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MORE ARRESTS EXPECTED

10 charged dealing meth, cocaine, pot

By DUNCAN DENT
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At least 10 people have been arrested and accused of selling methamphetamine, cocaine or marijuana in a roundup last Wednesday by city, county and state law enforcement agencies. Four of the 10 have bonded out as the investigation contin-

ues with more arrests expected, officials said.

Collectively, the accused face a total of 16 counts of dealing drugs.

Among those arrested were Samuel Powell, 41, 212 Wilson Street, who faces three counts of selling cocaine.

Jail records show that Powell was arrested on Holland Avenue just before 3 p.m.

Records show that he appeared intoxicated at the time of his arrest. He remains in the Neshoba County Detention Center on a \$75,000 bond.

Four other suspects who bonded out are:

- Billy Morris, 77, 245 Lewis Avenue, arrested and charged with sale of cocaine. He was arrested on Carver Avenue around noon and was

out on a \$25,000 bond the following day.

- Samantha Woodruff, 40, 10010 Road 331, Union, was arrested and charged with sale of a controlled substance. She was out by Friday on a \$25,000 bond.

- Deangelo Warren, 33, 227 Martin Luther King Drive, was charged with two counts of the sale of marijuana and a

contempt of court. He was released on a \$50,000 bond Friday morning.

- James Robinson, 31, 10280 Road 402, was arrested and charged with two counts of sale of a controlled substance. He was out on a \$50,000 bond Saturday afternoon.

The other five who remain in custody are:

- Billy J. Clemons, 55, 10181 Road 612, arrested and charged with two counts of sale of a controlled substance. He remains in jail on a \$50,000 in bond.

- John Nathan Davis, 35, 10343 Road 393, was arrested and charged with sale of a controlled substance. He remains in jail on a \$25,000 See DRUGS, page 2A



Photo by Coleman Eakes

Doug Johnson has been working at the Neshoba County Fairgrounds for nearly 45 years. He is retiring as Fair manager in January.

27 years as Fair manager, Johnson is retiring

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This year's Neshoba County Fair was the last for longtime Fair manager Doug Johnson who will retire in January after roughly three decades in the role.

Johnson has been the Fair Manager for the past 27 years but he started with the Fair Association much earlier than that selling tickets in 1976 and worked his way up to gate supervisor before taking on the manager role.

In his roughly 45 years working the Fairgrounds one event sticks out in his mind.

"I can say that the best thing that happened while working the Fair is that I met my wife," Johnson said.

He has been married to Kaye for 34 years now. Johnson has forgotten more Fair stories than many Fairgoers are likely to experience in their lifetime.

He said he has enjoyed his time managing the

grounds and is mostly left with happy memories though the experience was not without its tense moments.

Johnson said he cannot remember the year off the top of his head but recounted a recent Fair where water pressure on the Fairgrounds meant most of the cabins were without water for most of the week.

"That was a hectic time," Johnson said. "We still don't know exactly what caused it."

After his retirement in January, Kevin Cheatham will take over the job at the first of the year. In the meantime, Johnson said he has plenty of maintenance to do on the Fairgrounds and is not sure how much time he will be able to spend in the office as the year winds down.

Johnson said he is only the second person to hold the position of manager as it exists today. He succeeded Dwight Barrett in the role. He said he was "taught well" how to perform his duties by Barrett, Ellen Spendrup and Harry Carter, who taught him "everything about gate supervision" he

needed to know.

"A lot of good people on the Fair Board and with the Fair Association have been good to me over the years," Johnson said.

He served under four Fair Board Presidents in Norman Johnson Jr., Alan King, Barrett, Kenneth Greenland and Gilbert Donald.

Johnson started his career as a teacher in Greenville and he finished his teaching career at Neshoba Central. Johnson taught history and drivers ed.

Johnson said he will still be in the area after he retires and will gladly pick up the phone if Cheatham and his crew have any questions.

"I told them I would be happy to assist in any way I could," Johnson said.

In retirement, he hopes to get to some projects on his family farm that he has not been able to get to. The farm is just 3 miles from the Fairgrounds and where Johnson grew up.

The 2022 Fair is scheduled for July 22 through July 29.

PICKUP PROBLEMS

Aldermen address garbage situation

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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City leaders discussed problems with garbage pickup during the Aug. 17 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

City customers have garbage pickup twice a week and many have complained about garbage running late, Mayor James A. Young said.

The trucks are supposed to run Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Customers are advised to get their garbage out by 7 a.m. On days when the contractor, Waste Pro, has mechanical problems or personnel shortages, the pickup may come later in the day or the next day, Young said.

"We know what the contract says and we try to hold them to that," Young said. "They come a little late when there is a breakdown and they try to finish the day. Or they come the next day to double up. There are times when they missed the whole day."

The city will continue to monitor the situation, Young said.

In other matters at the Aug. 17 meeting, Cody Bryan, Parks and Recreation director, discussed his budget and requested an additional \$20,000 to cover repairs to air conditioning units. No action was taken.

In other actions, aldermen:

- Approved the minutes of the previous meeting and the claims docket;

- Approved three road bores by C Spire;

- Approved hiring Dustin Vance to work in the Sanitation Department;

- Approved hiring Fernellia Thomas as a sergeant in the

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15-20 POSITIONS

Allied Locke holding jobs fair

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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Business is booming at Allied Locke and the company is holding a jobs fair next Wednesday in hopes of finding 15 to 20 people to help open a new plant next to the one in Union.

The jobs fair will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Wednesday in the company's new building at 306 Industrial Drive Circle. The company offers paid family insurance and wages range from \$16 to \$23 per hour.

"We bought the old Hunter building from the county," said Plant Manager Ed Cannon. "It's right next to us. We are now trying to staff it up and put equipment in. It is basically set up for the asphalt industry."

Allied Locke makes con-

veyor sprockets and chains that are used for power transmissions in a variety of industries.

"We serve woodyards, the automotive industry. We even have a division that is environmental," said Cannon. "We rebuild wastewater equipment. And we are heavy into ag industry. John Deer is our largest customer."

Cannon said the company is adding employees because business is up.

"Business is booming. We are having record months every month," Cannon said. "This will be permanent growth, and it will probably pass what we are looking at now. There are only four chain manufacturers in the United States. There is not a lot of competition. A lot of people have been buying overseas.

With tariffs overseas, the ability to get stuff in and out of the country is very difficult."

The parts come in and the Union plant assembles the chains. Cannon said the company does the assembly and the welding and they ship products out throughout the nation and to 37 countries.

Allied Locke started in 1965 with two plants in Illinois.

The Union plant is the third plant and was acquired by Allied Locke around 2000.

Allied employs approximately 40 people in two shifts. Cannon, from House, has been in the chain business since 1967. He joined Allied about 20 years ago.

"In Union, we build everything the other plants do but we gear it toward the big industries," Cannon said.



Allied Locke Plant Manager Ed Cannon speaks with Daniel Laird of Little Rock on the plant floor. Allied Locke will be hosting a jobs fair Sept. 1 and will be looking to fill 15 to 20 positions.



3 arrested for burglary at Union Golf Club

By DUNCAN DENT
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Three people have been arrested in connection with a Union Golf Club burglary reported earlier this month, law enforcement authorities said.

Arrested were:
• Venora Graham, 35, of 109 County Line Road, Union.
• Jamey C. Johnson, 32, of 397 Williams Road, Conehatta.

James Cody Chamblee, 36, of 689 Hwy 487, Carthage.

All three have been charged with burglary of a commercial building. The Neshoba County Sheriff's Office and Union Police Department worked together to arrest the three accused of breaking into golf cart houses at the Union Golf Club in Neshoba County.



Venora Graham

Club in Neshoba County.

"Neshoba County Sheriff's Office is working daily to reduce crime and the fear of crime in our county," said Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark. "We appreciate the support that Union Police Department and our friends at the



Jamey C. Johnson

Union Board of Aldermen show to our Office. Another example of working together to make Neshoba County a better place to live and grow our families."

Locks were cut off of multiple golf cart houses, which allowed the three to take



James Cody Chamblee

money and personal property from the victims, Clark said. The burglary was reported on Aug. 14, early in the morning, Clark said.

Union Police Officers initially gathered information on the burglary. They were quick to call and share the information with Neshoba County Sheriff's investigators, he said.

Chamblee is currently being held in the Leake County Correctional Facility on a Drug Court violation. Chamblee will be transported to Neshoba County, once released from Leake County.

The other two suspects remain in the Neshoba County Detention Center. Graham has had bond set at \$15,000, according to jail records.

Records also show all three individuals were arrested on Tuesday, Aug. 17.

Philadelphia Police Chief: 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' thru Labor Day

By SCOTT HAWKINS
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Philadelphia Police here are advising drivers to "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" through Labor Day, Sept. 6.

Philadelphia Police Chief

Eric Lyons said officers are always enforcing impaired driving laws but began increasing patrols Aug. 20 through the next two weeks to make more traffic stops and to conduct checkpoints as part of the nationwide campaign known as

"Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over."

Lyons said the department participates in the nationwide campaign about twice per year.

"(The campaign) normally focuses on a holiday such as Labor Day that is coming up,"

Lyons said. "During those times there are a lot of fatalities that are alcohol-related so during the holiday time we want more officer presence to combat some of the fatalities associated with drinking and driving."

Lyons said the campaign also helps to bring awareness to the issue of drunk driving.

"We are focused on getting these impaired drivers off the road," Lyons said.

Lyons said he does not want people to think that after the

campaign ends that police will not be paying attention to impaired driving.

"We will continue to enforce these laws but during this campaign time we are just going to focus a lot more on impaired drivers," Lyons said.



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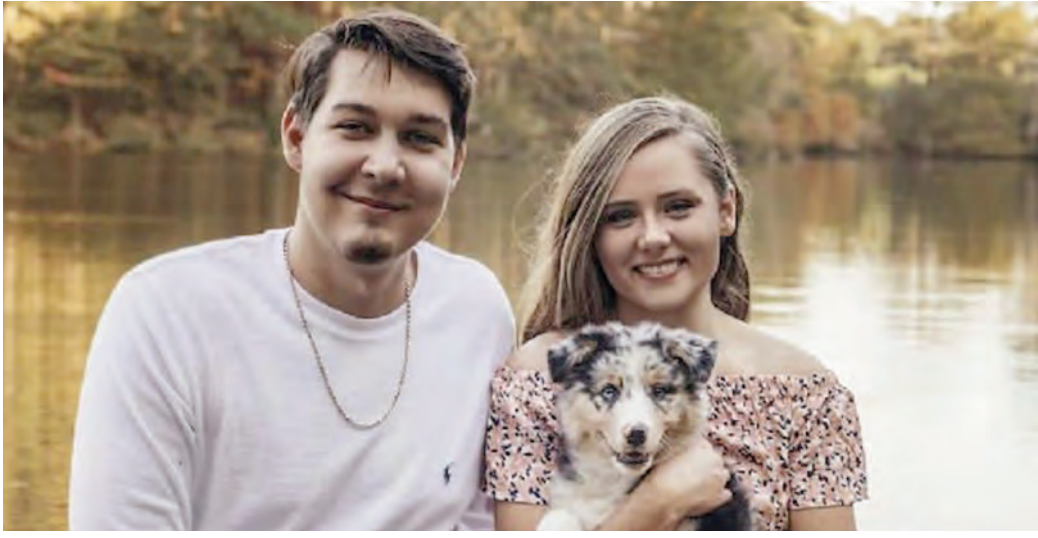
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Newlyweds Christopher and Oree Mulford were killed in a wreck on Highway 15 last week.

Couple in fatal wreck had just married

By STAFF REPORTS
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Two Decatur residents who died in a head-on collision near Linwood last week had just been married in June.

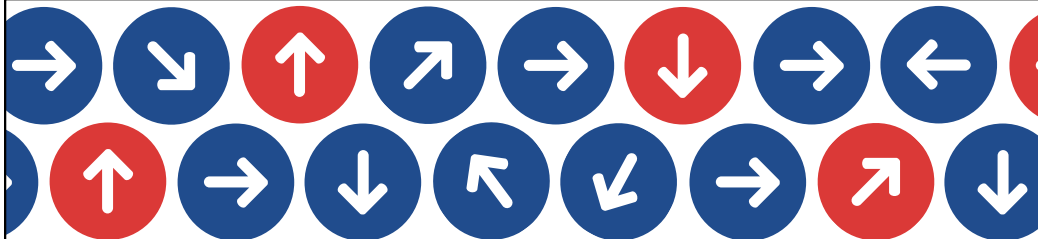
Oree Carmichael Mulford

and Christopher Steven Mulford, both 21, died in the Aug. 16 crash.

Oree Mulford was driving a 2011 Jeep Laredo north on Mississippi 15 and Howard Westberry II, 22, of Conehatta was driving a 2005 GMC

southbound, according to the Mississippi Highway Patrol.

Both vehicles made contact causing the Jeep Laredo to run off the roadway to the east side of the highway and the GMC to the west side of Mississippi 15, MHP said.



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Facts about these dangerous drugs:

Opioids are a class of drugs that includes prescription pain killers and heroin. Mixing opioids with alcohol or other drugs can slow down or stop your breathing and your heart. Misuse of opioid drugs is a leading cause of accidental death in the United States.



Methamphetamine, also known as meth, is an addictive stimulant drug. Some people notice an urge to use meth after the first use.

Sometimes people use meth in combination with heroin, prescription opioids or other drugs. This greatly increases the likelihood of health problems, overdose and death. Illegal drugs can be mixed with dangerous drugs or toxic chemicals, such as fentanyl, that can cause poisoning or death. Just a sprinkle of fentanyl is deadly.



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NOTICE OF A TAX INCREASE AND A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FOR THE NESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on a proposed ad valorem tax revenue increase for fiscal year 2022 and on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2022 on Tuesday, September 7th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room in the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi.

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors is now operating with projected total budget revenue of Fourteen Million Ten Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-One Dollars and No Hundredths Cents (\$14,010,581.00). Sixty-Two and One Hundredths percent (62.01%) or Eight Million Six Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Dollars and No Hundredths Cents (\$8,687,460.00) of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of Eighteen Million Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and No Hundredths Cents (\$18,370,271.00). Of that amount, Forty-Eight and Twenty-Nine Hundredths percent (48.29%) or Eight Million Eight Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars and No Hundredths Cents (\$8,871,568.00) is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For the next fiscal year, the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors plans to increase your ad valorem tax millage rate by 0.00 mills from 60.80 mills to 60.80 mills. This increase means that you will pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property.

For the next fiscal year, the Neshoba County Public School District's funding request requires a decrease to your ad valorem tax millage rate by 2.78 mills from 48.06 mills to 45.28 mills. This decrease means that in this district you will pay less in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property unless the assessed value of your property has increased.

For the next fiscal year, the Union Special Municipal Separate Public School District's funding request requires a decrease to your ad valorem tax millage rate by 4.59 mills from 54.82 mills to 50.23 mills. This decrease means that in this district you will pay less in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property unless the assessed value of your property has increased. Any citizen of Neshoba County is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax increase, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

Tucker's love for cooking inspired by mother

By JOHN LEE
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Lora Tucker grew up cooking alongside her mother, Hazel Cotton, who is her biggest inspiration for cooking.

"I've been cooking all my life with my mother, who was the cook of the family while I was growing up," Tucker said.

Tucker, daughter of David and Hazel Cotton, grew up in Neshoba County and is a member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

She said she continues cooking not just because she loves to cook, but also because she wants to continue her mother's tradition, including cooking with her own children, Lena, Aaron and Alex Tucker, and her grandchildren, Noah Ben and Kaiden Tucker.

Tucker moved to Charleston, South Carolina, in 1982 with her family when her husband at the time was stationed there with the U.S. Navy. She moved back to Neshoba County in 1996.

"While we were there, I met different people of different cultures," Tucker said. "I expanded my cooking experience by making other peoples' dishes since we would get together to cook and sample each other's recipes."

Tucker's schedule is full of activities, but she still finds time to cook for family gatherings while working a full-time job as a lead inspector for the Choctaw Gaming Commission at Golden Moon Casino. In her spare time, Tucker also enjoys beadwork, sewing and crocheting.

Tucker said she has cooked for people who were quarantined due COVID-19 and for people who were unable to travel in the days following the ice storm in February.

"I made hot meals such as soups and chili," Tucker said. "I try to do whatever I can for people. My children, Lena, Aaron and Alex, would help me deliver the meals to people since they were quarantined or unable to go anywhere. I would make sure they'd get something."



Kaiden Tucker, Lora Tucker and Noah Ben

TENDER SLOW COOKER CHICKEN

Ingredients:

- 4 Bone-in Split Chicken Breasts (with Skin)
- 1 stick butter
- 1 oz. Package Store Bought Ranch Seasoning Mix.
- 2 cups Chicken Broth
- 8 whole pepperoncini Peppers, from the jar (mild or Hot) Reserve 2 tbsp juice from jar.
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper

Salt and pepper your chicken on each side.

In a skillet, add 2 tbsp butter and sear chicken on both sides until brown.

Remove chicken and add to a slow cooker. Pour in any leftover juices and fat from the pan.

Add pepperoncini peppers, the reserved pepperoncini juice, a packet of ranch dressing mix, the rest of your butter, and the chicken broth.

Cover and cook on high for 4 hours or low for 7 hours.

When done, shred the chicken while still inside the slow cooker using two forks. Remove bones. Serve hot.

SPAGHETTI SAUCE

COOK OF THE WEEK

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground beef (or ½ lb ground Italian sausage and ½ lb ground beef)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 15 ounces tomato sauce
- 6 ounces tomato paste
- ½ teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes

flakes

- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- Crushed red pepper flakes, to taste
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1 cup water
- ¼ cup fresh basil leaves (optional)
- Spaghetti noodles

Season ground beef with salt and pepper.

In a large skillet, add the beef and chopped onion.

Drain excess grease.

Add tomato sauce, tomato paste, Italian seasoning, parsley, garlic powder, crushed red pepper, Worcestershire, and sugar to the skillet.

Stir well to combine and bring to a boil. Add water and stir well.

Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Add chopped basil before serving, if desired.

CREAMY HAMBURGER POTATO SOUP

- Ingredients:
- 1 ½ pounds lean ground

beef

- 1 medium white onion peeled and diced
- 1 large garlic clove minced
- 6 cups of chicken broth
- 6 cups of peeled & diced Russet potatoes
- 2 cups of your favorite frozen vegetable mix
- 3 teaspoons dried basil
- 2 teaspoons dried parsley flakes
- 1 ½ cups milk
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 8 ounces Velveeta cheese cubed

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Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS
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Neshoba County has a new Registered Nurse among its citizens! Ella Grace Robertson received the wonderful news that she passed the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses on August 13!

It has not been an easy path for Ella Grace. She started nursing school the year her grandmother was diagnosed with a brain tumor, went to nursing school and clinical in the middle of a pandemic. She finished nursing school during the loss of her grandparents and her battle with Covid-19. Her pinning ceremony had to be watched via livestream. Family was not allowed to be present. Ella Grace overcame many obstacles to each her goal and get those two letters, RN, after her name. Congratulations and best wishes! Her very proud parents are Mike and Lynda Gail Robertson.

The ladies of Holy Cross Catholic Church honored Kelly George Young with a Drive- By Baby Shower on Sunday afternoon, August 15, in the Parish Hall.

The hall had a table covered in a white floor length cloth with a burlap strip across it. Lynn Benson brought a beautiful arrangement of white lilies and white crape myrtle in a tall pitcher for one side of the table. Refreshments in to go bags were served from the table. Gifts were displayed on a round white cloth covered table with another beautiful floral arrangement.

Kelly greeted guests through open car windows as

they drove up and stopped to drop a gift and receive goodies and bottles of ice water from a large tub of ice. An arrangement of Black-Eyed Susans in a galvanized pair added a festive touch to the cloth covered table. Hostesses were Monica George, Adriana Burt, Marianne Enoch, JoBeth McGilbra, Gail Allen, Jo Helen Daly, Missy Winstead, Ashley Webb McCall, Lucy Keith, Debby Curan, Lynn Benson, and Beth Dunn.

Kelly and Eddie Joe Young are eagerly anticipating the arrival of their son, Ezra James Young in the near future. He will certainly have some very nice gifts to welcome him.

Congratulations to Dr. Michael and Darlene Shrock who celebrated their 42nd Anniversary on August 19! Their daughter, Carrie Shrock Haggard, paid a loving tribute to them as being an "example of showing Christ's love to each other and to others." Best wishes for many more years together.

Blake Sanders graduated from the United States Air Force Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas on August 19.

He successfully completed "BEAST" week which is an acronym for the 7th week of basic training. It stands for Basic Expeditionary Skills Training/ During this week, the students demonstrate their mastery of the skills taught during training. It is a very challenging week.

Blake's parents, Zach and Windee Wells Sanders, had not seen him for eight long weeks and were so excited to finally

see him in person. The graduation was live streamed for those who could not attend His sister, Sadee Sanders, watched from a Neshoba Central School on a special setup for her.

Blake will receive his orders and posting in the near future. His whole family is beyond proud of him!

Congratulations to Erica Clemons Moore who was recognized by the Mississippi Business Journal on its list of the 50 Leading Business Woman in Mississippi. Erica is the Public Relations Director at Pearl River Resort. The 50 women were honored with a luncheon at the Old Capital Inn in Jackson on August 19. What a remarkable honor for this young woman!

Senior members of the Philadelphia Tornadoes football team were guests of the Philly Porterhouse on Thursday, August 19. They wore their jerseys and enjoyed a wonderful meal. What a wonderful way for The Porterhouse to show support for our Philadelphia team. The seniors appreciated this very thoughtful gesture so much. It helps boost the team's morale as the season begins. Thank you to The Philly Porterhouse!

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Weddings

Macy Cox Martin, Tanner Thomas Rhodes united in marriage June 5

Macy Cox Martin and Tanner Thomas Rhodes were united in marriage at six o'clock in the evening on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at First United Methodist Church in Philadelphia. Dr. Jonathan Crabtree officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Ike and Carla Martin of Philadelphia. She is the granddaughter of Tom Wallace and Shirley Cox of Philadelphia and the late Ike and Fleta Martin of Meridian. The groom is the son of Derrick and Celeste Rhodes of Philadelphia. He is the grandson of Felton and Lucille Myatt of Philadelphia and

Marvin and Barbara Rhodes of Hendersonville, North Carolina.


Presented in marriage by her father, Macy wore an Allure gown that was made of stretch crepe material. The gown was subtly squared off at the neckline with straps and the back was a slim fitting simple sheath with buttons all the way down the long train. It was a beautiful classic with a vintage appeal. With her gown, she wore her mom's cathedral length veil. Macy walked down the aisle carrying a classic bouquet of white roses with baby's breath mixed with eucalyptus green-

ery. She wore a diamond ring of her grandmother's, Mrs. Fleta Martin. The narthex and the altar of the church was decorated with floating candles along with calla lilies and white hydrangeas. The floral design was by Southern Occasions by Katie of Kosciusko.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was the bride's sister, Meagan Anthony and the Maid of Honor was Ali Gray. Bridesmaids were Bailey Anderson, cousin of the bride, Micah Lamar, Rebecca Prince, Maggie Rhodes and Marlee Rhodes, sisters of the groom, and Kaysie Winston. The bridesmaids wore a Dessy



Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Thomas Rhodes



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chiffon sage green, floor length gown and carried hydrangeas. Their hair and makeup artist was Gamble Martin and her group from The Tea Room.

Derrick Rhodes served as Best Man. The groomsmen were John Carr Bates, Will James, Isaac Martin, brother of the bride, Eric Michelletti, cousin of the groom, Thomas McCool, John David Oubre and Cooper Reid. The Ring Bearers were Webb Anthony and Wynn Anthony, nephews of the bride and Decker Davis, nephew of the groom. Ushers were Caleb Crenshaw, Barrett Dudley, Austin Gaston and Michael Howarth.

The wedding director was Kay Black, cousin of the bride. The prelude and nuptial music was provided by Laura Bryan, pianist and Nick Hall, cousin of the groom, vocalist and guitarist. Kayla Byrant and Allison Long, cousins of the bride, were the registry attendants and Laura Guyton Martin and Maggie Martin, cousins of the bride, were the program attendants.

Following the wedding, the bride's parents hosted a recep-

tion at the Philadelphia Country Club. Tracy Tinsley was the reception director. RenTin Event Rentals, her business in Philadelphia, decorated the country club with a canopy display of fairy lights, hanging silver balls and lanterns. Atop the tables covered in white and silver sequin cloths were arrangements with fresh flowers and fairy lights. Amy Johnston and Gina Moorehead were the reception greeters. Southern Occasions by Katie of Kosciusko was the caterer for the reception. Photographer was Gamble Martin of Philadelphia and videographer was Revival House of Jackson. Jackson Snap Booth provided the snap booth for the reception. The band, Luv Under Cover, served as entertainment.

The Brides and Grooms cake were created by Cups-N-Cakes in Louisville. The bride's four-tier cake was almond, strawberry and Italian cream flavored with butter cream frosting. The cake was accented with flowers and greenery. The groom's cake was a two-tier chocolate cake with chocolate icing and

chocolate covered strawberries. The groom's table was decorated with an outdoorsman theme to reflect the groom's love for hunting and fishing.

The couple exited the reception through a path of sparklers, with glow sticks and floral headband light-up crowns.

On the eve of the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Philadelphia Country Club. Sherry's Catering from Decatur was the caterer for the rehearsal dinner. Angie Wise and Detra Burleson, aunts of the groom, were the floral designers for the rehearsal dinner. Tablecloths were adorned with lush greenery, candles and floral designs created with white hydrangeas, garden peonies and other Mississippi garden flowers. Josh Burton, soloist and guitarist, entertained the guests before and during the dinner.

Following a honeymoon to Perdido, the couple now resides at their home at the reservoir in Brandon, Mississippi.

Cook

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In a large skillet, fry the ground beef and onions until the onions are soft and the ground beef is browned.

Drain the grease. Fry the garlic until browned and fragrant. Add the beef mixture to the crockpot or stockpot on the stove.

Add in potatoes, broth, vegetables, basil, and parsley.

Cook in the crockpot on low for 6-8 hours, on high for 3-4, or simmer on the stove until the potatoes are tender and starting to dissolve slightly.

Whisk the cornstarch into the milk, then whisk into the soup. Add the Velveeta and let it melt, stirring occasionally. When it's melted completely, spoon into bowls and serve.

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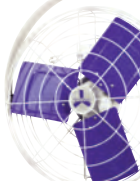

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Friends

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Natalia Arely Euyoque graduated from Basic Training for the United States Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas on August 19. She was one of the new recruits from Neshoba Central High School who chose the United States Military as a career path. Her parents were present for the graduation and were so very proud to watch as their daughter was sworn into the Air Force. She will receive her posting and duty assignments shortly. Congratulations and Best Wishes!

Taxes

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Table with multiple columns containing property details such as owner names (e.g., STOKES EVERETTE A ETUX SONIA J, STEEL REGINALD H), addresses (e.g., 15632 PPIN 491, 15473 PPIN 19292), sale sequences (e.g., 769, 789), receipt numbers (e.g., 16171 PPIN 20167), and total tax amounts (e.g., 191.26, 304.79).

Sports



Neshoba Central defeated Germantown High School 9-7 last week in a two-quarter matchup.

Rockets win jamboree at Germantown, kick off season Friday against Hernando

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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Neshoba Central will kick off its 2021 football season on Friday night at Rocket field, but not against the team they were originally scheduled to play. South Panola, their original opponent, reported last week that the school is on virtual learning because of the COVID-19 pandemic. And according to the rules of the Mississippi High School Activities Association, the South Panola Tigers must forfeit.

Neshoba Central Coach Patrick

Schooler and Athletic Director Tommy Holland started looking for another opponent last week. And Monday morning, it was announced that the Hernando High School Tigers would be their opening opponent. Hernando is a 6A school and plays in Region 1.

"I think they were 6-4 last year," Schooler said. "We needed to play this week. You get tired of hitting on your teammates every day. We need a game to get ready for. We don't know that much about them right now but we'll be making phone calls and looking at films to get ready."

The Rockets saw their first action Friday night in a scrimmage with Germantown, and the varsity won the two-quarter game beating the Mavericks 9-7 while the junior varsity took a 14-0 win. Schooler said senior quarterback Eli Anderson scored the Rocket varsity's only touchdown on a 3-yard run. Germantown snapped a punt attempt out of the end zone for a safety and that was the difference.

"I thought our defense played well," Schooler said. "We faced a big Division 1-A running back and we handled him well."

"Offensively, we have to put more plays together and put more points on the board. I don't know how well they travel but it's a three-hour trip. Hopefully, they will bring some fans."

Schooler said that Tryeston Thompson and Makhi Gaddis both scored for the Neshoba Central junior varsity.

The Rockets only have four home games this season. After the Hernando game, they will be on the road four weeks in a row. They host Canton on Oct. 1, Vicksburg on Oct. 22 and Callaway on Oct. 29.

Tornadoes facing Noxubee County on the gridiron

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Philadelphia Tornadoes will open their 2021 football season on the road Friday when they visit Noxubee County in Macon.

The Tigers will be a tough opponent for the Tornadoes, having played in the Class 3A state football finals last year. They finished the season with a 10-2 record. In their last meeting, Nox-

ubee defeated Philadelphia 33-13. The Tornadoes finished last year with a 4-5 record.

"They played Starkville in the jamboree last week," head coach David Frey said. "Their defense is very good. They are young on offense and we have to slow them down. We are going to have to score some points."

The Tornadoes warmed up for the Tigers last week by taking two wins on the Noxapater jamboree. The Torna-

does defeated J.Z. George 21-0 and Noxapater 26-0.

"We got better with our route running," Coach Frey said. "In practice, our routes haven't been spaced out enough. We were all on top of each other. In the jamboree, our kids saw what they needed to do. It helped. Our running game was pretty good. That's something we needed to work on. It's different going against another team than your second-team defense. We

got a lot out of that."

"J.Z. George gave our defense some challenges. We had to think about things and adjust."

Frey said the Tornadoes will be a running team this year but added they can throw the ball.

"We are going to try to run the ball," Frey said. "That's the first thing I want to do. We are going to run a two-tight end set."

Lady Rebels continue 8-game win streak on the diamond

By ROBBIE ROBERTSON
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The Leake Academy softball team picked up three more wins this week, running their win streak to eight straight.

The Lady Rebels opened the week with an 11-10 win over Simpson Academy and then finished out the week with a 6-3 win over Tri-County and a 2-0 win over Bayou Academy on Saturday.

Leake, now 10-2 on the season, will return to play this week as they host Hillcrest Christian on Monday and will play at Park Place on Tuesday. Leake will finish out the week on Saturday at the Winston Academy Tournament.

**Lady Rebels 11
Simpson 10**

The Lady Rebels used a seven-run win over the Lady Cougars to take a one-run win on Tuesday.

Leake scored single runs in the first, third, fourth and fifth and led 4-2 after five innings. Simpson then scored five in the top of the sixth before Leake scored seven in the bottom of the sixth to take an 11-7 lead. Simpson scored three in the top of the seventh for the final margin.

Simpson out-hit Leake 14-10 in the contest but the Rebels drew seven walks in the contest.

Grace Maxey was 2-for-3 with two solo home runs while Lily McDonald was 2-for-4 with a home run and five RBIs. Emeri Warren was 2-for-3 with two doubles and two runs scored while

Miley Billie was 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

Lynleigh Burt started in the circle and pitched five innings, giving up five runs on nine hits while striking out three. Raylea Atkinson pitched two innings and gave up five runs on five hits to pick up the win.

**Lady Rebels 6
Tri-County 3**

The Lady Rebels banged out 12 hits and took a three-run win over Tri-County on Saturday at the Bayou Tournament.

McDonald was 3-for-3 with two runs scored and two RBIs while Maxey was 3-for-3. Warren was 2-for-3 while Marleigh Myers doubled and drove in two runs.

Burt pitched 4 2/3 innings and gave

up three runs on nine hits and two walks to pick up the win.

**Lady Rebels 2
Bayou 0**

The Lady Rebels got a shutout performance from Burt and took a five-inning, time-limit win over the Lady Colts.

Leake scored single runs in the fourth and fifth innings.

Leake out-hit Bayou 8-4 in the contest. McDonald continued her hot hitting, going 2-for-3 in the contest with a double. Raylea Atkinson and Warren each had doubles and drove in a run. Jenna Chamblee was also 2-for-2 with a pair of singles.

Burt pitched 4 2/3 innings and gave up four hits and struck out two.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Mingo works to improve volleyball skills

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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Last year was the first time Daylynn Mingo played volleyball and the Neshoba Central senior quickly made it her favorite sport.

"I had never played before," Mingo said. "When we started last year, I was contemplating whether I wanted to play or not. Once I started, I really liked it."

"After the season, I started playing on a club team Southern Select Volleyball. I played with them a couple of months and it went on from there."

Six team members played in club teams in Meridian and Jackson. They even went to Atlanta to play.

"There were college coaches there," Mingo said. "No one was talking to us but I think they were watch-

ing. I am hoping to get to play somewhere on the college level."

Mingo had played softball up until this year but now she is focusing all of her efforts on volleyball.

"I won't be playing softball this spring," Mingo said. "Volleyball is different. There is a lot of action and a lot of teamwork. You have to be aggressive, talk a lot and go after the ball. We are trying to get together."

The Lady Rockets went undefeated their first regular season. They made it to the second round of the playoffs before being eliminated by Lake Cormorant, a much more experienced team.

"That one stuck with me," said Mingo. "I want for us to do better in the playoffs. But they had been playing for a long time."

This year's team stands at 9-0. They



Daylynn Mingo

play in the same region as Starkville and New Hope.

Mingo is an all-A's student. Math is

her favorite subject, and one day she wants to become a dentist.

In her free time, she likes to hang out with friends and family. She has been going to Neshoba Central since the sixth grade. She spent grades K-5 at Pearl River Elementary School. She is the daughter of Candice and Demando Mingo.

"She is a real good athlete and a two-year starter," said Coach Zach Sanders. "She has seemed to pick the sport up. She is an all-around good player — a good front-row player and back-row player. She is dedicated to the sport. After we got started, she played a season with us and then went off and played club ball. She came back and had really improved her game. She does well in the classroom, one of those students you don't ever have any problems with."

Jake Gibbs enjoyed memorable career

By DALE MCKEE
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If you grew up in Mississippi back in the 1950s, you probably remember our football-crazy state.

On Nov. 15, 1952, this craziness may have reached its peak as Ole Miss, led by quarterback Jimmy Lear, upset No. 3 Maryland, 21-14. The win propelled Ole Miss into the national spotlight. One Grenada teenager attended that game and knew he wanted to be the next Jimmy Lear. At that time Jake Gibbs, only a seventh-grader, was the starting second baseman on his local high school baseball team.

"I grew up listening to the Baseball Game of the Day on radio, and I dreamed of one day playing in the majors. Baseball was a lot of fun growing up in Grenada," Gibbs said.

Football, however, was also definitely in his future. Gibbs' high school football career was riddled with injuries.

"I broke an ankle one year and my nose another season. I was not that big — about 160 pounds — but I could run pretty good," Gibbs said.

Ole Miss football did come calling Gibbs' senior year, and he signed with the Rebels. Four years later, Gibbs would become Mississippi's first two-sport All-American, a two-time All-American in baseball and a 1960 All-American quarterback. Ole Miss football won two SEC crowns and a National Championship, and Gibbs finished third in the Heisman voting. In the spring, he would trade in the helmet and shoulder pads for a bat and glove. Gibbs was a three-time All-SEC third baseman for the Rebels as they won two SEC titles.

"Kansas City offered me \$35,000 after my junior season and Milwaukee was talking in the six-figures, but my parents wanted me to finish college," Gibbs said. Oddly, the Milwaukee Braves came to every football game his senior year.

Gibbs signed for \$100,000 and headed to New York that day. Gibbs walked into the "Bronx Bombers" locker room for the first time and saw all the Yankee legends: Mantle, Maris, Berra and Ford. "Whitey Ford asked me if I was a power hitter, and I said, 'No, I am more of a single, double and triple guy,' and they all had a good laugh," Gibbs said.

Gibbs was assigned to Richmond where he played second, shortstop and third base in his first two years in the minors. He never saw his switch to catcher coming. He was at basic training at Fort Gordon, Georgia, in October of 1962, when a lieutenant came up to him and asked if he was Jake Gibbs.

"He said, 'You are going to be catching this year for the Yankees.' I just laughed it off and never gave it another thought. Yankee manager Ralph Houk called me into his office the first day of spring training and told me of the move to catcher," Gibbs said. "I guess that lieutenant knew something after all. Houk told me if I wanted to get to the majors, that was going to be my ticket."

In 1965, he was assigned to Toledo and was called up to New York later in the season. He finally made the "Show" for good in 1966 and played in 538 MLB games. "Playing in New York was fun, but it was even more fun being a Yankee," Gibbs said.

Gibbs retired from baseball after the 1971 season and returned to Ole Miss to become the Rebels' head baseball coach.

The Rebels won three SEC Western Division championships and two overall SEC championships. During that first season in 1972, he led the team to the College World Series. They won the first SEC Baseball Tournament in 1977. He coached until 1990, leading the Rebels to 485 wins.

Dale McKee is a Waynesboro native who has been writing sports in Mississippi since 1973.

Rebels open season with Winston win

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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Leake Academy football coach Brian Pickens says the goal of every football team is to win the first game of the season.

The Rebels accomplished their goal as they scored 28 unanswered points to take a 35-7 win over homesteading Winston Academy on Friday night.

Leake improves to 1-0 on the season and will host Jackson Academy on Friday night.

Pickens said he was pleased with the effort on both sides of the football as the Rebels opened the season with a win.

"The first game of the season is so important to get your season off and going on the right foot," Pickens said. "To start off with a win, it just builds momentum and makes all the hard work in the offseason pay off. There are going to be mistakes."

"We looked good on defense and drove it right down the field on offense. I thought the offensive line did an outstanding job and opened up holes. Canon (Parkes) had a big night and ran for over 200 yards and when you can rush for 461 yards, that's impressive," Pickens said.

The first half was tight as the Patriots used a pair of turnovers to keep the Rebels out of the end zone.

Leake got on the board first with 4:48 left in the first quarter as Parkes scored on a six-yard run. Cole Arthur booted the PAT and Leake held a 7-0 lead.

The score stayed 7-0 until midway through the second quarter. Leake was driving in for a score when Parkes fumbled at the goal line and Winston came up with the football. The Patriots then tied the game as they got loose on a 94-yard touchdown run with 6:53 left in



Photo by Kalie Parks

Leake Academy's Canon Parks runs for done positive yardage against Winston Academy on Friday night.

the half. The PAT was good and Winston tied the game at 7-7.

The Rebels answered with a methodical drive down the field. Whitt Welch scored on a one-yard run with 3:41 left in the

half. Arthur booted the PAT and Leake took a 14-7 lead into the half.

The Rebels used a stiff defense and relentless offense in the second half and gradually

pulled away from the Patriots. The Rebels extended the lead with 5:17 left in the third when Rhett Atkinson scored on a 23-yard run. Arthur booted the PAT and Leake led 21-7.

The Rebels got the ball right back as they recovered a Winston fumble. Atkinson then found the end zone again as he scored on a 16-yard run. Arthur's kick gave Leake a 28-7

lead. After a Winston punt, Leake moved down the field quickly again. This time, Riley Myers found the end zone on a 28-yard run with 11:53 left in the game. Arthur's PAT gave Leake the final score of 35-7 as the Rebels were able to run out the last eight minutes of the clock.

Leake limited Winston to 231 yards of total offense.

Leake had 530 yards of total offense while Winston had 231 yards. Parkes had a career night with 252 yards on 36 carries, averaging 7.2 yards a carry. Atkinson had 98 yards on nine carries and was 3-of-5 passing for 69 yards. Myers had 52 yards on four carries while Aiden Watkins had two catches for 34 yards.

Bryce Watkins led the Leake defense with 5.5 tackles while Ethan Dunn had five tackles and Welch had 4.5 tackles.

This week's game

The Rebels will be at home this week as they host Jackson Academy for the second straight season.

The Raiders opened the season with a 37-0 win over Starkville Academy.

"It's going to be an extremely tough game," Pickens said. "They have a great football program and a great staff. After we beat them last year, they got a lot better and ended up playing for the state championship last year. And I think they will be right in it this year as well. It will be a great test for us. I know they are going to come out and be physical with that big running back. It will be a physical game for us."

Last season, the Rebels posted a furious fourth-quarter comeback, rallying from a 31-7 deficit to take a 47-37 win over the Raiders.

Union, Choctaw Central football to collide on Friday night

By STAFF REPORTS
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Warriors got to play in Friday's jamborees.

Union was set to play against West Lauderdale. But late Friday, heavy rains in Collinsville

caused the Knights to cancel the jamboree.

The Warriors have had several players quarantined and school officials decided to pull

out of their jamboree game at East Central.

Coach Jordan Wren said he was looking forward to the jamboree to see how his team performed against the Class 4A Knights.

"I thought we had a good week overall," Wren said. "We didn't start the week well. Monday was kind of tough on them. We didn't get started until 4 and they came out and it just looked

like they were tired. Tuesday was a good practice and we were sharp the rest of the week."

This week's game

Both teams will finally get on the field this week as Union hosts Choctaw Central on Friday night.

"I really don't know a lot about them, they haven't played at all," Wren said. "All I know is Eli Joe will take snaps and his is

a really good football player. He's a big quarterback and runs the ball hard. They will probably run quarterback power about 70% of the time. Size-wise, they will be bigger than us up front. We will have to use our quickness up front to control the line of scrimmage. We can't just line up and play them straight up. They are hard to prepare for because you never really know what you are going to get."

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Synopsis of Neshoba County School District Budget 2021-2022

The Board of Education of the Neshoba County School District recently approved the budget for the 2021-2022 school year. The approved revenues and expenditures are as follows:

REVENUES:	
Local sources	5,970,771.26
Intermediate sources	-
State sources	18,958,336.90
Federal sources	29,328,753.40
16 section	238,900.00
Total Revenues	54,496,761.56
EXPENDITURES:	
Instruction	21,344,123.83
Support services	
Students	1,531,787.85
Instructional staff	866,157.92
General administration	1,482,624.37
School administration	1,448,927.00
Business	365,124.66
Operation/maintenance of plant	3,360,700.59
Transportation	1,675,505.92
Central	579,795.00
Noninstructional	1,795,096.57
16th section	149,667.00
Facilities acq/construction	18,221,334.82
Debt service	2,074,936.77
Total Expenditures	54,895,782.30

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):	
Other financing sources	6,423,669.32
Other financing uses	(6,624,969.32)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(201,300.00)

Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses (600,320.74)

FUND BALANCES:	
Est. Fund Balance July 1, 2021	12,329,934.59
Est. Fund Balance, June 30, 2022	11,729,613.85*

*Note: This excess of revenues under expenditures represents items such as capital expenditures that were committed in the prior fiscal year and non-recurring major repair expenditures. These items will be paid for with funds set aside in prior years for such purposes.