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COUNTY, CITY RECEIVING FUNDING

Millions in COVID cash coming

By SCOTT HAWKINS scott@neshobademocrat.com

Neshoba County will receive \$5.6 million and the city of Philadelphia \$1.6 million in the federal government's \$1.9 trillion federal American Rescue Act passed last month by Congress to help local governmen-

COVID-19 pandemic. Neshoba County officials said they are awaiting further

ments recover from the

guidelines from the United States Department of the Treasury on allowable uses for the monies before proceeding with a spending plan.

'They haven't published any guidelines for the use of that other than what is in the actual legislation," said Jeff Mayo, Neshoba County Administrator. "All of that is going to have to be determined before the uses can be determined on how we are going to be eligible to use

Mayor James Young said the city also is awaiting guidelines but did say the funds will be a much-needed shot in the arm to

"We will be able to do something street-wise and police-Young said, adding the city will not make solid plans until the guidelines come through and the funding is in

Mississippi will receive

from the rescue act, which is equal to the state budget.

The funding will be distributed as follows, according to Mississippi Today:

• \$429 million for higher education;

• \$166 million for capital projects for rural broadband access project;

• \$577 million for counties; • \$258 million for smaller cities;

• \$1.8 billion to be appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature over the next three years primarily to replace revenue lost because of the pandemic for COVID-19-related costs; and

• \$1.6 billion for K-12 education, primarily to be disbursed to local school districts.

Mayo said Neshoba County would use the money to recoup costs associated with the coun-

• \$97 million for metro ty's COVID-19 response efforts and some allowable infrastructure spending.

"The board did publish a request for proposals on broad-band services for the underserved and unserved areas of the county in establishing broad-band," Mayo said. "They authorized a request for proposals (Monday) in that regard to look at the assessment and feasibility of deploying broadband

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ON THE LAM



Work on an \$11.7 million two-lane bridge replacement project at ceremony on a separate \$35.6-million project to four-lane Highway Tucker began last May and is scheduled to be completed by the fall. On Tuesday, just up the road, officials gathered for a groundbreaking

19 into town. That project is expected to be completed in 2023.

19 widening starts into town

By SCOTT HAWKINS scott@neshobademocrat.com

As work got underway Monday four-laning a 4.52-mile stretch of Highway 19 from Tucker into town, local and state officials gathered Tuesday for an official groundbreaking ceremony on the \$35.6-million project before a joyful and very

"What a wonderful day for Neshoba County," said state Sen. Jenifer Branning. "Like many of y'all, I was born and raised here. Even as a small native Marty Stuart was on hand.

child I remember conversations about the need for four-lane access to Neshoba County. There are so many people to thank for this day.

About 100 people gathered off of the highway for the ceremony near the top of Posey Hill at Work on a separate \$11.7 million two-lane

bridge replacement project at Tucker began last May and is scheduled to be completed by the

Country music legend and Neshoba County

"I think this speaks to the progress of our community," he said. "It is getting harder and harder to contain all the good things that are happening here. Having four-lane access to bring people in and out of our town is going to help us bring in more restaurants, more businesses and more progress."

Stuart's Congress of Country Music is under way downtown and when completed and fully funded is expected to be a well of inspiration as a music venue surrounded by memorabilia from

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3 arrests made in motel murder

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A third suspect charged with capital murder in the death of Desmond Davis has been captured, Philadelphia Police said Saturday night.

Marlon V. Boyd, 18, of Philadelphia was taken into custody on the evening of April 3 by the Meridian Police Department after being on the run for days. Boyd had been charged with conspiracy to commit murder last

Boyd was quickly extradited into Philadelphia Police custody that same even and remains in the Winston County Correctional Facility without bond.

Pattillo has not responded to questions concerning a possible motive or if a murder weapon has been recovered.

Boyd was apprehended at about 7 p.m. Saturday evening after a tip informed MPD that Boyd was hiding out at a house in Meridian, according to WTOK.

Meridian Special Ops, K9 units and U.S. Marshals arrived at the house and gave chase to Boyd, who ran into some nearby woods but was eventually captured without incident, they said.

"Philadelphia Police Dept would like the thank Meridan PD, US Marshall's, Neshoba County SO, and all others Departments who assisted," officials said in a Facebook post Saturday night.

Davis, 27, of Philadelphia was found dead at the Western Motel on Holland Avenue on March 28 at about 12:45 a.m., police said.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supes bid Sheriff's body cameras

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY steve@neshobademocrat.com

Body camera for Neshoba County Sheriff's deputies will be bid by the Board of Supervisors rather than taking Sheriff Eric Clark's sole-source proposal

Sheriff Eric Clark told the Democrat Tuesday he presented a \$49,000 sole-source proposal to supervisors on Monday for Watch Guard body cameras recommended far and wide by colleagues and professions because of certain features unavailable elsewhere.

Philadelphia Police and the Leake County Sheriff's Department use Watch Guard cameras, Clark saiid, and their specific functionality meets the needs of his department.

His proposal included 15 body cameras, a five-year warranty and other support features like cloud storage of the footage.

"These cameras are stateof-the art," Clark said. "This is a really good product and a much-needed tool for our guys to have in their belt."

Clark said that the cloud storage feature giving them access to all of their collective footage is a deciding feature in his assessment.

"The money is the storage," Clark said.

Clark said the proposal seemed reasonable based on his research and that most of the funds have already been generated through grants and donations including \$10,000 from the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians n December

and \$13,650 from the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund last fall.

Clark said that supervisors decided that they wanted to bid out the cameras.

Clark said that he was not sure when they would first issue the request for bids but said that once bids were solicited he expected it to be about a three-week process.

In other matters, supervisors voted to approve:

 Anthony Ball was moved to full-time correctional officer and promoted to shift supervisor.

 Correctional officer Courtney Copeland received a raise after completion of six months of employment.

 Approve an inventory removal request from the sheriff's department for non-working Motorola CP200d radios.



Sunrise Easter Service

The First United Methodist Church gathered for a Sunrise Service Easter Sunday morning outside the church on Main Street as Christians celebrated the Resurrection of Christ.

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2 legislative bills to benefit Tribe

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Two bills passed in the 2021 Mississippi Legislature will benefit the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI).

The first will allow tribal members to use their MBCI identification cards like a state-issued ID card.

State Sen. Jenifer Branning, a Republican from Philadelphia, said the MBCI ID card will be recognized under state law a valid state

"This helps Tribal members to receive services for which an ID is required," Branning said.

The second would allow non-Tribal businesses that locate on Choctaw lands to be eligible for programs through the Mississippi Development

Rep. C. Scott Bounds, also

a Republican from Philadelphia, said this has been in the works for a while.

"The Tribe has been wanting this," Bounds said. "The state gives incentives for companies to locate and expand in towns and cities all the time. Now we can do it for the tribe.

"It's a game-changer for the Tribe and the state to be able to offer these incentives to any business that wants to locate on Tribal lands,' Bounds said.

Statewide measures

Both Branning and Bounds talked about legislation that will affect the entire state.

Branning said lawmakers put \$102 million in additional money over last year into the budget for education.

From that, \$51 million went for the \$1,000 teacher pay raises. Teacher assistants also received a raise.

Lawmakers also doubled

state's pre-k program.

"We have added the computer science curriculum that will be starting up in the schools," Bounds said.

"One thing that I thought was a big thing was the requirement for schools to designate their sports teams based on biological sex and not gender ID."

Lawmakers also passed a pay raise for state employees. Branning said Senate Bill 2825 known as the Mississippi Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2021, which

she wrote, passed both houses. "Senate Bill 2825 puts \$89 million into the emergency road and bridge fund," said Branning, who is the chairwoman of the Senate Transportation Committee.

"The counties and municipalities will be able to apply for that money."

The bill also increases the

the number of slots for the weight limits under the harvest permit for log trucks and trucks hauling produce beginning in 2023.

This is important for the forestry industry and the farmers of our area," Branning said. "It was a big win from an economic development standpoint.'

It also moves the Mississippi Department of Transportation enforcement division over to the Department of Public Safety, Branning said.

"On a state level, we have to make sure we are making wise decisions to improve our state infrastructure," Branning

"I will be assisting with the lieutenant governor and the House leadership on a comprehensive plan for infrastructure spending. We want to make sure we are using those dollars very wisely."

Tucker

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the likes of Dolly Parton and Johnny Cash.

On hand Tuesday as well were Mississippi Central District Transportation Commissioner Willie Simmons and others, including Philadelphia Mayor James A. Young and Board of Supervisors President Kevin Cumberland.

The four-lane project expected to be completed in 2023 will go to Airpark Drive in Philadelphia.

"This is one of the biggest days in the history of Neshoba County," said Rep. Michael Ted Evans of Preston who represents part of Neshoba Coun-

"The folks of Philadelphia and Neshoba County have been waiting for at least 40 years for this.' He wen to to say that the

project has been "promised" and is "finally being done." Rep. C Scott Bounds

echoed the sense of relief.

"This has been a long time coming," he said. "These local transportation projects have been on the drawing board for



From left, Rep. Scott Bounds, Marty Stuart, Supervisor Kevin Cumberland, Philadelphia Mayor James Young, Central Transportation Commissioner Willie Simmons, Sen. Jenifer Branning, Community Development Partnership President David Vowell, Rep. Michael Ted Evans, MDOT Acting Executive Director Jeffrey C. Altman, and MDOT District 5 District Engineer Neil Patterson break ground on the Highway 19 four-laning into town.

a long time. Now the day has come that we are getting to see the fruits of our labor. Not just people here today but the people who have worked on this project over the years."

The Mississippi Depart-

ment of Transportation awarded the contract to Philadelphiia-based W.G. Yates & Sons Construction last November with an April 1 start date and an Oct. 2, 2023, completion

A final stretch of four-lane from Tucker to House remains unfunded as does the \$130 million bypass from Highway 19 to Williamsville that has been on the drawing board for three decades.

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Brandon Goodin, 21, of Philadelphia and Shellie Shianne White, 21, of Union were arrested last Wednesday afternoon and are being held without

Goodin and White have been charged with capital murder as well.

Police are attributing a quick response from patrol officers and investigators who gathered evidence and witness statements.

Det. Bobby Pattillo said that

PPD was scene that night in reference to shots reported being fired and an alleged assault.

Responding officers found Davis

on the scene with an apparent gunshot wound. He was pronounced dead on the scene.

Marlon

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Goodin and White are currently in custody at the Winston County Correctional Facility as

"Prayers for his family! If you knew him you know he

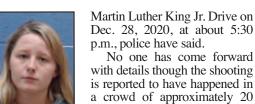


Brandon Goodin

White always had a smile on his face," Kari Hall of Union posted on the Democrat's

Shellie

Facebook page. This is the second shooting death in recent months. Xenthirues "Luh Bizzy" Maxfield, 22, of Philadelphia was shot in the area of the football field near



people. Pattillo said that officers had interviewed witnesses within the past few weeks.

Pattillo said that anyone with any information pertaining to these shootings or that may lead to an arrest in any other crime is urged to contact the Philadelphia Police Dept. at (601) 656-2131 or East Mississippi Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-855-485 TIPS (8477).

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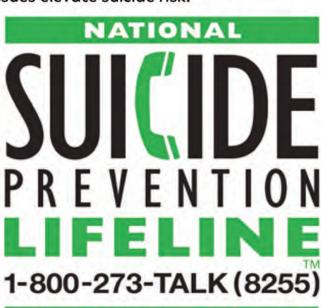
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Alleged car burglar remains behind bars

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The man charged in a downtown auto burglary last month is the same man accused of taking a rifle from an MBI agent's vehicle during a revival at The First Baptist Church in Novem-

Nicholas L. Catchings, 35, was arrested and charged with

auto burglary in the mid-March contempt of court warincident where he went through a woman's car who was in a bar, saiid Philadelphia Police Detective Bobby Pattillo.

Catchings was also arrested on a contempt of court charge.

He is being held in the Winston County Correctional Facility on a \$10,000 bond and has

not been issued bond on the

rant. Police said they

believe Catchings lives Philadelphia, although though he gave a Crystal Springs address when he was booked.

Pattillo said the auto burglary case has been



Nicholas Catchings

forwarded to the District Attorney's office for consideration by the next grand jury.

Catchings was identified after he was caught on surveillance cameras rummaging through a vehicle on Center Avenue around 9:53 p.m.

Catchings is believed to have taken two purses from the victim's car that were later recovered. Some cash and credit cards were reportedly taken.

Catchings has a long history with law enforcement.

He was also connected to two handguns recovered that were stolen out of vehicles parked at Neshoba General.

In March 2013, Catchings, then 27, pleaded guilty to strong-armed robbery and received an eight-year sentence

and \$1,500 fine. He pleaded guilty to two counts of burglary of a motor vehicle and received two threeyear sentences to run consecutively. He was ordered to make

\$300 in restitution to the victim.

Branning against bill that would expand the possibility of parole

By STAFF AND WIRE **REPORTS**

JACKSON — A bill that would make more inmates eligible for the possibility of parole is before the governor, but state Sen. Jenifer Branning has her doubts about the measure being signed.

"I have my doubts about that but we will see," said Branning, R-Neshoba County, who voted against the measure.

Last week, the Senate voted 35-13 and the House voted 91-25 to pass the final version of Senate Bill 2795. Both chambers are controlled by Republicans.

"I felt like there were not adequate protections from a public safety perspective," Branning said of her vote against the bill.

Reeves vetoed a bill last year that was similar but not identical to the one that legislators passed

on Tuesday. A key difference proponents say is that this year's bill would not allow parole consideration for anybody convicted of murder, said Senate Corrections Committee Chairman Juan Barnett, a Democrat from Heidel-

"I think the bill from a public safety perspective was a big improvement over the bill that was brought forward last year," Branning said. "I just think it went just a little too far. My rea-

soning was just public safety." In Neshoba County in August 2018, habitual offender Robert Leon Jackson had been out of prison for seven months on the state's Earned Release Supervision Program — separate from parole — when he murdered Megan Staats and Jeremy Apperson at the CEFCO convenience

Staats was the clerk inside

and Apperson was pumping gas with his family in the vehicle.

Since Jackson was first jailed in November 2002 for armed robbery at age 14 in Hinds County, he has spent over 80% of his life in jail. Even with that amount of time behind bars, Jackson served less than 48% of his total sentencing.

Proponents of the bill point out that Mississippi has some people serving long sentences for nonviolent offenses, and the state's prison system came under Justice Department investigation last year after outbreaks of violence among inmates.

The parole measure was introduced by Sen. Sampson Jackson II, D-Kemper County, among others.

Rep. Scott Bounds, R-Neshoba County, voted in favor of the measure as did Rep. Michael T. Evans, I-Kemper County.

Current state law says inmates convicted of some crimes after June 30, 1995, are ineligible for parole.

The House Corrections Committee chairman, Republican Kevin Horan of Grenada, said the bill that passed last week would allow the possibility of parole for people convicted of armed robbery.

Current Mississippi law also says a person convicted of a nonviolent crime must serve at least 25% of the sentence before becoming eligible for a parole hearing.

Senate Bill 2795 says that for nonviolent crimes committed after June 30, 1995, an inmate would have to serve at least 25% or 10 years before the possibility of a parole hearing. A person with a 60-year sentence could get a parole hearing after 15 years under current law and after 10 years under the proposed change.

People convicted of some crimes would remain ineligible for parole. Those crimes include murder, human trafficking, drug

trafficking and many sex crimes. In an interview after the Senate vote this year, Barnett said opening the possibility of parole to some inmates could provide hope. He said inmates would be encouraged to take part in job training or other programs offered by the Department of Corrections. He said good behavior would help during parole hearings.

"If we don't ever find the ability to forgive those people — and yet and still, we go to church on

Sunday mornings and pick up this holy book and read and talk about how much we love Christ and how we should live according to how Christ has lived," Barnett said

Branning said the state's real problem is prison overcrowding and that is why she supported a measure introduced by Rep. Scott Bounds, R-Neshoba County, to reopen the Walnut Grove Correctional facility to house Mississippi Department of Corrections prisoners.

"(Walnut Grove) would provide a better facility," Branning said. "It would provide a better inmate to guard ratio and that comes from conversations with (Mississippi Department of Corrections) Commissioner (Nathan 'Burl") Cain. He and I talked about that several times. Walnut Grove is in my district and so I have assisted him in whatever he

needs for that facility. I think this bill probably in conjunction with the availability of the Walnut Grove Correctional facility puts us on the right path."

The Walnut Grove bill also is

awaiting Reeves' signature. The five members of the state Parole Board are nominated by the governor and confirmed by the state Senate.



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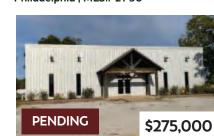


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Public safety vs. parole

Habitual offender Robert Leon Jackson had been out of prison for seven months on the state's Earned Release Supervision Program when he murdered clerk Megan Staats and customer Jeremy Apperson at the CEFCO convenience store here on Highway 16 west in August 2018.

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Don't sign the bill, Governor.

Since Jackson was first jailed in November 2002 for armed robbery at age 14 in Hinds County, he has spent over 80% of his life in jail.

Even with that amount of time behind bars, Jackson served less than 48% of his total sentencing.

Two innocent Neshoba countians are dead because of early release and a sloppy justice system in Hinds County that let Jackson out on attempted murder charges because the store clerk had a gun and shot him in self-defense as wasn't shot to death himself.

We are thankful for lawmakers like Sen. Branning who are willing to stand their ground on principle.

"I have my doubts about that but we will see," said Branning, who voted against the early parole measure.

Rep. Scott Bounds of Philadelphia voted in favor of early release as did Rep. Michael T. Evans, I-Kemper County, who represents part of Neshoba County.

The horrific events of that day who Jackson went on his rampage are still haunting. But thanks to an excellent local law enforcement response Jackson is in prison where he belongs — like a lot of these folks the Democrats and enough

Republicans want to let out early. Last week, the Senate voted 35-13 and the House voted 91-25 to pass the final version of Senate Bill 2795. Both chambers are, ironically, controlled by Republicans.

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A key difference the liberal proponents say is that this year's bill would not allow parole consideration for anybody convicted of murder, said Senate Corrections Committee Chairman Juan Barnett, a Democrat from Heidelberg.

That would still not stop Robert Leon Jackson out on early release from driving from Jackson to Philadelphia one Saturday and murdering two people.

"I think the bill from a public safety perspective was a big improvement over the bill that was brought forward last year," Branning said. "I just think it went just a little too far. My reasoning was just public safety."

Proponents of the bill point out that Mississippi has some people serving long sentences for nonviolent offenses, and the state's prison system came under Justice Department investigation last year after outbreaks of violence among inmates.

We are all for prison reform, but this bill oes too far and we hope Gov. Reeves will tap the brakes and send it back for work.

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Fight Russia or China?

Last Monday, in a single period, NATO six-hour launched 10 air intercepts to shadow six separate groups of Russian bombers and fighters over the Arctic, North Atlantic, North Sea, Black Sea and Baltic Sea.

Last week also brought reports that Moscow is increasing its troop presence in Crimea and along its borders with Ukraine.

Joe Biden responded. In his first conversation with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, Biden assured him of our "unwavering support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity in the face of Russia's ongoing aggression in the Donbass and Crimea."

Though Ukraine is not a member of NATO, and we have no treaty obligation to fight in its defense, this comes close to a war guarantee. Biden seems to be saying that if it comes to a shooting war between Moscow and Kiev, we will be there on the side of Kiev.

Kremlin Last week, spokesman Dmitry Peskov answered that if the U.S. sends troops to Ukraine, Russia will respond.

Again, is Biden saying that in the event of a military clash between Ukrainians and Russians in Crimea, Donetsk or Luhansk, the U.S. will intervene militarily on the side of Ukraine?

Such a pledge could put us at war with a nuclear-armed Russia in a region where we have never had vital interests, and without the approval of the only institution authorized to declare war — Congress.

Meanwhile, off Whitsun Reef in the South China Sea, which Beijing occupies but Manila claims, China has amassed 220 maritime militia

This huge Chinese flotilla arrived after Secretary of State Anthony Blinken put Beijing on notice that any attack on Philippine planes or ships challenging Beijing's claim to rocks and reefs of the South China Sea that are in Manila's exclusive economic zone will be China forcing America to address questions we have been avoiding for about as long as we can.

backed by the U.S.

Our 70-year-old mutual security treaty with Manila covers these islets and reefs, said Blinken, though some are already occupied and fortified by China.

Apparently, if Manila uses force to assert its claims and expel the Chinese, then we will fight beside our Philippine allies. This amounts to a war guarantee of the kind that forced the British to declare war on Germany in 1939 over the invasion of Poland.

Two weeks ago, 20 Chinese military aircraft entered Taiwan's air defense identification zone in the largest incursion yet by Beijing over the waters between Taiwan and Taiwancontrolled Pratas Islands. As national security correspondent Bill Gertz writes in today's Washington Times:

"China is stepping up provocative activities targeting regional American allies in Asia ... with an escalating number of military flights around Taiwan and the massing of more than 200 fishing ships near a disputed Philippines

"China also raised tensions with Japan, announcing last week that Tokyo must drop all claims to the disputed Senkaku Islands, an uninhabited island chain that Japan has administered for decades but that Beijing recently claimed as its ter-

"The most serious provocation took place March 29. An exercise by the People's Liberation Army air force that included 10 warplanes flew into Taiwan's air defense zone is what analysts say appeared to be a simulated attack on the island. It came just three days after an earlier mass warplane incursion."

While China appears clear

about its aims and claims to virtually all of the islands in the South China Sea and East China Sea as well as Taiwan it is less clear about its intentions as to when to validate those claims.

As for the U.S., does the present foggy ambiguity as to what we may or may not do as China goes about asserting its claims serve our vital interests in avoiding war with the greatest power on the largest continent on earth?

If red lines are to be laid down, they ought to be laid down by the one constitutional body with the authority to authorize or declare war Congress. And questions need to be answered to avoid the kinds of miscalculations that led to horrific world wars in the 20th century.

Are the reefs and rocks the Philippines claim in the South China Sea, claims contradicted by China, covered by the U.S. mutual security treaty of 1951? Are we honor-bound to fight China on behalf of the Philippines, if Manila attempts to reclaim islets China occupies?

What is our obligation if China moves to take the Senkakus? Would the United States join Japan in military action to hold or retrieve them?

What, exactly, is our commitment to Taiwan if China attempts to blockade, invade or seize Taiwan's offshore islands?

John F. Kennedy in the second debate with Richard Nixon in 1960 wrote off Quemoy and Matsu in the Taiwan Strait as indefensible and not worth war with Mao's China. With its warnings and

threats, China is forcing America to address questions we have been avoiding for about as long as we can.

China is saying that it is not bluffing: These islands are

Time to show our cards.

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

FLASHBACKS

APRIL 11, 1941

Patty Sue Williams of Philadelphia was elected 1941-42 President of the Women's Student Government Association at the University of Mississippi. A junior in the School of Commerce and Business Administration and retiring secretary of the association, she defeated Catherine Winn of Laurel 178 to 148 votes. She will succeed Norma Shuford of Batesville as Presi-

APRIL 5, 1951

T-Sgt. Bert Winstead was promoted to his present rank. He has been in service for ten years, having served three years overseas during World War II and has been in Japan for the past 15 months. His wife is former, Macie Moore, and they have three children who all reside in Philadelphia since his departure for Japan. He is involved in many activities while on base.

James C. Ratcliff, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Ratcliff of Philadelphia and a freshman at Hinds Junior College, has been elected to Phi Theta Kappa, national junior college honorary society. Membership in Phi Theta Kappa is one of the highest honors awarded to junior college students in America.

APRIL 6, 1961

Majorettes of the Philadelphia High School band will be among the state's best when they march down the long street in the Capital City. The

Majorettes are; Betty Higginbotham, Willie Mae Richie, Mary Ratcliff, Mary Nowell, Martha Freeny, and Pat Taylor. The entire band is under the direction of Ollie Williams.

The younger group of boys of the Scout Troop 55 in Arlington were the winners of the recent basketball tournament. The boys are; Sanford Ryals, Doyle Ferguson, Pruitt Ferguson, Darby Flint, Truitt Walker, Edd Rudolph, George Hill, Dwight Long, Tommy Breazeale, and Gerald Wells.

APRIL 9, 1971

Members of the Philadelphia High School Tornadoettes who won trophies at the Basketball Awards Banquet are; Susan Tissue, most improved player; Gail George, best offensive player; Martha Thomas, best defense player. Miss Thomas was also named captain.

APRIL 2, 1981

Jim Whittle holds a 19 pound wild turkey that he killed in Kemper County. The tom turkey had a nine-inch beard.

Diane Backstrom signs a full scholarship with USM. The people present during the signing are; Diane's brother, Ronnie Backstrom, her mother. Mrs. E.J. Backstrom, and her father, E.J. Backstrom, the coach, Billy Gordon, and Jimmy Hardy, the principal.

APRIL 10, 1991 Rep. Raymond Comans of Decatur, chairman of the

House Military Affairs Committee, presents to Brig. Gen. Denver Brackeen, the governor's special advisor for military affairs, a resolution adopted by the Mississippi Legislature commending Mississippi troops who served in Operation Desert Shield and the Persian Gulf military action.

APRIL 4, 2001

Philadelphia High School football standout, LeAndrew McDonald, signs a scholarship with East Central Community College. The people present are Philadelphia High School, head coach Steve Cheatham, and ECCC head coach, Terry Underwood.

The Neshoba Central FFA News Welding Team recently placed third at the State FFA welding contest. The students are; Clint Logan, Jenny Bowles, Lee Sullivan, and the adviser is Rusty Suttle.

APRIL 6, 2011 Joey Blount, Greg Nowell,

and Shayne Bishop won the annual Sam Rush Memorial Tournament which took place at the Philadelphia Country Club. They shot 53 to defeat 19 other teams in the tournament.

The first youth tournament of the year was held at Neshoba Lake. Trey Ramsey, and his 10 year daughter, Lily, won the tournament with four fish that weighed a total of 18.62 pounds. This weight was anchored by a 10.43 pound

RICH LOWRY

Wokeness worse than the Russians

Why do the Russians need to bother spreading disinformation when our own domestic sources do a much better job at

We just went through a fouryear national obsession with Kremlin disinformation. It supposedly swayed the 2016 presidential election. It was "sowing divisions" in American society. It accounted for the discovery of Hunter Biden's laptop during the 2020 election.

Social media companies were excoriated for allegedly letting Russian disinfo poison their networks, and the American mind.

There was nothing that some Russian operators spending a pittance — couldn't do. The former Time magazine managing editor and Obama state department official Richard Stengel wrote a book called "Information Wars: How We Lost the Global Battle Against Disinformation and What We Can Do About It." According to Stengel, the Russians had mounted unprecedented attack against the very foundation of our democracy."

The Russians were amateurs, though. If they really knew what they were doing, they'd spread rank lies about election reforms passed by an American state, make the deceptions so pervasive that the president of the United States would casually repeat them, unjustifiably dredge up memories of a terrible period of repression in America, relentlessly racialize the debate, and intimidate corporate America into thoughtlessly entering the partisan fight and discrediting itself with a significant segment of the population.

No, Russian trolls operating somewhere in St. Petersburg Woke disinformation is more pervasive and powerful than Russian disinformation.

didn't undertake this highly successful information operation against the Georgia election law - Stacey Abrams and her allies in media and politics If the Russians had the req-

uisite skill, they'd spread the false story that a talented American governor had sold out his citizens by letting a campaign contribution distort his distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, suppressing all facts to the contrary and stoking yet more conspiratorial thinking about the governor among his political opponents.

The Russians couldn't pull this off — yet "60 Minutes" did, in a laughably dishonest report over the weekend about Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis using the most popular grocery store chain in the state to get the vaccine in the arms of Floridi-

If the Russians were devious enough, they'd take a godawful mass shooting, ignore all of the evidence about the perpetrator's motives to define it as a crime driven by racial hatred, and undermine faith in the local police and FBI when they presented the facts.

The Russians couldn't manage this, either — but a veritable army of media commentators and progressive politicians could. They insisted against the available evidence that the Atlanta spa shooter must have been driven by hatred of Asians, while Democratic senators openly dissented from the FBI director's statement that the shooting wasn't a hate

If the Russians had the power or know-how, they'd spin a story of American law enforcement as a racist occupying force that should be resisted in "largely peaceful" protests all over the country, putting the cops on their back foot and creating an environment of spiraling disorder and violence in some of the most iconic U.S.

Of course, the Russians also had nothing to do with this -Black Lives Matter and the media did all of the hard work and have largely managed to ignore the rising tide of crime that is undoing one of the signal America domestic accomplishments of the past several

None of this is to dismiss the pernicious influence of Russian information operations and cyber strikes, especially overseas, or to minimize the hideousness of the Putin regime. But it is galling to see the same people who sounded the klaxons about Russians undermining faith in the American system for years themselves spread — or at least casually accept — progressive narratives based on poisonous lies about our own country.

The Russians are never going to stop running their information campaigns against the West, which date back to the Soviet Union. But they must occasionally be tempted to stand back in envy and awe at all that the U.S. promoters of woke narratives have been able to accomplish without them.

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

LETTERS

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BIBLE SELECTION

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. -2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (ESV)

OBITUARIES

Katrese D. Moore

Graveside services for Mrs. Katrese Deshon Moore were held on Saturday, April 3, 2021, at 2 P.M. from Donald Rest Cemetery, with Bishop Chris Chamberlin officiating. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Moore, 45, of Philadelphia, passed away on Sunday, March 29, 2021 at her residence.

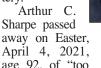
She is survived by her husband, Calvin Moore of Philadelphia, MS, two daughters, Ruby Carter and Terrika Jones, and one son, Kendarius Seals all of Philadelphia, MS, her parents, Diane Moore and Donald Coleman, two sisters, three brothers and six grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Condra Coleman, Ladaryl Moore, Calvin Moncriease, Jr., Calvin Moncriease, II, amd Dewayne Moncriease.

Arthur C. Sharpe

Services for Arthur C. Sharpe will be Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. from McClain-Hays Funeral home.

Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. until time of service. Burial will follow in Eastlawn Cemetery.



away on Easter, Arthur C. April 4, 2021, Sharpe age 92, of "too many birthdays." He was born on September 5, 1928, in the Bethsaida community as the youngest child of Joseph Columbus Sharp and Amanda Bates Sharp. He is survived by his wife of almost 64 years, Wanda (Stuart) Sharpe, a son, Art Sharpe, a daughter, Judy Sharpe Luke, seven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son,

John Stuart Sharpe, and by his siblings Jim, Kurt, Claude, Sadie, Lonnie, Lovie, and Velma. He had a host of in-laws, nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and quite a few great-great nieces and nephews. Arthur enlisted in the Army in

1950, serving in Korea during the Korean War in Echo Company, Fifth Infantry Regiment where he was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Korean Service Medal with Bronze Service Star and the United Nations Service Medal. He rose in rank from private to sergeant first class in seven months, replacing leaders killed in action. Another survivor not in that group was the driver of the lead tank that rescued the remnants of his unit from a frozen piece of Korea called "The Punch Bowl." He and Herman remained lifelong friends.

When he returned from Korea, he began working for F.W. Woolworth and Company as a "set-up" manager. He traveled the East Coast opening Woolworth stores, and managed the F.W. Woolworth and Company store in Meridian, Mississippi. Later, he met and married the love of his life, Wanda Stuart. To begin life together, Arthur moved back to Philadelphia, working for Hooper Hardware and Furniture Company, and later for Mars Brothers Department Store.

In the early 1960's, the Mississippi National Guard organized A Company, 1st of the 198th Armor, and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 198th Armor Battalion at Philadelphia. Arthur and a group of veterans met the train down at the bottom of the hill on Oak Street and drove the Patton Tanks off the railcars and up the street to the Armory. He became the first administrative support technician for A Company (later the 367th Maintenance Company (DS)), and later was the Operations, Training and Readiness NCO for the 298th Maintenance Battalion (DS/GS). He was instrumental in founding the Region 3 Non-Commissioned Officer School, and remained an instructor until his retirement in 1988. He was also a perennial instructor for the Mississippi National Guard's Officer Candidate School. During the Vietnam War, he enlisted dozens of

Neshoba Countians, many of whom would otherwise have been drafted for Vietnam service. He held multiple Military Occupational Specialties, and was a graduate of two different Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Explosive Nuclear and (CBRNE) schools.

Arthur retired from the Mississippi National Guard in 1988 as a Chief Warrant Officer. In retirement, he was employed by Choctaw Electronics as a human resources manager. He and Wanda started "River Road Originals" and enjoyed meeting customers and fellow craftsmen in arts and crafts shows.

In 1956, Arthur joined several others as some of the first members of the Philadelphia Church of Christ. He remained active as the Church Treasurer, an elder, and as a Bible study teacher for many years. After retirement he avidly followed politics, supporting conservative candidates. He was a Mason, a Shriner, a Knight Templar, and a life member of both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Willie T. Holmes

Graveside services for Willie T. Holmes were held Monday, April 5, 2021 at 11 a.m. from Herbert Cemetery with Bro. Hal Selby officiating. McClain-Havs Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Holmes, 89, of Starkville, MS, died Wednesday, March 31,

He was born in Tylertown, MS, and was a resident of Starkville for 60 years. He then served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He was employed as a civil engineer with Corp. of Engineers for several years, then started work with Calvert-Spradling Engineers until retirement. Mr. Holmes was a member of Adaton Baptist Church in Starkville, MS.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Holmes; sisters, Janie Ellen Holmes and Julia Levicie

Mr. Holmes was preceded in death by parents, James and Nettie Holmes; sisters, Myrtis Marie Nettles and Altie Irene Holmes; brother, James Carey Holmes.

Francis Floyd Cain

Graveside service for Mr. Francis Floyd Cain will be held at 6 PM Saturday, April 10, 2021 at Mt. Olive Cemetery in the Stephenstown Community.

Mr. Cain, 55, passed away on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at South Central Hospital in Laurel, MS.

He is survived by sons, Matthew Cain (Ashley), Jason McCraw (Maria), daughter, Kimberly Sylvester (Wyatt); sisters, Debbie McCrory (Keith), Tina Cooley; Becky Berry; brothers, Gary Cain (Ivy), Michael Cain (Theresa); several nieces, nephews and grandchil-

Mr. Cain is preceded in death by his wife, Doris of 30 years; parents, Gary Cain and Sara Beckham Cain; brother, Terry Cain; son, Michael McCraw.

Betty Jenkins Fortune

Graveside service for Ms. Betty Jenkins Fortune will be held at 10:00 AM Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at Spring Creek Cemetery with Rev. Josh Meadows officiating. There will be no visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Fortune, 78, passed away Friday, April 2, 2021 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian, MS. She lived in Neshoba County all of her life and was a business owner. She was a member of Spring Creek Baptist Church. Fishing was her favorite hobby.

Ms. Fortune was preceded in death by her parents, W.H. Jenkins and Mildred Daniels Jenkins; Husband, Benny Fortune; Sister, Joan Brooks; Brother, Billy Jenkins.

Daughter, Survivors: Michelle Myers (Travis) of Philadelphia; Son, Rodney Goines (Mackie) of Philadelphia; Sisters, Jane Myers, Shelby Barnes, Sherry Hazelwood and Linda Boswell, all of Philadelphia; Brother, Ralph Jenkins of Philadelphia; (4) Grandchildren, Memory Norwood, Hunner Smith, Dylan Goines and Trever Myers; (3) Great-Grandchildren, Corbin Smith, Baylor Smith, Ambrey Smith; Host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers: Dylan Goines, Trevor Myers, Joey Smith, Chris Owens, Warren Jenkins, Andy Shumaker.

James "Rick" **Fryery**

Graveside services for James "Rick" Fryery were Monday, April 5, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. from Cedarlawn Cemetery with Bro. Eddie Pilgrim officiating. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Fryery, 65, of Philadelphia, died Friday, April 2, 2021.

He was born in California and raised in a military family. They moved back to Mississippi after his dad retired from the Air Force in 1974. In 1976 he enlisted himself in the Air Force and was stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas for most of his time. He retired in 1994, moved to Beebe, Arkansas until 2018. and then moved to Philadelphia. He enjoyed fishing, playing darts, and his three dogs and seven cats

Survivors include wife, Debbie Fryery; and brother, Robert Fryery, both of Philadelphia.

Mr. Fryery was preceded in death by parents, Harvey, Jr., and Ima Jean Fryery.

Doris Eugenia Kea

Funeral services for Mrs. Doris Eugenia Kea were held Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 3 p.m. from Remus Baptist Church with Bro. Eddie Pilgrim officiating. Burial followed in Remus Baptist Church Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Kea, 99, of Carthage, died Friday, April 2, 2021 at her

She was a native and longtime resident of Leake County and Remus Community. Mrs. Kea was a member of Remus Baptist Church where she had been active through all her years. She was a former active member of Busy Bee Homemakers Club and an avid gardener.

Survivors include her daughter, Jimmie Ruth (Jim) Freeny of Edinburg; sons, Larry Martin (Lynette) Kea of Edinburg; Percy Lee (Beverly) Kea of Madison; grandchildren, Teresa, Matthew, Lisa, Lana, Lucinda, and Emily; 12 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; brother, Royce Beckham of Ackerman: numerous nieces. nephews and their families.

Mrs. Kea was preceded in death by her husband, James S. Kea; grandson, Eric Kea; parents, Jasper and Lillie Beckham; sisters, Dorothy, Retha and Loretta; brother, Joyce Beck-

Barbara Sims Chitwood

Funeral services for Barbara Sims Chitwood were held Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 11 a.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Bro. Toby Stovall and Sister Clara Moore officiating. Burial followed in New Harmony Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Chitwood, 71, of Philadelphia, died Sunday, March 28, 2021.

THE LORD'S DAY

Morning Worship 11:00 n.m.

Sunday School (All Ages)

9:45 a.m.

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Pleasantdale Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Terry Chitwood of Philadelphia; son, Greg Chitwood (Liza) of Philadelphia: grandchildren, Justin and Jacob Marcangeli and Ava Bond (Todd); great-grandchildren, Chloe and Jesse James Bond; sister, Patsy Gilmer (Joel Durant) of Philadelphia; brother, Glenn Sims (Lisa) of Kosciusko; several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

fair family and neighbors. Chit-

wood was a member of New

Mrs. Chitwood was preceded in death by parents, Uriah and Mavis Sims; and great-nephew, Alex Gilbert.

Pallbearers were Greg Chitwood, Wayne McCrory, Paul Hopkins, Alan Pinter, Ricky Griffin, Dewey Johnson and Gage Loper.

Honorary Pallbearers were Jesse James Bond, Brandon Todd, Justin Todd, Todd Bond, Conner Gilbert, Mason Smith, Eli Smith, Cole Cavanaugh, Garrett Loper, Braden Nowell, Jackson Hearn, Braxton Floyd and Jerry Chitwood.

Gary Dwight Killen

Gary Dwight Killen, 73, of Golden Grove Community in Union, Mississippi passed away March 28, 2021.

Son of Odie and Onie Killen, he is survived by three children, Jennifer Fleming, John Killen and Susan Dawkins along with 5 grandchildren.

Friends may view the online register and sign the guestbook at www.stephensfunerals.com.

Helen Agent Myers

Funeral service for Ms. Helen Agent Myers will be held 2 PM Monday, April 5, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Gene Higginbotham officiating. Burial will be in Longino Cemetery.

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Ms. Myers, 92, passed away Thursday, April 1, 2021 at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, Ms. She lived her whole life in Neshoba County. She was a member of Longino Baptist Church. Her hobbies included quilting and working in flower

Preceded in death by; spouse, Robert Lester Agent; parents, Sylvester Herbert Jones and Ida Mae Busby; daughter, Judy Cumberland; sister, Hilda Schitoskey; brothers, Rayford, Bobby Joe, Charles and James Jones; great-grandson, Brandon Lee Savell; grand-daughter, Jodie Cumberland.

Survivors include daughters, Louise Merchant, Phillis Cook (Randy); sons, Larry Agent (Mary), Gary Agent (Charlotte), Terry Agent (Stephanie); brother, Stanley Jones; (17) grandchildren; (24) great-grandchildren; (3) great-great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Cordario **Maurice Willis**

Graveside service for Mr. Cordario Maurice Willis will be held 10 AM Monday, April 5, 2021 at Old Mt. Zion Cemetery with Rev. Carl Wilson officiating. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Mr. Willis, 34, passed away on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 in Choctaw, MS. He was preceded in death by his parents, Morris Willis, Sr. and Sally Jane Dixon; brothers, Morris Willis, Jr., Jeremy Ben and infant.

Survivors include daughter, Kaylynn Willis; step-sons, Jarred Jim, Daunte Smith; sisters, Doris Ben, Marielaina Willis, Melinda Ben, Alicia Wheeler; brother, Sam John; special companion, Karen Wilson.

Neva Glover Johnson

Mrs. Neva Glover Johnson, 80, passed away surrounded by her family on March 30, 2021, at Baptist East in Memphis, TN. A private graveside service will be held in Oxford Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Curt Presley officiating. Waller Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Mrs. Johnson was born on April 12, 1940, in Philadelphia, MS to the late Hampton Wingfield and Dorothy Molpus Glover. She attended Ole Miss where she was a member of the Tri-Delta sorority and also



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attended Mississippi College for Women, formerly known as "The W". She was a loving wife, mother, sister and grandmother and was widely known amongst her friends and family as a master gardener. She was preceded in death by her daughter in law, Virginia Ramay Johnson.

She is survived by her husband of 60 year, Milton Johnson; a daughter, Ginger Johnson of Oxford, MS; a son, Glover Johnson and his wife, Christy of Oxford; a brother, Wink Glover and his wife Lanelle of Meridian, MS and two precious grandchildren, Mason and Morgan.

Memorial contributions in Mrs. Johnson's memory may be made to LeBonheur Children's Hospital, 848 Adams Avenue, Memphis, TN 38103; St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Methodist Children's Home, 805 North Flag Chapel Road, Jackson, MS

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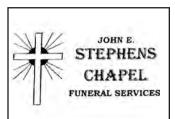
Master Zylen Bryce Shumake

Graveside service for Master Zylen Bryce Shumake will be held 2 PM Saturday, April 3, 2021 at Standing Pine Community Cemetery with Rev. Shelly Peoples officiating. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Master Shumake, 5, passed away on February 24, 2021 in Brandon, MS.

Survivors include his parents,

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MS. ANNIE SUE **CHICKAWAY** 2 PM THURS., APRIL 1, 2021 *GRAVESIDE* **HOLY ROSARY** CEMETERY

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In verse 45 we read, "Now from the 6th hour there was darkness over all the land until the 9th hour." Jesus is on the cross. The earth becomes dark. When Jesus was born there was the favor of heaven upon earth. Angelic choirs sang as the glory of the Lord appeared, because a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, had come (Luke 2).

But now, as he is nearing death, there is darkness. Darkness represents the absence of life or the judgment of God. In Exodus 10, the plague of darkness over Egypt lasted 3 days. Here it lasts 3 hours. In Amos 8, the Lord is displeased with the evil of men and says, "I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight."

The darkness is the impressions of God's displeasure with man's sin. On the cross, it is Christ Jesus who is the object of God's displeasure, not because of any sin he committed, but because he has chosen to bear the sins of men upon himself.

The darkness that came while Jesus was on the cross was a supernatural occurrence, like the Day of Judgment will be. It is of God. When God looked upon Christ, he saw the perversity and wickedness of men. All the sins of men were imputed to Christ. So the wrath of God was directed at the Lord Jesus.

In the Old Testament the priestly benediction was: "May the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." If you have that blessing you have all. That blessing was not upon Christ on the cross so that it could be upon us.

In verse 46, as he nears death, Jesus cries out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" It is not a cry of bewilderment, but agony. Before Jesus was

ble let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thy will." On the cross, Jesus is drinking the cup of God's displeasure.

Jesus didn't just feel forsaken, he was forsaken. He was making atonement for sin. He was paying the debt of man's sin. He was meeting the obligation of the law of God, or we can say, God was letting the law take its course. Every violation of the law incurs a debt. This was a judicial punishment the Lord Jesus was receiving.

This is good news for sinners. There is a fountain of life in Christ, free forgiveness in his name for all who believe. It is by faith we are saved, looking away from ourselves to the gift of God. In Christ we are freed from condemnation and given the favor of God forever. We have no ground for boasting in ourselves, but much ground for boasting in Christ.

When we see Christ forsaken on the cross, we are comforted in our despair. There may be no affliction as great as the feeling of God hiding his favorable countenance. But for the Christian, it is only a feeling of desertion. It is not judicial, but sanctifying. It is God purifying you, or reserving for himself honor from you by your faith even in despair.

I read of a minister as he neared death saying to another minister, "What is to be thought of one who has preached Christ all his life, but facing death, has not the comfortable presence of Christ?" The other minister responded, "What do you say of the dreadful darkness and desertion of our Savior when dying?" This brought the dying man peace. Christ alone can give a sinner peace.

Christ died that we may have joy. In John 15 He says, "These things I have spoken to you that my joy may remain in you, and that your joy might be full." We will face troubles, temptations, and battles with our own sin, but it is good we remember our Lord's disposition; He loved enough to give himself for me.

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COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 3/29-4/5

• Teri Anderson, 31, of 791 New Houseing Rd, Carthage;

failure to appear
• Terry Lavell Anderson, 53,
of 10180 RD 2434; no charges

• Donamechia Dan Carter, 41, of 413 Barham St; contempt of court

 Micheal James Crupe, 33, of 3533 Lot 3, Carencro, LA; disturbance family 1st-domestic violence, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest

• Dustin Trent Malone, 36, of 11590 Hwy 482 Lot #14; hold for investigations

• Frank Young McCoy, 26, of 222 Mt Helm Rd, Brandon; driving under the influence-2nd offense

• Jonathan Eugene Smith, 49, of 26066 Hwy 12, Lexing-

ton; hold for other agency
• Andrew Talbert, 31, of
5400 Ringgold Rd, Union; fail-

ure to appear
• Andrew Alex Talbert, 31, of 11931 Rd 355, Union; no

charges listed
• James Watkins, 20, of
11240 RD 450; public drunk

Laveil A Wells, 25, of 256
Morehead Rd, Walnut; suspended drivers license, failure to yield to blue light/siren, no insurance.

· Ferrette Hicks Willis, 35, of

101345 RD 733; contempt of

• Tammy Sue Windham, 55, of 1700 Pendleton Sq 7; hold for investigations, public drunk, abusive calls/emergency phone

 Joseph Barnett, 28, of 14573 Hwy 21 South; contempt of court, failure to appear

Kros Joseph Brouilette,
 18, of 9136 Devereaux Dr,
 Denham, LA; driving under the influence-1st offense

Adam Devine, 45, of 1935
 Simmons Rd, Little Rock; disorderly conduct, improper equipment, possession of paraphernalia, tamper with evidence, child abuse, license tag-switched, child restraint law, no proof of insurance, reckless driving

 Olivia Gaskins of 802 1st Ave; public drunk

 Sanqarell Jernigan, 42, of 10083 RD 145; contempt of

 Paul Bradely Jones, 29, of 3378 Tabor Loop, Crossville, TN; driving under the influence/refusal to take test, no insurance, seat belt violation, failure to obey police officer directing traffic, false pretense misdemeanor, false ID information

 Gerald D Lewis, 40, of 10962 RD 701, Union; hold for other agency • Albert Sanders, 42, of 2005 38th Ave, Meridian; contempt of court

• Rhonda Smith, 37, of 10261 RD 369; hold for other agency

• Benny Joe Stevens Jr, 39, of 14770 Hwy 21 South; contempt of court

Kristopher Blake
Williamson, 22, of 10950 RD
315; hold for other agency
Jerale Willis, 21, of 145
York Rd; public drunk

Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 3/22-3/28

 Nicholas L Catchings, 35,
 of 303 E Pizzia St, Crystal Springs; burglary-nonresidence, contempt of court-municipal court
 Jermaine Clark, 43, of 370

W Main; controlled substancepossession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle

• Douglas I Clemons, 22, of 880 Valleyview Dr; domestic violence-simple assault-1st or 2nd offense

 Janice F Dorsey, 56, of 13220 Sturgis Maben Rd, Maben; DUI-2nd offense, MVcareless driving

Philip J Fuller, 44, of 3979
 Attala Rd, Kosciusko; controlled substance-possession of

paraphernalia

Richard Garrett, 37, of 210
 MLK Dr; disorderly conduct-disturbance in public place
 Lonnie Hearn, 32, of

39378 Kemper Spring Rd, DeKalb; contempt of courtmunicipal court

 Deeshaya Jefferson, 22, of 231 Sonny Jones Rd; contempt of court-municipal court

 Jeremey J Jones, 21, of 383 Loper St; simple assaultcausing bodily injury, malicious mischief-felony value over \$1000 but less than \$5000, domestic violence-simple assault-1st or 2nd offense

 Robert K Mayo, 27, of 14120 RD 450, Union; controlled substance-possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle

Charles D Richardson, 46,
 of 157 Drive 152, Okolona;
 hold-detainer for other agency
 Jermaine Stephens, 39, of

10240 RD 1321, Union; larceny-petit value under \$1000 • Derek Thompson, 36, of 935 Hugh Mitchell Rd, Cone-

Neal Vaughn, 50, of 945
 Hugh Mitchell Rd, Conehatta;
 public drunk

hatta; DUI-2nd offense

 Lakendrick D Walker, 36, of Hillcrests Apts #12; contempt of court-municipal court Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 3/29-4/4

 Marlon V. Boyd, 18, of 10324 Road 1227, conspiracy to commit murder or capital murder

 Nicholas L. Catchings, 35, of 303 East Pizzia Street of Crystal Spring, burglary-non residence, contempt of court; municipal court

 Douglas I. Clemons, 23, of 880 Valley View Drive, domestic violence- simple assault (1st or 2nd offense)

or 2nd offense)
• Brandon C. Goodin, 21, of 11371 Road 723 of Union,

 Sherry Harris, of 10 Griffin Street, domestic violence- simple assault (1st or 2nd offense)
 Dustin T. Malone, 36, of

10401 Road 1339, disorderly conduct- disturbance of family
• Robert K. Mayo, 27, of

14120 Road 450 of Union, controlled substance; possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle

• Devonte K. Patty, 27, of 40 Redd Street of Louisville, DUI-

1st offense

Randy Pickens, 65, of 274
 Atkins Street, domestic violence- simple assault (1st or 2nd offense)

Gavin A. Sudduth, 36, of 322 lvy Street, simple assault-attempt by physical menace to create fear.

 Derek Thompson, 36, of 935 Hugh Mitchell Road of Conehatta, DUI- 2nd offense
 Derek Thompson, 38, of

 Derek Thompson, 38, of 935 Mitchell Road of Conehatta, hold; detainer for Neshoba County

• Coby S. Tubby, 22, of 106 McMillan Circle, DUI- 1st offense, MV-careless driving, MV-tag, none or expired, MVseat belt violation, controlled substance; possession of marijuana- 1 kilograms or more but less than 5 kilograms, alcoholic beverages- unlawful posses-

Neal Vaughn, 50, of 945
 Hugh Mitchell Road of Conehatta, public drunk

• Shellie White, 21, 12670 Highway 491 South, of Union, murder- capital murder

 Amelia R. Williams, 41, of 309 Deer Trail Road, contempt of court; municipal court

 Jesse Williamson, 41, of 10125 Road 187, shopliting

Obits

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Byron McMillan and Sharaya Gennice Shumake; brother, Zaiden Clemons.

Pallbearers: Rankin County Sheriff's Department, MS Highway Patrol.

Ambrosia Brooke Itchokash Chito Isaac

Graveside service for Miss. Ambrosia Brooke Itchokash Chito Isaac will be held 2 PM Saturday, April 3, 2021 at Standing Pine Community Cemetery with Rev. Shelly Peoples officiating. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Miss. Shumake, 8, passed away on February 24, 2021 in Brandon, MS. She is preceded in death by her mother, Tamaria Rose Shumake; sister, Payden Martin.

Survivors include father, Manuel Kenley Isaac; sister, Lainey Isaac.

Pallbearers: Jody Solomon, Jr., Jayden Shumake, Adam Dixon, Jr., Ricco Miller, Brent Isaac, Romeo Farve.

Tamaria Rose Shumake

Graveside service for Ms. Tamaria Rose Shumake will be held 2 PM Saturday, April 3, 2021 at Standing Pine Community Cemetery with Rev. Shelly Peoples officiating. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Ms. Shumake, 32, passed away on February 24, 2021 in Brandon, MS. She is preceded in death by her daughters Ambrosia Isaac and Payden Martin.

Survivors include parents, Sherry Johnson Shumake and Genis Charles Shumake, Sr.; daughter, Lainey Isaac; sisters, Samaria Miller, Sharaya Shumake; brothers, Genis C. Shumake, Jr., Jason Murry.

Pallbearers: Raven Chapman, Sammy Jefferson, Tristen McMillan, Lance Jim, Kelsie Steve, Scott Gibson, McKinley Cotton, Jason Mingo, Justin Tubby, Brett Wishork.

Genis Charles Shumake, Sr.

Graveside service for Mr. Genis Charles Shumake, Sr. will be held 2 PM Saturday, April 3, 2021 at Standing Pine Community Cemetery with Rev. Shelly Peoples officiating. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Mr. Shumake, 57, passed away on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian, MS. He is preceded in death by his parents, Reuben Shumake and Janie Denson; daughter, Tamaria Shumake; sisters, Janell Anderson, Anita Anderson; brother, Thurman Shumake; grandchildren, Ambrosia Brooke Itchokash Chito Isaac and Zylen Bryce Shumake.

Survivors include his daughters, Samaria Miller, Sharaya Shumake; son, Genis Charles Shumake, Jr.; sisters, Norma Thompson Hall, Pearlie Thomas, Elenora Chickaway; 14 grandchildren.

Pallbearers: Jeremiah Steve, Justin Johnson, Emerson King, Jr., Tyler Williamson, Dakota Hicks, Anthony Steve, Jr., Gareth Cauthen, Jeremiah Hall.

Woodley Ladd Chandler

Woodley Ladd Chandler, known as "Woody" to family and friends, passed away in his home, surrounded by family on March 6th, 2021. Rain fell as a pair of Sandhill Cranes peered in through the window to witness his passing. Born in Philadelphia, Mississippi on May 2nd, 1929, Woody graduated from Mississippi State University in 1951, working his way through college with two jobs: One at a sawmill and the other as a tour

guide in Montana's Glacier National Park.

- Woody lived a full life of service, travel, and adventure. He proudly served in the U.S. Civil Service and Air Force Reserves, retiring from the Air Force as a Lt. Colonel in 1980 and from civil service in 1994. He had a storied career that included initiating many innovations in computer data processing for the U.S. Military. His deep intelligence and problem solving skills served him well. After retiring, he spent time working with the Bahraini government, leading an overhaul of their account and finance sys-

tems.

- Woody spent much of life traveling widely across the world and adventuring. Among his many accomplishments, Woody was a sailor, scuba diver, pilot, mountain climber, boat builder, and skier. An avid boater and sailor his entire life, he sailed everywhere from the Hawaiian Islands to Colorado mountain lakes and even spent four years building a trimaran.

- He spent his later years faithfully volunteering with services like Meals on Wheels and providing tax help for seniors.

Meet the Candidates

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

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Ward 4 Alderman Rudolph Tatum Ajathi Nicols Ruthie Nash He was a kind and just man who had a love for learning, reading, a good joke, and solving the daily crossword.

- He is survived and will be missed by Ruby, his loving wife

- He is survived and will be missed by Ruby, his loving wife of 53 years who was his constant companion in adventure and travel, his children, Samuel, David, Jonathan, and Michael, his stepchildren, Linda, Del, and Robyn, and his ex-wife Gwendoline.

- He is preceded in death by his father Thomas Alfred Chandler Sr., his mother Jessie "Ladd" Chandler, his brothers Thomas Alfred "Fred" Chandler Jr. and William "Billy" T. Chandler, and his step-daughter Coleen Simmons.

- A celebration of Woody's life will be held at the First Baptist Church East Bay, 10102 Old Big Bend Rd, Riverview, Florida at a time and date to be determined.



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Sanders elated after scoring first college goal

By JOHN LEE

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Clayton Sanders said scoring a goal during his first college soccer game with the Owls at The W on March 1 against Birmingham-Southern College was nothing other than shocking

Although the Owls lost that night with a final score of 2-8, it was a victory for Sanders, a forward for the Owls, said Louis Alexander, Owls head coach.

"Since Clayton is a freshman and playing in a new position, it was awesome to see him score considering all the work he's put into becoming a better player," Alexander said. "Him scoring wasn't a fluke. He earned it in the offseason."

Due to delays from students quarantining, the Owls soccer season was cut down to only four games.

They played their first game on March 1 against Southern-Birmingham, and their second game, also against Southern

Birmingham, on March 5.

Their third game was at 4 p.m. on Monday, March 29, against Andrew College of Cuthbert, Georgia.

Their fourth and final game, also against Andrew College, was at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, at The W.

Alexander said it has been great coaching Sanders since he is easily coachable and works extremely hard.

"He's a great team guy, and his teammates know they can count on him," he said. "I have no doubt he has the potential to be one of the better players at this level if he continues with the path he is on."

Sanders grew up in Neshoba and began playing soccer at the age of 6 when his parents, Zach and Windee Sanders, registered him to play at Northside Park. He said he has been playing ever since.

Sanders graduated from Neshoba Central High School with a list of soccer and academic achievements:



Clayton Sanders takes a shot last week against Andrew College in Georgia.

• Career 80 goals and 22

• Career best junior year with 29 goals and 6 assists

• 5A District Champions in 2018 and 2019

• First team Region 3-5A,

2019

• All-Star MAC North Team, 2020

 Premier Preps Boys Soccer Team, 2019 and 2020

• Team caption, junior and senior year

• Most Valuable Offense Award in 2017-2018, 2018-

• Graduated with a 4.15

GPA

• Mississippi Scholar, Spe-

cial Distinction
• National Honor Society

and Beta Club
Sanders said he was shocked after scoring his first goal since college soccer is nothing like high school. He said his biggest inspiration to keep playing is his desire to be the best player on

"The opponents are much tougher at this level, so just getting that goal gave me the confidence I needed to keep at this," Sanders said.

the field.

Sanders said he plans is to keep playing with the Owls until finishing nursing school, and then he plans to hang up his cleats when he begins his nursing career.

His favorite part about playing soccer, he said, is working with his teammates, who he views as family. He said the

most challenging aspect of being on the field is staying focused if things take a wrong turn in a game.

"You can lose focus if things don't go your way during the game," he said. "Every second, you're thinking about a bad pass you made or a bad shot you took. Thinking about those things for even a second is a second that you're not focusing on the game."

Sanders' mother said witnessing her son score his first college goal was incredible, and she is very proud of him, along with the rest of his family.

"The way COVID has affected his soccer season makes his goal so much more special," Sanders said. "It shows that he's still doing well despite the delayed and shorter season."

Sanders said she and the rest of her family were there to watch her son's first home game against Andrew College from Cuthbert, Georgia.

Neshoba General hosting drive-thu vaccinations on Thursday

By JOHN LEE iohn@neshobademocrat.com

An additional allotment of COVID-19 vaccines has been received by Neshoba General and will administered in a drive-

through fashion onsite at the Neshoba General Nursing Home on Thursday, April 8. To schedule an appointment call the Neshoba General COVID Vaccine appointment

line at 601-663-1221 Wednes-

day, April 7, between 8 a.m. and

noon to speak to a team member to assist you one on one to schedule your appointment for Thursday, April 8.

The vaccines are free of charge and available to any individual age 18 and older.

Neshoba General is utilizing the two-dose Moderna vaccine, so any recipients who schedule a drive-through appointment for April 8 will be provided with times to receive a second dose.

As of Monday, 8,600 people had been vaccinated in Neshoba

County, an increase of 647 from last week.

Although the shots were administered in Neshoba County the state does not designate in what county the recipients reside.

Vaccinations are also currently being administered in Neshoba County at the Coliseum, 12000 Mississippi 15 North, Philadelphia, Tuesday through Friday by appointments made at covidvaccine.umc.edu or by calling 1-877-978-6453. The website is the best option, officials have said.

Selected Walmart pharmacies and local clinics and hospitals are now offering a limited number of COVID-19 vaccinations. Go to https://msdh.ms.gov/c19appointment#local to check availability.

On Tuesday, Neshoba County recorded 17 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 over the past week for a total of 3,969 cases up from 3,952 cases the previous week, according to the MSDH report. Neshoba County has 175 confirmed COVID-19 deaths, with no additional new deaths since last week's report.

The Mississippi State Department of Health has not updated Neshoba County's schools COVID-19 report since March 26.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians reported no new COVID-19 cases in the past week, with the total number of positive cases remaining at 1,831.

The Tribe reported no new deaths from COVID-19 in the past week, with the total number of deaths remaining at 114. One hospitalization has been report-

ed.

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

Mississippi's total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases now stands at 187,835 with another 118,506 probable cases for a total of 306,341 COVID-19 cases and 4,897 confirmed deaths and 2,176 probable COVID-19 deaths since the pandemic began last March.



Legislature earmarks \$1 million to repair lagoon

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY steve@neshobademocrat.com

Local legislators have been able to secure \$1 million in state bond monies to repair a city sewage lagoon.

Several other initiatives earmarked for Philadelphia, Neshoba County, and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, were passed during the 2021 session of the Mississippi Legislature that wrapped up last week.

State Sen. Jenifer Branning, and Rep. Scott Bounds, both Republicans from Philadelphia, said they were able to address a number of local needs.

"We were able to secure \$1 million in bond money for repairs to Philadelphia Utilities' sewage lagoon," Branning said.

"And Neshoba County will receive \$500,000 from the state for a bridge repair on County Road 210. Both were specific

requests."

The bridge project is expected to cost the county \$1.8 million. It spans an abandoned Kansas City Southern Railroad line. And while the line is closed, the new bridge must still meet specifications set for an active railroad line.

"This will help the county," Bounds said. "It won't fix the problem, but they can take the money, put it with other money, and use it as matching funds when applying for programs and grants."

Bounds added that \$30,000

in state funds will go to the Neshoba County sheriff's department to purchase a new digital fingerprinting machine.

"Apparently, the department has needed this for a while," Bounds said. "But we just found out about it last year. This was something Sheriff Eric Clark said we definitely needed."

Branning said \$500,000 will be coming for repairs and widening work on Highway 16 west. "It will be up to MDOT to decide where the greatest need is," Branning said.

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Money

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to those areas of the jurisdiction but beyond that no determination has been made as to the uses of the funds."

Mayo said the first disbursement will be half of the allotted money this year and a half next year. The first disbursement will not be until after the guidelines are determined, which he hopes will be within 60-days of the legislation's passing on March

"We hope within the next 30 to 45 days," Mayo said.

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Jenkins enjoys cooking Southern staples

By SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS

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nne Smith Jenkins, the fifth child of 14, grew up in the Plattsburg community near Noxa-

pater and can remember her mother making fresh biscuits in the mornings.

Her parents, Ali and Earl Smith, had a farm that the children worked on, tending to animals and helping in the fields.

Her father would wait at the oven until the biscuits were finished while the rest of the family would feed the animals.

"We would wake up around 4 or 5 in the morning," said Jenkins. "Mom would make biscuits, and dad would stay behind while we tended to the cows."

She met J.W. Jenkins when they were 14 and they ended up meeting again while working at Garan and got married. They will have been married 53 years this year and live in the Deemer area.

They have two children, Frankie Malone and Jay Jay Jenkins along with 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

After retiring for Garan, Jenkins started watching her grandchildren, but now that they are grown and she watches her great-grandchildren.

Her husband preaches at Bethlehem Church near Four Corners and she often loves to sing solos.

Jenkins is passionate about her family. One of her favorite things to do is to cook a big

"The reason I like to cook big meals is that I know it's a good way to get all of my family together," Jenkins said.

The Jenkins family celebrated Easter Sunday by fellowshipping at church and then getting together as a family and eating.

Jenkins likes to cook traditional southern food and especially enjoys cooking with pork chops. She mentioned that she created a casserole with onions, pork chops, and other ingredients, and her husband said that the pork chops were excellent.

When Jenkins is not watching her great-grandchildren or cooking, she likes spending time gardening. She has two rose bushes: one purple and one red.

"I love roses," said Jenkins. Jenkins' cooking influence is her mother that taught her everything in the kitchen. She remembers all the recipes her mother taught her.

SOUASH DRESSING 2 cup squash, mashed

2 cup or more cooked corn



J.W. and Anne Smith Jenkins

- 1 medium onion
- 2 eggs 1 stick oleo
- 1 can cream of chicken Sauté onion and oleo. Then

mix with other ingredients. Pour in casserole dish. Bake for 30 minutes or brown on

COOK OF THE WEEK

CHESS SQUARES 1 box yellow cake mix

1 cup chopped pecans 1 stick melted butter

Mix above till crumbly with spoon. Put in 9x13 pan then combine 1 box confectioner sugar, 1 8 oz cream cheese and 2 eggs. Mix well and pour over other mixture. Bake 350 for 40 minutes cool and cut in squares.

IMPOSSIBLE PIE 4 eggs

1 tsp vanilla 13/4 cup sugar 1/2 cup flour 2 cup milk

1 tsp vanilla

1 can coconut milk Mix all ingredients together. Butter 2 pie pans and put ingredients into pan. Put it in the oven at 325 for about 30 minutes. The pie will make its

on crust.

1/2 st. Margarine, melted

Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS friends@neshobademocrat.com

Tyler Jordan Greer is looking forward to a spectacular summer surrounded by talented musicians from all over the world. He will also have the opportunity to be coached by a world-class faculty, and study under Dr. Josh Bynum from the University of Georgia.

He will participate in chamber ensembles, master classes and perform orchestral works by Ravel, Dvora, Beethoven, Mahler, and others..

Jordan auditioned for a place at Sewanee's Summer Music Festival where he will have all of these awesome opportunities to enrich his musical talents. He is an outstanding trombonist who has won many honors and awards. Jordan was awarded a \$3,500 scholarship by the Festival which is given only to those students who exhibit exceptional musical talent and a desire to learn.

Jason Holland has been selected as the Outstanding Undergraduate student in the Division of Business for the Spring 2021 semester at Mississippi State University's Meridian Campus.

His family is so very proud of him. He has juggled school, work, and family, while pursuing his degree and managed to do it with a 4.0 GPA! His wife, Misty Murray Holland, "Never had a doubt that he would do well because he is really super smart." Congratulations on a well-deserved honor!

Neshoba Central High School2021 STAR Student and STAR Teacher are Mary Kate Moran and Kimberly

STAR Students are named by the Mississippi Economic Council (MEC) M. B. Swayze Foundation, sponsor of the Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) program. Established by the Mississippi Economic Council in 1965, the purpose of the STAR program is to recognize outstanding students and teachers in Mississippi. Each STAR Student is asked to designate a STAR Teacher, the teacher who has made the greatest contribution to the student's scholastic achievement. Congratulations to Mary Kate and Kimberly

Charlee Rives Darby celebrated her 3rd birthday with a Minnie Mouse party at her home. Charlee greeted her little guests wearing a charming Minnie Mouse outfit of a red and white polka dot jumper over a black long-sleeved Tshirt and black tights. She wore red and white sneakers and, to complete her outfit, a pair of Minnie Mouse ears with a red polka dot bow in the

There were arches of red and white polka-dot balloons, black and white-dotted balloons along with some plain white ones centered with a large Minnie head silhouette arranged behind the refreshment table which was covered with a red and white polkadotted cloth. Favorite finger foods were served. A tray of specially-iced cookies in the shape of the number 3 frosted in red icing with white dots edged in black Minnie Mouse cookies, as well as some in white with Charlee written in

red icing were served. . Charlee's birthday cake was

so special! It was a layered cake iced in white with Minnie Mouse heads around the bottom layer. The top layers were iced in red with Charlee Rives written across the front in white and a Minnie Mouse bow as a topper. Minnie Mouse ears were at each guest's place on the table where they enjoyed their food. The jumpy house was filled with little Minnies wearing their ears and having a wonderful time sliding and jumping. It was a fun party which her parents, Matthew and Emily Darby had fun planning and decorating for their daughter's 3rd birthday.

Jackson Academy was happy to welcome Mississippi State University President, Dr. Mark E. Keenum, and Admissions Counselor, Spencer Snider, to campus on March

Twenty four members of the Class of 2021 have committed to attend MSU in the fall. Awards for academic excellence, community engagement, and service, and athletic ability have totaled \$556,478 over a four year peri-

Among these seniors is Jenna Daly, the daughter of Dr. Shay and Ann Daly. Her Philadelphia grandparents are Pat and Jo Helen Daly. They are all so proud of Jenna and are looking forward to her years at MSU.

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Early childhood students place in virtual FCCLA competition

Two Early Childhood Education students from the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career Technical Center recently competed in the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Virtual State Leadership Conference Competition in March. Aniyah Black and Cheyenne Holt competed together as a team in Chapter in Review Portfolio.

They placed first and both received a gold medal. They will advance on to the hybrid national competition in June, in Nashville, Tennessee. The local FCCLA advisor and Early Childhood Education Instructor is Jill Powe.





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By STEVE SWOGETINSKY steve@neshobademocrat.com

Sonya Denise Young of

Philadelphia, Mississippi, is

to be married to Joseph

Edward Salisbury of Braden-

ton, Florida at Ely Mills,

Gatlinburg, Tennessee in the

Williamson and late Ms. Judy

Lynnette Moore of Jackson,

Mississippi, is a graduate of Meridian Community College

and works as a nurse at

Neshoba General Nursing

Home. She is the daughter to

Williamson and late Ms. Judy Lynnette Moore of Jackson.

Mr. Salisbury, son of Ms. Dorothy Coutermarsh and the late William Salisbury of Bradenton, Florida, is a golf course groundskeeper at The

Melvin

late Mr.

Country Club of Jackson.

Mississippi.

Ms. Young, the daughter of e late Mr. Melvin

The Heritage Patriots won two of three games from Leake

Academy last week in prep baseball action. Leake Academy won the first game of the series over Heritage 4-3, and then dropped

a 3-1 decision in the second game. Leake Academy lost 19-7 in the third game played Thursday. The Rebels entered this

week with a 7-12 record. They were to host Lamar School for a doubleheader on Tuesday and visit the Raiders on Thursday.

Heritage wins Leake series

Engagements

Sonya Denise Young to wed

Edward Salisbury this Fall

In the first game, Gunter Scott singled in the winning run in the bottom of the seventh to break open a 3-3 tie.

Bryce Watkins pitched the first four innings and Will Martin pitched the final three to pick up the win.

Martin hit a double and a single. Riley Myers, Scott and Whitt Welch all had one hit.

In game two, Heritage scored two in the second and one in the seventh. Leake Academy's only run came in the sec-

Scott had two singles and

Parker Thomas hit a single.

Edward Salisbury and Sonya Denise Young

Heritage went up early and added to their lead. The Patriots scored two in the first, seven in the second, one in the third and two in the fourth. The Rebels scored two in the fourth, two in the fifth and three in the sixth.

Scott hit a double and a single. He scored a run and knocked in three more. Thomas Cheatham had two hits. He scored one run and knocked in three more. Whitt Welch had two hits and scored one run. Aiden Watkins had a double and a single. Rhett Atkinson hit

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Lady Rockets pound out a victory By STEVE SWOGETINSKY a triple and two singles. She three singles. She scored four scored two runs and knocked in

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The Neshoba Central Lady Rockets pounded out 15 hits as they rolled over Enterprise 14-2 last week in fast-pitch softball

The Lady Rockets improved to 13-0. Neshoba Central was to host Cleveland Central on Tuesday, visit Lake on Thursday and host Morton on Friday.

Against Enterprise, the Lady Rockets scored one in the third, two in the fourth, one in the fifth, four in the sixth and six in the seventh. Enterprise scored two in the third.

Elleigh Willis was the winning pitcher. She helped her cause by hitting two singles and knocking in a run.

Lanayah Henry hit a triple, a double and a single. She scored three runs and knocked in another. Charmayne Morris hit

five. Tenly Grisham hit a double and two singles. She scored three runs and knocked in two more.

The Neshoba Central Lady Rockets improved to 12-0 with a 10-0 victory over Enterprise Monday night in fast-pitch softball action.

Last Monday, the Lady Rockets defeated Southeast Lauderdale 16-1.

Neshoba Central scored four in the first, three in the second, three in the third and six in the fourth. Southeast Lauderdale scored a run in the top of the

Elleigh Willis was the winning pitcher. Willis helped her cause at the plate as she hit a double and two singles. She scored a run and knocked in

four more. Grisham hit a double and

runs and knocked two runs in. Lanayah Henry hit a double and two singles. She knocked in a run. Charmayne Morris had one hit, scored four runs and knocked in another.

Willis pitched six strike outs as she led the Lady Rockets to a shutout win over Enterprise. The Lady Rockets scored

four in the first, one in the second and five in the fifth.

The Lady Rockets had a 9-2 hitting edge. Henry hit a double and a single. She scored a run knocked in three more. Morris hit a triple, scored two runs and knocked in another. Grisham hit a double and scored a run. Kylie Posev hit a double and scored a run. Jones had two hits, scored two runs and knocked in two more. Kylie Thompson had one hit, scored one run and knocked in two

Warriors take 2 wins from Leake Central

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY steve@neshobademocrat.com

The Choctaw Central baseball team picked up two Region 4-4A victories over Leake Central last week.

The Warriors defeated Leake Central 6-4 on Tuesday and then took the second game

Thursday, 11-0.

In the first game, the Warriors scored three in the third, one in fourth and two in the riors scored two in the first, one fifth. Leake Central scored two in the first, one in the fourth and one in the fifth.

Haygen Anderson was the winning pitcher. Those getting a hit for the Warriors were Chris

Lewis, Andre'sa Jim, Andeson and Teyton Nickey.

In the second game, the Warin the third and eight in the fourth. Nickey was the winning pitcher. Braylon McMillan, Anderson, Billie Isom and Cohen Keats all hit a double.

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-Program, Kindergarten 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 Lim-

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

its may be eligible for trans-

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Yellowjackets fall to 7-8 on the season with recent losses

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY steve@neshobademocrat.com

The Union Yellowjackets dropped two games last week in prep baseball action.

The Yellowjackets lost a 16-

14 decision at Sebastopol, and in the second, three in the fifth then fell 11-3 to Neshoba Cen-

Sebastopol took the early lead and held on in a game that saw 30 runs scored. The Bobcats scored four in the first, one and eight in the sixth. The Yellowjackets scored two in the first, one in the fifth, nine in the sixth and two in the seventh.

Henry Thompson took the pitching loss.

Union pounded out 13 hits. Rope Lovern hit a home run and a double. He scored one run and knocked in four more. Jaylon Buckley hit a home run and two singles. He scored two runs and knocked in three more. Preston

Germany hit a triple and a single. He scored two runs and knocked in two more. Kolton Cockerham hit two singles and scored two runs.

Against Neshoba Central, Union scored one in the first and

two in the third. The Rockets answered with two in the first, four in the second, three in the third and two in the seventh.

Wild hogs have been in Mississippi for nearly 500 years

By JAMES L. CUMMINS

Special to the Democrat

The wild hog is both loved and hated.

For some of Mississippi's wildlife enthusiasts landowners, it provides a challenging hunting experience and some of the best table fare this side of the Mississippi.

For others, it causes thousands of dollars in damage to agricultural crops and out-competes many native species of wildlife for valuable food resources. In this article, we will explore the history of one of the most controversial animals

found in the Magnolia State.

The first wild hogs in the state can be traced back to Hernando De Soto. In May 1539, De Soto landed at what is now present-day Tampa Bay, Florida, with his army of conquistadors. To help feed his army, De Soto brought along with him a herd of swine from Cuba. The exact number of the herd is questionable; however, several accounts put the herd anywhere from 11 animals to well over 300. However, all accounts point out that the breed was very hardy and multiplied very rapid-

De Soto's expedition traveled

through Mississippi from 1539 to 1541. Along the way, swine escaped, were traded and/or taken by the natives. It is from these animals that our first feral populations were established.

Hernando De Soto was not the only European explorer to bring swine to Mississippi. Pierre le Moyne, Sieur d'Iberville, a French explorer, brought swine along with other livestock to what is present-day Biloxi in 1699. Swine from d'Iberville's herds later spread throughout southern Mississippi and Louisiana.

Following the early European explorers, early settlers to the state brought along with them livestock, including swine. A common practice of the day was to allow the swine and other livestock roam free until the fall when it was necessary to capture them for slaughter. However, many of these animals escaped to the deep swamps and river bottoms where they roamed

In the early 1970s, the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission released wild hogs into an enclosure on the Copiah County Game Management Area where they were allowed to breed and populate. In September of 1971, six of these wild hogs were captured and released into the Pearl River Game Management Area for hunting purposes. The population there has since grown to the extent that hogs have caused damage to the nearby Natchez Trace Parkway and nearby agricultural fields. The remaining wild hogs in the Copiah enclosure were captured and moved.

In 1973, an unknown number of wild hogs were released near Port Gibson. These animals have since spread throughout southwest Mississippi and southern Louisiana. Since the early 1970s, wild hogs have been released around the state specifically for hunting purposes. To help deter the spread of wild hogs, the state passed a law making it illegal to transport and release wild hogs into the wild. Spurred on by illegal releases and their prolific breeding, the wild hog is now found in at least 65 of Mississippi's 82 counties.

James L. Cummins is executive director of Wildlife Mississippi, a non-profit, conservation organization founded to conserve, restore, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plant resources throughout Mississippi. Their website is www.wildlifemiss.org.

LEGALS

LEGALS SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2016, L.A. Gardner 2, LLC, a Mississippi limited liability company, by Lee A. Gardner, Member, executed a Deed of Trust to Granville Tate, Jr., Trustee for the benefit of Trustmark National Bank, as recorded in the office of the Chancerv Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, in Book 2016 at Page 5686; and, WHEREAS, Trustmark National Bank the holder of said Deed of Trust and the Note secured thereby, substituted J. Mark Franklin, III, as Trustee therein as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument dated January 12, 2021, and recorded in Book 2021 at Page 591, in the office of the Chancery Clerk aforesaid; 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, and 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 for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney fees, Substituted Trustee's fees and expenses of sale; NOW, THEREFORE I. the undersigned J. Mark Franklin. III, being the Substituted Trustee, do hereby give notice that on April 14, 2021, between 11:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m., being the legal hours of sale, I will proceed to sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, at the North Front Door of the Neshoba County Courthouse in Philadelphia, State of Mississippi, the following real property described and conveyed in said Deed of Trust, lying and being situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: PARCEL I: SEARS BUILDING: From the SW corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, run East for 351.00': thence run North 29 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds East for 1817.40' to an iron pin on the east right-of-way of the G. M. & O. Railroad, said point being 25.00' easterly and at a right angle to the centerline of the main track; then run along the east right-of-way of said track along a curve left for 133.15' to a mag nail set in concrete for the point of beginning (curve data: delta = 2 degrees 33 minutes 56 seconds radius = 2973'79', cord bearing - North 21 degrees 15 minutes 25 seconds East, chord distance = 133.14'). Then run South 70 degrees 39 minutes 00 seconds East for 130.17' to a mag nail set in concrete on the west right-ofway of Front Street; then run along said right-of-way North 19 degrees 41 minutes 09 seconds East for 101.00'; then run along said right-of-way along a curve left for 77.66' (curve data: delta - 47 degrees 46 minutes 05 seconds, radius - 93.15', chord bearing - North 11 degrees 09 minutes 53 seconds West, chord distance = 75.43'); then run along said right-ofway North 33 degrees 50 minutes 54 seconds West 93.03'; thence run along said right-of-way North 20 degrees 14 minutes 25 seconds West for 18.45' to the intersection with the south right-of-way of Gum Street; then run North 74 degrees 35 minutes 28 seconds West for 12.98' along the south right-of-way of Gum Street to a point on the east right-of-way of the G. M. & O. Railroad, said point being 25.00' easterly and at a right angle to the centerline of the main tract; then run along said railroad right-of-way along a curve right for 235.20' to the point of beginning (curve data: delta 4 degrees 31 minutes 54 seconds, radius = 2973.70', chord bearing = S 17 degrees 42 minutes 31 seconds West. chord distance = 235.14'). This parcel contains 0.56 acre, more or less, and is situated in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi. SEARS EASE-MENT DESCRIPTION: From the SW corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4. Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, run East for 1234.44'; then run North

1595.61' to a Mag Nail set in concrete

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73°43'39" E for 130.40'to a Mag Nail

of Front Street, then run along the

set in asphalt on the west right-of-way

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41' 09" W for 76.53'; then run along

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62.16'), then run N 66°56'08" W for

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east right-of-way of said tract along a

curve left for 122.85' to a Mag Nail set

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E, chord distance = 122.85'); This

2973.79', chord bearing = N 21°17'34"

parcel contains 0.41 acre, more or less, and is situated in the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 & NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, all being in Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi. EASEMENT LESS AND EXCEPT the following: From the SW corner of the SW 1/4 of the SF 1/4 Section 25 T 11 N R 11 E, Neshoba County, MS., run East for 1191.83'; then run North for 1481.15' to a point on the east right-of-way of the G. M. & O. Railroad, said point being 25.00' easterly and at a right angle to the centerline of the main track for the point of beginning, and being the edge of a concrete slab; then run N 22°23'22" E for 9.00'; then run S 70°01'09" E for 7.79' to a concrete wall, then run along said wall S 23°03'52" W for 9.42' to the building; Then run N 66°56'08" W for 7.68' along the north side of said building to the point of beginning. This parcel contains 71.2 square ft.), more or less, and is situated in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 25, T 11 N, R 11 E. City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, MS. PARCEL II: From the SW corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, run East for 1234.44'; then run North 1595.61' to a Mag Nail set in concrete for the point of beginning. Then run S 73°43'39" E for 130.40' to a Mag Nail set in asphalt on the west right-of-way of Front Street, Then run N 70°39'02" W for 130.12' to a Mag Nail set in concrete (being the original Southwest corner of said lot), then run S 20°02'30" W for 7.00' to a Mag Nail set in concrete and the point of beginning (being the new Southwest corner of said lot). This parcel contains 455.4 square feet more or less, and is situated in the NW 1/4 of the SF 1/4 & NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 25, T 11 N, R 11 E, City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, MS. I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 1st day of March. 2021. /s/ J. Mark Franklin J. MARK FRANKLIN III SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE J. Mark Franklin, III MCKAY LAWLER FRANKLIN & FOREMAN, PLLC Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 2488 Ridgeland, Mississippi 39158-2488 (601) 572-8778 POSTED: March 8, 2021 PUBLISHED: March 17

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and April 7, 2021

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2001, Effie L. Latimer executed a Deed of Trust to Mary Ann Franklin, as Trustee for First American Bank, as Lender/Bene ficiary, which is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, MS, in Book 574 at Page 105 as re-recorded in Book 574 at Page 509: WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was assigned to Trustmark National Bank in Book 574 at Page 118 as re-recorded in Book 574 at Page 524; WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, Trustmark National Bank substituted James Eldred Renfroe as Trustee in the aforementioned deed of trust with this recorded in Book 2020 at Page 971; WHEREAS, there being a default in the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust and entire debt secured having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with its terms, Trustmark National Bank, the holder of the debt has requested the Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property pursuant to its terms in order to raise the sums due, with attor ney's and trustee's fees, and expenses of sale; NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Eldred Renfroe, Trustee for said Deed of Trust, will on April 15, 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 main door of the Neshoba County Courthouse in Philadelphia, MS, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Neshoba County, MS, to-wit: Beginning at the NE Corner of the W1/2 of Block 9, Donald Addition to the City of Philadelphia, Mississippi, and run West along the North line of said Block 60 feet, thence run South 96 feet, thence run East 60 feet, and thence run North 96 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a lot in the NE Corner of the W1/2 of Block 9, Donald Addition, City of Philadelphia, Mississippi. I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee, with no warranties. WITNESS my signature this 15th day of March, 2021. JAMES ELDRED RENFROE, Trustee James Eldred Renfroe, 648 Lakeland East Dr., Ste A. Flowood, MS 39232, Phone 601-932-1011 Publish:

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF **NESHOBA COUNTYSTATE OF MIS-**SISSIPPI BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, v. ROMA JEAN BARRETT, DEBBIE NARAGHI, WAYNE BECK-HAM, DEBRA BECKHAM, JAMIE LADD SMITH. THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOP-MENT, AND ALL OTHERS CLAIMING

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AN INTEREST IN 11650 ROAD 325. UNION CITY, MS 39365, BEING PARCEL NO. 11900-03-053.000, Defendants CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2020-116 AMENDED RULE 81 SUM-MONS BY PUBLICATION

To: All Others Claiming an Interest in 11650 Road 325, Union City MS 39365 You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Petitioner seeking Petition for Quiet Title and Complaint for Declaratory Judgment regarding property located at 11650 ROAD 325 Union City, MS 39365. The Respondents other than you in this action are Debbie Naraghi, Wayne Beckham, Debra Beckham, Jamie Ladd Smith, and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Complaint filed against you in this action at 9:00 A.M. on the 6th day of May, 2021 in the Courtroom of the Neshoba County Courthouse 401 East Beacon Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 39350. In case of vour failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire, however you must file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 15th day of March, 2021. /s/Guy NowellClerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi(Seal) By:

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF **NESHOBA COUNTY. MISSISSIPPI** IN THE MATTER OF THE MINOR CHILD, D.L.W. CARRIE WARREN STACY AND SUSAN WARREN SHOFFNER PLAINTIFFS VS. CAUSE **NO. 2020-366 AMANDA LYNN** STOKES WATKINS FERGUSON AND **DOUGLAS ALAN WATKINS DEFEN-**DANTS NON-RESIDENT SUM-MONSTHE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

/s/G. Tate, DC 52467

TO: Douglas Alan Watkins, a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose mailing, post officeand street addresses are unknown to the Plaintiffs after diligent search and inquiry by the Plaintiffs to ascertain same. You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court seeking a Complaint for Child Custody and Other Relief. Defendants other than you are Amanda Lynn Stokes Watkins Ferguson. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Complaint at 9:00 a.m. on the 6th day of May, 2021, in the courtroom of the Neshoba County Courthouse at Philadelphia, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 17th day of March, 2021, /s/Guy NowellNE-SHOBA COUNTYCHANCERY CLERK /s/K. Greer, D.C. TAMMY C. SMITH, MSBN 9526P.O. BOX 624PHILA-DELPHIA. MS 39350601-389-5888 TELEPHONE601-389-5844 FACSMILE

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RUSSELL JAMES OWEN, DE-CEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-17 KAR-RAH MICHELE OWEN PETITIONER SUMMONS BY PUBLICATIONTHE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The Unknown Heirs at Law of Russell James Owen, Deceased (whose identities and addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry) You have been made Respondents in the suit filed in the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, by Karrah Michele Owen petitioning for letters of administration, an adjudication of the statutory heirs at law of Russell James Owen, Deceased and authority to compromise an unliquidated claim of said Estate. You are summoned to appear before the Honorable Kiley Kirk, Chancellor of the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, State of Mississippi, on Tuesday, the 27 th day of April, 2021, at the Courthouse thereof in Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi, in your capacity as an Heir at Law of Russell James Owen, Deceased, for a hearing in connection with the issuance of letters of administration, a determination and adjudication of the heirs at law of Russell James Owen, Deceased and the request for authority to compromise an unliquidated claim of the Estate of Russell James, Owen, Deceased Said hearing will commence at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard. In case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for money or other 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 seal of the said Court, this 16th day of March, 2021. Guy Nowell, Chancery

Clerk of Neshoba County. Mississippi/s/Guy Nowell By: /s/G.Tate, D.C.

THE CHANCERY COURT OF NE-SHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH MASSEY, DECEASED DONNY MASSEY, EXECUTOR NO. 2021-24-KK NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 18th day of March, 2021, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, Donny Massey, upon the Estate of Kenneth Massey, deceased notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred. This the 18th day of March 2021. /s/Donny MasseyDONNY MASSEY, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE KENNETH MASSEY, DECEASED ROBERT L. THOMAS, MSBN 8159AL-FORD, THOMAS & THOMAS, PLL-CATTORNEYS AT LAWPOST OFFICE BOX 96PHILADELPHIA MISSISSIPPI 39350(601) 656-1871 52470

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS, on 23 rd day of June 2020,

Mark A. Davis, executed a Deed of Trust to Daniel F. Mars. Trustee for the benefit of Clifton Jones, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 2020 at Pages 7873 - 7874, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, the aforesaid Deed of Trust was assigned to Mark A. Davis by instrument dated the 23 rd day of June 2020, and recorded in Book 2020, at Pages 7873 7874 of the records of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk; 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, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, Clifton Jones having requested the undersigned Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sum due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expenses of sale: NOW THEREFORE I Daniel F Mars, Trustee, in said Deed of Trust, will on Thursday, 22 April 2021, offer for sale and will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, between the legal hours of 11 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at the North door of the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, to wit: THE FOLLOWING LAND LYING AND BEING SITUATED IN NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:Lot 5, Shady Oaks Subdivision, Part #2, as per plat on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, Plat book #1, page I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 22nd day of March, 2021, /s/Daniel F. MarsDANIEL F. MARS, TRUSTEE PRE PARED BY:DANIEL F. MARSMARS, MARS & MARS, P.A.ATTORNEYS AT LAWP.O. BOX 612PHILADELPHIA. MS

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2016, a

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Deed of Trust was executed by Justus Ryan Vance and Hanna B. Vance to Thomas R. Hudson, Trustee for BankPlus, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Book 2016 at Pages 9294-9306, in the office of the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi; WHEREAS, on the 10th day of March, 2021, the Holder of said Land Deed of Trust substituted and appoint ed Steven D. Settlemires, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2021, at Pages 1924-1925; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of theindebtedness secured by the said Land Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Land Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 23rd day of April, 2021, I will during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the North door of the Neshoba County Courthouse at Philadelphia, Mississippi. for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Neshoba County, Mississip pi. to-wit: Begin at the point where the South right-of-way line of River Road intersects the West right-of-way line of Barrett Lake Road in the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4. Section 34. Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, and run thence in a Southwesterly direction along the West right-of-way line of Barrett Lake

Road for a distance of 270 feet; thence

run in a Northeasterly direction to the South right-of-way line of River Road at a point 135 feet Northwesterly of point of beginning; thence run Southeasterly along the South right-of-way line of River Road for a distance of 135 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 3/4 acre, more or less, and being situated in the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 34, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 22nd day of March, 2021. /s/Steven D. SettlemiresSteven D. SettlemiresSubstituted Trustee Settlemires & Graham PLLC410 East Beacon StreetPhiladelphia, MS 39350Telephone: (601)656-9597MSBN: 99674 Publish: March 31. 2021, April 7, 2021, April 14, 2021 and April 21, 2021 52479

CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MIS-

SISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW

INDIANS MARI ELAINA WILLIS

PETITIONER VS. C. A. NO. 2021-43 PRISCILLA D. TWISS, CASSANDRA M TWISS, ANGELA P TWISS BELL, CYNTHIA R JOHNSON, CEDRICK C GIBSON, RICHARD LAIRD, TASHA L WISHORK, LAWRENCIA LAIRD, STEPHEN GIBSON, THE UNKNOWN **HEIRS-AT-LAW OF Nuga Gibson** Swimer, deceased, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF Marjorie Ann Gibson, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF Tamara Lynn Gibson, AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW RESPONDENTS SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: THE **UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF** Nuga Gibson Swimer, deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF Mariorie Ann Gibson: THE UN-KNOWN HEIRS-AT- LAW OF Tamara Lynn Gibson; AND ANY UNKNOWN deceased You have been made a Defendant

in the suit filed in this Court by Mari Elaina Willis, Plaintiff, seeking the Court for determination of heirship of Maurice Calistro, deceased. Defendants other than you in this action are Priscilla D. Twiss, Cassandra M Twiss, Angela P Twiss Bell, Cynthia R Johnson, Cedrick C Gibson, Richard Laird. Tasha L Wishork. Lawrencia Laird, Stephen Gibson. You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint, petition or motion at 10:30 o'clock A.M. on the 21st day of APRIL, 2021, in the Tribal courtroom of the Smith John Memorial Judicial Complex located on the Pearl River Reservation, Choctaw, Mississippi. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint, petition or motion. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 12th day of February, 2021. /s/Jennileen YoungTRIBAL COURT CLERK 52483

Notice is hereby given that on April 17, 2021 at 9 A.M. Southern Mini Storage owned by Jimmy Edwards. Located on Golfcourse Road in Philadelphia, MS. The undersigned Southern Mini Storage will sell at Public Sale by competitive bidding, the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by Southern Mini Storage having the right to reject any and all bids. Alvin Gill of Philadlephia MS - Storage #10 Carly White of Philadelphia MS - Storage #28 Christy Gilbert of Philadelphia MS - Storage #41 Tia Burnside of Philadelphia MS - Storage #58 Carolyn Dobson of Philadelphia MS - Storage #95 John Riddle of Philadelphia MS -Storage #116 52491

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LAURA LUCILLE PARKER. **DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NO: 2020-**161 WANDA WOODRUFF PETITION-**ER 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 LAURA LUCILLE PARKER, deceased. You have been made a Respondent in the Motion to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Wanda Woodruff Petitioner, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-atlaw of Laura Lucille Parker, deceased, as fully set out in the Motion on file in the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Motion to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 12th day of May, 2021, in the courtroom of Neshoba County in Philadelphia, 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

vou desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 1st day of April, 2021. /s/Guy NowellGuy Nowell, Chancery Court ClerkNeshoba County, Mississippi BY: /s/W.SavellD.C. Steven D. SettlemiresSettlemires & Graham410 East Beacon StreetPhiladelphia, MS 39350601-656-9597MSBN 99674 52501

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT-MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF JAYLION DENARD JIM. DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2020-140 SHERRY CHARLIE ADMINISTRA-TRIX 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 Jaylion Denard Jim, deceased. You have been made a Respondent in the Petition to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Sherry Charlie, Administratrix, seeking to adiudicate the sole and only heirs-at-law of Jaylion Denard Jim, deceased, as fully set out in the 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 1:00 o'clock P.M. on the 18th day of May.2021, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Court in the Smith John Justice Complex located on the Pearl River Reservation, Choctaw, Mississippi, and incase 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 31st day of March 2021. /s/Jennileen YoungTRIBAL COURT CLERK Steven D. SettlemiresSettlemires & Graham, PLLC410 East Beacon StreetPhiladelphia, MS 39350601-656-9597MSBN: 99674 52504

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT-MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF BESSIE FRAZIER, DECEASED CAUSE NO.: 2020-23 GWEN WILLIS PETITIONER SUMMONS BY PUBLI-CATIONTHE 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 Bessie Frazier. deceased. You have been made a Respondent in the Petition to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Gwen Willis Administratrix, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-at-law of Bessie Frazier, deceased, as fully set out in the 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 1:30 o'clock P.M. on the 18th day of May,2021, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Court in the Smith John Justice Complex located on the Pearl River Reservation, Choctaw, Mississippi, and incase 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 31st day of March 2021 /s/Jennileen YoungTRIBAL COURT CLERK Steven D. SettlemiresSettlemires & Graham, PLLC410 East Beacon StreetPhiladelphia, MS 39350601-656-9597MSBN: 99674 52503

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBA COUNTY. MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROYAL ALTON HAMILTON, **DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NO.:2020-**171GARY HAMILTON ADMINISTRA-TOR NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration being granted on the 5th day of August 2020, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Gary Hamilton, upon the Estate of Royal Alton Hamilton, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the first date of publication or they will be forever barred.THIS, the 25th day of March, 2021./s/Gary HamiltonGARY HAMILTON, Administrator of the Estateof Royal Alton Hamilton, deceased-CALEB E. MAY (MS Bar #102593) ATTORNEY AT LAW PLLC422 Center AvenueP.O. Box 388Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350Email: calebemay@ gmail.comPhone/Fax: (601) 656-4830

HONOR ROLL

Neshoba Central Elementary School has released the names of students on the honor rolls for the third nine-week period.

Receiving highest honors Kindergarten: Zander Abel, Ethan Adams, Cora Grace Alexander, Grace Alford, Mercy Alford, Blaze Barlow, Izley Bell, Jazelle Bell, Jensyn Bell, Maddie Blackburn, Lakelyn Boler, Jesse Bond, Carson Bounds, Ali Boyd, Kaelyn Boyette, Chloe Brown, Kaliyah Brown, Jonathan Bryan, Kynlee Bryan, Tatum Butler, Cooper Caples, Ruby Carter, Hunter Clark, Ella Coleman, Jasper Commer, Carsyn Cremeen, Azie Cumberland, Shelby Cumberland, Jennings Darbonne, Ryker Davis, Ember Dav. Ryleigh Denton, Braysten Donald, Jaycelynn Donald, Ruthie Donald, Karley Edwards, Paislee Elrod, Arabella Elsey, Emerson Estes, Noe Euyoque, Christopher Farmer, Benson Fortenberry, Mariah Foster, Cameron Gates, Aston Gibbons, Colsten Gill, Bentley Gilmer, Izabella Goforth, Lizzy Goforth, Avery Goldman, Jaxon Gusman, Anna Hancock, Azlee Hardy, Ketcher Harrington, Harper Hillman, Grace Holmes, Lathan Hoskins, Hadleigh Hughes, Addilyn Hunter, Remington Ivy, Cornellius Jackson, Kolton Johnson, Journey Jones, Kai Jones, Roderick Jones, Kase Kilgore, Charlie Killen, Parker Kilpatrick, Ashlynn King, Avery King, Madalynn King, Nalasia Kirkland, Joshua Lepard, Carrie Lewis, John David Lewis, Khloe Lilly, Katherine Lofton, Levi Long, Tianna Lyons, William Madison, Kaiden Manning, Griffin Mars, Heidi May, Aiden McCarty, Callie McCombs, Charli McCormick, Lainey McCrory, Maci McCullar, Alanna McDonald, Chloe McGee, Leighton Mcllwain, Makenzie McVay, Haley Melton, Zayden Moncriease, Mahongany Moore, Margaret Morrow, Harley Moulds, Liam Mowdy, Miles Owen, Genesis Patrick, Millie Patterson, James Pinter, Kellan Posey, Caleb Pullen, Carsyn Reese, Jayden Riley, Owen Robertson, Kara Robinson, Ryker Robinson, Colson Rushing, Jeston Savage, Emma-Leigh Savell, Parker Savell, Brylee Sciple, A'nyliah Seales, Trace Seward, Mary Claire

First grade: Ayda Alexander, Braxton Anderson, Linsford Baker, Elaina Brekeen, Madeline Breland, Addie Burks, Ashlyn Chrest, Hallie Cockrell, Emery Comans, Deacon Edwards, Jamie Fortenberry, Emily Gibson, Caleb Griffin, Bracie Hancock, Arabella Harris, Brennan Hart, Emma Henley, Johnathan Hopson, Sierra Howard, Luke Howell, Journeigh Isaac, Jordee Jackson, Carter Johnson, Huck Joiner, Braxton Kessinger, Mykah Kilgore, Ali King, Keller King, King, Sidney Savanna Klootwyk, Josiah May, Ka'Niya McCarty, KaVonte McCarty, Leia McCown, Eva McGee, Mason McGee, Slade Myers, Nyla Naylor, Za'Niyah Nowell, Weston Pike, Lexi Pope, Sadie Ramirez, Caroline Rouse, Kaiser Rushing, Parks Sansing, Talan Schoolar, Laken Shaffer, Eliza Simmons, Micah Skipper, Payden Smart, Baylor Smith, Kadence Smith, Sierra Smith, Keaton Spears, Kirkland Spivey, Ava Tadlock, Ja'Marion Thompson, Emery Vance, River VanNortwick, Ricker Warren, Marin Williams and Caiden Wilson.

Second grade: Jordyn Alford, Linnea Baker, Calen Barret, Lily Carsyn Barrett, Keysen Beamon, Selah Ben, Sutton Blackstock, Rivers Bounds, Paisley Bozeman, Zachary Broom, Jerimah Brown, Jacee Burnside, Haven Calloway, Dalia Chapman, Roxie Clark, Layton Coward, William Cumberland, Gracelyn Davis, Hallie Downey, Azarae Evans, Jeb Flake, Nevaeh Fortenberry, Collins Fortune, Ava Garrett, Cayleigh Gates, Karsyn Germany, Chad Grantham, Trinity Gray, Alyssa Higginbotham, Anthony Holley, Trinity Hunter, Chance Jackson. Marie Kathryn James, Ryleigh Jenkins, Dalton Larson, Emma Learmonth, Jaiden Lewis, Capalyn Manning, Addylynn Massey, Jacob McCullough, Mason McFee, Princess Medford, Jenny Moore, Zaydan Morris, Avery Myers, William Nowell, Amzie Partridge, Gannon Perry, Patton Phillips, Rebel Phillips, Rivers Pope, Charleigh Ridout, Kash Robertson, Jett Robinson, Christopher Savell, Peyton Sharp, Amelia Soriano, Christian Stokes, Andrew Taylor, Julie Tess, Charlie Thomas, Jaxson Vaughn, Emily Ward, James Warren, Brayden Webb, Harper White, Eli Winstead and Margaret Young.

Third grade: Hadleigh Adkins, Cooper Baysinger, Hallie Blackburn, Miley Blair, Margaret Brewer, Jonathon Cannon, Iason Chickaway, Aubry Clossom, Kiersten Cotton, Phoenix



Cumberland, Tredarrion Curtis, Andrew Eakes, Leilani Faulkner, Terriah Fowler, Brayden Gunn, David Hickman, Asher Holley, Khylie Hunter, Benton James, Elijah Jayroe, Aly Jones, James King, Gavin Lamb, Jax Lovern, Maddox McBeath, Mady Quinn Morrow, Zykira Nicks, Ryder Overby, Kensington Pope, Tracy Singleton, Raelyn Skinner, Zachary Stewart, Bella Thrash, Mason Thrash, Tessa-Marie Tubby, Skylar Vance, Javier Virola, Joseph Ward, Hadleigh Williamson and Kyliyah Wilson.

Fourth grade: Liam Amos, Azariah Balderas, Blakely Blackburn, Zachary Burt, Jennie Copeland, Britt Cumberland, Maggie Edwards, Maddex Ferguson, Trinity Frazier, Daniel Hicks, Elaina Hill, Christopher Johnson, Linnie Kate Kilpatrick, Keller King, Presley Knight, Hoang Le, Alex Mars, Caroline Mars, Robert Martin, Hayden May, Jamie McKinney, Piper Schoolar, Lila Simmons, Braelyn Singleton, Logan Spears, David Steele, Tate Stroud, Hadleigh Turner, Kennedy Wade and Romy Wright.

Fifth grade: Mckynli Baldwin, Leigha Bass, Eden Ben, James Brewer, Jayden Burnside, Samuel Burton, Isabella Cannon, Jada Clemons, Ahniya Cleveland, Sadie Coggins, Bobby Cumberland, Marley Jay Eakes, Jackson Fortenberry, Lily Fortenberry, Madelyn Gordon, Ava Harper, Kaylee Hutchison, Kaylin Jones, Kaleb Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth May, Jia Moore, Madelyn Myers, Sadie Nance, Oliver Patterson, Addy Walker Phillips, Sayda Posey, Levi Ridout, Eli Robertson, Hutt Rushing, Kooper Smith, Isabelle Tess, Kanyon Tubby, James Watkins, Kason Wesley and Cutler White.

Students named to the honor roll were:

Kindergarten: Cordae Allen, Arie body, Zoey Boler, Chipper Briscoe, Kayden Burton, Pyper Chunn, Harley

Cooper, Elin Cumberland, Noble Davis, Jayden Fincher, Remington Fitzgerald, Jase Giles, J'Kyrun Graham, Connor Graham-Sanders, Rosealee Hansford, Garrett Hart, Christy Hickman, Justin Hobson, Eric Horne, Christian Johnson, Faith Kelly, Kenan Ladd, D'errick Lewis, Jordan Madison, Lilly McAdory, La'Travanis McBeath, Avaclaire McDonald, Nicolas McKinney, Alayah McMillan, Maddox Miles, Anna Moore, Ivan Morris, Tristian Oubre, Jace Pankey, Jake Prewitt, Eliana Rangel, Juliahna Sistrunk, A'Lisa Stewart, Ji'anna Stewart, Jayden Sullivan, Lyvia Thompson, Owen Weeks, Jordan White, Char'liese Young

First grade: John Carter Ballard, Mason Belk, Kaylee Billie, Jase Boswell, Tyra Brazzle, John Dees Brewer, Paris Chamberlin, Cassidy Chamblee, Kruze Clark, Houston Cotton, Robert Cox, Wathiq Curry, Leah Donald, Peyton Dunn, Briggs Eakes, Titus Fulton, Hayes Gordon, Raquel Graffree, Serenity Henson, Aaron Holley, Easton Holmes, Skyler Howe, Reed Huffman, Jordan Ingrum, Serenity Kelly, Viktoria Klauck, Devin Lamb, Hadleigh McBrayer, Ty McGee, Nicolaus Miles, Jaszmine Moore, Mackinley Morris, Blaine Nowell, Bo Parker, Kali Pearson, Hadli Peters, Anna Pike, Sybil Ragsdale, William Reese, Bema Reynolds, adleigh Sanderson, Daniel Skipper, Mackenlie Smith, Samantha Smith, Mi'kela Thaggard, Aria Thornton, Readen Townsend, T'vah Tucker, Tinslie Turner, Gabriel Walker, Allison Wallace, Kade White, Andrew Wilkerson, Williams, Falicity Williamson, Charles Willis, John Withers, Emily Wright, Madalann Yarbrough and Ryker Zimmerman.

Second grade: Keely Agent, Hallie Anderson, Willa Kate Baysinger, Adam Burks, Wyatt Burney, Bryson Burnham, Joseph Burrage, Lavken Butler, Myles Cooper, Caroline Cumberland, Miley Dees, Emily Delap, David Frank, Ken Ful-

ton, Chase Garcia, Jagger Gib-Easton Graham, bons. Khlandrick Hathorne, Kooper Herrington, Erica Horne, Christopher Howard, Envy Isaac, Logna Isaac, Avianna Jackson, Posey Jackson, Christian Kirkland, Daxton Ladd, Rylee Lashley, Lincoln Lovern, Brooklyn Malone, Kiera Mewbourn, Tanner Miles, Lucas Miller, Knox Nicholson, Nathaniel Parks, Iszabella Pearson, Shariya Perkins, Ta'kambre Picken, Anthony Plum, Eric Pope, Kallie Pope, Brad Purvis, Emmalee Robinson, Andrew Rumery, Alynnah Seals, Gregory Seward, Elias Simmons, Jacobe Smith, Alexis Sullivan, Landry Talbert, Silas Taylor, Katie Tucker, Malay Tullos, Jacob Wallace, Addisyn Watkins, McKenzie Williams, Edward Withers, Merlainey York, and Tushka Zimmerman.

Third grade: Julian Alford,

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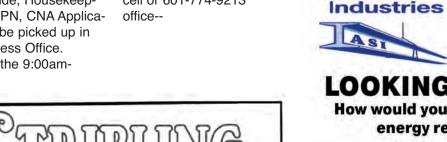
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