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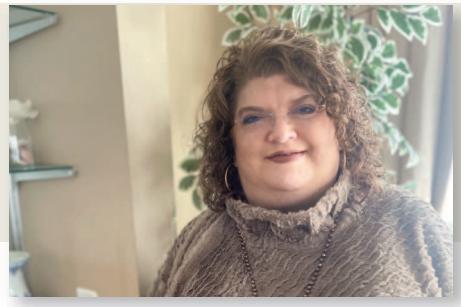
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## COURT IN SESSION

# 2 plead guilty in pond murder

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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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 any time 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:

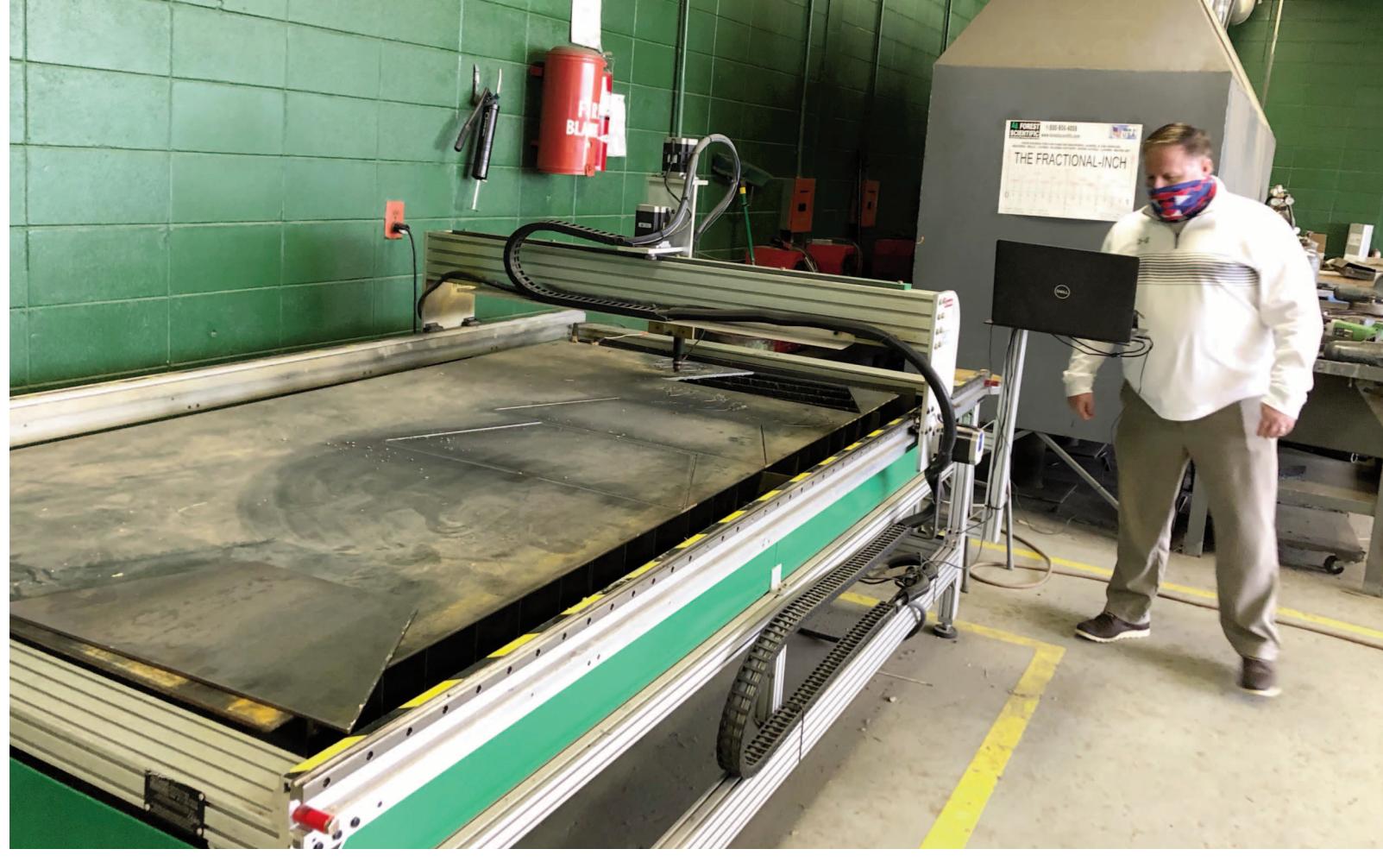
• Patrick Atkinson, 40, pleaded guilty burglary of a camp house, and burglary of a storage shed. He was sen-

tenced 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 builing Innovation Lab

By JOHN LEE  
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Instructor Sedera 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

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## COVID-19

# Mayor walks back mandate

By SCOTT HAWKINS  
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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

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## FOUR DECADES OF TEACHING

# Retired PHS teacher dies in Highway 19 crash

By DUNCAN DENT  
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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 Bethsaida Sunday evening, according to the Mississippi Highway Patrol.

A visitation is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today (Wednesday)

(Wednesday) at McClain-Hays Funeral Home

with a graveside service fol-

lowing at 1:30 p.m. at the

Bethsaida 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-



dents were remembering Ms. Mowdy on Facebook Monday.

"She taught 'old

school' mathematics

(Algebra, Trig, Geom-

etry, Adv. Math) and

the learning disci-

ples that were need-

ed not only in math

but in life," said another

PHS graduate and

Philadelphia native the

Rev. Hubert Yates, state direc-

tor of Disaster Relief Min-

istries 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 (former-

ly 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

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### Celebrating Dr. Seuss Week

2019-2021 Choctaw Indian Princess Elisah Monique Jimmie visited Tucker Elementary and read to students as part of Dr. Seuss Week at the school.

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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 an unoccupied dwelling; sentenced to drug court;

• Scotty Bell, 40, pleaded guilty to DUI 3rd offense; sentenced to drug court;

## 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](http://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

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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 built 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 mainte-

nance 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 respond-

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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#### 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 disonor 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

Suzi 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 major. 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 Neshoba 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.

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 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.

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.

*The emerging existential crisis at the border.*

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

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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 waging unabated, as mobs tear down statues and monuments to America's founders, exactly what national problem will be solved by an unceasing and 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."*

RICH LOWRY

## Biden's unnecessary border crisis

A crisis is a terrible thing to create.

This, nonetheless, is what President Joe Biden has done at the southern border.

His rhetoric during the campaign suggesting an open-handed approach to migrants coming to the U.S., and his early moves to undo Donald Trump's border policies are creating a migrant surge that risks running out of control.

Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas says the situation isn't a crisis, but "a challenge" — an "acute" and "stressful" challenge with some "urgency," but merely a challenge all the same.

Consider the contours of this so-called challenge. Twice as many people, about 80,000, tried to cross the border illegally in January of this year as compared with January a year ago.

Even though it isn't peak traveling season yet (that traditionally comes in May and June), U.S. Border Patrol has already begun releasing migrants into towns on the border.

Axios reported on a briefing prepared for Biden that warned that the number of migrants kids is on pace to set a record, and there aren't nearly enough beds to accommodate them.

Biden officials tend to discuss the "push factors," the conditions that prompt migrants to flee their countries in Central America. What we have much more direct control over is the "pull factors," our own policies and practices that create an incentive to come here.

Trump had a number of false starts at the border. By the end, though, he had creat-

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ed an entirely reasonable system based on his lawful authorities to impose order the border.

There is no good reason to rip up much of this arrangement, though that's exactly what Biden has done.

During the pandemic, Trump turned around people who illegally crossed borders on public health grounds.

Biden has created an exception for unaccompanied minors, which is an obvious incentive for families to send children under age 18.

Under Trump, the "Migrant Protection Protocols," also known as "Remain in Mexico," ended the practice of letting Central American migrants into the U.S. while their asylum claims were adjudicated.

This was crucial because under the old procedure, asylum-seekers were allowed into the U.S., and even if their claims were ultimately rejected, as the vast majority of them were, the migrants overwhelmingly ended up staying anyway.

This created a huge magnet — get to the border and claim asylum and you're in the United States, very likely to stay.

Biden has trashed the Migrant Protection Protocols. No new asylum-seekers will be enrolled in the program, and the backlog of people who had been waiting in Mexico

are being admitted into the U.S.

He's also suspended the so-called "safe third country" agreements that Trump forged with El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras to get asylum-seekers to apply in one of those countries.

The premise of the Trump approach was that people who feared for their lives in their home country because of persecution don't necessarily need to come to the United States to escape. It should be enough for them to go to another country in the region, or if they are indeed applying for asylum in the U.S., to stay in Mexico while doing so.

Allowing them into the country, with no reliable internal enforcement mechanism, constitutes an end run around our immigration system. Because migrants, like anyone else, respond to incentives, the more who are allowed in, the more will come. And, since resources aren't infinite, if enough families show up at the border, it inevitably overtaxes our personnel and facilities.

Mayorkas blames Trump for having "dismantled our nation's immigration system in its entirety," a claim as absurd as the notion that the Biden administration started from scratch on vaccinations.

Trump got a handle on the border, which in 2014 and again in 2019 had descended into chaos. Call it what you will, a crisis or a challenge or something else, but Biden is on a path to heedlessly repeat this experience.

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— **2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (ESV)**

## Second Nine Weeks Rocket Award Winners



**Kindergarten:** First row, from left, are Reid Thames, Khloe Lilly, Heidi May, Kase Kilgore and Hoyt Stepp. In back are Ali Boyd, Emma-Leigh Savell, Griffin Mars, Makenzie McVay, Carsyn Cremeen and Jester Savage.



**First Grade:** First row, from left, are Chase Jackson, Logan Wilson, Eliza Simmons, Kirkland Spivey and Hadleigh McBrayer. In back are Deacon Edwards, Parks Sansing, Za'Niyah Nowell, John Withers and John Carter Ballard.



**Second Grade:** First row, from left, are Alanna Miera, Eli Winstead, Tristan Thompson, Hallie Downey and Elias Simmons. In back are David Frank, Zac Brown, Emily Delap, Kooper Herrington and Chance Jackson.



**Third Grade:** First row, from left, are Lance Ward, Parker Sanderson, Isabella Glass, Raeleigh Stovall and Makaelyn Boyd. In back are Tommy Warren, Andy Eakes, Terriah Fowler, Asher Holley and Lillian Williams.



**Fourth Grade:** First row, from left, are Maddex Ferguson, Enez Stumblingbear, Madi Grace King, Zach Burt and Hadleigh Thompson. In back are Jacob Copeland, Alyssa Burnham, Rhodes McCormick, Will McKinney and Bricyn Boyd.



**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 Bouler (Buddy), son, Rex Webb; grandchildren, Mandy Fisher (Matt), Kristin Kirkland (Stephen), Rachel Hargrave (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-n-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

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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 Hillary Bey; son, Ian Greaves, Jr.; sisters, Joanne Thompson, Cynthia Wallace, Naomi Thompson; brothers, Kevin Thompson, Easton Thompson, Jr., Steve John; 8 grandchildren.

Preceded in death: 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 McDonald; (1) grandchild, Amber.

### 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 McDonald; (1) grandchild, Amber.

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### 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 Stolby, 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 O'Neil 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 Pater, 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
- Charlotte 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
- Rodriguez Zanquavious 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
- Troy L Varnado, 28, of 10351 BIA 0228; domestic violence-simple assault 1st or 2nd offense

- 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
- 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

## 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

## PAID POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Ruthie Nash seeks election as alderman for Ward 4



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:

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#### Ward 4 Alderman

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### THERE WILL BE A NEW HARDWARE SHIPMENT DUE IN THIS WEEK

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# Spears enjoys taking family horses to Fairgrounds

By SARAH KATHRYN  
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**D**awn 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 parties.

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.

## FRIED VENISON STEAK

1 egg  
1 cup of milk  
Salt and pepper to taste  
(or other seasoning of choosing)

Flour  
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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.



Dawn Spears

## COOK OF THE WEEK

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**WHITE CAKE**  
1-15.25-ounce white cake mix  
ends, let the pot sit undisturbed 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 turning the steam release knob to the venting position. When the pin in the lid drops back down, open the

**WHITE CAKE**  
1-15.25-ounce white cake mix  
1 cup all-purpose flour  
1 cup granulated white sugar  
3/4 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 ingredients and beat with mixer for 2 minutes or until well blended. Divide the batter evenly between the prepared pans. Be sure to fill them 3/4 to 1 inch below the top of the pan. Bake 35 to 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center come out clean. Let the cakes cool in the pans for a few minutes and then turn out onto cooling racks to cool completely 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. Gradually add powdered sugar.)

## Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS  
friends@neshobademocrat.com

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 Mississippi 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 players!

The Neshoba Central Elementary 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 following week. This act of kindness shows that kindness can be practiced and shared at any time.

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 grandchildren continue to be a blessing to Janice and Uhl. Congratulations and best wishes for many more happy years together!

Neshoba Central Elementary School's library has recognized several students who have reached different goals in the Accelerated Reading program at the school. They earn points and awards for different levels starting with 10 points.

AR is a motivational program which encourages children to read just for fun in the hope of instilling a love of reading. It also reinforces skills for reading comprehension, which is a major objective in teaching reading. Students 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: Gannon Perry, Tushika Zimmerman, Dacort Chamberlin, Mary Margaret Garner, Slade Myers, and Devin Lamb. Students earning 100 points were Dalia Chapman 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!

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



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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.

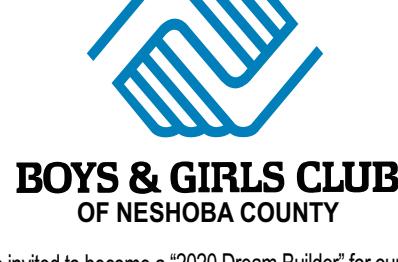
Choctaw Central never gave up and with 17 seconds left, Lyleonia Johnson scored to make the score 54-52 in favor of Pontotoc.

Meloney Thame 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.



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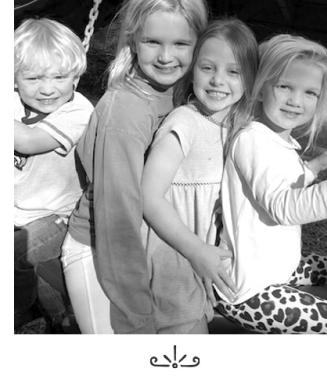
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*One executive we know is practicing to be a major league baseball pitcher; he works one day, then rests four.*

*The Sunday drivers you see are actually Friday drivers still looking for a place to park.*

*Real frustration is when you have ulcers and you still aren't successful.*

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## Lady Tornadoes to take on Union

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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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. Andreas 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:

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

The child's social security card

The child's immunization record

### HOMESTEAD DEADLINE

Tax Assessor/Collector Mike Lewis, wants to remind Neshoba County homeowners that they have until April 1, 2021 to file homestead exemptions.

If you have a change in status, such as obtaining a new home, buying or selling land, death of a spouse, turning 65 years old, becoming disabled or getting married or divorced, a new homestead needs to be filed.

Homeowners who received the exemption last year and did not have a change in status need not reapply as their exemptions will automatically be renewed.

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Mitchell's son, Reice. Her mother, Lynda Stribling was the Mother of the Bride. Congratulations and best wishes for much happiness

Philadelphia Elementary School students had fun celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday March 1-5. The children wore different items of clothing on different days of the week.



# Rebelettes going for 6th Overall title

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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

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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 single.

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

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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 winning pitcher.

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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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 NESHOBIA 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

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**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBIA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI NESHOBIA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, AND PAYZLEE GRACE FRANKLIN, ZOEY 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

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 NESHOBIA 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

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**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBIA 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 that the 25th day of February, 2021, /s/Edna Niccole Thompson DouganEDNA NICCOLE THOMPSON DOUGANCO-EXECUTOR 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, IIICO-EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF EDNA E. THOMPSON Prepared by:DOUGLAS J. GRAHAM-SETTLEMIRES & GRAHAM, PLLC410 East Beacon StreetPhiladelphia, MS

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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 OF AGNES E. YORK, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2020-22 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 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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