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Sheriff pushing for new radios

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Sheriff's deputies were in pursuit of a motorist after an attempted traffic stop a few weeks back in rural Neshoba County and risked the danger of losing radio communication if they crossed the county line.

The chase led down narrow roads and highways and Sheriff Eric Clark said he had to order his deputies not to cross the

county line because they would likely lose radio contact.

Clark is pushing for the move to a \$100,000 state radio communications system developed after the Hurricane Katrina communications blackout that would not rely on the county repeater near Deemer.

The Philadelphia police and fire departments are considering the move and 68 other counties already have made the switch.

"Like (former Gov.) Phil

Bryant said, 'Don't ask men and women to put their lives on the line if you don't give them the tools to win,'" Clark said.

Fortunately, the chase ended before the suspect crossed the county line and no one was injured.

Clark said he did not want his deputies to be in a potential confrontation with a suspect if they were out of radio communication.

"These guys are my family

members," Clark said. "In Neshoba County, we have dead spots where we cannot talk with our radios."

Clark's Katrina experience

Clark, a former Mississippi Wildlife Fisheries and Parks officer, said he remembers being on the ground the day after Hurricane Katrina made landfall and devastated the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

"I remember 2005, Aug. 30,"

Clark said. "I was in Katrina. We had thousands of boots on the ground and a lot of confusion."

Clark said radio communications were down and state and local agencies who had responded to the emergency could not communicate.

"I remember all the chaos," said Clark, who was working with the MWFP at the time.

Other agencies on the scene included local police, fire and

sheriff's offices and other organizations such as the Mississippi Highway Patrol and the National Guard.

Clark said the National Guard eventually set up portable radio towers that helped in communication between agencies.

Out of the chaos, then-Gov. Haley Barbour formed a commission to come up with solutions to improve statewide communications.

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governor's mansion



Philadelphia's Madden Gray, owner of MG & Company downtown, was selected to be the Florist of the Month at the Mississippi Governor's Mansion by First Lady Elee Reeves. Gray is responsible for the floral arrangements in the foyer, two restrooms, the First Lady's office and a sitting room during the month of April. — See story, A8.

ELECTION Young avoids runoff in primary

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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Incumbent Philadelphia Mayor James A. Young has won the Democrat Party nomination with 53.3% of the vote to seek a fourth term and will face Republican Leo E. Renaldo in the June 8 General Election.

Young, who received 451 votes or 53.31% of the total 846 Democrat mayoral votes cast, secured the nomination in the city's April 6 party primary election with a large enough margin to avoid a runoff against challengers Cassie Henson Hickman, who garnered 322 votes or 38.06%, and businessman Randy Gill, who got 73 votes or 8.63%.

Republican mayoral candidate Renaldo received 265 votes, or 79.10%, of the 335 total Republican mayoral votes cast to earn the nomination by defeating Robin S. Allen Sr., who got 59 votes, or 17.61%.

In total, 1,207 votes were cast in the April 6 Democrat and Republican primaries. Of that total, 1,161 were cast on Election Day, 46 were absentee and approximately 10 were affidavits.

Young thankful

Young said he is thankful he won't have to mount a runoff campaign in the Democrat Primary.

"We made it through the first round," Young said. "I am thankful for my wife and niece and those who helped me. And I want to thank the voters who allowed me to win the primary and hopefully lead them for the next four years."

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DEEMED NATIONAL TREASURE

Connie Smith's vocals recognized

By JOHN LEE
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Connie Smith's debut single "Once a Day" reached No. 1 on the Billboard country singles chart in November 1964 and remained at the top for a record eight weeks, a first then for a female.

That hit song was one of 25 additions to the National Recording Registry at the Library of Congress last month, a prestigious listing that deems treasures worthy of preservation for all time.

Smith's collaboration with country music legend and Neshoba County native Marty Stuart in the 1990s turned romantic, they married and the last few years the Congress of Country Music downtown in the former Ellis has become a

project.

Smith has been called one of the most underrated vocalists in country music history.

"I never dreamed when I walked into RCA's Studio B in Nashville on July 16, 1964, to make my first record that a song from that session called 'Once a Day' would become a hit," Smith said.

"In the wake of its success, that recording received many honors and the song has endured. But, for 'Once a Day' to be recognized by the Library of Congress and to have it listed in the nation's National Recording Registry is indeed the ultimate honor. This blesses me, and I am extremely grateful."

Dolly Parton once said, "There's really only three female singers in the world:

Streisand, Ronstadt and Connie Smith. The rest of us are only pretending."

"Once a Day," written by Bill Anderson, describes a woman who has not gotten over her previous lover. Although the woman explains that she has limited her grieving to "once a day," it is later found out that she is grieving, "once a day, every day, all day long."

Other additions in the National Recording Registry this year included "The Rainbow Connection" by Kermit the Frog, "Celebration" by Kool & the Gang and "When the Saints Go Marching In" by Louis Armstrong & his Orchestra.

A 1962 recording of "Aida," featuring Laurel See **SMITH**, page 2A



Connie Smith and husband Marty Stuart participate in a photo shoot in July for her new album that will release soon. Her 1964 hit "Once a Day" was recently recognized.



City fines business for unclean property

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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A local tire store owner is scrambling to get his property cleaned up or continue to face a \$500 per day from the city of Philadelphia.

The Mayor and Board of Alderman voted 5-0 during their meeting last week to fine Bobby Hardy, owner of Hardy Tires at 297 W Beacon St, starting Monday until he removes old tires,

equipment, rubbish and other junk from the premises.

On Monday, Mayor James A. Young reported that progress was being made.

“He has made some major improvements,” Young said. “He is moving some stuff. If this continues, I would say he will be in compliance by Tuesday or Wednesday.”

The city says Hardy is in violation of city and DEQ standards. City leaders have been

talking with Hardy for several months in an effort to get him to clean the area behind his shop and surrounding lots where more is kept.

Hardy has come before the board several times to discuss the matter and city officials have visited him at his business.

Letters on the matter have been delivered. At the start of the year, Hardy was given 90 days to fix the problem and time ran out Tuesday night.

It was acknowledged then that some efforts have been made to clean up the area but there is much to do.

“We need to do whatever we need to do to make something happen,” Ward 2 alderman Jim Fulton said.

“It’s not acceptable,” said Ward 1 alderman Joe Tullios. “All of the other tire shops in the city comply or are very close to being in compliance with the DEQ. Everybody else has to

abide by the rules and he has been given plenty of time.”

The board voted to levy a \$500 per day fine, Monday through Friday until Hardy gets the property into compliance. They voted for the fine to start as of Monday.

Tullios made the motion and Cassie Henson Hickman seconded it. It passed 5-0.

Hardy was not present at the start of the meeting but came in later. He was not pleased with

the decision.

“I just happen to be in the middle of town,” Hardy said. “I have been there for over 50 years. I don’t understand this. You asked me how long it would take to clean up and I said 90 days, if the weather was good. The weather has not been good.”

Runoff election set for April 27 for Ward 4 alderman seat

By STAFF REPORTS

One race for alderman is decided, another is headed to an April 27 runoff and three other races will be decided in the June 8 General Election after Philadelphia voters went to the polls in municipal party primaries on Tuesday, April 6.

Incumbent Philadelphia Mayor James A. Young won the Democrat Party nomination with 53.3% of the vote to seek a fourth term and will face Republican Leo E. Renaldo in the June 8 General Election. (See story, 1A.)

In total, 1,207 votes were cast in Tuesday’s Democrat and Republican primaries. Of that total, 1,161 were cast on Election Day, 46 were absentee and approximately 10 were affidavits.

Below is a breakdown of the voting in the races for aldermen races:

Ward 3 Alderman

In the race for Ward 3 Alderman, a total of 171 votes were cast in the Democrat primary.

James Tatum earned 94 votes or 54.97% to win the nomination over Darryl Young, who got 76 votes, or 44.44%.

Tatum will face Republican Wright Griffiths, who without a challenger, got 58 votes, or 100%, with the winner filling the seat being vacated by Ronnie Jenkins.

Ward 4 Alderman

Ruthie Nash and Ajatha Nichols are headed to an April 27 runoff in the Democrat primary race for Ward 4 Alderman.

Nash, who got 100 votes, or 24.51%, of the total 408 votes cast in that race, will face Ajatha Nichols, who received 129 votes, or 31.62%, of the total in that race.

The other Democratic candi-

dates in the Ward 4 race, Rudolph Tatum got 94 votes or 23.04%, and Shanayah Carter got 74 votes or 18.14%.

The winner of the April 27 runoff between Nash and Nichols will face independent candidate Shaun Seales in the June 8 general election.

Ward 1 Alderman

Republican Justin Lewis Clearman was the sole candidate for the Ward 1 position to fill the seat being vacated by Joe Tullios. Clearman got 119 votes or 100% of the votes in that race.

Ward 2 Alderman

Incumbent Ward 2 alderman Jim Fulton got 163 votes or 98.79% of the total 165 votes in that race and did not have a Republican primary opponent.

Fulton will face Democrat Mangold Washington III in the June 8 general election.

Washington got 93 votes or

98.86% of the 96 total votes cast in the Democratic primary Ward 2 race.

Alderman-at-Large

Incumbent Democrat Leroy Clemons got 745 votes or 98.94% of 752 total votes cast and will face Republican James

Carson Waltman in the general election.

Waltman got 349 votes, or 99.43%, of the 351 votes in the Republican primary for the Alderman-at-Large seat.

Registration, absentee deadlines

The last day to register for the June 8 general election is May 10. The deadline for in-person absentee voting is noon June 5 and absentee ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the municipal clerk’s office within five business days.



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Local legislators vote for teacher pay raise

By STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Mississippi legislators agreed on a teacher pay raise plan and it was signed by Gov. Tate Reeves last month.

House Bill 852 gives most teachers and teachers’ assistants a \$1,000 pay raise. Newer teachers would get \$1,100.

Sen. Jenifer Branning, Rep. C. Scott Bounds, both Republicans, voted for the bill as did Rep. Michael Ted Evans, an independent.

The House passed the final

version of the bill agreeing to changes made by the Senate.

“Advancing the teacher pay raise bill to the Governor’s desk was the right thing to do,” Republican Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann said.

“Our teachers deserve a salary increase, particularly after their efforts on behalf of kids during the pandemic.”

House Speaker Philip Gunn, a Republican, praised the House for passing the bill — and he leveled criticism at the Senate.

“The Senate sent back an amended version of our original

bill, which provides less money for certain teachers,” Gunn wrote on Twitter.

Mississippi has long had some of the lowest teacher salaries in the nation. According to the Southern Regional Education Board, the average teacher salary in the U.S. for 2018-19 was \$62,304. For Mississippi, the average was \$45,105.

The current pay raise proposal is similar to one that stalled last year after the coronavirus pandemic created uncertainty about state spending.



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EDITORIALS

Progress on a four-lane

There was much celebration last week as ground was officially broken on the \$35.6-million work to four-lane Mississippi 19 into town from Tucker.

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

Marty Stuart was on hand. The country music legend sees the progress.

“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.”

With Stuart’s Congress of Country Music underway downtown, getting more people to town faster is good.

When completed and fully funded, the Congress of Country Music is expected to be a well of inspiration as a music venue surrounded by memorabilia from the likes of Dolly Parton and Johnny Cash.

“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 County.

“The folks of Philadelphia and Neshoba County have been waiting for at least 40 years for this.”

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

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 — and a thought for a few more decades.

Philadelphia remains one of the few cities of its size and stature without four-lane access.

The bypass is key to any future expansion at Philadelphia’s Weyerhaeuser mill, company officials have said for years following a \$57.3 million modernization.

We must keep telling our story and making a strong case for the jobs that could come with better transportation.

While the groundbreaking was one of the biggest days in the life of Neshoba County, much work remains to be done with regard to four-lanes.

What a wonderful day, but sometimes it seems like it’s going to be another 40 years before we see a four-line that connects to an interstate highway, but we’re not giving up.

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Putin, Xi have red lines, too

What are Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping up to?

In recent days, Russian tanks, artillery, armor, trucks and troops have been moving by road and rail ever closer to Ukraine, and Moscow is said to be repositioning its 56th Guards Air Assault Brigade in Crimea.

Military sources in Kyiv estimate there are now 85,000 Russian troops between six and 25 miles from Ukraine’s northern and eastern borders.

“I have real concerns about Russia’s actions on the borders of Ukraine. There are more Russian forces massed on those borders than at any time since 2014 when Russia first invaded,” said Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Sunday’s “Meet the Press.” Blinken added this warning:

“President Biden’s been very clear about this. If Russia acts recklessly, or aggressively, there will be costs, there will be consequences.”

What “costs” and what “consequences” were left unstated.

Earlier, Biden personally assured President Volodymyr Zelensky of America’s “unwavering support for Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity in the face of Russia’s ongoing aggression in the Donbass and Crimea.”

What does that mean?

When Putin was a young KGB officer, the Black Sea was a virtual Soviet lake, dominated in the west by Warsaw Pact members Bulgaria and Romania, and on the north and east by the USSR. Turkey occupied the south bank.

Today, three of the six countries that front on the Black Sea — Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey — are NATO members. Two of the others, Ukraine and Georgia, openly aspire to become members of NATO.

If Russia feels a sense of loss and forced isolation, who can blame them?

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Russian military buildup suggests that it is more of a message to the U.S., NATO than an invasion.

Putin seems to be saying: Ukraine’s admission to NATO or a stationing of U.S. or NATO forces in that country would cross a red line for Russia. And we will not rule out military action to prevent or counter it.

The record suggests that Putin is not bluffing.

We have been here twice before.

In 2008, when Georgia invaded South Ossetia, a province that had broken free of Georgia in the 1990s, Putin sent troops into South Ossetia, drove the Georgians out, and then invaded Georgia and occupied part of that country as an object lesson.

And though the U.S. had regarded Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili as a friend and Georgia as a potential NATO ally, George W. Bush did nothing.

Again, in 2014, when a U.S.-backed coup overthrew the elected and pro-Russian regime in Kyiv, Putin occupied and annexed Crimea and assisted pro-Russian rebels in the Donbass in breaking free of Kyiv’s control.

In short, when it comes to Ukraine, Russia has demonstrated that it has its own red lines, which it will back up with military action.

The U.S. and NATO, however, have shown repeatedly that while they will give moral support and provide military aid to Ukraine, they are not going to fight Russia over Ukraine, or to wrest Crimea or the Donbass from Putin’s control.

A similar test is taking place in the South and East China seas.

Also on Sunday’s “Meet the Press,” Blinken was asked if the United States would fight to defend Taiwan, which is being harassed and threatened by Xi Jinping’s China, which claims

the island as its sovereign national territory.

“Are we prepared to defend Taiwan militarily?” NBC’s Chuck Todd asked.

Blinken’s response: “What we’ve seen, and what is of real concern to us, is increasingly aggressive actions by the government in Beijing directed at Taiwan, raising tensions in the Straits. And we have a commitment to Taiwan under the Taiwan Relations Act ... All I can tell you is it would be a serious mistake for anyone to try to change the existing status quo by force.”

Since Biden’s presidency began, China has been sending military aircraft, fighters and bombers, into Taiwanese air space, circumnavigating the island with warships, and openly warning that any declaration of independence by Taipei would mean war with Beijing.

Thus, Russia has made clear what it would fight to prevent — Ukraine’s accession to NATO and NATO troops on its soil. And China has made clear what its red line is, what it would fight to prevent — the declared independence of Taiwan.

But U.S. policy in both cases seems to be one of “strategic ambiguity,” leaving the issue open as to what we would do.

A question arises: Are Putin’s Russia and Xi’s China, with their advantages of geographic proximity, threatening military action to jointly test the resolve of the Biden administration, and colluding to do so — one in Ukraine, the other in the South and East China Seas?

And, should we fight for Ukraine, how many NATO allies would be there beside us? And should we fight to keep Taiwan free, how many Asian allies would fight China alongside us?

Recent actions by Putin and Xi make the questions no longer academic.

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 18, 1941

The eight honor seniors selected at Philadelphia High School were announced by Superintendent S.A. Brasfield. Phyllis Johnson was announced as Valedictorian and Sara Moak as Salutatorian. Martha Kate Land, Jo Beth Majure, J.D. Harpole, Marie Williamson, Sarah Kathleen Posey and Chandler Franks were selected as outstanding seniors in addition to the valedictorian and salutatorian.

APRIL 12, 1951

Tim M. Fulton, with the U.S. Navy, stationed at San Diego, California entered service recently, being sent to the west coast base for his basic training. Seaman Fulton is a graduate of Philadelphia High School. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Burford Fulton and for a number of years has made his home with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fulton of Philadelphia.

APRIL 13, 1961

Reba Annette Johnson, seventh grade pupil in the Coldwater School was winner in the County Forestry Contest sponsored by the State Forest Service and then first place winner in the District contest, comprising 17 counties in this section of the state. Reba Annette was given an award of \$30 in prize money.

APRIL 16, 1971

Neshoba Central gave out

the annual basketball awards at their banquet. The recipients were; Kent Warren, Glen Hancock, Barry Donner, and David Fulton. The coaches are; Don Cunningham, head coach. Jerry Jones, junior high coach.

APRIL 9, 1981

Prentice Copeland, County Superintendent, congratulates Shelby Smith, supervisor/instructor of Adult Education for the Neshoba County Schools, on receiving the Adult Education Teacher of the Year Award at the recent state meeting. This award is presented annually at the teacher’s meeting.

Tracy Donald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Donald, was the first all-around state sectional champion in the 12-14 age division of the Mississippi Gymnastics Championships in Jackson. Tracy won 1st place in floor exercise; first place in vault; first place on the balance beam and first place on bars. She is a student at Neshoba Central Elementary School.

APRIL 17, 1991

Pearl River Elementary School held their annual Science Fair. The winners of the fifth grade are; Freeman John, honorable mention; Allie Alex, honorable mention; Dusti Jimmie, honorable mention, Lindsey Gibson, First place; Corey Bell, third place; Jennifer Brown, third place, Nyron Thomas, first place, Alan Mar-

tin, honorable mention; Rusty Jim, first place; Dominic Hernandez, second place; and Lionel Dan, second place. Laura Jenkins is the science teacher.

APRIL 11, 2001

East Central Community College co-captains, Turk Stovall and Justin Reed, accepted the trophy for beating East Mississippi Community College 7-6 for the Judge’s Cup from ECCC athletic trainer, Joey McLeod.

The first members of MSU-Meridian’s Phi Alpha Honor Society are; Stephen Clay, Meridian; Robbie Lawson, Collinsville; Annette Lewis, Philadelphia; Joy Clayton; Meridian; Gene Coleman, Meridian; and Amanda McCarty, Philadelphia.

APRIL 13, 2011

Dylan Peden, a senior at Neshoba Central High School, recently competed in the North State Powerlifting Competition in Ridgeland. He placed first in the 123 pound weight classification. He will compete at the Powerlifting State Championship. The Powerlifting Coach at Neshoba Central is John Mullins.

The Regional Reading Fair was held in Jackson and Muriel Collins and Kole Henry of Union Middle School, placed first in their division and will move on to the state competition.

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BIBLE SELECTION

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

— Romans 3:23-24 (ESV)

Volunteers camp in RVs, renovate local church

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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When people retire, they don't usually plan to spend several months away from home each year doing construction work on, say, a church in a rural Neshoba County.

But for members of the Church Mobilization ministry of the Assemblies of God, it's something they enjoy as they see new sights and meet new friends.

"A lot of people see what we do as a great sacrifice," said Ed Kleppinger, a resident of Missouri. "But honestly, it's not a sacrifice at all. It's a blessing. We have developed relationships and made new friends in the four years I have been involved in this ministry."

Ed and his wife Glenda are in Neshoba County along with three other couples as part of the Church Mobilization ministry. They are helping the Great Commission Assembly of God church with its renovation of the former Friendship Assembly of God church building located on Mississippi 19 South.

Great Commission Assembly of God came into being when the congregations of Friendship and First Assembly of God churches merged on Dec. 1.

At the time of the merger, the members of the churches became members of Great Commission. There are currently 40 members.

"Right now, we are meeting in the First Assembly building," said pastor Austin Bishop.

"When we finish, we will move into this building. It's bigger, and we needed more room. We will keep the First Assembly of God building located at 10141 Herman Alford Memorial Parkway near Northside Park as an outreach center."

Bishop was previously pastor of the First Assembly Church. He became pastor of Great Commission at the merger.

Joining the Kleppingers are Tommy and Diane Hobson of Louisiana, Lonny and Sandra Franklin Hines of Arkansas, and Melvin and Sherry Watson of Terry. Sherry is there when she can be but is involved in taking care of family members at home.

Currently, the parking lot of the former Friendship Assembly of God church resembles an RV



The Church Mobilization Assembly of God ministry is in Neshoba County, helping with the renovation of the Great Commission Assembly of God building, formerly the Friendship Assembly of God on Highway 19 south. Pictured are, from left, Melvin and Sherry Watson of Terry, Ed Kleppinger of Missouri, Tommy and Sherry Hines of Arkansas and Tommy and Sandra Hines of Louisiana. The pastor is Austin Bishop.

campground.

The couples have parked their motor homes there and that's where they stay during the week. While some go home during the weekend, Lonny and Sandra usually stay and attend church services at Great Commission on Sundays.

Rev. Bishop and Melvin Watson are longtime friends. They have traveled on the foreign mission field in the past, including a trip to Africa.

Bishop knew about the Church Mobilization ministry. It is a ministry of the Assembly of God. When Great Commission church decided to renovate the old Friendship building, they applied to the ministry for help.

"There was nothing wrong with the building but some things

needed to be updated and repaired," Bishop said. "We were blessed to have the financial means to do this first phase."

"We are renovating the brick building which includes the sanctuary, two new bathrooms, the greeting area, the foyer, the walkway entranceway and the signage. Some repairs are being made to the metal building (which provides space for a gym, as well as a kitchen and classrooms). When done, there will be a new sound system and audiovisual display."

There is no charge for the labor provided by the volunteers. The volunteers cover their travel and living costs.

"The mission is to go out and help people physically build churches," said Rev. Watson who

is a missionary with the Assemblies of God and oversees the project.

"We remodel and build church facilities and church properties. Right now, we have more than 100 projects going on across the country. There are a lot of new or metal building projects. After the building goes up, we go in and build out the inside."

"All of the volunteers are RVers and they are all retired," Watson said. "They travel at their own expense to go where they have to go. We own our RVs."

Workweeks are usually 4 1/2 days. Monday through Thursday are six-hour days and it's a half-day on Friday. Everyone understands their role, Watson said.

"From the start, the church understands we are not their general lock and key contractor. The agreement is for their people to come alongside us and help us get finished as soon as we can," Watson said.

"This ministry is seasonal. A lot of our volunteers are snowbirds. They live up north and like to come south to get away from the cold weather. So, it is usually under a two-year agreement for a new church building."

Watson has been in the ministry as a missionary for 30 years. For the past 11 years, he has been a part of the Church Mobilization ministry during which he has worked on 35 projects. Not only does he work but it's his job to oversee the work the other volunteers are doing.

"My trade since I was 18 years old has been drywall and

Police searching for alleged phone thief

By DUNCAN DENT
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A man suspected of taking a cell phone from a convenience store earlier this month has been charged, but police are still looking for him and not identifying him publicly.

Philadelphia Police Detective Bobby Pattillo said they are not releasing the suspect's name at this time. "We aren't releasing his name until he's taken into custody," Pattillo said.

Surveillance footage shows a male suspect picking up the phone, concealing it in his sweater and leaving the



Surveillance footage shows this theft suspect.

Chevron at Holland and Main on April 3, PPD said in a Facebook post.

"Public, we need your help! On Saturday, April 3, a phone was taken from the Chevron Store at Main Street and Holland Avenue," the post said.

"Upon investigation, we have footage of a male suspect picking up the phone, concealing it in his sweater and leaving the store."

Anyone with any information is urged to call the Philadelphia Police Department at 601-656-2131 or Crime Stoppers at 1-855-485-8477.

OBITUARIES

Eileen Ben Billie

Graveside service for Ms. Eileen Ben Billie was held at 2 PM Sunday, April 11, 2021 at Hope Indian Baptist Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Ms. Billie, 85, passed away Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at UMMC in Jackson, MS. She loved gardening, yard sales, cooking, and cleaning, making jam and canning, also loved being with family and traveling.

Preceded in death by, parents, Monroe Ben and Lorene McMillian Ben; spouse, Paul Billie; daughter, Mattie Mae Ben; sons, David Lee Ben, Andrew Lee Willis Jr.; sisters, Lula Mae Farmer, Minnie Ben; brothers, Willie Dee Ben, John Ben Sr., Cicero Billie.

Survivors include, daughters, Marion Marie Wilson, Rose Marie Ben, Nellie Sam, Nannie Mae Willis; sons, Jimmy Lee

Ben, Elvin Ben; sister, Inez Ben Willis; (43) grandchildren, (109) great-grandchildren, (10) great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers: Evan Whitecrow, Brodie Ben, Kazden Henry, Rian Willis, Demetrius Willis, Hayden Farmer, Mario Ben, Davien Billy.

Sylvia Lynn Johnson

Graveside service for Ms. Sylvia Lynn Johnson will be held at 2 PM Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at Conehatta Community Cemetery. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Ms. Johnson, 54, passed away Saturday, April 10, 2021 at

her home. She was preceded in death by her parents, Goldman Jefferson and Mellie Dixon; sisters, Cindy Jefferson, Mary Sue Jefferson; brothers, Bobby Jefferson, Robert Jefferson.

Survivors include, daughters, Fallon Johnson, Sylendria Fireplace, Meloni Johnson; son, Billy Wayne Johnson, Jr.; sister, Minnie Shoemake; brother, Leran Jefferson, Sr.; 6 grandchildren.

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Luke 24:50-53

In this passage the Lord Jesus blesses his disciples before ascending into heaven. He had appeared to his disciples after being raised from the dead. When He first appeared to them, He said to them, "Peace to you!" (verse 36)

In your life you might have wonderful pronouncements from someone. You might hear compliments that are encouraging, or the affectionate "I love you," from someone whom you love. I recently heard a lady, who was 20 years old when WWII ended, tell me it was a feeling she will never forget when she heard the war was over.

But there is no pronouncement like the Son of God saying, "Peace to you." At that point the disciples didn't understand it. Jesus knows they are troubled and full of doubts (verse 38). So he shows them his hands and feet. He is not a just a spirit. His body has been raised. And it means peace for them.

Jesus is not ashamed of his wounds inflicted upon Him from the cross. He has conquered death, and accomplished the peace God promised in Moses and the prophets, which the angels also announced at his birth (Luke 2). He is alive forevermore, and all who believe in him will be also. He has paid in full the debt of sin.

The disciples loved Jesus, but they could not understand his dying, especially upon the cross, the sign of one accursed of God. So Jesus explains the Scriptures and opens their minds to understand why he had to suffer (verses 44-45). It had to have been a humbling, yet joyful thing to hear the Lord explaining he had to die for their sin, and he loved them this way so they could be with God forever.

Moreover, Jesus tells them they are witnesses of all that has happened, and of the Scriptures, so they are commissioned to "proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem (verses 47-48)." There is indemnity to be proclaimed from heaven to sinners; they will have no legal liability to God through Christ Jesus.

Jesus tells the disciples that he will send the promise of the Father, which means the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will empower

the disciples and convict men of the truth. Men are slaves to sin until Christ makes them free. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. That which is born of flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Without the Spirit we can do nothing.

Therefore, we owe all to God for our salvation. He has given us Christ for our sin and corruption; the Spirit to make us wise for salvation. Christ is risen indeed, so when he blesses the disciples (verse 50), they are blessed indeed.

In Numbers 6, the priestly benediction was, "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 and give you peace." After this the Lord says that his name shall be upon the people and that he will bless them. In Revelation 22, we read that in the new heaven and new earth, Christians shall see the face of the Lord, and his name will be on their foreheads."

How do we apply this? It is vital, as the apostle Peter writes in his 2nd epistle, is to "make your calling and election sure." You have to act on God's word; practice genuine repentance and produce fruit in keeping with faith. Peter tells us growth comes by looking to what is promised in heaven, and by remembering you have been cleansed from sin.

In the parable of the great banquet, Jesus warns that many will refuse the invitation to come and eat with the Master because of preoccupation with other things. So he sends servants to invite the afflicted, lame, crippled, and blind men. Those who come to Christ, and look ahead to seeing him, live as those cured of an affliction by Christ. Make sure of your place at the table.

The apostles worshipped Christ, and had great joy (verse 53). In those he blesses, the Lord Jesus expects adoration. Your life as a Christian may be filled with trouble (and the apostles would face many troubles), but the peace Christ proclaimed endures. So we need to endure in the faith, endeavoring to love Christ and honor his name as the first thing we practice in our life.

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Aldermen approve \$737K paving plan for city

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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A \$737,771 paving plan was approved by the Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Aldermen last week.

Streets Superintendent Rex Savell provided aldermen with a list of streets to be repaved which they approved.

The repaving project will be paid for as part of the \$1.2 million bond issue the city approved last year, and from \$140,000 received over the past year and a half from the Internet Sales Tax rebate.

Here are the streets slated for the repaving program listed by wards:

Ward 1

- North Evergreen Avenue/Indian Hospital Street to the pavement change.
- Indian Hospital Street/Columbus Avenue to Evergreen Avenue.

Ward 2

- Carla Drive/Knight Street to the cul-de-sac.
- Tommy Drive/Golf Course to Macy Street.
- Line Street/Range Avenue to Holland Avenue.

Ward 3

- Jerico Street/Lewis Avenue to Pearl Avenue.
- Gum Street/Barrier Avenue to county maintenance.
- Weyerhaeuser Street/Lewis Avenue to bridge.
- Range Avenue/Weyer-

haeuser Street to Hospital Road.

Ward 4

- Martin Luther King Drive/Border Street to Ivy Street.
 - Ivy Street/Windstar to Sportsman Club.
 - Carver Avenue/MLK to Community Building.
 - Rea Street/North Railroad to Carver Avenue.
- “The list was determined by priorities,” Mayor James Young said. “Those streets needed it the most. And we didn’t get all of the streets that needed to be repaved. Those were the most traveled and that’s how Rex determined which were to be repaved at this time. We can’t do them all in one year but this will be a major improvement.”
- In other matters, aldermen

voted to:

- Approve the minutes of the prior meeting and the claims docket.
- Approve the hiring of Allen and Hoshall of Jackson to work on two CDBC applications. If approved, the money would go toward making city buildings more handicap accessible.
- Approve to pay poll workers \$125 per day. Aldermen also voted to pay workers on the resolution board \$50 per day.
- Approve a road bore for C Spire along Range Avenue to Line Street to St. Francis to Holland Avenue.
- Approve paying Waggoner Engineering \$1,247.
- Table an application of employment for the Streets Department for two weeks.

- Approve a rezoning request from the property owners at 525 Ivy St. to change the lot from R1 to R4. The owner plans to open a daycare. There were no objections at the public hearing where the matter was discussed.
- Approve for the city building official to attend the summer conference June 13-18, at Biloxi. The city will cover registration and travel expenses.
- Approve to pay DLC Tree and Land Service to remove a large tree that has died next to the graveyard at a cost of \$2,500. Mayor Young was afraid the tree would fall and damage the tombstones.
- Approve to pay DLC Tree and Land Service \$6,300 to remove nine trees from DeWeese Park to make way for a walkway

- to the Fallen Veterans Memorial.
- Approve the payment of two claims from the St. Francis Drive bridge project. One was for \$67,312 to McGee Construction Co., and the other was for \$31,810 to Crowder Engineering. The money comes from the DFA Bridge Project account.
- Approve the hiring of two police officers, Adam Joe as a sergeant at \$16.09, and Caleb Willis as patrolman first class at \$13.61. Aldermen also approved for training and travel expenses for officer David Turk and Sgt. Josh Ray to attend firearms instruction training classes at Mississippi Delta Community College.

COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 4/5-4/12

- Memory Nicole Beckham, 42, of 6331 CO 382; hold for other agency
- Tyderius Boler, 18, of 100 Red Oak Drive; failure to appear
- Ronald J Burrage, 53, no address listed; possession of marijuana-1st offense
- Shirdes Lekia Clemons, 42, of 326 North Street, Union; failure to pay, contributing to the delinquency of minor X2
- Kimberly Michelle Crocker, 35, of 11164 RD 351; disorderly conduct
- Morris Davis, 64, of 528 Valley View Dr; speeding-1 to 20 miles over limit, no drivers license, no insurance, careless driving
- Juquanda Mishay Euell, 37, of 252 Valley Vista Drive, Jackson; public drunk
- Jerry Lee Harton, 58, of 172 Wells BD, Brooksville; driving under influence-3rd offense felony, suspended drivers license, speeding-1 to 20 miles over limit, no insurance
- Terriance Dnado Hunter, 33, of 4119 Varlom St Apt B; grand larceny, more than \$1000.00, possession of a controlled substance within correctional
- Sanqarell Jernigan, 42, of 10083 RD 145; disturbance of family, domestic violence simple assault-1st
- Marisa M Mingo, 36, of 217 Bates Rd; driving under the influence-2nd offense
- Lakreesha Breabra Patty, 22, of 4419 Pleasant Grove Rd, Little Rock; failure to appear
- Rodney Perkins, 37, of 11001 Hwy 215, Union; hold for other agency
- Kenneth Wayne Ray Jr, 23, of 10211 RD 315; possession of marijuana-vehicle, false ID information, possession of controlled substance
- Cindy Riddle, 49, of 100 Sistrunk; aggravated assault-manifest extreme indifference to life
- Marlon Shannon, 33, of 10361 RD 632; hold-circuit court
- Kenneth Eugene Simpson Sr, 52, of 597 West Tucker Cir; contempt of court
- Jason Gordon Thomas, 47, of 232 Goatranch Rd; driving under the influence-2nd offense, no insurance, suspended drivers license
- Bradley Anthony, 46, of 1107 Tank St; possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia
- Perry Thomas Carter, 35,

- of 316 Beech Street; serving sentence
- Alyssa Chicaway, 28, of 34 Choctaw Circle, Conehatta; contempt of court
- April Clark, 30, of 10160 RD 349; child neglect
- Bailey Cumberland, 20, of 2097 495 North, DeKalb; no charges listed
- Christopher Gill, 26, of 222 MLK Dr; weekender
- Keith Goodin, 55, of 10751 RD 452; driving under the influence other substance second offense, possession of marijuana-vehicle
- Billy J Gordon, 51, of 14391 RD 488; trespassing
- Deterius Griffin, 23, of 10830 RD 632; failure to appear
- Leshon Hopkins, 48, of 16 Hale Street, Macon; contempt of court
- Richard Lynn Hopson, 42, of 51 Old Rock Rd, Lauderdale; serving sentence
- Tesia Hopson, 31, of 157 Old Rock Rd, Lauderdale; driving under the influence-1st offense, speeding-1 to 20 miles over limit, no drivers license
- Alvin Isom, 33, of 912 W Tucker Circuit; failure to appear
- Jamie Ray John, 47, of 10270 RD 604; failure to appear
- Markeith Damon Jones, 25, of 1258 Hwy 429, Carthage; public drunk, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, disturbing the peace, public profanity
- Megan Morris, 29, of 527 Lamar Circle; child neglect
- Amanda Latoya Robinson, 33, of 10220 RD 430, Union; failure to appear
- Deanna Robinson, 32, of 105 Rolling Hills Gove; seat belt violation
- Traveion Shamar Wingo, 21, of 10240 RD 1131; failure to appear
- Curtis Deshun Yarbough, 35, of 61 Kennedy Avenue, Louisville; child endangerment X3, driving under the influence-1st offense, reckless

driving, suspended drivers license

Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 4/5-4/11

- Joseph N Barnett, 24, of 14573 Hwy 21 South; contempt of court-municipal court
- Robert K Blacks, 32, of 16251 Hwy 15 North; domestic violence-simple assault-1st or 2nd offense
- Ronald J Burrage, 63, of 10021 RD 513; simple assault-attempt by physical menace to create fear
- Larry P Clemons, 45, of 100 Sistrunk Ave Lot 9; simple assault-attempt by physical menace to create fear
- Antonio Cole, 34, of 10641 RD 456; disorderly conduct-disturbance of family
- Hope M Cumberland, 20, of 406 S Decatur St, Union; controlled substance-possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle, controlled substance-possession of paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance
- Delanouka V Dixon, 40, of 174 Frog Level Rd; contempt of court-municipal court
- Justin W Dorman, 31, of 509 Valley View Dr; disorderly conduct-disturbing the peace
- Arnold K Ellington, 31, of

- 5473 Attala Rd 3111 West; hold-detainer for other agency
- Desmond C Gibson, 23, of 105 Saint Francis Dr; civil contempt-failure to appear or complete jury service
- Kelonda R Jordan, 30, of 105 St Francis Drive Apt 14; contempt of court-municipal court
- Dustin T Malone, 36, of 10401 RD 1339; possession

- of controlled substance, large-ny-trespass less than-joyriding, disorderly conduct-disturbance of family, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct-breaching peace with a willful and wanton disregard for the life or safety of another
- Monica Solomon, 40, of

- 127 Otha Cove, Conehatta; DUI-2nd offense
- Dorsia S Talley, 29, of 10030 RD 1303, Union; false pretenses
- Derek Thompson, 38, of 935 Hugh Mitchell Rd, Conehatta; hold-detainer for other agency

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First Lady taps Gray as ‘Florist of the Month’

By SCOTT HAWKINS
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Young Philadelphia florist Madden Gray started working in floral arrangements when he was just 15 and this month found himself decorating the Mississippi Governor’s Mansion.

Gray, 22, who owns and operates MG & Company, a gifts, home, floral and design store on the square in Philadelphia, put in an application after one of his customers sent him an email in late February with information about Mississippi First Lady Ellee Reeves’ Florist of the Month program.

On the first Monday of April, Gray was decorating the Mansion with floral arrangements in five rooms.

Gray said he is honored to be chosen for the program that was instituted by the First Lady after she and Gov. Tate Reeves moved into the mansion.

Gray said he was not intimidated by the prospect of providing the flower arrangements for five rooms each week of April.

“It was neat though,” Gray said of learning he had been chosen. “I was like, ‘Oh my word!’ It is just such an honor to do.”

Gray started working in floral arrangement approximately seven years ago.

“I am just kind of self-taught really,” Gray said. “I go online just looking at videos and that type of thing. Trial and error.”

Gray fell into the business through his parents, Wes and Melissa Gray, who had a restaurant called Pete and Kate’s in Stallo that had a gift shop in one corner.

“When that closed, I had to



Philadelphia’s Madden Gray is creating floral arrangements at the Mississippi Governor’s Mansion this month.

have something to do with the gifts, so I started opening little booths everywhere,” Gray said. “That just kind of got that started and that led up to storefront.”

Gray then operated a gift booth in a florist shop in Philadelphia before he opened his own shop MG & Company.

Since then, MG & Company has been featured in Mississippi Magazine having been voted best home decor store in 2018 and 2019 and having been featured in the magazine’s M List

numerous times.

MG opened a second location in Louisville last October.

As for decorating the governor’s mansion, Gray said, “It was so fun. I loved it.”

For preparation, Gray said the Mansion staff sent him specifications for the space for which he is providing floral arrangements.

“They sent me container sizes and all the measurements and pictures of what I was supposed to be doing,” Gray said.

“I got prepped with all my

designs and figured out what kind of flowers I was going to be using, color schemes every week, how we were going to change it out and make it different every week.”

Gray said he is especially honored to be the florist of the month for April because this is the first month the Mansion has been opened for tourists since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March 2020.

Gray is responsible for floral arrangements in the foyer, two restrooms, the first lady’s office

and a sitting room.

“The foyer arrangement is like a large arrangement for where everybody walks in,” Gray said. “They all kind of match in some way. I like that.”

As the weeks go on, however, Gray said he will mix it up.

“They will be a little bit different,” Gray said of the week-to-week arrangements.

“This week we used hydrangeas and after Easter just kind of pastel this week. Then when we get toward the end of April we will do more summery

bright. One week we are going to do all white and green magnolias. That is kind of like our signature look. All white and green.”

Ann Beard, chief of staff for First Lady Reeves, said the first lady instituted the Florist of the Month program to give a variety of the state’s florists a chance to provide arrangements for the mansion while in the past first ladies had only one florist through the term.

“The First Lady thought it would be a good idea to be a florist for the month,” Beard said, adding the florists get a budget from which to work for their designated month. “It is a nice perk for them to get a little bit of free publicity. We post to Instagram and Facebook.”

The program is open to any florist in the state.

“It has been really well received,” Beard said. “We’ve had florists from Vicksburg, Meridian and throughout the state. Contact me and I’ll get you set up.”

Beard said she and the first lady are pleased with Gray’s early work.

“I think they are beautiful,” Beard said of the arrangements.

“I enjoyed meeting him. He has done a great job, and I look forward to what he might come up with next.”

Gray said he is excited by the opportunity.

“It is an honor to be able to do that at the mansion,” Gray said. “For everybody to see your design — the tours started back April 1. For everybody to see those, to be able to make something special every week for them, it is an honor to be able to do that.”



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munication among organizations and the Mississippi Wireless Information Network (MSWIN) was born.

MSWIN was designed with a simple, straightforward objective: Get the right information to

the right people, in the right place, at the right time, according to the MSWIN website.

“With this objective in mind, the MSWIN system is a robust architecture with disaster recovery features that will provide reliable communications under extreme conditions such as hurricanes, ice storms, and floods,” their website says.

To date, 68 of Mississippi’s 82 counties are members of MSWIN and the MSWIN radio system offers reliable digital communications throughout the state, including in rural areas such as Neshoba County, Clark said.

How do you eat an elephant?

Clark said he had a lot of time to think about his priorities and goals when he was running for office and using the old adage, “How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time,” he created a drawing of an elephant with pieces of the elephant sectioned off for each of his goals.

Among those goals were getting marked patrol units, fleet tracking, uniform policies, increased patrols, increased training opportunities and working closely with other agencies on drug enforcement, all of which have been accomplished in 2020.

For 2021, Clark wanted to adopt a policy manual, obtain body cameras, obtain a live scan fingerprint machine, implement a career ladder with competitive salaries, uniformed collection and storage and becoming National Incident Based Reporting System compliant to work with the FBI, all of which has been accomplished or is in the works.

Clark’s elephant graphic is no longer in his office since most of the goals have been accomplished, with the exception of three on the “To do list”:

- To obtain Mississippi Department of Corrections accreditation to allow housing of joint county and state inmates;
 - Implement a tag reader program;
 - Get MSWIN radios.
- “My biggest accomplishment will be the MSWIN radios,” Clark said.

Making the switch

Making the switch to the MSWIN system, Clark said, would require buying a base unit, 20 car radios and 20 portable radios.

“There is no rent on the repeaters, and no cost on upkeeping the equipment,” Clark said, adding the MSWIN system is on the state contract system, which means everyone pays the same price.

To make the switch, Clark said it would cost Neshoba County \$100,000.

“The first payment can be deferred a year,” Clark said, “and the payments spread over five years.”

Clark said he believes the positives of switching to the MSWIN would outweigh the downsides.

Currently, the Neshoba County Sheriff’s Office is communicating with other agencies in the county, such as Philadelphia police and fire departments and the county’s volunteer fire departments through central dispatch.

Neshoba County’s Emergency Management is the only county entity with MSWIN equipment, thanks to Katrina.

Countywide communications
County Administrator Jeff

Mayo agreed that switching to the MSWIN system would have plusses and minuses for the county.

“MSWIN offers some interoperability with state agencies,” Mayo said. He also said the county would relinquish some control of the overall communications system by switching.

Mayo said the county’s 12 volunteer fire departments would not be able to communicate with the Sheriff’s Office if the sheriff’s office switched to the MSWIN system unless all 12 volunteer fire departments went to the MSWIN system as well.

“We would have to look at it as a county,” Mayo said. “While all agencies have interoperability on VHS they wouldn’t on MSWIN.”

Clark said communication with the volunteer fire departments could be handled through the central dispatch.

Philadelphia going to MSWIN

Both the Philadelphia fire and police departments are considering changing to the MSWIN system soon.

“It is just a better system,” said Pierce Clark, fire chief for Philadelphia. “Everybody is going to it, and we don’t want to be left behind.”

Pierce Clark said the Philadelphia Fire Department has been using the MSWIN system for a few years in addition to the older radio system.

“In the last six months, we have probably paid \$15,000 in maintenance on our system,” Pierce Clark said. “The system is old and we are going to do away with that.”

Pierce Clark said he hopes to move to the MSWIN system in the next couple of months and that they are currently getting price estimates on the equipment.

Philadelphia Police Chief Eric Lyon said the police department plans to move to the MSWIN system when the fire department does.

Pierce Clark and Lyon said their respective departments both communicate frequently via radio with the Neshoba County Sheriff’s Office.

Funding

Eric Clark said he plans to formally ask the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors to fund his request to change the Neshoba County Sheriff’s Office to the MSWIN radio system.

“I’ve got to get it on the table,” Eric Clark said.

He is hopeful that funding would be included in the recently passed federal rescue plan funds that will be coming soon.

“First responders could not close down during the pandemic,” Eric Clark said. “How could you not include law enforcement in the COVID relief?”

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Entertainment lineup for 2021 Fair announced

By DUNCAN DENT
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Country music star Trace Adkins and hometown upstart Hardy are among the four acts announced for the main stage at this summer's Neshoba County Fair.

Entertainment for the 2021 Neshoba County Fair was announced on Friday, April 9. Acts include:

- Hardy, Tuesday, July 27
- Trace Adkins, Wednesday, July 28
- Jordan Davis, Thursday, July 29



- Riley Green, Friday, July 30
- Adkins is a Grammy-nominated and Academy of Country Music award-winning artist with decades of albums, songs and



performances under his belt from his 1996 album Dreamin' Out Loud to his most recent album, 2017's Something's Going On.

- Michael Wilson Hardy, who



goes by the stage name Hardy, is a Neshoba County native.

Hardy made his bones as a songwriting partner with Florida Georgia Line and had his debut



album, A Rock, go to number four on the U.S. Country charts after it was released last September. Hardy was slated to play last year's Fair before the Fair was

canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and has told the Democrat he looks forward to the makeup show this year.

• Jordan Davis has had two U.S. Country Airplay No. 1 singles with 2017's "Singles you up" and 2019's "Slow Dancing in a Parking Lot".

Riley Green is a recording artist with one album under his belt, 2019's Different Round Here, which had a song go to No. 1 on the Canadian Country charts.

The Fair runs from July 23 to July 30.

Philadelphia's Hardy nominated for 3 Country Music Awards

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Michael Hardy's No. 1 hit single "One Beer" has turned into three Country Music Award nominations for the Philadelphia-born country music singer and songwriter.

Hardy, as he is known professionally, was nominated for

Songwriter of the Year, New Male Artist of the Year and Music Event of the Year in association with his song "One Beer," featuring Lauren Alaina and Kevin Dawson.

Winners will be announced at the 56th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards show, hosted by Keith Urban and Mickey Guyton, at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 18 on CBS.

day, April 18 on CBS.

Hardy, 30, broke new ground in 2020 with his acclaimed debut album, "A Rock," which is described by Billboard as "an album that owes as much to AC/DC as George Jones" and "one of the most self-assured full-length debut albums in years."

In January, Hardy launched

his third single, "Give Heaven Some Hell."

The song was penned by Hardy with Ashley Gorley, Ben Johnson and Hunter Phelps. It was produced by Joey Moi and co-produced by Derek Wells. The song is described as a lump-in-your-throat tribute to a fallen friend and was chosen by Billboard for a "Makin' Tracks" feature and is gaining airplay on radio stations throughout the nation.

"I am very proud of the songwriters and radio team for making this happen, and I really hope that taking this song to radio will help reach a wider audience than it already has," Hardy said.

He currently lives in Nashville and is the son of Mike and Sarah Hardy, formerly of Philadelphia and now of Nashville.

Hardy's grandparents are Joyce and Bobby Hardy of Philadelphia.

For more information about the Academy of Country Music Awards, visit www.acmcountry.com.

ECCC announces 6 new inductees into school's Hall of Fame

By SCHOOL REPORTS

Six new inductees will join the East Central Community College Student Hall of Fame during the annual Awards Ceremony scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday, April 22, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

Various academic, career, technical, healthcare and other special awards will also be presented during the special program April 22. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance for the Awards Ceremony will be limited to students, faculty and staff, and invited family members. The entire ceremony can be viewed via live stream on the Black Channel at www.eccclive.com.

Hall of Fame inductees for 2021 and their respective hometowns and high schools include Connor Boggan of Hickory and Newton County High School; Sarah Burns of Carthage and Leake Central High School; Malina Mangrum of Philadel-



Ansley Rigby



Brian Pace



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phia and Leake Central High School; Nina Maria Miles of Sebastopol and Sebastopol Attendance Center; Brian Pace of Collinsville and Neshoba Central High School; and Ansley Rigby of Union and Union High School.

Selection to the Hall of Fame is considered the highest honor a student can receive at the college. Among the criteria used by those selecting Hall of Fame recipients are exemplary character, superior scholarship, worthy leadership, and contributions to the better-

ment of East Central Community College.

Boggan, a business administration major, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, DECA finance and business major organization, President's Council, and founding member of both Men of Dignity and Cru, also known as Campus Crusade for Christ.

Burns, a psychology major, is president of the Baptist Student Union, vice president of the Student Body Association, president



Nina Miles



Sarah Burns

of the President's Council, and member of Warrior Corps and Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

Mangrum, a speech-language pathology major, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Baptist Student Union, EC Students for Life, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau medical organization, and the EC Encore Players dramatics club.

Miles, an engineering major, is president of Alpha Alpha Epsilon engineering society, and member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, President's Coun-

cil, Baptist Student Union, EC Students for Life, and Cru, also known as Campus Crusade for Christ.

Pace, a business-marketing major, is president of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, and a member of Phi Beta Lambda business education organization, President's Council, Warrior Corps, and Men of Dignity.

Rigby, a pre-dental major, is captain of the Cheerleading Squad, treasurer of the Student Body Association, president of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau medical organization, and member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Warrior Corps, President's Council, Baptist Student Union, and Wo-He-Lo yearbook staff.



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Cody Bryan, left, director of the Philadelphia Park Commission, Jon Trell and Eric Majure stock the concession stand at Northside Park last Friday in preparation for this week's opening of youth baseball.

Park ball returns at Northside

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The lights have come back on at Northside Park and it's time to play ball. The 2020 park ball seasons were canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. But after a year's wait, boys and girls, ages 6-to-13 returned to action. "It was great," said Parks director Cody Bryan. "Everyone was happy to be back out there. Everyone was in a good mood. We had a good crowd, it was good for the town."

The teams have been practicing for about a month in anticipation of opening night. Bryan said there were 515 boys and girls playing baseball and softball and 170 children playing T-ball.

Northside Park participates in the Dixie Youth-Boys for baseball and USSSA in softball. There are 21 baseball teams and 17 softball teams spread over the different age groups. "We will be playing Monday, Tuesday and Thursday," Bryan said. "We will be playing on all eight fields Monday and Tuesdays. We only have two fields running on Thursday."

Vaccinations up, COVID-19 cases down

By JOHN LEE
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COVID-19 cases are declining in Neshoba County as vaccinations increase. On Tuesday, the Mississippi State Department of Health reported that Neshoba County recorded 25 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 over the past week for a total of 3,994 cases up from 3,969 cases the previous week. Neshoba County has 176 confirmed COVID-19 deaths since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020, with one additional new death reported in the past week, according to MSDH. As of Tuesday, 9,398 people had been vaccinated in Neshoba County, an increase of 798 from last week's 8,600 total, according to the MSDH Tuesday COVID-19 report. 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. Neshoba County Schools have reported no new cases of COVID-19 as of April 2, according to Tuesday's MSDH report. The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians reported no new COVID-19 cases in the past week as of April 12, 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 reported.

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Winstead uses heart, not cookbook in kitchen

By SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS
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Amie Winstead is the daughter of Noland and Geraldine Pinter. Growing up, Winstead had four older brothers who had already gotten married and moved from Philadelphia. When Winstead was seven, she got a younger brother. Her mother, Geraldine Pinter, was a stay-at-home mom, and Winstead's father worked in Louisville. Winstead was used to being the family's baby but was happy to have a younger brother.

While attending school at Neshoba Central, Winstead met her now-husband, Taylor Winstead, in fifth grade.

"We had our first class together in fifth grade," said Winstead.

The couple started dating when they were in ninth grade and have been together since. After graduating from Neshoba Central, Winstead and her husband attend school to become nurses. Since they were both in nursing school, they were able to take the same courses.

They got married in 2013 and have been married for eight years. Winstead and her husband work at Neshoba General.

Winstead is a new mother to a 5-month baby boy named Brantley Trace Winstead. She described him as a very active baby. For Easter, Brantley got a swing in his Easter Basket. Since the weather has been nice, they have been able to take their son outside.

Winstead's mother and grandmother, Lola Bozeman, taught her how to cook.

"I remember being a girl, and I would pull up a chair and help my mother roll out biscuits," Winstead said.

One of Winstead's hobbies is cooking and trying new types of things in the kitchen. Winstead mentioned she never goes by a cookbook. Instead, she goes by her heart. Winstead loves seafood, and when she is in the mood for something sweet, she can bake a cake for herself from scratch. Winstead also enjoys painting and doing crafts.

In Winstead's downtime, she likes to hang out with her friends and family. And on Sundays the family attends church at New Bethel Baptist Church.

"On the weekends, that's when we usually take the baby on rounds to his cousins and grandparents," Winstead said.

The Winstead family is also looking forward to summertime to see their son get into a pool for the first time.

MAC AND CHEESE
2 cups noodles boiled according to package



Taylor, Brantley Trace and Amie Winstead

16 oz heavy cream
8oz velveeta cut into blocks
1 pack provolone cheese
cut into pieces
2 cups sharp cheddar
1 cup Colby jack
Salt and pepper to taste
2 sleeves of ritz crackers,
crushed
*Made with a secret ingredient that I can't reveal

Boil noodles. While noodles are boiling cut and mix everything else together except butter and crackers. Drain noodles and add to everything else. Mix well until melted, be sure to stir the bottom so it does not stick and scorch. Pour into baking dish.

COOK OF THE WEEK

Crush ritz crackers. Melt butter into nonstick skillet on medium heat and mix in ritz crackers until golden and crispy. Spread evenly onto macaroni mixture and bake for approximately 20 mins on 350 until bubbly.

STICKY CINNABUNS
2 cans 8 count cinnamon rolls (sit the icing aside)
1 cup brown sugar
1 stick of butter
1/4 cup of honey

Walnuts- amount to your liking, I use the 816 oz

Combine butter, brown sugar, and honey into nonstick saucepan/boiler on stove. Stir together and bring to a bubbly boil. Boil for 1 minute while lightly stirring!

Hack: spray a little cooking oil into your measuring cup and the honey will slide right out.

Pour sticky mixture into a lightly greased 9x9 pan! Pour in walnuts evenly. Place cinnamon rolls into pan. Bake according to cinnamon roll directions. You may need to

add a couple of minutes to the cooking time to ensure the center ones get done. Once done, let semi-cool and turn upside down onto a platter and enjoy!

BROCCOLI SALAD
3-4 heads of fresh broccoli
1 1/2-2 cups mayonnaise (can substitute Greek yogurt)
1/2-1 cup of sugar
3-4 tablespoons vinegar (white or apple cider either one will work)
1/2 to 1 raw red onion (depending on how much you prefer) finely diced
1/2-1 cup raisins
Large pack of "real" bacon pieces

8oz of cheddar or Colby Jack cheese
Salt and pepper to taste

Wash and cut florets only off into small pieces. Dispose of stems. Place in bowl and combine with all other ingredients.

This is one of those recipes to where each ingredient can be tweaked to your taste and liking! It's best served once it's had time to marinate in the fridge and has gotten cold. Stir again before serving after refrigeration.

Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS
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The Neshoba Central 2021 Senior Prom was held at The Venue on the evening of March 27. The theme was "Diamonds and Glamour" which was a true reflection of how this group of seniors felt for finally having a Prom. They were so excited to have the experience of getting to dress up and celebrate as normal after a year of uncertainty.

The decorations were as bright as the smiles of the guests who attended the event. A path of shimmering lights and dangling crystals made a path for the guests as they entered the center stage featuring the DJ JIGGA JT. His playlist kept the dance floor full all night and his interaction with the crowd kept everyone pumped up.

There was a photo booth with fun props so that anyone who desired could have their memories captured by Philadelphia's own Gamble Miller Martin.

Near the end of the evening, the Prom Queen and King were announced and crowned by the Senior Sponsor and Prom Coordinator, Candi Hall, and the Student Body President, Sofia Euyoque. The Prom Queen was Sanaa Merrell and Prom King was Keaston Pearson. The King and Queen danced together to the class song as their classmates cheered them on. The last event of the evening was the Senior Slideshow created by Mrs. Ray Carol Eakes from the photos submitted by the Seniors.

As this memorable evening concluded, Seniors were given a parting gift and the Senior

Sponsor told each one to be careful and safe. This Prom Night was truly a night of "Diamonds and Glamour" to remember.

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Jarquez Hunter was presented the Mississippi High School Activities Association Mr. Football Trophy for 5A by Mr. Lonnie Tillman, Associate Director of the MSHA during a ceremony in the gym. Six players, one from each MHSAA classification, were selected as Mississippi Mr. Football recipients for the 2020 season in partnership with the New Orleans Saints, Mississippi High School Activities Association, and the Mississippi Association of Coaches. The winners were chosen by a statewide committee of high school coaches and the media who cover high school football.

Jarquez will attend Auburn University in the fall where he will play for the Tigers football team. He signed with Auburn on National Signing Day. Congratulations and best wishes! Auburn is so lucky to have you!

~
Palm Sunday is always a very important day during the celebration of Easter in the Christian churches. Palm Sunday on March 28 this year was extra special for the Drew Breland family whose 8-month-old son was baptized in the First United Methodist Church. Tiny Andrew Kenneth Breland, III was baptized by the Pastor, Chris Young, who introduced him to the congregation. He looked precious in his white outfit and white shoes. His parents are Drew and Hollie Thomas Breland and his siblings are Maddie

James and Beau Breland. "Trey" seemed to enjoy the Baptismal ceremony and was alert and happy.

Some of the family members present were his maternal grandparents, Drew and Cindy Thomas and his great grandmother, Virginia West. Members of the Breland family were also present for the joyous occasion. Congratulations!

~
This Easter was a joyous one with families getting together after a year of being apart for many of them. The children enjoyed Easter Egg Hunts at various churches all over town on the Saturday before Easter Sunday which they had missed last Easter. Families held Easter egg hunts for their children and their friends at home and there was excitement in the air as children of all ages enjoyed this tradition.

The weather was beautiful, the azaleas and spring trees bloomed in all their glory. It was truly a glorious Easter weekend. The churches were well attended with people feeling hopeful after a long, stressful year of uncertainty and sorrow. There were so many reasons to rejoice together and look forward to the "promise of springtime after the shadows are through." I hope the promise of springtime comes to each and every one of you with blessings.

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Tennis team headed to state tournament

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Lady Rockets ranked #1

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What a week for the Neshoba Central Lady Rockets fast-pitch softball team.

The Lady Rockets entered the week as the No. 1 team in the nation according to the USA Today Super 25 poll. The 18-0 Lady Rockets are the only team from Mississippi in the poll. They are coming off a big week that saw them pick up five victories. In those five games, Neshoba Central scored 48 runs, earned three shutouts and only gave up five runs.

Neshoba Central started last week with a 16-0 win over Cleveland Central. They then defeated Lake 6-0, Morton 10-0, Wayne County 8-3 and Union 8-2.

This week, the Lady Rockets were to visit Southeast Lauderdale on Tuesday, visit Cleveland Central on Wednesday, host Holmes Central on Friday and visit Choctaw Central on Saturday.

The Lady Rockets close out the regular season next week when they visit West Lauderdale on Tuesday and host the Lady Knights on Thursday.

**Lady Rockets 16
Cleveland 0**

Neshoba Central scored eight in the first inning and eight in the second as they put the Lady Wolves away.

Elleigh Willis struck out six batters as she claimed the pitching victory. Willis helped her cause at the plate as she hit two triples and brought in two runs.

Warriors drop 2; Rockets improve to 16-6

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Choctaw Central Warrior baseball team dropped a pair of games to West Lauderdale last week.

West Lauderdale won the first game 11-0 and then took gave two 7-0.

Cohen Keats had the Warriors’ only hit.

In game two, Teyton Nickey was the losing pitcher. Nickey

and Speedy Lewis had Choctaw Central’s only two hits.

Neshoba Central

The Neshoba Central baseball team improved its record to 16-6 with an 8-2 victory over Cleveland Central last week.

The Rockets scored one in the second, three in the fifth, three in the sixth and one in the seventh. The Wolves answered with one in the first and one in the sixth.

Willis hit a double.

Grisham hit a triple, a double and a single. She scored three runs. Morris had one hit and scored two runs.

**Lady Rockets 8
Wayne County 3**

The Lady Rockets defeated a familiar foe in Wayne County. The two programs have played for the fast-pitch state championship games in 2014 and 2019.

The Lady Rockets scored seven in the fourth and one in the fifth. Wayne County scored one in the first and two in the fifth.

Henry was the winning pitcher.

Kylee Thompson hit a triple and Willis hit a double. Jones and Posey both had two hits, scored one run and knocked in two more. Grisham had two hits and knocked in two runs. Grisham hit a triple and a single while knocking in two runs.

**Lady Rockets 8
Union 2**

Willis recorded 14 strikeouts while leading the Lady Rockets past Union.

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

Willis had three hits and knocked in two runs. Annaleigh Jones hit a triple. Grisham had one hit and scored three runs.

Of Local Interest

CHURCH HOMECOMING

May 2. Homecoming Salem Baptist Church, Kemper County. Services begin at 10:45 with pot-luck lunch to follow. Pastor: Rev Alan Hawkins

CLOTHES GIVEAWAY

We are hosting a clothes giveaway at the Neshoba County Baptist Association on Thursday, April 22 from 9:00-11:00.

This event will be held inside in the gym and is open to everybody. We have clothes for children, youth, men, women and lots of shoes and boots.

PRE-K PROGRAM SCREENING

If you or someone you know has a 4 year-old child that you would like to have tested for possible placement in the Philadelphia Pre-Kindergarten Program, please call the Elementary Office at 601-656-2000 to

set up an appointment on February 26, 2021. Parents may call between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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

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

in the Philadelphia City Limits may be eligible for transportation.

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

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

A certified birth certificate (child must be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2021); The child’s social security card; The child’s immunization record

SPRING SING

Spring Singing at the Church at the Barn, Hwy 491, Collinsville, featuring The Reed Brothers from Louisville. April 17. Food and fellowship at 5 pm and singing will begin at 6. All are welcome and invited to attend. Info: 601-917-8870 questions/directions. Bring a chair.

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Please RSVP to hold your seat. There will be two sessions on this date and please choose your time. Masks are required.

Tornadoes baseball team enters week with 4-11 record

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Philadelphia Tornadoes entered the week with 4-11 record in prep baseball action.

The Tornadoes swept a pair of games from Newton High

School on the on March 30 and April 1. Last week, they dropped a pair of games to Lake, 16-2 and 19-2.

Philadelphia has three games this week. They were to visit Union on Tuesday and host the Yellowjackets on Friday. They

visit Southeast Lauderdale on Saturday.

In the second Philadelphia win, the Tornadoes scored two in the third, six in the fourth and two in the sixth. Dee Burnside was the winning pitcher. He had 11 strikeouts. Boogie Bingham

also pitched.

Bingham and Burnside both hit a double while Taishon Black hit a triple. Those also connecting with the ball were Imarion Black, Brelon Tanksley, Patrick Miller and Jaylon Smith.

In the first Lake game,

Philadelphia scored one in the first and one in the fifth. Lake answered with one in the first, one in the fourth, five in the fifth, three in the sixth and six in the seventh.

Burnside took the pitching loss. Burnside and Bingham had

two hits each while Laydric Carter hit a double. Markeus Houston hit a single.

In the second game, Bingham had two hits while Burnside, LeKeistan Tisdale and Patrick Miller all had one hit.

LEGALS

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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/Beneficiary, 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 Renfrore 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 attorney's and trustee's fees, and expenses of sale; NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Eldred Renfrore, 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 ELDRD RENFROE, Trustee James Eldred Renfrore, 648 Lakeland East Dr., Ste A, Flowood, MS 39232, Phone 601-932-1011 Publish: 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14 52463

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 NESHOBACOUNTY, 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 PREPARED BY:DANIEL F. MARSMARS, MARS & MARS, P.A.ATTORNEYS AT LAW,P.O. BOX 612PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350601-656-2152MSBN: 1872 Publish: 31 March, 7, 14 April 2021 52477

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on September 29, 2016, a 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 appointed 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 indebtedness 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, Mississippi, 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 South-easterly 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 MISSISSIPPI 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, LAWRENCE 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 OF Maurice Calistro, deceased RESPONDENTS SUMMONSTHE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: 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 OF Maurice Calistro, deceased

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Mari Elaine 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, Lawrence 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 Gil of Philadelphia 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 NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LAURA LUCILLE PARKER, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NO: 2020-161 WANDA WOODRUFF PETITIONER SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION- THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO:

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, whether resident/ non resident of the state of Mississippi, claiming any right, title or interest as heirs of 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-at-law 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 you 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 JAYLON DENARD JIM, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2020-140 SHERRY CHARLIE ADMINISTRATRIX 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 Jaylton 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 ad-

judicate the sole andonly heirs-at-law of Jaylton 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 in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 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 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 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 andonly 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 in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 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 NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROYAL ALTON HAMILTON, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NO.:2020-171GARY HAMILTON ADMINISTRATOR 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 Estate of 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 52502

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

The NESHOBACOUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS requests proposals from qualified firms to provide the following services: Broadband Assessment and Feasibility Study of Neshoba County; Broadband Network Design; and a Financial Model for Implementation and Maintenance of a Broadband Network for Neshoba County. Qualified firms are invited to submit their proposal via Neshoba County's secure electronic bidding site at www.neshobacounty.net not later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 12th, 2021. Detailed specifications, requirements and bid forms for the above described services may be obtained from the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors office at the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 201, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350, by calling 601-656-6281 or on Neshoba County's website at www.neshobacounty.net. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS: All responses to this request for proposals shall be returned, with detailed proposals included therewith, in a single PDF document, and submitted electronically at www.neshobacounty.net/bids under the correct bid solicitation, by 12:00 PM, local time, on Wednesday, May 12th, 2021. It shall be incumbent upon each offering vendor to understand the specifications as listed herein and to obtain clarification when necessary. It is not the intent of these specifications to limit the bidding to any particular provider of services, but rather to select such services to provide for specific needs and specific tasks. Any reference to name-brand materials or equipment is intended to establish the minimum necessary standards only and bids submitted on materials and equipment equal thereto, at the sole discretion and determination of Neshoba County, shall be considered. Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi on the 5th day of April 2021. /s/GUY NOWELLGUY NOWELL, CLERKBOARD OF SUPERVISORS-NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI Publication dates: April 14th and April

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH EARL TOWNSEND, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 19-428 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Kenneth Earl Townsend, Deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 18th day of February, 2020, by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi in Civil Action, File No. 2019-428, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have such claims probated and registered by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred. Bonnie Townsend Administratrix of the Estate of Kenneth Earl Townsend, Deceased JIM ARNOLDMSB NO. 1625435 EAST BEACON STREETPHILADELPHIA, MS 39053TELEPHONE: (601) 656-6914FACSIMILE: (601) 656-6958E-MAIL: jarnoldlawoffice@att.net. Net Publish: April 14, 21 and 28 52515

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Philadelphia Utilities Philadelphia, MS Range Avenue Water Tank Painting General NoticePhiladelphia Utilities (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project: Range Avenue Water Tank Painting 72303 Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the office of Philadelphia Utilities located at 435 Myrtle Street, Philadelphia, MS, until Thursday, May 13, 2021, at 10:00 AM local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project includes the following Work: Repainting the interior and exterior of a 500,000 gallon elevated tank and related items Bids are requested for the following Contract: Range Avenue Water Tank Painting The Project has an expected duration of 90 days. Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website: <https://www.allenhoshallplanroom.com> Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents,

including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website. A copy of the plans and specifications may be examined at: the office of the Engineer, Allen & Hoshall, 1675 Lakeland Drive, Suite 207, Jackson, Mississippi, 39216 and at the office of Philadelphia Utilities, Philadelphia, Mississippi. Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check on a solvent bank or a Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety Company licensed to operate in the State of Mississippi, in the amount of 5% of the total bid price, as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute the Performance and Payment Bonds in the form and within the time specified. The successful Bidder will be required to execute a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of 100% of the Contract, issued by a Surety Company licensed to operate in the State and shall be named in the current list of "Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies" as published in Circular 570 (amended) by the Audit Staff Bureau of Accounts, U.S. Treasury Department. Each Bidder shall have a Certificate of Responsibility to bid on contracts for public projects in which the bid price exceeds \$50,000.00 and for private projects in which the bid price exceeds \$100,000.00 as required by the laws of the State of Mississippi. Each Bidder shall show on the outside of the envelope containing his bid: his current certificate of responsibility number and expiration date or if applicable, a statement certifying that the bid enclosed does not exceed \$50,000.00 for a public project or \$100,000.00 for a private project. Failure to show these items on the outside of the envelope containing the bid will result in the bid being returned to Bidder unopened. No Bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after date of actual bid opening, without Owner's consent. Philadelphia Utilities reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received, to waive any informalities in the bids received, and to accept any proposal which is deemed most favorable to Philadelphia Utilities. This Advertisement is issued by: Owner: Philadelphia Utilities By: Kirk Morgan- Title: ManagerDate: April 14, 2021 and April 21, 2021 52516

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH EARL TOWNSEND, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 19-428 RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF NESHOBACOUNTY

TO: All unknown heirs of Kenneth Earl Townsend, Deceased You have been made a respondent in the Petition to Determine Heirs filed with the Court by Bonnie Townsend seeking a judicial determination of the rightful heirs at law of Kenneth Earl Townsend. All other known heirs are Petitioner, Bonnie Townsend and Isaiah Townsend. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 25th day of May, 2021, at the Neshoba County Chancery Courthouse, Philadelphia, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the 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 THIS COURT, this the 8th day of April, 2019. GUY NOWELLNESHOBACOUNTY CHANCERY CLERKBy: /s/G Tate D.C. Jim Arnold435 East Beacon StreetPhiladelphia, MS 39350Telephone : 601-656-6914Facsimile: 601-656-6958E-Mail: jarnoldlawoffice@att.net Publish: April 14, 21 and 28 52517

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

The NESHOBACOUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS will receive competitive Reverse Auction Bids to be submitted electronically via the Neshoba County website at www.neshobacounty.net with said Reverse Auction occurring via invitation on a date and during a time to be specified from qualified vendors in response to this solicitation for acquiring the following equipment: a. Fifteen (15) or more, new, Body-worn cameras with cloud-based evidence management system and accessories to provide a complete Digital Evidence Management System for the Neshoba County Sheriff's Department with warranty, support and maintenance for a five (5) year period. Detailed specifications for the above described equipment and bid forms may be obtained from the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors office at the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 201, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350, by calling 601-656-6281 or on Neshoba County's website at www.neshobacounty.net. Neshoba County, Mississippi will determine if compliance with the specifications exist before accepting any bid. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS: All responses to the solicitation for body-worn cameras and digital evidence management system shall be returned, with detailed proposals included therewith, less the fixed price amount to be bid, in a single PDF document, and submitted electronically at www.neshobacounty.net under the correct bid solicitation, by 12:00 PM, local time, on Wednesday, May 12 th, 2021 or alternatively the detailed proposal should be placed in a sealed envelope marked "2021 Body-Camera Bid" along with the date and time of said proposal opening, and filed with the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors C/O Chancery Clerk Guy Nowell, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 107, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 by the same date and time. It shall be incumbent upon each bidder to understand the specifications as listed herein and to obtain clarification when necessary. It is not the intent of these specifications

to limit the bidding to any particular make or manufacturer of equipment or provider of services, but rather to select such emergency equipment or services to provide for specific needs and specific tasks. Any reference to name-brand materials or equipment is intended to establish the minimum necessary standards only and bids submitted on materials and equipment equal thereto, at the sole discretion and determination of Neshoba County, shall be considered. Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi on the 5th day of April 2021. /s/GUY NOWELL-GUY NOWELL, CLERKBOARD OF SUPERVISORSNESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI Publication dates: April 14th and April 21st, 2021 52519

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OFCHRISTOPHER PAUL ISAAC, DECEASED, DOROTHY LUDLOW, ADMINISTRATRIX CAUSE NO.: 2020-555 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 23 rd day of September, 2020, by the Choctaw Tribal Court Clerk, Mississippi, to the undersigned, Dorothy Ludlow, upon the Estate of Christopher Paul Isaac, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred. This the 12th day of March, 2021. /s/DOROTHY LUDLOWDOROTHY LUDLOW,ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OFCHRISTOPHER PAUL ISAAC,DECEASED 52520

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF NESHOBASUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2013, a Real Estate Deed of Trust was executed by JAY and CHRISTINA BRADFORD to James M. Mars, II, Trustee for Larry Dewayne McKinion and Cekelia Annette Gray, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Real Estate Deed of Trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 2013 at Page 4397, in the office of the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, andWHEREAS, on the 8th day of June, 2020, the Holders of said Real Estate Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Tammy C. Smith, as Trustee of said Real Estate Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2021, at Page 3055; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Real Estate Deed of Trust, and the holders of said Real Estate Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 6th day of May, 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, Mississippi, to-wit: Beginning at the SW Corner of the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 4, Township 9 North, Range 12 East, for the point of beginning; thence run East along the North right-of-way line of a county road known as Sharp Road 210 feet; thence run North 210 feet; thence run South 210 feet to the Eastern right-of-way of Deemer Road; thence run South along the Eastern right-of-way 210 feet to the point of beginning; containing one (1) acre, more or less, being one (1) acre in the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 4, Township 9 North, Rang 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Together with all buildings and improvements situated thereon but not limited to, One 1999 doublewide Southern Energy mobile home, off white in color, being 28w x 68l, and being serial # DSEAL13566AB with all attachmentslocated at therein. I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 12th day of April, 2021. /s/Tammy C. SmithTAMMY C. SMITH, MSBN 9526SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEEATTORNEY AT LAW,P.O. BOX 624PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350TELEPHONE: (601) 389-5888PUBLISH: April 14, 2021, April 21, 2021, April 28, 2021, and May 5, 2021.

TITLE OF ABANDONMENT MOTOR VEHICLE Triple P. Services Center929 Gum StreetPhiladelphia, Ms 39350 MAKE: 2008 Kia SPGVIN #: KNAFE-121485533892PLACE OF SALE: Triple P. Services CenterSALE DATE: 04/28/2021 at 8am at 929 Gum Street Philadelphia, MS 39350OWNED BY: Ann Jones or Richard Jr, 961 Tatum Camp Rd Apt B, Hattiesburg, MS 39402LIEN HOLDER: Capital One Auto Finance, PO Box 660068, Sacramento, CA 95866

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