie Houston and Pearl Terry; brothers, Billy, Ernest, and Donald Pitts.

Kathlene Henry

Memorial services for Ms. Kathlene Henry will be held at 2 PM Friday, March 12, 2021 at Union City Cemetery in Union, MS. Ms. Henry, 64, passed away Thursday, February 25, 2021 at her residence in Union. She was a homemaker and Catholic. She was preceded in death by her father, Louise Pierce and daughter, Kayla Parks. Survivors: Mother, Eva Mae Fredricks; Sis-

ter, Earlene Alinsunurin of Anchorage, AK; (3) Grandchildren; (1) Great-Grandchild.

Carolyn C. Evans

Graveside service for Ms. Carolyn C. Evans was held 2:00 PM Sunday, March 7, 2021 at Pinetucky Cemetery at Preston with Rev. Gerald Butler and Rev. Chris Gully officiating. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

Ms. Evans, 78, passed away Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at Neshoba General Nursing Home. She lived in Kemper and Neshoba Counties most of her life. She was a registered nurse and enjoyed reading and flower gardening. She was a member of Dry Creek Baptist Church.

Preceded in death: Parents, George Washington Conner and Annie Lou Elva Warren Conner; Husband, Lewis Evans; Brothers, Nelson Conner, Thurman Conner.

Survivors: Daughter, Ann Barefield (David) of Preston; Sons, Bill Buchanan (Melody) of Florence, Michael Ted Evans (Heather) of Preston and Ricky Evans (Paula) of Pisgah; Sister, Lorraine Bishop of Meridian; Brothers, Curtis Conner and Daniel Conner, of Gholson; (6) Grandchildren; (4) Great-Grandchildren; Several nieces, nephews.

Pallbearers: grandson and nephews.

Sherry Mae Greaves

Graveside services for Mrs.

Sherry Mae Greaves will be held at 2 PM Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at Bogue Chitto Community Cemetery. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Mrs. Greaves, 61, passed away on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Columbus, MS. She was a Veteran with the U.S. Air Force. Mrs. Greaves is preceded in death by her parents, Easton Thompson, Sr. and Gladys Steve; brothers, Winfred Morris and Robert Thompson.

Survivors include her husband, Ian Greaves, Sr.; daughters, Sasha Willis and Hilliary Bey; son, Ian Greaves, Jr.; sisters, Joanne Thompson, Cynthia Wallace, Naomi Thompson; brothers, Kevin Thompson, Easton Thompson, Jr., Steve John; 8 grandchildren.

Jerrel Houston

Mr. Jerrel Houston, 81, passed away Sunday, March 7, 2021 at his residence. Mr. Houston worked at Wells Lamont. He was a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. He loved music. He was preceded in death by; Parents, Lawrence Clay Houston and Ozell Dearing Houston; Sisters, Patsy Thaggard, JoAn Water; Brothers, Billy Houston, Jimmy Houston. He is survived by; Spouse, Joyce Houston; Sons, Jay Houston (Jennifer), Russ Houston (Sara), Gabe Houston; Sisters, Lynn McDonnell; (1) grandchild, Amber.

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David (Rusty) Barfoot

Graveside services for Mr. David (Rusty) Barfoot will be held at 3 PM Monday, March 15, 2021 at Cedar Hill Cemetery with Rev. John Stephens officiating. Visitation will be held from 1-2:30 PM at John E. Stephens Chapel. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Mr. Barfoot, 64, passed away on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at his home. He was employed with the Pearl River Resort for 20 years and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and riding horses. Mr. Barfoot is preceded in death by his parents, James Chandler Barfoot and Dorothy Jean Bowman Catchot; brother-in-law, Carl Ellis.

Survivors include his special companion, Kathryn Gay; daughter, Mandy Nickels; sons, William (Destiny) Gay, Ryan York; sisters, Becky Ellis, Laura Catchot; brothers, Chuck Barfoot, Ricky Barfoot, Marcus Catchot; 6 grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Ricky Barfoot, Chuck Barfoot, Lucas Thomas, Paul Morris, William Gay, Tim Dean

Mattie Kaye Dixon

Visitation for Mrs. Mattie Kaye Dixon will be held from 9-10 AM Friday, March 12, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with cremation to follow. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Mrs. Dixon, 66, passed away on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Columbus, MS. She was preceded in death by her parents, Louie Willis and Leona Tubby; infant daughter; sisters, Sandra Willis Billy and Vera Willis; brothers, Robert Stoliby, Larry Willis, Barry Glen Willis.

Survivors include her husband, Roy Dixon; daughters, Tonya Wilder, Jacqueline Dixon; sisters, Donna Burr and Tammy Willis; brother, Lou Martin Willis; 5 grandchildren.



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Acts 4:32-37

This passage is much like the passage in Acts 2:42-47. It is a snapshot of the blessedness of the early church. The church is marked by joyful dedication to the Lord Jesus and generosity toward those in need. In Acts 4 however, the church is under threat of persecution for proclaiming the name of Jesus and his resurrection from the dead.

Nevertheless, as we see in verse 42, “those who believed were of one heart and soul.” This unity was an answer to the prayer the Lord Jesus made in John 17 not long before he was arrested. He asked that his disciples may be one just as He and the Father were one, and not only his disciples but those who would believe in Him through their word. Jesus wants his people to be of one heart toward God.

The way to such an undivided heart is to believe. We must believe that God sent Christ into the world. He came into the world to save sinners, and he did this by his sacrificial death on the cross. The people in the church had such joy and generosity because they believed they had forgiveness of sins in Christ. And they were no longer slaves to sin and death, but belonged to the living God.

This is a blessed estate to be in. No more than a few months previously, they had been among those shouting for Jesus to be crucified. Now they were praising God in his name. There is a wonderful transition we see in these people: from darkness and death to the light and life of Christ. The image of God is being restored in men.

If we want such blessedness as they enjoyed, we must seek after such an undivided heart as they had. The same Spirit that gave them such joy lives in all who believe in Christ. We seek the good of our own souls when we die to this world and live to Christ. We glorify God when we exalt Christ as being our best portion, and his will as our ambition. If we struggle in our lives as Christians, it may be because we are not pursuing what is best; to honor Christ, to follow him wholeheartedly.

In verse 33, we see the help of the apostles to Christians under threat: “And with great power the apostles were giving their

testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.” The proclamation of the bodily resurrection of Jesus was especially offensive to the Jewish leaders. But it is the root of all faith and power in the Christian life.

The bodily resurrection of Christ from the dead proves that Jesus is who he said he was (the Son of God) and that he accomplished what he promised to accomplish; to destroy the works of the devil by taking away the sting of death, which is sin. Those assembled in the church no longer had reason to fear men or death. Psalm 27 begins: “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?”

The apostles told the church what they resurrected Christ told spoke to them. They spoke of how he ascended into heaven to the right hand of God. Every Lord’s Day Christians meet together to worship God, on the day Christ rose from the dead. We celebrate the risen Lord, and the Lord by His Spirit is with us.

When the Holy Spirit works powerfully, he does so that we might exalt Christ. The power of his resurrection is that we will walk in newness of the life he has wrought in us. Paul in Colossians 3 writes: “So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ.” We have a duty to serve the Lord.

It was the love of Christ which brought him down from heaven for you to assume your nature. That God would become flesh for the sake of sinners is an act of love. It was the love of Christ that made him yield perfect obedience even to death on a cross, so you might have the benefit of it.

And it was the love of Christ that raised him from the dead for you.

So we should strive to attain to a love for Christ. The early church committed their souls to him. They knew after death, Christ would take care of their souls. They believed Christ would raise up their bodies on the last day. They believed in a resurrected Lord. And they had great joy.


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COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 3/1-3/8

- Johnny Abel, 61, of 14951 Hwy 19 S; possession of firearm by convicted felon
- Keaton Abel, 23, of 10061 Rd 446; burglary-dwelling house
- Tony Anthony, 59, of 10061 Rd 2426; possession of paraphernalia, no insurance, license tag-switched
- Leona Bell, 41, of 268 Bogue Chitto Circle; no charges listed
- Tyderius Boler, 18, of 100 Red Oad Dr; possession of marijuana-vehicle, disorderly conduct
- Jason William Butts, 44, of 11240 Rd 723, Union; hold-circuit court
- George Kevin Carey, 43, of 208 Gordon St; indictment
- Darren Keith Charlie, 36, of 163 Tucker Cut off Rd; failure to pay
- Parrish Clark, 37, of 14591 19 S; contempt of court
- Chauncey D Clemons, 40, of 611 Christine St; trafficking of controlled substance X2
- James Clingan, 37, of 1010 Main St, Wesson; serving sentence
- Chad Cumberland, 32, of 10121 Rd 2826; public drunk
- Barco Lavorn Davis, 49, of 233 Bell Ave; sexual battery, molesting-touching of child for lustful purpose
- Darius D Davis, 22, of 370 Jericho St; burglary – dwelling house
- Jacky Dove, 59, of 10291 Rd 410, Union; failure to

- appear
- Dalton Cole Durant, 23, of 222 Salters Ave; contempt of court
- Kevin Eakes, 45, of 10091 Rd 571; possession of controlled substance
- Henry Scott Finley, 48, of 305 North St, Union; indictment
- Krystian Gates, 31, of 840 Bailey Crt, Tupelo; hold-circuit court
- Joanna Brook Gilmer, 27, of 12132 BIA 0241; serving sentence
- Michael Justin Goforth, 43, of 43951 Hwy 486; failure to appear
- Cordexster A Grace, 25, of 5780 New Hope Rd, DeKalb; possession of firearm by convicted felon, possession of marijuana-vehicle
- Donovan Cortez Gray, 27, of 113 Bolton Ave, Newton; contempt of court
- Misty Gilmer Green, 40, of 117 Audry Rd, Carthage; failure to appear
- Justin Hagan, 40, of 10181 CR 307, Union; contempt of court
- Jessie Harrington, 35, of 385 Jerico St; possession of marijuana-vehicle, possession of paraphernalia
- Matthew Waylon Harris, 27, of 10301 Rd 301, Union; failure to appear
- Matthew Deon Hickman, 21, of 2930 Lovorn Rd, Louisville; possession of marijuana-vehicle, driving under the influence-1st offense, careless driving, failure to signal lane change

- Rhonda Oneil Hickman, 31, of 165 Bogue Chitto; failure to appear
- Harmon Kirk, 42, of 2714 Bloomfield Rd, Preston; failure to appear, possession of controlled substance, driving under the influence-1st offense, possession of paraphernalia
- Elliott W Leach, 37, of 623 W Walnut St; failure to appear
- Justin M Little, 29, of 3596 Airport Rd, Newton; serving sentence
- Christopher Malone of 14951 Hwy 19S; possession of controlled substance
- Christopher Deaunta McGowan, 28, of 260 A Ave; failure to appear
- Raymond McMillan, 63, of 10149 CR 773, Choctaw; driving under the influence/refusal to take test
- Dexter Mingo, 29, of 11010 Rd 765; contempt of court
- Jennifer Mingo, 44, of 118 Hunters Place; contempt of court
- Ireland Moore, 19, of 412 Barham St; contempt of court
- Steven Ray Moore, 37, of 40 Northwood Dr, Louisville; failure to appear
- Andrew C Nash, 32, of 120 Birmingham St; failure to appear
- John Edward Netherland, 64, of 13070 Hwy 488, Carthage; indictment
- Derrick Terrell Paten, 45, of 155 Bogue Chitto Cir; driving under the influence other substance, no drivers license, no insurance, expired license tag,

- speeding – 1 to 20 miles over limit
- Brianna Pierce, 25, of 12961 Rd 339, Union; hold for investigations, possession of paraphernalia
- Joshua Lewis Quintana, 30, of 11620 Hwy 482 Lot 9; petit larceny-less than \$1000.00 X2, shoplifting-less than \$1000.00, burglary of a motor vehicle, receiving stolen property more than \$500.00
- Shanna L Renfro, 34, of 15721 Rd 505; failure to appear
- Jennifer Rickett, 44, of 10180 Rd 632; hold-circuit court
- Rhonda Robinson, 42, of 347 Neshoba Kemper Rd; driving under the influence other substance, possession of marijuana-vehicle, possession of paraphernalia
- Natasha Sanders, 32, of 12230 Rd 355; failure to appear
- Wendy Smith, 41, of 11580 Rd 404; sale of controlled substance X2
- Scarlotte Snow, 50, of 16061 Hwy 21 S; failure to appear
- William Craig Snow, 16131 Hwy 15 N; possession of firearm by convicted felon
- Andy Stewart, 41, of 10420 Rd 387; disturbance family 1st-domestic violence
- Brandie Leigh Welch, 37, of 12620 Hwy 492, Union; failure to appear, indictment
- Rodreques Zanzquavious Welch, 21, of 262 N Water Ave, Louisville; public drunk

- Harry Wiggs, 58, of 13491 Hwy 16E; possession of controlled substance
- Michael Bryan Wilson, 47, of 12073 Rd 4300, Union; serving sentence
- Austin Guy Boswell, 27, of 11391 Rd 418, Union; hold for investigations
- Michael Lee Bryant, 29, of 11633 Rd 383; contempt of court, shoplifting-less than \$1000.00
- Matthew Cain, 33, of 535 Lamar Cir; suspended drivers license
- Keith Davion Gibson, 35, of 175 Bates Rd; suspended drivers license, no proof of insurance, bad check-1st or 2nd offense less than \$100.00 X2
- Angela Mosqueda, 46, of 11061 Rd 410; child neglect
- Adrian Overton, 25, of 20407 Hwy 15 S, Union; no charges listed
- Mark Fredrick Overton, 42, of 1923 Vincent Rd, Decatur; driving under the influence-1st offense, speeding-1 to 20 miles over limit
- Corey Rayborn, 33, of 12140 Rd 325, Union; possession of controlled substance
- James Campbell, 56, of 313 Conehatta Rd, Union; driving under the influence other substance

- Grandale L Chickaway, 45, of 244 West Tucker Circ; hold-detainer for other agency
- Austin M Dempsey, 22, of 1011 Holland Ave; burglary-commercial buildings, cars, etc.
- Gregory E Fitch, 51, of 9000 Steven Richardson Memorial Dr, Juneau, AK; shoplifting-1st conviction where value is \$1000 or less
- Gregory E Fitch, 51, of 9000 Steven Richardson Memorial Dr, Juneau, AK; disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers
- Aimee J Mason, 43, of 28 Eastover; contempt of court-municipal court, trespass-failure to leave public place of business upon request
- Kenneth W Ray, 23, of 10211 Rd 315, Union; controlled substance-possession of paraphernalia
- Brutarius D Talley, 28, of 250 Hays St; domestic violence-simple assault 1st or 2nd offense, disorderly conduct-disturbance in public place, public drunk
- Angela K Vanderburg, 38, of 343 Jeffery Acres Rd, Meridian; controlled substance-possession of paraphernalia, shoplifting-1st conviction where value is \$1000 or less
- Troy L Varnado, 28, of 10351 BIA 0228; domestic violence-simple assault 1st or 2nd offense

Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 3/1-3/7

- Darren K Charlie, 36, of 163 Tucker Cutoff Rd; contempt of court-municipal court

Taylor named PHS STAR Student

By AMELIA HENSON
Special to the Democrat

Emma Taylor has been named STAR Student for Philadelphia High School for the 2020-2021 school year by the Mississippi Economic Council M. B. Swayze Foundation, sponsor of the Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) program. The Mississippi Economic Council established the STAR program in 1965 to recognize outstanding students and teachers in Mississippi.

Taylor will be acknowledged with over 300 other STAR Students from Mississippi high schools for their academic achievements. Taylor was selected as STAR Student based on her American College Test (ACT) score of 27 and her scholastic averages.

Each STAR Student selects a STAR Teacher, which is a teacher that has greatly impacted the student’s scholastic achievements. Emma chose Anne Fisacerly as her STAR Teacher.

“I chose Mrs. Fisacerly because she was my ACT Prep teacher, and she helped me bring my English test score up to a 34,” Taylor said.

Emma is the daughter of Mark and Amy Taylor, and she attends Holy Cross Catholic Church. She is a member of the PHS basketball, cheerleading and fast pitch softball teams.



Mrs. Anne Fisacerly, STAR Teacher, (back) and Emma Taylor, STAR Student (front)

She is also a member of the Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America and Junior Auxiliary Crown Club. Last year, Emma participated in Leadership

Neshoba, and she served as Senator Jenifer Branning’s Page. Taylor is undecided on a college and major at this time.

City crews continue ice storm cleanup

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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City street crews are continuing the cleanup from last month’s ice storm.

Philadelphia aldermen were updated on the progress last Tuesday during their regular meeting.

“I want to commend our workers on how they are moving fast to get the pine limbs and oak limbs out of the street,” Mayor James Young said. “Rain and mud at the landfill has slowed us but we are hoping people will be patient.”

Alderman-at-Large Leroy Clemons brought up the concession stand at Northside Park that had been vandalized recently with graffiti.

He mentioned that the Police Department used to go by and lock the park up at 10 p.m. and unlock it at 6 a.m.

Clemons asked Police Chief Eric Lyons if they would start doing that again. Lyons said they would.

The Municipal Court Office has been busy this month because the amnesty program, officials said. People have until April to pay old fines, no questions asked.

In other matters, aldermen voted to:

- Approve for the Baptist Center to be used as the Ward 2 voting precinct for the upcoming municipal election. In an earlier meeting, aldermen set the other precincts: Ward 1 Senior Citizens building, Ward 3 The Depot, and Ward 4 The Westside Center. The city will be

sending out letters to all residents in Ward 2, informing them of the new polling location;

- Approve to pay \$300 for the ROIC invoice from the police department. This is an information database subscription;
- Approve the hiring of Melissa Shackelford as a corporal for the Philadelphia Police Department. Aldermen also approved the hiring of Michael Tucker as a part-time dispatcher. Following an executive session, the board voted to terminate a police department employee;

- Approve the payment of \$240 to the state Health Department for an EMT license for the Fire Department;
- Approve to set a hearing date for April 6 for rezoning property at 525 Ivy Street from R1 to R4. The property owner wants to open a childcare day-care business;
- Approve to renew the La-Z-Boy lease at the old U.S. Motors building;
- Accept the best bids for surplus city property including old cars, trucks and a trailer.





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Ruthie Nash seeks election as alderman for Ward 4

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Ruthie Nash

the board and our community people, and we can try to come up with a solution to solve some of the problems. We have to work together and stay together, for our community. If you are not registered to vote? I can do that today. Pray for me? April 6, 2021

Meet the Candidates

The Neshoba Democrat is authorized to announce the names of the following candidates:

- Mayor**
Cassie Henson Hickman
Randy Gill
Leo E. Renaldo
James A. Young
- Alderman-at-Large**
Leroy Clemons
James (Carson) Waltman
- Ward 3 Alderman**
Wright Griffiths
- Ward 4 Alderman**
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ONE TRIBE

Spears enjoys taking family horses to Fairgrounds

By SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS
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Dawn Spears is the wife of Bobby Spears and they have been married for more than 30 years and have a daughter and a son.

Spears has been with Yates since she was in high school three decades ago where she has worked with her two sisters, Renee Glass and Christy Smith.

Dawn Spears is the daughter of Gene and Frances Johnson, who have been married for 56 years. Her parents are enjoying being retired.

Dawn and Bobby Spears have four grandchildren who enjoy spending their time tending to their little critters, playing outside, and helping with the horses.

The family races horses at the Neshoba County Fair and is looking forward to the 2021 Fair.

In her free time, Spears and her family like to take the horses to the Fairgrounds.

She also likes baking and spending time with her family. Baking for spears is a way to clear her head in this busy world.

As a child growing up Spears would watch her mother cook and bake in the kitchen.

The family also gets together for lunches every week, which is a great opportunity to prepare food.

Her mom showed her the ways around the kitchen. Spear's favorite thing her mom makes is homemade biscuits and chicken dressing.

Spears got her cooking reputation from her mother and is even famous for her delicious cakes at Yates employee parities.

Spears has been baking her whole life, she likes all types of food, but her favorite thing to cook is something sweet.

Baking is what makes Dawn Spears the queen of baking. All her recipes have been passed down from her family, and she sometimes gets in the kitchen to make her creative cakes and sweets.



Dawn Spears

FRIED VENISON STEAK
1 egg
1 cup of milk
Salt and pepper to taste (or other seasoning of choos-ing)
Flour
Oil
Venison Steaks (tender-ized)
Heat oil. Mix egg and milk together well. Mix egg and milk together well. Season steak. Dip steaks into egg and milk mixture then dip in flour. Fry in oil.

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Roast of meat of your choosing
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Stick of butter
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Close the lid and set the steam release knob to steal-ing position. Press the Pres-sure Cook or Manual button then +/- button to select 60 minutes. High pressure. When the cooking cycle

COOK OF THE WEEK

ends, let the pot sit undis-turbed and count up to 15 minutes (natural pressure release). After 15 minute NPR, turn off the off the pot and the manually release the remaining pressure by turn-ing the steam release knob to the venting position. When the pin in the lid drops back down, open the

lid

WHITE CAKE
1-15.25-ounce white cake mix
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup granulated white sugar
¼ tsp salt
1 1/3 cups water
2 tbsp oil
1 tsp vanilla
1 cup sour cream
4 large eggs whites

Preheat oven to 325.

Grease and flour three 9-inch round pans. In a large bowl, whisk together cake mix flour, sugar and salt. Add the remaining ingredi-ents and beat with mixer for 2 minutes or until well blended. Divide the batter evenly between the prepared pans. Be sure to fill them ¾ to 1 inch below the top of the pan. Bake 35 to 45 min-utes or until toothpick inserted into center come out clean. Let the cakes cool in the pans for a few min-

utes and then turn out onto cooling racks to cool com-pletely before frosting.

Cream cheese frosting:
1 stick butter, room temp
1 tsp vanilla
1 8 Oz cream cheese room temperature
1 bag of powdered sugar (Cream butter, vanilla, and cream cheese. Gradual-ly add powdered sugar.

Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS
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Congratulations to Clay Sanders who scored his 1st goal in his 1st college soccer game in Birmingham on March 1! He is a freshman majoring in nursing at Missis-sippi University for Women in Columbus. He plays for the Owls soccer team.

Clay is a 2020 graduate of Neshoba Central High School. His parents are Zach and Windee Wells Sanders. His Philadelphia family watched the game at home on livestream, but his mother drove to Birmingham with hopes of getting to watch the game some way, somehow. She was able to take pictures, but not able to make it into the stadium. She is a devoted mother and number one fan of the Owls #2 soccer team play-er!

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The Neshoba Central Ele-mentary School PTO practiced a random act of kindness for all of the elementary school students recently. Random Acts of Kindness Week occurred during the ice storm when everyone was stranded at home. The students enjoyed ice cream push pops on the beautiful sunny Friday the fol-lowing week. This act of kind-ness shows that kindness can be practiced and shared at any time.

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A favorite Philadelphia couple celebrated an iconic Wedding Anniversary on March 4th. Janice and Uhl Payne have been married for 59 years. Time has certainly flown by. They enjoy being a part of their son, Paul, and his

family's lives. Their grandchil-dren continue to be a blessing to Janice and Uhl. Congratula-tions and best wishes for many more happy years together!

~

Neshoba Central Elemen-tary School's library has recog-nized several students who have reached different goals in the Accelerated Reading pro-gram at the school. They earn points and awards for different levels starting with 10 points.

AR is a motivational pro-gram which encourages chil-dren to read just for fun in the hope of instilling a love of reading. It also reinforces skills for reading comprehen-sion, which is a major objec-tive in teaching reading. Stu-dents read AR books from the library and take tests about each one on a computer. The computer software keeps a record of each individual's test scores and awards points for successful results. Awards are given for different levels according to the number of books read by each child.

Several students who reached 75 points were: Gan-non Perry, Tushika Zimmer-man, Dacort Chamberlin, Mary Margaret Garner, Slade Myers, and Devin Lamb. Stu-dents earning 100 points were Dalia Chapmen and Bryson Burnham. Kadence Smith had 150 points while Luke Howell earned 150. Elijah Kirkland Harris topped the list with 200 points. Congratulations to each and every AR participant in the elementary school. Keep on reading!

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Family Fitness Center was the site for the wedding of two of its members on the evening of February 13. Mitchell Belk

and Cydney Stribling King exchanged vows beneath a white tulle arch held in place with garlands of roses and greenery against a shimmering white backdrop. Friends and family members were guests.

Cydney looked lovely in a beautiful white mermaid style gown designed with a V neck-line and off-the-shoulder straps with a court train and low back detailing. She carried a bouquet of dusty rose and ivory roses tied with dusty rose streamers. Kristen Maples of Natchez was the Maid of Honor. She wore a long gown of navy blue and carried a bou-quet similar to the bride's.

The bride was given in mar-riage by a best friend, Chris Wedgeworth. The best man was Freddie Belk, the groom's father. The ceremony was per-formed by Brother Eric Embry. A reception was held immediately following the cer-emony at the Old Mexico restaurant where, according to Cyd, "they had a blast." The wedding cake had an unusual topper, a kissing bride and groom holding a barbell while standing on top of the words , Mr. & Mrs. Belk, in silver let-ters. The groom's cake was iced in chocolate with the Harley Davidson logo on top and orange flames encircling the bottom layer.

Cyd's three sons, Ian, Knox and Slade attended, along with See **FRIENDS**, page 2B

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Lady Warriors never gave up in loss

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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By Steve Swogetinsky

JACKSON — Trailing by 12 points with 2:47 left to play, the Choctaw Central Lady Warriors fought back to pull within two points of Pontotoc before dropping a 55-52 decision in the finals of the Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 4A girls basketball tournament Thursday evening at the Mississippi Coliseum.

The Lady Warriors had a three-point shot at the buzzer bounce off the rim. Choctaw Central was 21-of 67 from the

field for a shooting percentage of .313.

“We didn’t shoot well tonight and that was the difference,” Choctaw Central Coach Bill Smith said after the game. “We had a chance to jump on them and take a 20 point lead at the first of the game.”

“The first three-pointer we missed to start the game could have been the difference. It wasn’t that last shot; it was all of them. We missed layups and easy shots under the basket. It wasn’t our night,” Smith said.

The Lady Warriors carried a 22-19 lead in at halftime. But Pontotoc hit a quick pair of shots to start the second half and took the lead and never

trailed again. Pontotoc would outscore Choctaw Central 17-4 in the third quarter and led 36-26 at the start of the fourth quarter.

Choctaw Central never gave up and with 17 seconds left, Lyleonia Johnson scored to make the score 54-52 in favor of Pontotoc.

Meloney Thames led the Lady Warriors with 22 points and Carly Keats scored 20.

“Our goal every year is to win the championship and tonight we came up a little short,” Smith said. “But in a few days, we’ll pick up and start to work on next season.”



The Choctaw Central Lady Warriors pose for pictures after the MHSAA Class 4A State Basketball Championship on March 4, at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson.

Lady Tornadoes to take on Union

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Philadelphia Lady Tornadoes softball team is off to a 1-2 start.

The Lady Tornadoes dropped a 23-2 decision to

Leake Academy but bounced back to beat J.Z. George 17-1. They then dropped a 12-2 decision to Eupora.

“We are putting the team together,” Coach Judson Byars said. “Our No. 1 pitcher was out last week but she is back and I

think that is going to make a difference.”

The Lady Tornadoes have two games slated for this week. They were to host Union on Tuesday and visit the Lady Yellowjackets on Thursday.

Choctaw Central baseball evens record

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Choctaw Central baseball team went 2-1 last week as the Warriors evened their record to 3-3 on the season.

The Warriors swept two games from Kemper County

winning game one 16-0 and game two 20-2. On Monday night, they lost a 16-6 decision to Sebastopol.

Cohen Keats was the winning pitcher in the first Kemper County game. Andre’as Jim hit a double and Chris Lewis hit a single.

In the second game, Haygen Anderson was the winning pitcher.

The Warriors had eight hits in the Sebastopol game. Jim led with three hits. Gage Lewis and Teyton Tristan Henry took the pitching loss.

Of Local Interest

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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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 District 580 E. Main Street Philadelphia, MS 39350 52360

PUBLIC NOTICE SIXTEENTH SECTION 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 Northeastly 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 Southwesterly 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 ¼ 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 Southwesterly 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 Southwesterly along the West side of Road 385 a distance of 250.00 feet more or less; thence run Northeastly 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 Southwesterly parallel to Road 385 a distance of 417.00 feet; thence run Southeastly 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 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 South easterly perpendicular 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 Southwesterly 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 ¼; 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 District Lundy 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 Beneficiary entered into that certain Modification to Deed of Trust (the "2014 Amendment"), thereby modifying and amending the Original Deed of Trust, which 2014 Amendment was recorded in the Recording Office on August 13, 2014, at Deed of Trust Book 2014, Page 6927; and, WHEREAS, on December 22, 2015, Borrower and Beneficiary entered into that certain Modification to Deed of Trust (the "2016 Amendment"), thereby modifying and amending the Original Deed of Trust, which 2016 Amendment was recorded in the Recording Office on January 5, 2016, at Deed of Trust Book 2016, Page 179; and WHEREAS, on March 16, 2017, Borrower and Beneficiary entered into that certain Modification to Deed of Trust (the "2017 Amendment" and together with

the 2014 Amendment, the 2016 Amendment and the Original Deed of Trust, collectively, the "Deed of Trust"), thereby modifying and amending the Original Deed of Trust, which 2017 Amendment was recorded in the Recording Office on March 27, 2017, at Deed of Trust Book 2017, Page 2151; and WHEREAS, as of February 8, 2021, pursuant to that certain Substitution of Trustee (the "Trustee Substitution"), Beneficiary substituted Alan Lee Smith (the "Substituted Trustee") as trustee of the Deed of Trust, in the place and stead of the Original Trustee and of any other substituted trustee, which Trustee Substitution was recorded in the Recording Office on February 8, 2021 at Book 2021, Page 1069, and thereafter spread upon the land records maintained by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby (the "Indebtedness") having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, Beneficiary has called upon the Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and make foreclosure thereof according to the terms of said Deed of Trust and applicable Mississippi law, for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, with the proceeds thereof to be applied in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust and related loan documents. NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alan Lee Smith, acting solely in my capacity as Substituted Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me pursuant to the Deed of Trust and applicable Mississippi law, do hereby give notice that I will, between the legal hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, offer for sale at public outcry at the north door of the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 E. Beacon Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described real property situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to-wit: REAL PROPERTY TRACT I: From an iron pin on 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 Southwest corner of Grantors property; from said Point of Beginning run thence North 01 degree 26 minutes West along the Westerly line of Grantors property a distance of 10.0 feet; thence North 88 degrees 44 minutes East a distance of 377.6 feet to the Easterly line of Grantors property; thence South 02 degrees 15 minutes West along said Easterly property line a distance of 13.7 feet to a point on the said present Northerly right-of-way line; thence run South 89 degrees 52 minutes West along said present Northerly right-of-way line a distance of 25.6 feet; thence South 88 degrees 44 minutes West along said present Northerly right-of-way line a distance of 100.0 feet; thence North 88 degrees 25 minutes West along said present Northerly right-of-way line a distance of 100.0 feet; thence South 88 degrees 44 minutes West along said present Northerly right-of-way line a distance of 151.1 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.11 acres, more or less, and being situated in the Southwest ¼ of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi. LESS AND EXCEPT #3: (Parcel #06329C-00A-025.002) From an iron pipe marking the SW corner of the SW ¼, SW ¼, Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, run North for 768.44 feet; then run East for 690.77 feet to a point on the North right of way of Mississippi Highway No. 16 to the Point of Beginning. Then run North for 207. 62 feet; then run North 88° 56' 42" East for 131. 34 feet; then run South for 209. 12 feet to a point on the North right of way of Mississippi Highway No. 16; then run along said right of way South 89 ° 35' 58" West for 131.32 feet to the Point of Beginning. This parcel contains 0.63 acre, more or less, and is situated in the SW ¼, SW ¼, Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. TRACT IV: - Intentionally Omitted TRACT V: - Intentionally Omitted TRACT VI: Starting at the NE Corner of Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, run East 30 feet; thence run South 3 degrees 20 minutes East 105 feet for a point of beginning; run South 3 degrees 20 minutes East 225 feet; thence West 739.39 feet; thence South 219 feet; thence West 325 feet; thence North 14 degrees 58 minutes West 459 feet; thence East 1170 feet, more or less, containing 7.5 acres, more or less, located in the N ¼ of NE ¼ of 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: - Intentionally 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; thence 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; thence run South for 291 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 16 minutes West for 100.0 feet; thence 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; thence 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; thence run North 45 degrees and 13 minutes East along said right-of-way for 484.71 feet; thence 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; thence South 55 degrees and 22 minutes East for 81.00 feet; thence South 34 degrees and 38 minutes West for 162.19 feet; thence South 45 degrees and 38 minutes West for 25 feet; thence North 55 degrees and 9 minutes 28 seconds West for 115.9 feet; thence 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; thence run North 266 feet to the South line of a street; thence run South 43 degrees 46 minutes West 303 feet along the Southern line of said street; thence run South 21 degrees 15 minutes East 56 feet along the Eastern line of said street to the North line of Fork Public Road; thence 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 12th day of February, 2021. /s/ Alan Lee Smith ALAN LEE SMITH, acting solely in my capacity as Substituted Trustee Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C. Attn: Alan Lee Smith, Esq. P.O. Box 14167 Jackson, Mississippi 39236 (601) 351-8932 Property Name and Physical Address: Tracts I, II and III: East Gate Plaza Shopping Center 120 & 1122 East Main Street Philadelphia, Mississippi Tax: 06329C-00A-025.000 (PPIN: 6819) Tract VI: Vacant Land behind Ronnie's Steakhouse Pecan Avenue Philadelphia, Mississippi Tax: 05225A-00A-017.001 (PPIN: 17675) Tract VIII: Warehouses on Myrtle Street 1207 Myrtle Street Philadelphia, Mississippi Tax: 06329C-00A-023.001 (PPIN: 6817) Tract IX: Krystal Restaurant 10 Canal Place Philadelphia, Mississippi Tax: 05200 -35 -008.008 (PPIN: 17257) Tract X: Warehouse on Carter Avenue 907 Carter Avenue Philadelphia, Mississippi Tax: 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 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 February, 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 Executor, having filed an AFFIDAVIT with the Clerk confirming his reasonably diligent efforts to identify persons having claims against said estate and finding none, notice is hereby given to all persons 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 BRADLEY, JR., Executor of the ESTATE OF ALATHA FRANCES SMITH BRADLEY Prepared by: John G. Compton MSB #6403 Witherspoon & Compton, LLC P.O. Box 845 Meridian, MS 39302-0845 Telephone: 601/693-6466 Email: jcompton@witherspooncompton.com 52384

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2006, Undeon Hardy and Mary Key Hardy, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common executed a certain deed of trust to Arnold M. Weiss, attorney at law, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as beneficiary, as nominee for, GMAC Mortgage Corporation d/b/a Ditech.com, its successors and assigns which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, State of Mississippi in Book 2006 at Page 4955 and re-recorded in Book 2006 at Page 6178; and WHEREAS, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-RZ3 has heretofore substituted Shapiro & Brown, LLC as Trustee by instrument dated January 19, 2021 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 2021 Page 1030; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-RZ3, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale. NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shapiro & Brown, LLC, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on April 6, 2021 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within 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, located at 401 East Beacon

Street, Philadelphia, MS 39350, to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds the following described property situated in Neshoba County, State of Mississippi, to-wit: Being in Neshoba County, Mississippi, City of Philadelphia, Herrods Survey, Block 1, in SW 1/4, Section 30, Township 11 North, Range 12 East; beginning at the Northeast Corner Block 1; thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes West 152.9 feet; thence South 13 degrees 15 minutes West 88.5 feet; thence North 88 degrees 30 minutes East 147.9 feet; thence North 18 degrees 00 minutes East 85 feet to the point of beginning. I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this 22nd day of February, 2021. Tammy Scott, Officer Shapiro & Brown, LLC SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE LOGS Legal Group LLP 1080 River Oaks Drive, Suite B-202 Floodwood, MS 39232 (601) 981-9299 414 Crockett Ave Philadelphia, MS 39350 20-026654 Publication Dates: March 10, March 17, March 24 and March 31, 2021

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Neshoba County School District office, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 39350 until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2021, for: Gymnasium Floor Repair at Neshoba Central High School Neshoba County School District (Philadelphia, Mississippi) P & M Project Number: 2021103 Bid documents are being made available via original paper copy or electronically. Planholders are required to log-in or register for an account at www.pryor-morrowplans.com to view and order Bid Documents. All planholders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. Electronic bids are not required; however, a submission of an electronic bid in lieu of a sealed bid shall be submitted at www.pryor-morrowplans.com. Questions regarding website registration, online orders electronic bidding please contact Plan House Printing at (662) 407-0193. Bid preparation will be in accordance with Section 02000 – Instructions to Bidders, bound in the Project Manual. BID GUARANTEE: Proposals shall be submitted with Proposal Security in the form of Certified Check or acceptable Bid Bond in an amount equal to at least five percent (5%) of the base bid; such security is to be forfeited as liquidated damages, not penalty, by any bidder who fails to carry out the terms of the proposal. The Bid Bond, if used, shall be payable to the Owner. Bonds on the project must be received on or before the period scheduled for the project and no bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the project. Bids must be firm for a period of forty-five (45) days after the scheduled time of opening. PERFORMANCE-PAYMENT BOND: A 100% Performance-Payment Bond issued by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Mississippi will be required within ten (10) days after the successful bidder has been notified of the award of the contract to him. CERTIFICATE OF RESPONSIBILITY: All bids submitted by a prime or subcontractor for public works or public projects where said bid is in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to perform contracts enumerated in Section 31-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall contain on the outside or exterior of the envelope or container of such bid the contractor's current certificate number. No bid shall be opened or considered unless such contractor's current certificate number appears on the outside or exterior of said envelope or container or unless there appears a statement on the outside or exterior of such envelope or container to the effect that the bid enclosed therewith does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). When bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), on the exterior of the bid envelope shall be deemed in compliance by including the same information as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities. Publish: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 Wednesday, March 10, 2021

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Deanco Auction 1042 Holland Ave Philadelphia, MS 39350 MAKE: 1984 International S1900 Van-body Truck-VIN: 1HTLDUXP9EHA61034 PLACE OF SALE: Deanco Auction at 1042 Holland Ave, Philadelphia, MS 39350 SALE DATE: 03/24/2021 OWNED BY: Henry Brand III, 10504 Woods Dr, Meridian, MS 39307 LEINHOLDER: N/A

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IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT- MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF KIMBALL NELSON WILLIS, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2020-388 DEANNA JOHN PETITIONER SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, whether resident/ non resident of the state of Mississippi, claiming any right, title or interest as heirs of Kimball Nelson Willis, deceased. You have been made a Respondent in the Petition to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Deanna John, Petitioner, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-at-law of Kimball Nelson Willis, deceased, as fully set out in the Petition/Motion on file in the Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 10:30 o'clock A.M. on the 7th day of April, 2021, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Court in the Smith John Justice Complex located on the Pearl River Reservation, Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 12th day of February 2021. /s/Jennifer Young TRIBAL COURT CLERK Prepared by: Douglas J Graham Settlements & Graham, PLLC 410 East Beacon Street Philadelphia, MS 39350 601-656-9597 MSBN: 101965

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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on the 3rd day of February, 2006, LAWANA G. LOFTON a/k/a

LAWANA G. WORBINGTON executed a Deed of Trust to Robert Thomas, Trustee, in the principal amount of TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN AND 82/100 DOLLARS (\$29,597.82), same being payable in sixty (60) regular payments of Three Hundred Nineteen and No/100 Dollars (\$319.00), with the first payment being due on March 5, 2006 and continuing on the 5th day of each month thereafter, with a final payment due on February 5, 2011; or until paid in full as set out in the Deed of Trust aforesaid, which is of record in Trust Book 2006, Page 1000 in the Chancery Clerk's Office of Neshoba County, Mississippi; said Deed of Trust was modified in Trust Book 2011, Page 4182; Trust Book 2013, Page 5221; Trust Book 2015, Page 4726; Trust Book 2017, Page 6262; and WHEREAS, on the February 4, 2021, THE CITIZENS BANK OF PHILADELPHIA, did execute a Substitution of Trustee, naming ZACHARY A. MADISON as Substituted Trustee, which substitution is recorded in Book 2021, Page 1375, in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and THE CITIZENS BANK OF PHILADELPHIA, being the owner and holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, I will on the 24th day of March, 2021, offer for sale and will sell within legal hours (between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Courthouse in Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the highest bidder in cash, at public outcry, the following described property located and being situated in the County of Neshoba, State of Mississippi, to-wit: Beginning at the NW corner of the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 7, Township 10 North, Range 12 East, and run South 862 feet to the SW corner of lands owned by Leroy Beckham and wife, which point is the point of beginning of land herein described; thence run South for a distance of 312 feet to a point 146 feet North of the South line of said forty; thence run East for a distance of approximately 20 feet to the West right of way line of the public road; thence run in a Northeasterly direction along the West right of way line of said public road for a distance of 320 feet to the SE corner of the aforesaid Beckham land; thence run West along the South line of said Beckham land for a distance of 157 feet back to the point of beginning, containing 0.63 acres, more or less, and being situated West of public road in the SW part of the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 7, Township 10 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, being the same land that was acquired from Arnell Jenkins and wife, Myrtle W. Jenkins, by deed dated May 18, 1971, and recorded in Deed Book A-82, Page 369, among the land records of Neshoba County, Mississippi. Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will sell only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 22nd day of February, 2021. /s/Zachary A. Madison Zachary A. Madison, Substituted Trustee THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY: ZACHARY A. MADISON, MSB #104363 Fair & Mayo, PLLC P. O. Box 509 Louisville, MS 39339 Telephone No. 662-773-3455 PUBLISHER: Neshoba County Democrat 3/3, 3/10, 3/17

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TITLE OF ABANDONMENT MOTOR VEHICLE

Deanco Auction 1042 Holland Ave Philadelphia, MS 39350 MAKE: 1984 GMC Sierra Pickup VIN: 1GTETC14V46E143215 PLACE OF SALE: Deanco Auction at 1042 Holland Ave, Philadelphia, MS 39350 SALE DATE: 03/24/2021 OWNED BY: Henry Brand III, 10504 Woods Dr, Meridian, MS 39307 LEINHOLDER: N/A

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TITLE OF ABANDONMENT MOTOR VEHICLE

Deanco Auction 1042 Holland Ave Philadelphia, MS 39350 MAKE: 1984 International S1900 Van-body Truck-VIN: 1HTLDUXP9EHA61034 PLACE OF SALE: Deanco Auction at 1042 Holland Ave, Philadelphia, MS 39350 SALE DATE: 03/24/2021 OWNED BY: Henry Brand III, 10504 Woods Dr, Meridian, MS 39307 LEINHOLDER: N/A

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The City of Philadelphia, Mississippi is issuing a Request for Qualifications to provide professional services for the City. The City of Philadelphia intends to apply for funding assistance and, if funded successfully, to have a qualified consultant perform planning services to update the City's Comprehensive Plan. Qualified firms – including planning and architectural/engineering firms – with experience in community and economic development planning are invited to submit proposals, in accordance with this request, to the City of Philadelphia, 525 Main Street, Philadelphia, MS 39350, not later than 5pm local time on March 16, 2021. Those desiring consideration should submit proposals by the time and date above stated and must include the following: 1. Qualifications - List of qualifications of each staff person to be assigned to project. 2. Experience - Information regarding the experience of the firm. This information should include types of project activities undertaken. 3. Capacity for Performance - Identify the number and title of staff available to be assigned to provideservices. All proposals will be rated on the following system to determine the best offeror: Description and Maximum Points: Qualifications - 40, Experience - 40, Capacity - 20; Total 100 points. Proposals will be reviewed by the Selection Committee using the above selection criteria. Each member of the Committee will assign points to each selection criterion based on the content of the proposal. Those desiring consideration should submit eight (8) copies of their proposal by the above indicated deadline. Subject to funding award(s), the City of Philadelphia will award the applicable contract to the qualified firm whose proposal has the highest number of cumulative points

Rebelettes going for 6th Overall title

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Leake Academy Rebelettes were playing for their sixth Overall State championship in school history Tuesday.

At this writing, the Rebelettes were to play at Hartfield against the host Lady Hawks for the championship. Just last week, Leake Academy defeated Hartfield for the Class 4A championship. Leake Academy defeated

Jackson Prep 72-60 in the first game of the Overall tournament Friday night. The Lady Patriots led 29-27 at the half but the Rebelettes battled back, outscoring them 21-18 in the third quarter. Leading 48-47 heading into the final quarter,

the Rebelettes outscored Prep 24-13 in the final eight minutes and advanced.

Emmi Harkins led the Rebelettes with 26 points. Miriam Prince put in 17 points while Morgan Freeny scored 15 and Emeri Warren scored

12. The Rebelettes defeated Madison-Ridgeland Academy in the semifinals 44-30. Leake Academy led 16-5 at the end of the first quarter. The Lady Patriots tried to slow the game down in the second and third

quarters but it didn't work as Leake Academy led 29-17 heading into the final quarter. Leake Academy outscored MRA 15-13 in the final quarter to take the victory. Prince led with 21 points.

Lady Rockets improve to 4-0 with wins over Lake, Choctaw

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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Kylie Posey knocked in two runs in the bottom of the sixth to lift the Neshoba Central Lady Rockets to a 5-3 win over Lake in fast-pitch softball last week.

The Lady Rockets also took a 22-2 victory over

Choctaw Central Monday night.

Elleigh Willis was the winning pitcher in the Lake game.

Neshoba Central scored one in the first, one in the third and three in the sixth. Lake scored one in the second and two in the fourth.

Charmayne Morris hit a triple while Annaleigh Jones,

Tenly Grisham, Willis, Posey, Lanayah Henry, and Kylee Thompson all managed one hit to lead Neshoba Central.

The Lady Rockets took control of their game with Choctaw Central with four runs in the first and 10 in the second. The Choctaw Central team was making its first appearance since basketball

ended last week.

Elleigh Willis was the winning pitcher. She had six strike outs. Toni Henry took the pitching loss.

Kyla Thompson hit a double and a single for the Lady Rockets. She scored two runs and knocked in another. Willis and Posey both hit a double. Grisham hit a triple and a sin-

gle. She scored two runs and knocked in two more. Mauhree Jones hit a single while scoring two runs and knocking in two more. Lanayah Henry hit a single, scored three runs and knocked in two more. Shante' Beaulieu scored two runs.

Leia Phillips hit a single, scored a run and knocked in

another for Choctaw Central.

Neshoba Central will be back in action Friday when they compete in the West Harrison tournament. Choctaw Central was to take on Kosciusko Tuesday, Northeast Lauderdale on Thursday and will take on Ethel next Monday.

Union baseball teams sweep two-games series from Bay Springs

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Union Yellowjacket baseball team improved to 4-2 with a sweep of Bay Springs. The Yellowjackets defeated

Bay Springs 8-4 in the first game and 17-1 in game two.

Union had 11 hits and kept up a steady pace of runs in game one.

Henry Thornton was the winning pitcher.

Jaylon Buckley hit a triple and a single. He scored one run and knocked in four more. Kolton Cockerham hit a double and a single. He scored one run and knocked in another. Preston Germany hit a double

and two singles while scoring one run. Peyton Posey hit a double.

Union scored 10 runs in the first inning of the second game.

Judd Young was the win-

ning pitcher.

Kaleb Casey hit had one hit, scored three runs and knocked in another. Cockerham and Buckley both nailed two runs while scoring one run and knocking in three more. Rope

Lovern had three hits, scored two runs and knocked two more in, Jacob Moore had two hits, scored four runs and knocked two more in.

Legals

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issued by the selection committee and determined to be the most advantageous to the city, all factors considered. The contract will include scope and extent of work and other essential requirements. The City of Philadelphia reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, and to waive any irregularities in the proposals or the submission process. The City of Philadelphia is an Equal Opportunity Employer, M/F/H.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI NESHOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, AND PAYZLEE GRACE FRANKLIN, ZOEE BROOKE FRANKLIN AND ZAYGEN JAMES WILLIAMSON, MINORS, BY AND THROUGH THEIR NEXT FRIEND, MARCUS D. DAVENPORT PETITIONERS VS. CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. 20-157 SANTANA PRESLEE WILLIAMSON, JAMES MICHAEL FRANKLIN AND UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER RESPONDENTS COUNTY COURT SUMMONS STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Unknown Putative Father, 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 Payzlee Grace Franklin, Zoey Brooke Franklin, and Zaygen James Williamson, 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 27th day of April, 2021, in the courtroom of the Neshoba County Chancery Court Courthouse at 401 Beacon St, Philadelphia, 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 26th day of February, 2021. GUY NOWELL, CLERK NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI PHILEDELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI 39350 BY: K. Greer, D.C. Deputy Clerk Office of the Attorney General Post Office Box 220 Jackson, Mississippi 39205 Telephone No. (601) 359-4248 Duran.Davis@ago.ms.gov Duran Davis, MSB #105756

52409

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI NESHOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, AND CHASE JAXON FORTENBERRY, A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HIS NEXT FRIEND, MARCUS D. DAVENPORT PETITIONERS VS. CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. 19-373 SAMANTHA JOANN FORTENBERRY AKA ANTHONY, BENJAMIN COOPER, AND UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER-RESPONDENTS COUNTY COURT SUMMONS STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Unknown Putative Father, 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 Chase Jaxon Fortenberry, 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 27th day of April, 2021, in the courtroom of the Neshoba County Chancery Court Courthouse at 401 Beacon St,

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF EDNA E. THOMPSON CAUSE NO.: 21-CV-00019-JK NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, on the Estate of Edna E. Thompson, Deceased, on the 23rd day of February, 2021, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said Estate to have their claims probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, and that failure to probate and register their claims with the Clerk within that time will forever bar the claim. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the 25th day of February, 2021. /s/Edna Nicole Thompson DouganEDNA NICOLE THOMPSON DOUGANCO-EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF EDNA E. THOMPSON /s/ Bernard D. ThompsonBERNARD D. THOMPSONCO-EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF EDNA E. THOMPSON /s/Larry D. Thompson, ILARRY D. THOMPSON, IICO-EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF EDNA E. THOMPSON Prepared by:DOUGLAS J. GRAHAM-SETTLEMIRE & GRAHAM, PLLC410 East Beacon StreetPhiladelphia, MS

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NESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXPENSE SUMMARY FOR: 3/1/2021

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FUND 1095.09130-540 COLISEUM EXPENSES 7880.32150-300 COUNTY UNIT ROAD 76005.37150-890 CO UNIT RD - LEASE/PURCHASE 880.24160-300 COUNTY WIDE BRIDGE & CULVERT 9760.35160-890 CO WIDE BRIDGE-LEASE/PURCHASE 10457.29202-800 HOSPITAL CAP LOAN 20304.21230-800 COURT-HOUSE RENOVATION 5075.00400-340 SOLID WASTE 20446.59400-890 SOLID WASTE - LEASE/PURCHASE 5628.69650-000 ASSESSMENTS 38728.86681-000 PAYROLL CLEARING FUND 631.95690-000 ECCC MAINTENANCE 139556.14691-000 ECCC BUILDING 93012.15TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: 700700.50 THIS IS A SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR PERIOD ENDING MARCH 1, 2021 LISTING THE TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS BY EACH DEPARTMENT/ FUND PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MISSISSIPPI CODE ANN. § 19-3-35. A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL EXPENDITURES REPRESENTING THESE TOTALS IS RECORDED IN THE DOCKET OF CLAIMS AND IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE CHANCERY CLERKS OFFICE OR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS. /S/ GUY NOWELL,CLERK OF THE BOARDNESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 52420

CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT- MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RANDY RUDY YORK, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2020-24 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO:

The heirs at law of RANDY RUDY YORK, deceased, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of RANDY RUDY YORK, deceased, whose post office and street addresses are unknown to the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law. You have been made a Respondent in a Petition for Determination of Heirship filed in this court by the Petitioner

Ryan York, Administrator of the Estate of RANDY RUDY YORK, deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 A.M. on the 14th day of April, 2021, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court at Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 3rd day of March, 2021. /s/ Jennileen Young-TRIBAL COURT CLERK 52422

CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT- MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OFAGNES E. YORK, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2020-22 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: The heirs at law of AGNES E. YORK, deceased, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of AGNES E. YORK, deceased, whose post office and street addresses are unknown to the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law. You have been made a Respondent in a Petition for Determination of Heirship filed in this court by the Petitioner Ryan York, Administrator of the Estate of AGNES E. YORK, deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 A.M. on the 14th day of April, 2021, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court at Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 3rd day of March, 2021. /s/ Jennileen Young-TRIBAL COURT CLERK 52421

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CLOSING DATE:3/19/21 or until filled

RED WATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Principal

Qualifications: Possess a valid Administrative Educator License issued by the Mississippi State Department of Education. Preference for prior experience as an elementary principal or elementary curriculum coordinator.

RED WATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Teacher, 2 Positions

CONEHATTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Teacher

PEARL RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Teacher

Qualifications: Possess a valid Mississippi Educator License issued by the Mississippi State Department of Education with appropriate endorsement and emphasis on grade level and/or subject area being taught.

Ability to work in a rural school system with bilingual students. Complete a criminal background check on county, state and national levels. Any record or conviction of criminal or child abuse charges will result in immediate termination. Employee in this position is subject to random drug testing. Must possess a valid Mississippi Driver's License, adequate transportation and personal automobile liability insurance.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE REQUESTED OR SUBMITTED TO:
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
Attention: Human Resources
P.O. Box 6033, Choctaw Branch
Choctaw, Mississippi 39350

