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# City may raise taxes for pay hike

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY a final budget next week. steve@neshobademocrat.com

A proposed 1-mill city tax increase to fund an \$11 million 2022 budget including pay raises is being proposed at a public hearing this evening.

The Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Alderman is scheduled to hold the public hearing at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Officials will actually vote on

City leaders have budgeted 20 mills this fiscal year, which is a 1-mill increase when compared to the current fiscal year budget. That means ad valorem taxes could increase.

A mill is \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed property value and one mill raises approximatly \$80,000 in Philadelphia, officials said.

The mayor and aldermen

have been working on the budget since early August. The proposed budget projecting \$10,960,350 in total revenue. Of that, \$1,530,000 will come from ad valorem taxes, an increase of \$366,800 when compared to the current budg-

Sales tax collections make up most of the revenue. Mayor James A. Young

said much of the extra money

will go to pay for a \$1.25 an hour pay increase for all city employees. He defended the raises, saying people don't realize the value of the work it takes to keep the city running.

"People don't appreciate it until it isn't there," Young said. "It is one of those unsung services that we brush off until that garbage can is no emptied. They may complain about everything, but let these

guys not produce for a week and we will have total chaos."

Not everyone agreed with raising taxes because they said growth will likely fund the raises. Ward 2 Aldermen Jim Fulton and Alderman-at-Large James Waltman voted against the final version of the proposed budget.

with the likelihood of recordhigh sales tax collections he just doesn't think a tax increase is necessary.

In other action, aldermen

• Place \$130,000 the city received for the sale of a Wells Lamont outlying building to Viking Metals into a CD with

the best rate. Approve the minutes of Fulton said Tuesday that the past meeting and the

claims docket. See TAXES, page 7A



lic Safety students who put up 9/11 banners to display outside the facility are, from left, Cali Wilson, Jonathan Medford, Kendall Hoskins, Jon-

Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career Technical Center Law and Pub- Paul Moore, Danny Hughes, Kayden Gray, Posey Palmer, Jada Greer, Cameron Burnham, Mia Johnson, India Sanders, Allison Alford.

# Vo-Tech students keep memory of 9/11 alive

**By SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS** news@neshobademocrat.com

As the nation paused last week for the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, students at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career Technical Center put up a banner proclaiming "We Remember Sept. 11, 2001."

Bryton Yates, a ninth-grader at Neshoba Central, said that while he is too young to have witnessed the events of Sept. 11, 2001, he has family members who recalled watching it on television.

"A lot of stuff happened back then," Yates said. "We've talked about what happened and the details in class."

Yates said he believes Americans united after

the attacks and that he has learned more about 9/11 through taking Law and Public Safety at the

Ty Martin said the banners they put up included one that said simply, "We remember Sept. 11, 2001," with an American Flag.

"The one we put up was an American flag that had everyone's name who had died from it,' "9/11 would be the day that Americans

became one," said Martin, a ninth-grade Neshoba Central High School student and chairman of the Neshoba County Teenage Republicans.

There were no more Republicans, no Democrats, no more white, no more black, it was we are American. 9/11 was the single worst day

in American history that we pretty much have ever had since Pearl Harbor. This day when Americans came together, we become one

Bailey Scott, also a ninth-grader at Neshoba Central, said 9/11 left a lasting impact.

"It's important to me because of the impact it made on the country and everyone who lost their lives during it, the people who died when the plane hit the tower," Scott said. "It not only impacted us, it also impacted people's families who lost loved ones in 9/11.'

Jade Lynn Rogers a ninth-grader at Neshoba Central, said her grandmother who watched 9/11 unfold on television 20 years ago told her about

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## **INVESTIGATION**

## **Inmate dies** in custody at detention facility

By STAFF REPORTS news@neshobademocrat.com

A man who fled law enforcement and shot at deputies in May was found dead in his jail cell over the weekend, the authorities

The man, Piotr James Gullett, 27, of Starkville was found unresponsive in his cell and later pronounced dead Saturday evening, Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark said.

'Piotr Gullett was observed to be unresponsive in his cell at 6:37 p.m. (Saturday)," Clark said in a press release. "Correctional officers called EMS and immediately began life-saving measures until emergency responders arrived. EMS pronounced Gullett dead at 6:48 p.m. Neshoba County Medical Examiner transported the body to the Mississippi Crime Laboratory in Pearl for

an autopsy."

Clark said next of kin had been notified.

"No foul play is suspected," Clark said. "The death is not COVID-19 related."

Gullett had been in custody since May 30, 2021, facing charges of felony fleeing arrest, burglary-dwelling house, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of stolen property and aggravated assault on a police officer, according to Clark's statement.

"Gullett remained in custody, due to bond denial," Clark said. "Prisoner deaths are investigated by Mississippi Bureau of Investigations and the Medical Examiner's Office. Detention records are not released due to containing confidential medical, security and personnel information."

The May incident started on See INMATE, page 2A

## **TYLER THREADGILL**

## Football standout remembered at death

By SCOTT HAWKINS scott@neshobademocrat.com

Philadelphia native Tyler Burkes Threadgill, a former Mississippi State University and Philadelphia High School football standout, died Sunday morning in a Birmingham hospital after battling COVID-

19. He was 36. Friends described Threadgill as a kind man, a great athlete and "a friend to all."

Mississippi State Univeristy announced Threadgill's death Sunday morning.

"Tyler Threadgill, the son of former MSU quarterback Bruce Threadgill and wife Angie Burkes Threadgill, passed away this weekend after a battle with COVID-19," a Twitter post from the

university said. "Tyler played in 18 games during his own MSU football career. Please remember this Bulldog family in your prayers.#MSUFami-

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until noon Thursday, Sept. 16, at Southern Heritage Funeral Home, 475 Cahaba Valley Road, Pelham, Alabama, where Threadgill lived with his wife Leslie and sons, John and Tyler. A funeral service will follow at noon.

Threadgill's home church, The First United Methodist Church of Philadelphia, held a prayer vigil Monday.

"Brothers and sisters with a heavy heart, I share this with you," a Sunday social media post from the church said. "Tyler Threadgill died this

morning. During this time let us pray for the Threadgill fam-

The church asked everyone to remember Threadgill's family, including his wife, sons, his parents and brother Gar-

Threadgill, who grew up in Philadelphia, played for Philadelphia High School and was rated No. 12 overall in the state of Mississippi by Super-Prep in its season-ending, All-American issue, according to his biography on the Mississippi State sports website hailstate.com.

"Tyler was a fun-loving guy who lived every day to the fullest," said Carly Byars Rounsaville, a longtime Philadelphia friend. "He was a

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Tyler Threadgill with wife Leslie and son Tyler at the Neshoba County Fair.

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## Fire department trains students in CPR

By SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS

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Students at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career Technical Center spent last week learning Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation from members of the Philadelphia Fire Department and now all 120 of the students who took the class are certified in CPR.

CPR certification is required for students in the Teacher Academy, Law and Public Safety, Early Childhood Development and the Health Sciences programs, said Melissa Upton, director of Philadelphia Neshoba County Career Technical Cen-

In addition to CPR, the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career Technical Center students also learned to stop the bleed, first aid and tips on fire

On Friday, firefighters brought a fire truck to the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career Technical Center to show the students the gear and equipment they work with and what they do to keep the community safe.

Then, the students lined up to be tested by firefighters and used mannequins of different



Katelyn Lewis demonstrates proper CPR proceedures she learned in certification last week.

sizes to demonstrate proper CPR techniques. Once the students finished and passed all requirements from the checklist, they were certified.

"The first time I ever did CPR, I was 16," said Carroll Mewbourn battalion chief of Philadelphia Fire Department. "You never know when you're going to need it. It is very important to know no matter how old you are."

The firefighters said they were impressed with how well the students did on their tests

and Mewbourn said he thought all the students did very well.

"The fire department does a great job of coming in their free time to teach," Upton

Even though students in the welding, automotive and construction programs are not required to learn CPR some of them still took the course and gained CPR certification.

"The program is teaching us how to take care of children from ages newborn to 5,"

said Katelyn Lewis, a 10th grader at Neshoba Central, who is studying Early Childhood Development at the center. "We've learned infant, child and adult CPR."

Learning CPR is essential for the students to know in case of emergency while working with children, she said. Many of the staff and students said they are thankful for the Philadelphia Fire Department firefighters working closely with the vo-tech to teach students life skills.

## Government benefits impacting trash pickup

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY steve@neshobademocrat.com

Government benefits individuals have been receiving to stay at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, among other things, is being blamed for erratic garbage pickup in Philadelphia.

Garbage pickup is a mess, officials have said, and aldermen let Waste Pro know last week in person they want it fixed now.

City leaders said they are consistently receiving complaints about garbage pickup problems.

Waste Pro managers met with the board during their regular Tuesday, Sept. 7, meeting. The managers met in

response to a letter they received from City Attorney Robert Thomas demanding "I would say during the last

six months, there has been inconsistent pickups for what-ever reason," Mayor James A. Young said. "I noticed in the last few days, you have stepped up your game. We wanted to know from your

standpoint, what is going on." Waste Pro representatives blamed mechanical problems

and people not showing up for work as their key issues.

"If I had 20 new trucks, it would make my life a lot easier," said residential operations manager Stan Stewart. "But that is above my paygrade. I ask for them every year. I got one new one in the last five

"The last month and a half, we have had a lot of mechanical issues. These trucks stop and go every day. If a truck says it has 100,000 miles on it, realistically it has 200,000 on it with the stop and go."

Stewart said a plan to send an extra truck during the day to speed up pickups did not go so well because the truck blew an engine while en route. Waste Pro did have a new

rental truck in Philadelphia for a few months and all agreed it helped. Stewart said that truck had not been meant to stay in Philadelphia and now it is He added that the govern-

COVID-19 pandemic have resulted in some employees not showing up for work. "All this money people are getting to sit at home has affected me tremendously,"

Stewart said. "My truck leaves

ent benefits people have

been receiving because of the

the yard (from Meridian) at 4:30, going to Philadelphia. (Recently) they didn't leave until 8:30 because of guys not showing up for work. I had to call around to find people. I did some moving around and got a crew up here."

Stewart said similar problems have been happening in other cities where Waste Pro picks up the garbage.

Aldermen Justin Clearman and Shaun Seales both said communications between the company and its customers is a big problem. Waste Pro is contracted

with the city to pick up the garbage twice a week with routes running on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Garbage cans are supposed to be on the street by 7 a.m. If the garbage doesn't get picked up, people don't know what to

Stewart said if the garbage did not get picked up on the day it was supposed to, the company (usually) comes back to get it the next day. He added he usually doesn't know if a route has not been completed until the end of the day.

"I think people would be fairly understanding if they knew what was going on," Clearman said, adding that the majority of the calls he gets from constituents are garbage pickup complaints.

Thomas agreed communications was a problem but added it was more than that. You have people rolling

their garbage out Tuesday morning, and they come home in the evening and it's still sitting there," Thomas said. "They don't know you are coming back Wednesday. They move it back and it doesn't get picked up when you do come.'

Thomas said the responsibility of getting the problem corrected belonged to the board.

"I understand everything they said," Thomas said. "I want you (the board) to understand that we are charging the citizens of Philadelphia for pickup twice a week. As a board, you have a duty to either get this straightened or make a decision to do something different. Your taxpayers are paying you to get it picked up, and you are paying them, and it ain't happening. This started in January.'

The mayor and board said they would continue to monitor the situation.

## Fatal wreck shuts down Highway 19 for hours

By STAFF REPORTS news@neshobademocrat.com

A Lake man was killed in a head-on collision on Highway 19 south early Tuesday morning that shut down the roadway and diverted traffic to a dirt road for over two hours.

Brady J. Stewart, 21, of Lake was pronounced dead on the scene of the 6:26 a.m. accident after the 2018 Mazda 6 he was driving collided head-on with a GMC Yukon driven by Bradley K. Alexander, 42, of Meridian, Mississippi Highway Patrol officials said.

Traffic was diverted to Road 537 that parallels Highway 19 north of Tucker.
"Preliminary reports indi-

cate that a 2018 Mazda 6 driven by Stewart ... was traveling south on Mississippi 19," an MHP report states. "A 2004 GMC Yukon driven by Alexander ... was traveling north on Mississippi 19. The Mazda 6 and GMC Yukon colhead-on. Stewart lided received fatal injuries from the

dead on the scene. Alexander received moderate injuries and was transported to Rush Hospital in Meridian. The crash is currently under investigation by the Mississippi Highway Patrol."

No other details were available Tuesday.

## **Inmate**

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the afternoon of Friday, May 21, when deputies were responding to a reported house burglary in the North Bend community on Road 2826 when an officer spotted a silver Toyota Tacoma that had

been described by the caller. Clark said at that time they had reason to suspect Gullet was armed.

The deputy attempted a traffic stop and a high-speed chase ensued. "The described vehicle was

reported at a home and that is what led us to him," Clark said. "When deputies saw the vehicle and saw it pulling out of a driveway acting erratical-

ly, they attempted to make the

crash and was pronounced

The chase ended in the Spring Creek community at the intersection of Road 567 and Road 624 where the driver lost control and stalled in a ditch on Road 567.

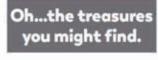
"The driver exited the pickup and opened fire on the Sheriff's deputy," Clark said. "After an exchange of gunfire, the felon escaped into the

wooded area near the intersec-

The Kemper County Sheriff's Office was quick to respond with their K-9 Unit, Clark said.

'We had a lot of support from local law enforcement," Clark said in May. "When we called they came very quickly to respond. They were a great





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# Supervisors approve \$19M budget for '22

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY steve@neshobademocrat.com

The Board of Supervisors adopted a \$19 million 2022 budget during their regular meeting last week.

Supervisors held a public hearing during their Tuesday, Sept. 7, meeting before the budget vote. The new budget will go into effect on Oct. 1.

'We have an adopted budget," said County Administrator Jeff Mayo. "It was the same as the one that was proposed. There were no changes.

Supervisors have budgeted to spend \$19,087,998, an increase of \$3,697,958 in the Fiscal Year. Of that, they propose spending \$8,405,425 for the general fund, a \$369,572 increase when compared to the current fiscal year.

The functions of government are funded in the general fund, and supervisors received \$8,621,575 in requests.

The last year's general fund millage rate inside the city of Philadelphia is 58.8, and 60.8 outside the city limits. That will not change. The extra 2 mills for county residents are for fire protection. Currently, a general mill produces around \$160,000, depending in which district one lives. It is expected to remain the same for Fiscal Year 2022, which begins

The school district's share in funding the Philadelphia-Neshoba Vocational Technical Center is \$281,761.

The Union Public School District is getting \$456,793.That includes \$444,188 for the operation and maintenance of the district and \$12,605 for debt service. The current millage is set at 54.8 and a millage decrease is expected.

One mill is equal to \$1 per \$1,000 of a property's assessed value.

The budget includes \$2.5 million in American Rescue Act funds but there are no concrete plans for spending that money, said Jeff Mayo Neshoba County administra-

Mayo said there has been discussion of improvements such as HVAC, ventilation improvements and adding touchless fixtures for county facilities but not definite spending plans yet.

"I don't know if all of that funding will be spent during the fiscal year because we have until 2024," Mayo said. We have to do lost revenue every year up to then so there is no guarantee but depending on what the costs come back for the various projects will actually be when it is spent."

The county received the \$2.5 million in August as the first payment in the county's total \$5.6 million as part of the federal government's \$1.9 trillion federal American Rescue Act funds allocated by Congress in March to help local governments recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The county is also expected to receive another \$2.5 million next year.

## Election precinct reduction proposed

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY

Consolidating voting precincts was brought before the Board of Supervisors last

Election Commissioner Charlene Kirksey and Circuit Clerk Patty Duncan came before the board to say the county's 27 precincts could be reduced.

With redistricting coming up next year, they asked for supervisors to consider consolidation of some of the voting precinct locations, moving them to a central location.

Neshoba County has 27 voting precincts. Some are colocated.

No action was taken. In other actions, supervi-

• Approved the budget of Neshoba General hospital. Administrator Lee McCall went over the budget with supervisors. The hospital board of trustees had approved the budget earlier.

• Gave approval for the Sheriff's Department to dispose of accumulated weapons via destruction and sale. Also, supervisors acknowledged the receipt of remaining informant fees totaling \$885, and the removal of a portable radio from the department's inventory. Supervisors acknowledged a memorandum of understanding with the Mississippi Department of Finance & Administration.

• Gave approval for the Sheriff's Department to accept an Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driving Grant for Fiscal Year 2022 totaling \$37,453. Supervisors also approved a resolution for the sheriff's department to proceed with the application for a Mississippi Office of Head Start grant.

• Acknowledged the total loss of a 2015 Ford Police

Interceptor from the Sheriff's Department which had been involved in a wreck.

• Approved \$30,000 for the purchase of a digital hand printing machine for the Sheriff's Department.

• Approved an amendment to the interlocal agreement for providing school resource officers which would include overtime and benefits for ath-

• Approved a travel reimbursement request for Sheriff Eric Clark totaling \$361.

• Accepted the August 2021 daily meal log and detailed billing report from the jail. Supervisors also approved for a jail employee to move from full-time to part-time status.

• Accepted the resignation of a Road Department employee, and approved the hiring of another. Supervisors approved the replacement of a culvert at Neshoba Central High School between the bus barn and the baseball field.

• Approved a letter of certification for the Mississippi State Extension Service. Supervisors also approved the yearly update and consulting services with Tri-State Consulting and the Tax Assessor/Collector at a cost of \$1,500.

• Approved the employee health insurance coverage for

• Approved the two appointments for the Sixth Chancery Court District. Maryann Costa was named court reporter with a salary of \$64,000 plus benefits. Neshoba County will be responsible for 20 percent of her salary. Kenny Spencer was named Youth Intervention Court Coordinator effective Sept. 1. His salary will be \$48,500 plus benefits. Also, supervisors approved Winston County's request for reimbursement of office expenses for Judge Kirk totaling \$273.

 Approve travel and registration expenses for Deputy Medical Examiner Myron Williams to attend MSCMEA fall conference on the Coast.

• Approve for the purchase of the equipment for the new Next Generation 9-1-1 Grant for Emergency Management, This includes two new console stations, text to 911, the rapid SOS Integration and a new login recorder.

• Approved the termination of local emergency declarations from the Winter Ice Storm and Hurricane Ida. Supervisors accepted the county's emergency sheltering support plan.

• Approved a refund for use of the Multi-Purpose Room at the Coliseum due to COVID-19 concerns. Supervisors also approved for Philadelphia High School to use the Coliseum for graduation ceremonies on May 26,

• Approved the county employee payroll ending Aug. 23 and totaling \$218,786

• Approved the elected officials' payroll ending Sept. 1 and totaling \$43,525.

• Approved the claims docket and the out of claims docket. Supervisors also accepted the purchase clerk's August 2021 report.

 Approved requisition authority for the Extension Service office.

• Approved the payment of \$17,278 to Schneider Electric. • Approved the Final Dis-

bursement Request to Bank of America for the Energy Proj-

ect, totaling \$16,056.28. and.
• Approved the payment of \$1,800 to the Mississippi Association of Supervisors for annual membership dues.

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## 9/11

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"She said it was tragic and when I think about it it is sad because of all the people that died, and it was just so sad," Rodgers said. "I felt like (putting the banners up) was a good way to support it and keep it alive because that's something you don't need to forget about."

On 9/11, 19 militants associated with the Islamic extremist group al Qaeda hijacked four airplanes and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. Two of the planes were

flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third plane hit the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, just outside Washington, D.C., and the fourth plane crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, that

might have been headed for the U.S. Capitol before passengers overtook the hijackers.

Almost 3,000 people were killed during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which triggered major U.S. initiatives to combat terrorism, including the invasion of Iraq.





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#### **EDITORIALS**

# What about natural immunity?

The Biden administration is pursuing a universal vaccination strategy, even encouraging private businesses and public universities to mandate COVID-19 shots as a prerequisite to be able to go to work or school. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention insists even if you already contracted the virus and have survived, you should get the vaccination.

The U.S. federal government is failing to take natural immunity seriously - and their universal vaccination strategy is foolish, misguided, and at its worst, deadly.

Newly released data from Israel show people who once had a SARS-CoV-2 infection were much less likely than never-infected vaccinated people to contract the Delta variant, develop symptoms from it, or become hospitalized with serious COVID-19. That's right – natural immunity provides more of a shield against Delta than two doses of Pfizer's vaccine.

"It's a textbook example of how natural immunity is really better than vaccination," Charlotte Thalin, a physician and immunology researcher at Danderyd Hospital in Stockholm, told Science magazine of the Israeli study, which tracked more than 700,000 individuals and was released on August 26th.

Other studies show similar results. A Public Health England study released in January found less than 1 percent of 6,614 people who tested positive for COVID-19 antibodies developed reinfection within five months. A Cleveland Clinic study published in June found that not one of the 1,359 unvaccinated people previously infected with COVID-19 contracted the virus. They concluded, "individuals who have had SARS-CoV-2 infection are unlikely to benefit from COVID-19 vaccination."

Yet, the U.S. federal government wants to frame the debate around the vaccinated and the unvaccinated. Instead, they should be talking about the immune and the nonimmune. More of an emphasis should be placed on antibody tests. Based on California studies, roughly a third to half of Americans who are unvaccinated have natural immunity, according to Dr. Marty Makary, a professor at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, who has repeatedly pressed the CDC and Dr. Anthony Fauci to include natural immunity in their herd-immunity calculations and COVID-19 guidance.

"During every month of this pandemic, I've had debates with other public researchers about the effectiveness and durability of natural immunity," Dr. Makary told US News & World Report in August. "I've been told that natural immunity could fall off a cliff, rendering people susceptible to infection. But here we are now, over a year and a half into the clinical experience of observing patients who were infected, and natural immunity is effective and going strong. And that's because, with natural immunity, the body develops antibodies to the entire surface of the virus, not just a spike protein constructed from a vaccine."

There are legitimate reasons for the immune not to want to get a vaccination. As Dr. Robert Malone and Peter Navarro have detailed on our pages, the shots can cause a wide range of serious side effects. The Pfizer vaccination is associated with an increased risk of myocarditis, an inflammation of the heart muscle, especially among young males. Other than the Pfizer shot, both Moderna and Johnson & Johnson's vaccination hasn't received full FDA approval.

As more studies show prior COVID-19 infection provides better immunity than vaccines, the Biden administration needs to recalibrate and abandon its universal vaccination strategy. Not doing so is unscientific, discriminatory, unethical, and potentially deadly.

- The Washington Times

#### PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

# What was Bush saying?

In Shanksville, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, former President George W. Bush's theme was national unity — and how it has been lost over these past 20 years.

"In the weeks and months following the 9/11 attacks, said Bush, "I was proud to lead an amazing, resilient, united people. When it comes to the unity of America, those days seem distant from our own. A malign force seems at work in our common life that turns every disagreement into an argument, and every argument into a clash of cultures.

Though he surely did not realize it, Bush had himself, moments before, given us an example of how that unity was destroyed when he drew a parallel between the terrorists of 9/11 and the Trump protesters of Jan 6. Said Bush:

There is little cultural overlap between violent extremists abroad and violent extremists at home. But in their disdain for pluralism, in their disregard for human life, in their determination to defile national symbols, they are children of the same foul spirit."

What is Bush saying here? That Ashli Babbitt, the Air Force veteran shot to death trying to enter the House chamber on Jan. 6, and Mohamed Atta. who drove an airliner into the North Tower of the World Trade Center in a massacre of close to 3,000 people, are "children of the same foul spirit."

Query: Was not Bush himself here giving us an example of the "malign force" that "turns every disagreement .. into a clash of cultures"?

Bush did not mention his own contribution to our national divide: his invasion of a country, Iraq, that did not threaten us, did not attack us, and did not want war with us to disarm it of weapons it did not even have.

Which contributed more to the loss of America's national unity?

The four hours of mob violence in the Capitol the afternoon of Jan. 6, 2021, or the 18year war in Iraq that Bush launched in 2003?

"In those fateful hours"

**RICH LOWRY** 

George Bush did not on 9/11 mention his own contribution to our national divide by invading Iraq.

after 9/11, said Bush, "Many Americans struggled to understand why an enemy would hate us with such zeal.'

Yet, well before 9/11, Osama bin Laden, in his declaration of war on us, listed his grievances. Our sanctions were starving the children of Iraq. Our military presence on the sacred soil of Saudi Arabia, home to Mecca, was a national insult and a blasphemous outrage to Islam.

After 9/11, Bush invaded Afghanistan and Iraq. President Barack Obama attacked Libya and plunged us into the Syrian and Yemeni civil wars.

Thus, over 20 years, we have been responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thousands — Afghans, Iraqis, Syrians, Yemenis, soldiers and civilians alike - and driven hundreds of thousands more from their homes and their countries.

Are Americans really as oblivious, as Bush suggests, as to why it was that our enemies 'hate us with such zeal"?

Many of these peoples want us out of their countries for the same reason that 18th- and 19th-century Americans wanted the French, British and Spanish out of our country and out of our hemisphere.

Yet, it is not only the Bush and Obama wars that have made us so many enemies abroad and so deeply divided us at home.

Our southern border is being overrun by illegal immigrants whose number, since President Joe Biden took office, has been running at close to 2 million a year, with 30,000 "get-aways" a month. These last are mostly males who never make contact with the Border Patrol as they move on to their chosen destinations. They are coming now not only from Mexico and the northern tier countries of Central Amer-

ica but also from some 100 countries around the world.

Americans fear they are losing their country to the uninvited and invading millions of the Global South coming to dispossess them of their patrimony. They never voted for this invasion and have wanted their chosen leaders to stop it.

Former President Donald Trump earned their trust because he tried and, to a great degree, succeeded.

Unlike previous generations, our 21st-century divisions are far broader — not just economic and political, but social, moral, cultural and

Abortion, same-sex marriage and transgender rights divide us. Socialism and capitalism divide us. Affirmative action, Black Lives Matter, urban crime, gun violence and critical race theory divide us. Allegations of white privilege and white supremacy, and demands that equality of opportunity give way to equity of rewards, divide us. In the COVID-19 pandemic, the wearing of masks and vaccine mandates divide us.

Demands to tear down monuments and memorials to those who were, until lately, America's greats — Christopher Columbus to George Washington to Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson, from Abraham Lincoln to Robert E. Lee to Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson - divide us.

We are even divided today on the most fundamental of questions:

Is America now, and has it always been, a good and great country, worthy of the loyalty and love of all its children, of all its citizens?

And are we Americans proceeding toward that "more perfect union" or heading for a reenactment of our previous violent disunion?

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

## The real Biden presidency emerges

Afghanistan.

the first major, historic decision of his presidency, and com-

pletely botched it. The White

House may tell itself that his

withdrawal from Afghanistan

will come to seem farsighted,

and it's possible that the harm-

ful political effect will wear off

in a foreign country after an

enemy of the United States

swept to power and chased us

out with our tails between our

legs, though, is not likely to be

forgotten, certainly not in 2022

The prime directive for any

president is, to the extent possi-

ble, to seem in control. Biden

failed this test repeatedly dur-

ing the evacuation crisis.

Events moved faster than he

did and his rationales for what

was happening had to be con-

know that his performances at

his press conferences weren't

reassuring, let alone command-

ing. The problem Biden has is

that any act of incompetence

will, fairly or not, raise ques-

tions about his age, even if he

would have done exactly the

same thing at 38 that he's now

The most notable feature of

the resulting Biden drops in the

polls that have him underwater

in both the RealClearPolitics

and 538 polling averages is his

Privately, Democrats must

Leaving Americans behind

over time.

or 2024, if ever.

stantly revised.

done at 78.

Not too long ago, supporters imagined Joe Biden might be the next LBJ, and perhaps they were right — just not how they

Biden bears no resemblance to the Lyndon B. Johnson who entered office after the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963 with a 75% approval rating and over the next couple of years passed a raft of historic legislation. No, if there's any comparison it is to the LBJ who by 1967 had seen his approval rating dip underwater in a

deeply riven country.

After a lot of happy talk over the past half year, the real Biden presidency has emerged. It is not a colossus bestriding the political universe, rather a middling administration, at best, that will have trouble imposing its will even on its own party in Congress.

Biden was always fundamentally a default president, elected in opposition to Donald Trump and initially buoyed by the contrast to his outlandish predecessor.

Now, he's lost his foil in Trump, who is still issuing harsh and thunderous press releases but isn't driving every news cycle or occasioning mass protests in the streets. The best case for Biden was

that he could ride in the slipstream of good economic growth and a receding pandem-

Instead, the labor market is still rocky, and the Delta variant has surged, leading to headlines about overstretched health care systems that most people assumed that we'd left behind in the spring of 2020.

On top of this, Biden made

awful standing among inde-The labor market is pendents (in the mid-30s in repstill rocky, the Delta utable polls). variant has surged and Biden botched

This isn't a position of strength from which to deal with another structural problem that was submerged by his initial success getting new COVID-19 spending and by wishful press coverage uncomfortably narrow margins in Congress.

Biden can't lose anyone in the Senate and only a handful of votes in the House, giving both the relative moderate wing of the party and its leftmost flank the ability to kill off his spending plans for being too profligate or too stingy, respec-

Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia is a constant reminder of this. The fate of Biden's presidency, or at least huge pieces of his domestic agenda, depends on a senator representing a Trump state who is largely immune to pressure from the national party, indeed may be helped if the national party calls him names for not going along with its priorities.

When all is said and done, Biden may get enough spending to allow Republicans to attack him as a wastrel and not enough spending to excite his own partisans.

Welcome to Biden's reality. The heroic period of his presidency was always a mirage, and the effort to muddle through now begins in earnest.

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

## **FLASHBACKS**

## **SEPTEMBER 19, 1941**

G.R. Richardson, Arlington, was elected chairman of the Neshoba County Teachers' Association at its first meeting held Thursday night, September 11, at the Philadelphia High School. Other new officers are L.C. Crowe, County Line, and Miss Katie Johnson, Arlington, secretary.

#### **SEPTEMBER 13, 1951** He's not comin' round the

mountain, but he's coming 'round the strong defense of the Brandon team. Little Jerry Lott, making one of two touchdowns he made against Brandon on a thirty-five yard run. Jerry is one of the fastest runners Philadelphia has seen in a long, long time.

## **SEPTEMBER 14, 1961**

H.B. Hutchinson gives the key to his repair shop to Andy Griffin last week. Mr. Hutchinson, who opened his shop here in 1905, says a much younger and active man, in the person of Mr. Griffin, will carry on the work in the small appliance repair

Tommye Lynn Burns, hold a 5 ½ pound sweet potato grown by her grandmother, Mrs. S.A. Burns, in her garden on Gum Street. Tommye Lvnn and her two friends, Charlotte Anderson and Martha Sharp, brought the

large potato by The Democrat office to show the gardening ability of the grandmother.

## **SEPTEMBER 16, 1971**

Mrs. Vertise Boseman administrators first aid to Mike Clark in a demonstration of the new ambulance purchased by Neshoba County General Hospital, as Tom Tucker prepares to roll out the stretcher.

## **SEPTEMBER 17, 1981**

Ellen Kilgore and Leah Cole of the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council, talk with Susan Evans, director of social services at the Neshoba County Nursing Home, about the Council's upcoming events for which free passes will be provided for all Nursing Home residents. Mrs. Kilgore editor of the Council's quarterly publication, the Tatler, and Miss Cole is the recording secretary for the Arts Council.

**SEPTEMBER 11, 1991** State Auditor Pete Johnson presents the "Certificate Recognizing Achievement in Financial Reporting" to the Philadelphia Public School District. Accepting the award is Vivian Hardy, finance officer, and Sandra Martin, business manager, and Dr. Therrell Myers, superintendent of the Philadelphia Public

School District.

## **SEPTEMBER 12, 2001**

Brenda Nowell's senior Government-Economics class at Philadelphia High School sat quietly Tuesday morning, watching the results of the terrorism in New York City. A member of Nowell's class, Dustin Turner, had a particular interest: his older sister, Mali, goes to school near the Empire State Building.

Jimmy Gray of the Sandtown community spent Saturday giving wagon rides as a part of Autumnfest, a downtown arts and crafts show designed to raise money for the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council. While final tallies weren't calculated, Autumnfest chairman Sherry Hazelwood said the turnout was good.

## **SEPTEMBER 14, 2011**

True to his promise, Coach Caleb Thompson shaved his head at a recent Neshoba Central pep rally. He promised his Algebra 1 students if they had a greater than 85 percent pass rate that he would shave his head. His students actually had a 90 percent pass rate on the Algebra 1 state test. Chief Keith Paige happily accepts the duty of shaving Coach Thompson's head.

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## **BIBLE SELECTION**

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble

- 1 Peter 3:8 (ESV)

## **OBITUARIES**

### Sallie (Yvonne) Thompson Darling

Graveside services for Sallie (Yvonne) Thompson Darling were held Saturday, September 11, 2021, at 2:00 pm from New Harmony Cemetery with Rev. James Lewis officiating. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Darling, 85, died September 6, 2021.

Born in Kemper County, she was raised in Neshoba County and attended Zephyr Hill School. Mrs. Darling later moved to Ridgeland, MS, where she worked as children/outreach director at Ridgeland Baptist Church. Several years later she moved to Houston, TX, and retired from Allstate Insurance Company.

Survivors include daughters, Sherry Brock of Kansas City, MO, and Susan Lancaster of Flora, MS; son, Morris Howell of Tempe, AZ; sisters, Edwina Thompson Pope and Brenda Thompson Hindman; brothers, Kenneth Thompson, Gary Dewayne Thompson; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Darling was preceded in death by sister, Bobbie Thompson Blocker; brothers, Curtis Mack Thompson and Jimmy Thompson.

## **Wayne Moulds**

Funeral services for Wayne Moulds were held Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 11 a.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Elder Jerry Wilkerson officiating. Burial followed in Bloomfield Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Moulds, 68, of Collinsville, died Monday, September 6, 2021.

He was a longtime resident of Meridian/Lauderdale County. He retired from the City of Meridian in 2006 where he worked as a truck operator. Mr. Moulds was a member of Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Jackson and attended Harmony Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Charlene Moulds of Collinsville, MS; daughter, Joy Moulds of Collinsville, MS; sister, Diane Roberson of Meridian, MS; brothers, Richard David Moulds, Sr. of Meridian, MS, and Marvin Ellis "Butch" Moulds of Panama City, FL.

Mr. Moulds was preceded in death by parents, Jesse and Florene Moulds; and sister, Anita Ruth Davidson.

## **Oneta Chisolm**

Graveside services for Mrs. Oneta Chisolm were held Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 1 p.m. from Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Chisolm, 103, of Collinsville, died Sunday, September 5, 2021.

Oneta was born March 30, 1918 in House Community amongst humble surroundings. She and Frank setup house and began raising a family of three children that they cherished. Oneta lived to see five generations and enjoyed gathering with each and every one of them. Aside from keeping her house a home, she also kept her yard a garden, which was always decorated with beautiful blooms, shrubs and manicured to a T. Oneta passed peacefully at home under the care of her loving fam-

She is survived by her children, Janice Alawine, Roland Chisolm, Sr., and Diane Smith (James); grandchildren, Michael Alawine (Trena), Mitch Alawine (Brenda), Steve Smith (Laura), Roland Chisolm, Jr., Wendy Baucum (John); great grandchildren, Tony Alawine (Michelle), Madison Smith, Savannah Richardson (Christian) and Anderson Smith; great-great grandchildren, Josh and Justin Hendrix, Samuel, Tyler, Jack, Ethan and Cody Alawine.

Mrs. Chisolm was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Chisolm; parents, Ben and Minnie Lee Joyner; brothers, Harvey, Frank, Charlie, Abe, Urban and Bennie; sisters, Eva, Nora, Artie Mae, Mary and Lucille; daughter-in-law, Patsy Chisolm; sonin-law, Max Alawine; great grandson, Shaun Alawine.

grandson, Shaun Alawine,
Pallbearers were Mitch Alawine, John Baucum, Steve Smith,
Larry Joyner, Christian Richard-

son and Anderson Smith.
Family requests memorials be made to Antioch Baptist Church, or your favorite charity.

## Lloyd Twigg

Services for Lloyd Twigg were held Monday, September 13, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Cliff Crosby officiating. Burial followed in Eastlawn Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Twigg died Thursday, September 9, 2021, at his home.

He was a resident of Leake County for the past four years. He was a retired auto mechanic and restoration specialist. Mr. Twigg was a member of Union Pentecostal Church. He served in the U. S. Air Force.

He is survived by his wife Shirley Twigg of Sebastopol; and stepdaughter Roseann Parker.

### Rosalie "Rose" Crosby Alford

Funeral services for Mrs. Rosalie "Rose" Crosby Alford was held at 3 PM Saturday, September 11, 2021 at North Bend United Pentecostal Church with Rev. Tony Wilson, Rev. Johnny Peden and Rev. Nathan Moore officiating. Interment in the church cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Alford, 84, passed away Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at her residence in Neshoba County, where she lived most of her life. She was a homemaker and enjoyed find-a-word puzzles and game shows. She was a member of North Bend United Pentecostal Church.

Mrs. Alford was preceded in death by her Parents, Frank, Vera Lane Crosby; Sisters, Jo Willis, Willie Nance, Sue Barrier, Ruth Daugherty; Brothers, Lavelle, Alfred, Melvin Crosby; Granddaughter, Meagan Nicole Alford.

daughter, Meagan Nicole Alford. Survivors include Husband, Charles R. Alford; Daughter, Pam Alford Kirkland (Ronnie), Sheila Alford Wilson (Tony); Sons, Mike Alford (Lisa), Mitch Alford (Gay); Brother, Ray Crosby; (6) Grandchildren; (1) Bonus Granddaughter, (5) Great-Grand-

### Helon Virginia McCool

Celebration of life for Ms. Helon Virginia McCool was 5 PM Saturday, September 11, 2021 at Pentecostal Apostolic Church.

Ms. McCool, 78, passed away Monday, September 6, 2021 at UMMC in Jackson MS. She lived in Neshoba Co. most of her life. She was Pentecostal by Faith. Her hobbies were writing songs, singing and playing guitar, fishing and hunting.

She was preceded in death by her husbands Tom Stubblefield and Cliff McCool; parents Lester Lee Clark and Inus L. Adcock Clark; sisters, Jimmie Lou Kelly, Maxine Anthony; brothers, Zeb Lee Clark, Dewey Clark and Paul David Clark

Survivors include daughters Sheila S. Roark (Ron), Daphnie Miriam Compton; sons David Andrew Coats (Nancy), Tim Stubblefield; sisters, Sylvia Dooley, Sherry Burchfield; brothers, Prentis Clark, Arnett Clark; (10) grandchildren; (13) great-grandchildren.

## **Billie Jean Hines**

Ms. Billie Jean Hines passed away Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian MS. She lived in Neshoba Co. most of her life. She was Baptist by Faith. Her hobbies were gardening and flowers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Hines; parents, Charles Lester Graham Sr. and Ollie Mae Warren Graham; son, John Henry Hines; sisters, Wanda Faye Chisolm, Charlene Adkins; brother, Richard Wayne Graham.

Survivors include, sisters, Mary Alford, Shirley Dirksen, Sheila Burroughs, Elizabeth Graham, Toni Green and Terri Johnson; brother, Charles Graham Jr.; (1) grandson Skylor Hines; a host of nieces and nephews.

## Angel Holley Dennis

Funeral services for Ms. Angel Holley Dennis was held at 1:00 PM Thursday, September 9, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Randall Dunaway and Rev. Jason Martin officiating. Interment in Henry's Chapel Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Service in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Dennis, 50, passed away Monday September 6, 2021 at Neshoba General Hospital. She has lived in Neshoba County all of her life. She was a store cook and member of New Zion United Pentecostal Church. Her favorite hobby was spending time with her grandchildren.

Preceded in death: Husband, Kenneth Dennis; Parents, Glaston Holley and Johnnie Ruth Benson Holley; Brother, Gary Holley. Survivors: Daughter, Morgan Palazzola (Daniel) of Tylertown, MS; Son, Colton Dennis of Philadelphia; Companion, Terry Betts of Walnut Grove;

Sisters, Wanda Roberts of Philadelphia and Debra Brantley (Jones) of Philadelphia; Brother, Chris Holley (Lisa) of Philadelphia; (4) Grandchildren; Several nieces and nephews.

## **John Culberson**

Funeral services for Mr. John Culberson was held 11 AM Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. John E. Stephens and Rev. David Hardy officiating. Interment was in Cedar Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Culberson, 86, passed away Monday, September 6, 2021 at Neshoba General Hospital. He lived in Neshoba County all of his life. He was a farmer, honorary member of Cane Creek Outdoor Club, member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Stephenstown Community. His hobbies included spending time with grandchildren, hunting, fishing, watching ballgames.

Preceded in death: Parents, William Porter Culberson and Ola McKinion Culberson; Wife, Sammie Peebles Culberson (married 66 years); Infant Son, Stanley Dwight Culberson; Sisters, Kate Thomas Bartells, Florence Bates; Brothers, Willis, Edward, Jim, Kenneth, Estell Culberson.

Survivors: Daughters, Sylvia Beckham (Buddy) of Philadelphia and Deborah Holland (Howard) of Philadelphia; Sister, Christine Ashcraft of LA; (4) Grandchildren; (9) Great-Grandchildren; Several nieces and nephews.

## Hailey Dion Willis

Funeral service for Ms. Hailey Dion Willis will be held 2 PM Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at Tucker Gym/Facility Building with Father Bob Goodyear officiating. Interment in Holy Rosary Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 5 PM Monday, September 13, 2021 at Tucker Gym/Facility Building. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrange-

Mr. Willis, 23, passed away Friday, September 10, 2021 at University Medical Center in Jackson, MS. She liked sports, traveling and loved her family.

Survivors include her parents, James and Dollianne Willis; sisters, Kelly Ashton Willis and Delia Kelsey Willis; brother, Jalen Darion Willis.

Pallbearers: Elroy Willis, Zachary Farmer, Nicholas Farmer, Toby Lewis, Kendall L. Wallace, Keyshawn Nickey, Reuben York, Tyler Bell.

## Stephanie Clarice Cotton

Funeral services for Ms. Stephanie Clarice Cotton will be held at 10:00 AM Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at Pearl River Facility Building with Rev. Charles Hickman officiating. Interment in Bogue Chitto Community Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 12:00 PM Monday, September 13th at Pearl River Facility Building. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge of arrange-

ments.
Ms. Cotton, 43, passed away
Thursday, September 9, 2021 at
her residence. She has lived in
Pearl River Community all of her
life. She was a nurse's

aide and pharmacy technician for Choctaw Health Center. She was Baptist by faith. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, being involved in anything her son did, creative in arts and crafts, cooking and trying new recipes.

Ms. Cotton was preceded in death by her father, Cillo Cotton Sr.

Survivors: Mother, Elizabeth Hickman; Son, Israel Balderas Cotton; Sisters, Yolandra Denise Hickman, Cindell Evette Hickman, Andrea Lynn Hickman, Brittany LeAnn Hickman, Solvia Cotton, Catina Cotton and Cheryl McMillan; Brothers, Christopher Cotton, Cillo Cotton Jr. and Luppie Cotton.

Pallbearers: Mike John, Christopher Willis, Jonathan Sam, Malachi Jim, Corey Flint, Theodore Whitecrow, Simeon Willis, Eric Hickman, Max Anderson, Manuel Isaac and Whitman Isaac.

## Gary Dean Chickaway

Funeral service for Mr. Gary Dean Chickaway will be held 2 PM Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church Family Life Center. With Rev. Carl Wilson officiating. Burial will be in St. Catherine Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will begin 10 AM Sunday, September 12, 2021, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Mr. Chickaway, 62, passed away Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian, MS. He lived in the Conehatta Community. He was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. His hobbies were spending time with grandkids, going to the auctions. He loved to play basketball and he loved to read his Bible.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Nell Jefferson Chickaway; mother, Nancy Chickaway Willis, and stepfather Hughie Willis; son, Jason Chickaway; sister, Vickie Steve.

Survivors include special friend, Jane Ben; daughters, Adrianna Chickaway, Tedra White, Brandy Chickaway; stepdaughter, Tonya Billie; son, Brandon Chickaway; stepson, Hug Billie Jr.; sisters, Linda Chickaway Martinez, Kathy Steve McMillan, Dollianne Steve Willis; brothers, Brian Willis, Edward Humble; (16) grandchildren; (10) great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers: Jerome Tubby, Cain Chickaway, Gabriel Chickaway, James Mingo, Rusty Jim, Eddie Sam.

#### **Jim Brooks**

Services for Jim Brooks were held Monday, September 13, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Jackie Strebeck officiating. Burial followed in the Golden Grove Cemetery in Neshoba County. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Brooks, 84, died Saturday, September 11, 2021.

A longtime resident of the Golden Grove Community in Neshoba County, he attended County Line School until consolidation, at which time he furthered his education in the Union Public School System. Brooks served in the U.S. Army from 1959 until 1965, and was deployed overseas to Germany in the 2nd Battle 6th Infantry during the Berlin Brigade. After serving in the Army, he worked at various construction companies as a service mechanic. He retired after 25 years of employment with Lauderdale County.

Mr. Brooks is survived by his sister, Wydell Smith of Chunky, MS.

## **Jalen Leavey**

Graveside services for Mr. Jalen Mackenzie Leavey were held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 11 A.M. from Donald Rest Cemetery with Rev. Sylvester Hampton officiating. Beck Funeral Home, Inc was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Leavey, 19, of Philadelphia, passed away on Friday, September 3, 2021 in Newton County, MS.

He is survived by his parents, Rhoda Carol Fox of Philadelphia, MS and Duanne Lloyd Leavey of Dekalb, MS, his siblings, Joshua Fox, Dariane Gully, Deiondre Fox, Duane Leavey, Jr., La'Keidra Clemons, La'Kyra Clemons, and Miyonna Clemons, his grandparents, Betty Fox, Bryan Triplett and Sylvester Hampton, four aunts and three uncles.

Pallbearers were Cason Becknell, Deundre Fox, Bryce Parkerson, Kylen Talley, Carlos Walker and Ryan Whitfield.

## **Eugenia Spears**

Graveside services for Mrs. Eugenia Spears were held on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at 11 A.M. from Donald Rest Ceme-

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Cremation Service

MRS. EUGENIA BOLER SPEARS -GRAVESIDE SERVICE-11 A.M. SAT., SEPT. 11, 2021 DONALD REST CEMETERY

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MR. BARRY MCKINNEY -ARRANGEMENTS INCOMPLETE-

MS. AFRIQUE "SUSIE" CLEMONS -ARRANGEMENTS INCOMPLETE-

10460 Rd 561 Philadelphia 601-656-1191 www.beckfuneralhomeinc.com tery with Minister Michelle Dailey officiating. Beck Funeral Home, Inc was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Spears, 63, of Philadelphia, passed away on Saturday, September 4, 2021 at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland, MS.

She is survived by her children, April Brown, Christen Boler, and Jacob Boler all of Philadelphia, MS, Nine grandchildren Bailey Houston, Jacobi York, Shamonique Griffin, JaKaylin York, Andre Dan, Jalyas Winters, Jaliyah Winters, Grace Quarles, and Jackson Brown, seven sisters and seven brothers.

Pallbearers were Justin Payton, Rodney Boler, Jasper Jones, Keadrick Graham, Rodrick Stribling and Ken Edwards.

#### Cynthia Doreen Thomas

Funeral service for Mrs. Cynthia Doreen Thomas will be held at 2 PM Thursday, September 9, 2021 at Conehatta Gym with Bro. Charles Hickman and Bro. Randall Joe officiating. Interment will be in St. Catherine Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 5 PM Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at Macedonia Baptist Church. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Thomas, 54, passed away Saturday, September 4, 2021 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian, MS.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Vina Anderson; stepfather, Leroy Jefferson; daughter, Cyntina Bell; son, Gilberth Bell; sister, Maybellene Solomon; brothers, Calvert Jefferson, Richie Jefferson. Survivors include her hus-

band, Kevin Thomas; daughters, Kristina Jim, Relinda Bell; sister, Laytonya Willis; brothers, Shaunrey Jefferson, Alvin Isom; 11 grandchildren. Pallbearers are Lonnie Isaac,

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#### Carlton Isaac, Jr.

Funeral service for Mr. Carlton Isaac, Jr. will be held at 10 AM Saturday, September 11, 2021 at Pearl River Facility Building with Military Honors. Rev. Curt Pace and Rev. Mike Skinner will be officiating. Interment will be in Isaac Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10 AM Thursday, September 9, 2021 at Pearl River Facility Building. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Isaac, 53, passed away Friday, September 3, 2021 at his home. He was a U.S. Army Veteran. Mr. Isaac's hobbies included cooking, singing, playing softball and watching the Cubs.

He is preceded in death by his father, Carlton Isaac, Sr.; brother, Travis Isaac.

Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Isaac; mother, Charlene Cloud; daughters, Melissa



MRS. ONETA CHISOLM GRAVESIDE SERVICE SEPTEMBER 8 ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY

MR. WAYNE MOULDS SERVICES SEPTEMBER 9 MCCLAIN-HAYS CHAPEL INTERMENT BLOOMFIELD CEMETERY

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MR. JIM BROOKS SERVICES SEPTEMBER 13 MCCLAIN-HAYS CHAPEL INTERMENT GOLDEN GROVE CEMETERY

MR. LLOYD TWIGG SERVICES SEPTEMBER 13 MCCLAIN-HAYS CHAPEL INTERMENT EASTLAWN CEMETERY



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601-656-1212 www.mcclainhays.com Pauline Tubby, Meritca Henry, Shamilia Isaac-Keys; sons, Gary Tubby, II, Nehemiah Solomon, Jordon Mitchell Isaac; sisters, Amanda Frazier, Sheila Cloud; brothers, Tyrone Isaac, Byron Isaac; 9 grandchildren.

#### Samantha Marie Chapman

Funeral service for Ms. Samantha Marie Chapman will be held at 2 PM Sunday, September 12, 2021 at Macedonia Baptist Church with interment in Chahta Choctaw Missionary Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10 AM Friday, September 10, 2021 at Macedonia Baptist Church. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Chapman, 55, passed away on Sunday, September 5, 2021 at University Medical Center in Jackson, MS. She loved to raise cats, watching her favorite shows and spending time with family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Jerry Jackson and Mary Chapman; special companion, Charles Hickman.

Survivors include her daughters, April Willis, Eva Marie Hickman, Cynthia Hope Hickman, Candace Hickman; son, Christian Samuel Hickman; sisters, Shunna Chapman, Vickie Johnson, Ann Jim, Wadessa Chapman; brother, Willis Chapman; 2 grandchildren.



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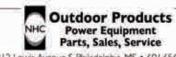
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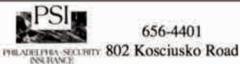
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## The first mission team sent

Luke records for us in this passage the first mission team sent off by a church, taking the gospel to the ends of the earth. The church in Antioch was led by the Holy Spirit to set apart Paul and Barnabas for mission work (verse 2). After fasting and praying, the church sends them off. We learn some important principles of missions here.

The first is missions are commanded by the Lord. The Holy Spirit initiates this mission work. The Lord Jesus had told his apostles they would be his witnesses to "the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). God has a passion for missions. God desires the salvation of the lost. He does not delight in the destruction of the wicked. He gathers his people through the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ.

The church in Antioch is set forth as an example in supporting mission work. Paul and Barnabas were the most gifted teachers, yet the church gladly encouraged and supported this mission work. The church was zealous for other people to find the life and forgiveness of sins they had found in Christ. Antioch is sometimes called the "cradle of Christianity" for its contribution to Christian missions.

This initial mission trip was as our Lord said, to seek and save the lost. The first stop in world- wide missions was the island of Cyprus (verse 4). Barnabas was from Cyprus, so he would have known the landscape and the culture. They end up in Paphos, the capital.

Paphos was the center of the worship of Aphrodite, or Venus, the goddess of beauty and sexuality. People from all over the regions of the Mediterranean Sea made pilgrimages to Paphos to celebrate the cult of

Athanasius, and early Christian leader, would later write that Paphos was a place of Satan's seat, a city given over to the deification of lust. And the Lord directed his servants Paul and Barnabas to proclaim salvation and the forgiveness of sins to the people. Corinth in New Testament times had a similar culture (and we see it in our own culture today).

Paul wrote the church in Corinth reminding them that they were delivered out of such depravity into the life of God and that those in the church must leave such practices: "Do you not know the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor those who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of The Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."

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Many in Paphos are in heaven today because of Paul and Barnabas bringing Christ to them. They were enslaved to sensuality, but they were forgiven and delivered from it. They now know and love the living God. The church is to have concern for the souls of people in its preaching, not anything like levity. The world may have the appearance of a festival to men, but it is displeasing to God.

God shows his love for sinners in that he gave his Son for them. Christ came to turn people from the power of the devil to the power of God. The opposition of the devil comes in the person of Elymas the magician (Acts 13:8). He tries to dissuade the governor of Cyprus from listening to the gospel.

Paul rebukes him, calling him a son of the devil and says: "will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?" This is a reference to John the Baptist's ministry and the need of men to repent, to turn from their crooked paths to the way of the Lord. The devil would also dissuade you from listening to the word of God.

Satan uses false teachers such as Elymas, a man who would be assuring the governor that all this talk about forgiveness and repentance is foolishness. But what is the devil but a spirit of vanity? The wise response to the gospel is to become poor in spirit and call upon the Lord.

Sergius Paulus, the governor, was a man of intelligence (verse 7). But he was also a man with a great spiritual need. He didn't need touches of reform here and there. He needed his guilt before God removed and the creation of a new nature given to him from God. And that is the good news of Jesus Christ. He came to make us new, to atone for our sins, to give us reconciliation and fellowship with the living God. And he is willing to receive whosoever comes to

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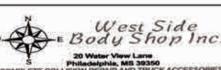
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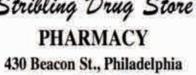


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# Neshoba General, CHC hosting vaccination drives

By JOHN LEE john@neshobademocrat.com

Neshoba County recorded 152 new COVID-19 cases and seven new deaths in the past week, according to the Mississippi State Department of Health's Sept. 14 report.

Meanwhile, Neshoba General and Choctaw Health Center offering a free COVID-19 vaccination event from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. today, Sept. 15, inside the Neshoba County Coliseum.

No appointment is necessary and officials are offering door prizes for those who get vacci-

Neshoba County has now recorded a total of 6,333 cases of COVID-19 and 199 deaths since the pandemic began in March 2020.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has reported 46 new positive cases of COVID-19 and one death in the past week as of Sept. 13, with the total number of positive cases for the Tribe standing at 2,380 with 122 deaths since the pandemic began in March 2020. Three new hospitaliza-

tions have been reported. In Neshoba Central Elementary School, between 1 and 5 students tested positive for COVID-19 between Sept. 6-10 and between 1 and 5 students tested positive during that period at Neshoba Central Middle School. Between 1 and 5 students and 1 and 5 teachers tested positive at Philadelphia High School. One person at Philadelphia High has been quaran-

As of Monday, 25% of Neshoba County's population is fully vaccinated, according to MSDH, and 30% of the county's population had received one of the 15,959 total doses of COVID-19 vaccines administered in the county.

Vaccinations are being administered at Walgreens at 1002 W. Beacon Street in Philadelphia, according to the

Statewide, since the pandemic began in March 2020, 270,881 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been recorded by the MSDH along with 195,264 probable cases, totaling 466,145 cases. There have been 6,128 confirmed COVID-19 deaths, along with 2,933 probable deaths, totaling 9,061

# Missing toddler found with dog near pond at 1 a.m.

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@neshobademocrat.com

A 2-year-old girl is safe at home after spending more than 10 hours lost in the woods Monday.

Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark said Everleigh Chunn, 2, was found on the far side of a pond roughly half

a mile into the woods behind her home on Road 236 with her dog late Monday night.

The little girl had been reported missing just after 5:30 p.m. and that her parents had been looking for her for hours before that, the Sheriff

"She had a scratch on her neck and was dirty but otherwise was in excellent condition," Clark said.

Clark said that the child had wandered off without shoes or a diaper and was wearing only a striped dress. He said she was not very talkative when they found her but that she did not cry. Clark said she was transported to Neshoba General for a full checkup.

"Everything was rosy," Clark said. "She was a little sweetheart.'

Clark said his office received a call at 5:38 p.m. after the family had noticed Everleigh and her dog were missing and had been searching on their own for hours. Clark said the search concluded at 1:01 a.m.

Clark said in addition to deputies, members of the Dixon and Linwood fire departments responded to the call. He said they also received assistance from the Winston County Sheriff's Department which in addition to manpower sent a drone capable of picking up thermal images along with a tracking

Clark said the search party included concerned neighbors and friends.

"I think this was a testament to everybody being able to work together," Clark said. "We used all of our resources and found her.'

# County using \$20,000 MDEQ grant to buy debris trailer

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@neshobademocrat.com

Neshoba County officials plan to acquire a debris trailer with funds from an almost \$20,000 grant awarded by the Mississippi Department of

Environmental Quality. County Administrator Jeff Mayo said the grant will be used to acquire an additional 75-yard, 30-ton, end dump debris trailer for use at the Waste Convenience Center at the county Unit

"We have one 75-yard debris trailer currently and it is used at the convenience center to dispose of debris other than household garbage, metal and tires," Mayo said.

The debris trailer is currently being bid with the reverse auction bids due on Sept. 29, Mayo said, and will likely take approximately 180 days to acquire once ordered.

Any additional funds will be used for the cleanup of illegal

dumpsites in Neshoba County. Mayo said the problem of illegal dumping in Neshoba County is identifiable but hard to quantify.

'Yes, illegal dumping sites are an issue and I don't have a census of how many or what it would take to clean them all up," Mayo said.

Chris Wells, MDEQ execu-

tive director said the organization awarded Neshoba County a solid waste assistance grant of \$18,320 on Sept. 7. The grant stipulates the money be used by the county for the collection of bulky waste.

"The Solid Waste Assistance Grants support a variety of useful solid waste management activities for cities and counties, and this grant will assist Neshoba County's efforts in improving their management of solid waste," Wells said.

Cities and counties may apply for Solid Waste Assistance Grants through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

## **Death**

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phenomenal athlete who respected his coaches and his teammates throughout his years at Philadelphia High School and Mississippi State University. He always gave 100% to whatever he was doing, on or off the field."

Philadelphia High School he was the top-rated wide receiver, awarded Class 3A first-team, all-state honors by the Mississippi Association of Coaches at punter following the 2002 season, named the co-Best Offensive Back in Region 5-3A by the region coaches among many other accolades before going on to play for the Mississippi State

Bulldogs from 2003-2006. "At MSU, Threadill played in 18 games, 10 during his sophomore season. He contributed both on special teams and as a member of the receiving corps and caught one pass (22 yards) and returned seven kickoffs for 159 yards, a 22.7yard average," according to hailstate.com.

"(He) made one tackle on special teams," hailstate.com said, "Was on the playing field for just one play, a kickoff return, in his true freshman season, and was granted a redshirt. (He) came to Mississippi State as a speedy, all-around prospect from the state's high school ranks.'

Threadill's father, Bruce Threadill, also was a standout quarterback for the Bulldogs for 1975-77 and played eight years of professional football, hailstate.com said.

Tyler Threadgill was an avid golfer having placed second with his brother, Garrett, at a Four-Ball tournament at the Philadelphia Country Club just last month. They came in second at 142 with Jim Eakes and David Hayman placing

"Tyler was always the life of the party and kept everyone

third at 143.

laughing with his jokes and stories," Byars said. "Tyler loved his family and friends unconditionally and will forever be missed by so many. If I had to sum up Tyler in a few words, it would be that he was, 'A friend to all."

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Aldermen discussed the purchase of a van to transport city prisoners to the Winston County jail.

Aldermen also heard from Roy White who discussed the condition of Parkside Drive,

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· Marlon Bell. 40. of 944 Black Jack Rd; failure to appear, no drivers license, improper equipment

· Rayshawn Thomas Boone, 29, of 151 Parkway North, Newnan, GA; driving under the influence-1st

• Jaron Branning, 34, of 12040 BIA Rd 0241; possession of firearm by convicted felon, hold for investigations

 Charles Cotton, 24, of 147 Lagoon, Louisville; public Christopher Dean, 33, of

13321 Hwy 485; felony pur-

· Jennifer Dean, 39, of 10301 Rd 1535; disorderly

· Patrick Wayne Duell, 39, of 2401 State Blvd, Meridian; failure to appear · Ricky Edmond, 52, of

10250 Rd 1321, Union; serving sentence Raquel Elaine Farmer, 42, of 46261 Hwy 195; driv-

ing under the influence-2nd offense

 Jeremiah Hathorn, 45, of 11850 Rd 571; indictment · Charlene Holly, 55, of 12040 Rd 212; failure to

· Alexandria John, 28, of 144 Big Spring Creed Rd; driving under the influence-2nd offense, child neglect

appear

 Bryan Lawis-Campbell Johnson, 18, of 10041 Rd 1103, Union; contempt of

 Manual King, 49, of 10231 Rd 773; failure to appear X3

· Charles Victor Rhodes, 40, of 10150 Rd 325, Union; hold for other agency

Charles Dillan Savell, 28, of 1705 Vincent Rd. Decatur: hold for other agency

10061 Rd 1355; sale of controlled substance · James Daniel White, 36, of 1953 Blythe Creek Rd,

Mathison; false pretense

• Tyree Smith, 26, of

Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 9/7-9/12

• David Z Allen, 32, of 526 Poplar Ave; shoplifting

· Bradley N Anthony, 46, of 1107 Tank St; hold-detainer for MDOC probation

· Cheriena Ben, 35, of 259 Oswald Rd; DUI-1st offense, MV-drivers license/improper, MV-accident-leaving the scene-attended vehicle-property damage only, MV-no insurance, MV-tag-none or expired

· Adrianna L Carter, 24, of 1031 Jessie White Rd, Noxapater; telephone/electronic communication use of profane, indecent, harassing etc language-1st offense

Allen Easley, 33, of 2085 Hwy 397, Preston; holddetainer for other agency

· Henry Germany, 46, of 10340 Rd 242; fleeing or eluding a law enforcement officer in a motor behicleresults in serious bodily injury to another, MV-lighting equipment requirements-motor vehicle X2, controlled substance-possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle, MV-careless driving, resisting arrest, MV-drivers license-none, MV-no insur-

• Lyndon Hardy, 32, of 512 S Church Ave; domestic violence-simple assault-1st or 2nd offense

· Logan Holley, 19, of 327 Cherry St; disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers

· Stephone D Hunt, 26, of

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10330 Rd; hold-detainer for

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· Jaylyn Tubby, 22, of 11

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ance, speeding 10 over, con-

• Tim Willis, 44, of 176

Imadren Rd; DUI-1st offense

· Tyresha S Yarbrough,

careless driving, MV-failure to

yield to blue lights/or stop in

place, MV-stop sign-running,

44, of 379 Loper St; MV-

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• Timothy Turner, 48, of 42 S St; Yazoo City; hold for

· Amos Thames, 29, of 62 Miller Cir, Louisville; domestic

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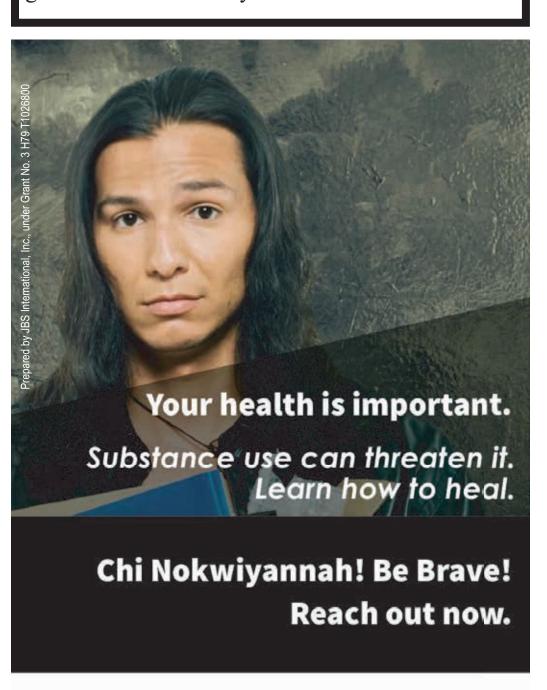
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Any citizen of the City of Philadelphia is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for fiscal year 2021/2022 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.





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# Sharp enjoys spending time cooking for family

By SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS



ana Sharp of Philadelphia started cooking meals for her family when she was 12 years old.

"My brother was about 10 or 11, and my parents told us we could start getting off the bus by ourselves, and I could babysit us," Sharp said. "That's when I started cooking.

Sharp's mother, Joyce Fulton, worked at the Tax Collector's Office, and when she got off work Sharp would have supper on the table for her.

Sharp said her mother taught her everything she knows about cooking. Sharp prides herself on her cooking ability and has even come up with some of her own

One of these recipes is her Crawfish Casserole, a family favorite that Sharp said her children, Dalton and Denver, always ask her to cook.

Sharp and her sons bond over many things, but cooking is something that the boys and their mother love to do together. Anytime the boys come to visit they will cook together.

Sharp owns Williamsville Auto Sale Inc. and Haggard's Candle & Gift, selling candles, clothing, purses and more. Her candle company started from home until 2005 when she bought the store. In 2010, Sharp opened Williamsville Auto Sale

"I enjoy my job, and I enjoy cooking," Sharp said.

Sharp and her husband, Nick Sharp, love traveling the country. They have been to the Caribbean twice and hope to plan another getaway in the near future. They have six children and four grandchildren. The Sharp's attend North Bend United Pentecostal church.

Sharp enjoys hunting, fishing, traveling and spending time with her children.

'We love riding the fourwheelers and side by side," Sharp said.

## **COOK OF** THE WEEK

**CRAWFISH CASSE-ROLE** 

e packa cheese

1 stick margarine

2 tablespoons margarine 2 pounds crawfish tails (2 packages)

1 large onion, chopped 1 large bell pepper, chopped 8-ounce package fresh

mushrooms, sliced 10.5-ounce can cream of

By MARIANNE ENOCHS

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members of the Wendell

Holmes, Sr. family to Philadel-

phia to take refuge from the

and Holmes, Sr. felt so blessed to

have their son, Jeremy Lamont Holmes, and his wife, Ashley

St. Julien Holmes, along with

their five children, who came

from New Orleans for safety. The family who arrived early

last week felt so relieved to

finally be in a safe environ-

time at Imagination Fun Sta-

tion and playing outside which they had been unable to do at

home. Florine cooked some

tasty dishes for the family as

she loves to do. Hot meals

were so much appreciated.

Friends and other family mem-

bers enjoyed spending time

with Jeremy and his family. So happy they made it here

Neshoba Central High

Topics to be discussed are

School will hold a Parent/Stu-

dent night on Thursday, Sep-

tember 28th, at 6:00 PM in the

policies pertaining to gradua-

tion requirements, attendance, college information, ACT test

dates, FAFSA, scholarships,

and special events. Mark your

calendars for September 28th!

The fall football season has

begun with high school and college football teams playing

their first games over the

Labor Day weekend. The Fri-

day night lights at Philadelphia

and Neshoba Central are a

NCHS Cafeteria.

The children had a good

Wendell

storm's destruction.

Florine

ment.

safely!

Hurricane Ida brought

mushroom soup

1 tablespoon garlic powder ½ teaspoon red pepper 3 dashes white pepper

per and mushrooms until the

mixture is well blended and 8-10. sauteed for about 5-7 minutes. Add cream of mushroom soup and rice into the crawfish mix. Stir in garlic powder and pepper. Add cream cheese mixture to crawfish mixture; mix well and taste for the seasonings that you may want to add yourself. (I add Tony's Seasonings at this point for my taste). Pour into a casserole dish and top with grated cheese and fried onion rings and bake at 350 degrees for about 30-45 minutes. Serves

**SWEET POTATO PIE** 2 or 3 small sweet potatoes 4 eggs

3/4 stick butter 2 cups sugar 1 can sweetened condensed

2 tsp. Vanilla flavoring

Boil sweet potatoes until tender. Drain potatoes. Mix all other ingredients together with potatoes and blend well. how brown you like them. Should make two pies.

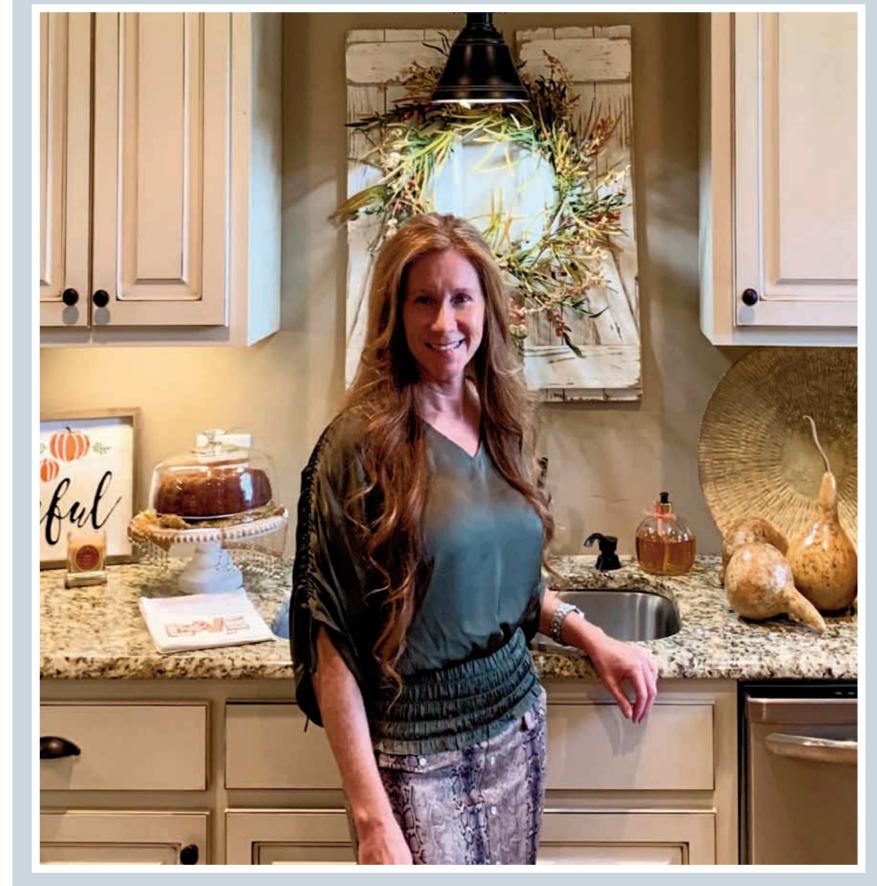
> **ROCKY ROAD BROWNIES**

1 fudge brownie mix 1 container Duncan Hines milk chocolate icing Mini marshmallows Toasted pecans

Prepare brownies directed on the brownie box. When brownies are done sprinkle as many mini marsh-

to 40 minutes depending on mallows on them as you'd like and broil just until they start to brown. Melt milk chocolate icing in the microwave(this shouldn't take long at all). Drizzle as much icing as you'd like over the marshmallows (I use half of it). Top with toasted pecans. I toast my pecans in a cast-iron skillet with butter and salt until they start to brown (butter and salt make

these). These are delicious!



Dana Sharp

2 cups cooked white rice

2 cups grated Velveeta

1 large can fried onion

Melt 1 stick of margarine in a small pot and add cream cheese; stir on low heat until melted. In a separate pot, melt 2 tablespoons of margarine, crawfish tails, onion, bell pep-

Just Among Friends

welcome sight to fans. Philadelphia has seven senior cheerleaders who are excitplayers ed to cheer for the Tornadoes again after a year without football in Harpole Stadium or on the road. Cheering for the Tornadoes are seniors, Paris Hantzis, Rainah Moore, Hailey Donald, Ruthie Storment, Danajah Moore, Lakyia Houston, and T'Kenzley Moore. Best wishes for a great Torna-

While big sister, Tinsley, was at school, her little brother, Ty, went fishing with his grandparents, Rex and Jo Ann Tinsley Rounsaville. He learned to bait a hook from his grandmother," Cushie," who patiently gave him lessons which he seemed to be very intent on learning.

do sports season!

Ty stood on the bank of the pond next to his grandfather, Rex, and threw his baited hook and line into the water. They both held their fishing poles and waited for the fish to bite. They made such a cute picture. The fishing trip was successful and the three had fun. Wonderful grandparents!

The fall football season kicked off for colleges and universities on Labor Day weekend. Several graduates of Philadelphia High School and Neshoba Central High School played their first game of the season, too. The fact that these young adults received scholarships to further their education is a positive reflection on the coaches and coaching staffs at both schools. The players have talent, but their talent was fostered and developed with the help of these professionals. It was a great combination for

Of course, each of these graduated from schools where they also learned academics, some for 12 years. The credit includes parents, teachers, and athletic staffs who worked together as well as the players who gave their best efforts.

Jarquez Hunter is playing for the Auburn War Eagles beginning this year, He is a former Rocket. Ladeatricl"Tulu" Griffin is in his sophomore year as an MSU Bulldog. He was a Philadelphia Tornado. Several former Neshoba Central Rockets are in their first year as Warriors at East Central Community College; Austin Day, Keaston Pearson, Ray Gibson, and Bryce Parkerson. Ja'Vien "Joker" Gill is playing for the MGCC Bulldogs. Congratulations and good luck for the sea-

Cedar Lodge in Ridgedale, Missouri, was the setting for the wedding of Savannah Jones and Jonathan Simmons on September 5, 2021. The Lodge was the perfect venue for the occasion. A reception was held immediately following the ceremonv.

The bride looked absolutely beautiful in her white gown and veil and the groom was so handsome. They made a per-

See FRIENDS, page 2B

Just Among Friends, 601-656-4000, or mail it to the Democrat, P.O. Box 30, Philadelphia, 39350; friends@neshobademocrat.com

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## Carefree Red Hatters meet in Ridgeland

The Carefree Red Hatters from Brandon/Canton and Philadelphia enjoyed their monthly meeting at the Cock of the Walk in Ridgeland. Those attending were Judy Ferguson, Glenda Ferguson, Jerrrie Whitten, Alexa Ferguson, Evelyn Ussery, Judy Arnett, Dot Williams, Sherrill Wilson and Nel Hurst.



#### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF NESHOBA COUNTY

You are invited to become a "2020 Dream Builder" for our youth by supporting the future of our boys & girls through club programs such as:

> Power Hour (Tutoring) Mentoring Program Healthy Habits/Choosing the Best Passport to Manhood/Smart Girls Money Matters/Field Trips/Activities After-School Program (City & County Schools): 150+ children attend each day All-Day Summer Enrichment Program 200+ children attend each day

Your donation is so appreciated and should be made payable to:

"Boys & Girls Club of Neshoba County" P.O. Box 313 Philadelphia, MS 39350

For more info on how you can invest in our children, call 601-656-4343. For program info/enroll a child, call Jermaine Harris, County Unit Director, 601-880-6322.

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You know you've reached middle age when the air is springy—and you're

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Absentminded professor's wife: "You've got your hat on backwards Professor: What do you mean

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your shirt.

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'Back to School Bash' raises \$500

Kim Posey, Bank Manager of the Philadelphia Branch of Citizens National Bank, is shown presenting a \$500 check to Torion Emerson of the Boys & Girls Club of Neshoba County. These monies were donated to the Boys & Girls Club as part of the "Back to School Bash" sponsored by the Philadelphia Police Department. The funds will be used to purchase much needed school supplies for the club's after-school program, for which registration has begun.

## Henderson receives journalism scholarship

Jace Henderson of Philadelphia has been awarded the Bill and Jean May Scholarship at the University of Mississippi for the 2021-2022 academic year,

Henderson, the son of Tracey Armstrong, will receive a scholarship for \$2,000 for his junior year of study.

May Scholarships are awarded Integrated Marketing

to students in the School of Journalism and New Media on a competitive basis of leadership. potential and motivational contributions to the field of journalism or communi-

A student majoring in



Communications at The University of Mississippi, Henderson is a graduate of

Newton County High School and received an Associate of Arts degree from East Central Community College.

Jace Henderson

# Of Local Interest

#### 4H MEET AND GREET

Neshoba County 4-H will be hosting a 4-H Meet and Greet at the Neshoba County Coliseum for on September 17th between 5 and 7 p.m. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our active 4-H'ers as well as our new 4-H'ers. We hope that you will join us in welcoming our two new County Agents, Chase Domingue and Anna Windham. If you are interested in attending, please call the office at 601-656-4011 or email abw456@msstate.edu We look forward to meeting

#### FREE VETERAN WORKSHOP

The Ivy Street Church of Christ will be hosting a free Veteran Workshop Saturday September 18, 2021 at 601 Ivy Street, Philadelphia, MS at 10:00 AM. It is for those Veterans trying to obtain or increase their VA disability, spouse of a Veteran, child of a Veteran, those taking care of their father or mother who is a Veteran or taking care of your father or mother who was married to a Veteran. For more information call 1-601-416-4550. MASK required.

#### **NESHOBA COUNTY** SWCD NOW TAKING TREE ORDERS

The Neshoba County Soil and Water Conservation District will be taking tree orders through November

30th, 2021.

Order forms are available from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday outside the office or you can call 601-656-8783 Ext. 3 and we will e-mail or mail you an order form to you. The office is located at 511 East Lawn Drive in the USDA Building. We are asking that you pay for the trees when placing your order. You may drop off your payment and order form in a drop box outside of the front door.

The trees are bare root trees and will arrive in Feb-RSVP by September 10th. ruary 2022. By ordering bulk wholesale we can pass the savings on to you. Proceeds from tree sales will help support educational programs throughout the year.

If you have any questions, call 601-656-8783 Ext3.

## **CHURCH REVIVAL**

Mt. Olive Baptist Church in the Stephentown Community will hold a revival on September 26-29, 2021. The following pastors will be bringing the messages: Bro Joel Embrey will bring the message Sunday night at 6:00PM; Bro J.R. Eaton will bring the message Monday night at 7:00PM; Bro David Addy will bring the message Tuesday night at 7:00PM; Bro Joseph Knight will bring the message Wednesday night at 7:00PM. Everyone is invited to come and hear God's Word.

> **FAMILY REUNION** Thomas Caradine Family

Reunion Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Lake Tiak-O'Khata 10:am. Extended Families -Elisha Fedrick, McCrory, Barrett, Hembree and others, everyone welcome. For more information , Contact Barbara Caradine 205 921-4141 or Susan 601 504 0055.

#### **FORESTRY ASSOCIATION**

The Neshoba County Forestry Association will hold its Annual Fall Meeting on Tuesday, September 28th at 6 p.m. at the Neshoba County Coliseum. Tedrick Ratcliff, Executive Vice-President of MFA, will be our guest speaker where he will discuss "Forestry, Today, Tomorrow, and the Next Decade". People from all aspects of forestry will benefit from this presentation and are encouraged to attend. Penn's Restaurant will be providing Catfish and Shrimp for this event! Membership dues for the association are \$20 per year and will be accepted at the meeting. Please call the Neshoba County Extension office at (601)-656-4011 to pre-register for the meeting by Monday, September 27th, so we will know how much food to prepare.

## REUNION CANCELLED

The 2021 Kea/Fryery reunion is cancelled due to Covid 19. Hope to see everyone in 2022.

## **Friends**

Continued from page 1B

fect couple. A large group of family and friends traveled to the destination wedding. The bride's parents are Doug and Deanna Prince Jones. Savannah's grandparents, Jimmy and

Phyllis Prince were present for this joyous event. Congratulations and best wishes for many years of happiness.

Evan James Hamill, grandson of William and Kay Hamill, completed plebe summer and now is a plebe at the US Naval Academy, Class of 2025. Evan is the son of Graham and Kali Hamill of Stafford, VA. His father, Lt. Col. James G. Hamill, USMC, Ret., is a Naval Academy graduate himself, Class of 1994. Evan's older brother, Will, attends Virginia Tech and is a sophomore member of the Corps of Cadets there. Congratulations to both boys!

Contact us today to reserve your space in this popular special section!

Deadline is September 29.

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Thank you for your support during The Reflection of Life for Arceola Johnson Harris.

Thank you for your support and thoughtful words in this difficult time. Your thoughts and prayers have surely helped the family grieve this loss. We appreciate your sympathy during this difficult time.

The Wilson, Johnson and Harris Family



# Agricultural Land Easements protect native grasslands

By JAMES L. CUMMINS Special to the Democrat

The Agricultural Land Easement (ALE) is an option that can be used to protect native grasslands.

To establish an ALE, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) works with a land trust to fund the purchase of a permanent easement from a landowner in exchange for a cash payment. The ALE is an essential tool for landowners interested in maintaining agricultural uses of their properties in perpetuity.

Wildlife Mississippi and the Mississippi Land Trust (MLT) are interested in working with landowners who want to protect native grasslands. Wildlife Mississippi and the MLT will provide assistance to landowners with an interest in restoring and protecting the native grasslands and prairies of the state. The prairies are the Black Prairie and the Jackson Prairie. Grasslands can provide essential forage for cattle operations as well as important wildlife habitat.

Today, less than 1% of the Black Prairie remains; however. remnants can be found in cemeteries, 16th section lands, the Tombigbee and Bienville national forests, and a few private tracts of land. According to the Mississippi Natural Heritage Program, Mississippi prairies are "critically imperiled" within the state due to extreme rarity or factors making their biota vulnerable to extirpation.

conservation and The restoration of southeastern prairies have not been common practices until recently. Funding for prairie conservation and restoration has increased in the past decade through various organizations and agencies.

Landowners who participate in the grasslands of special significance option of the ALE will be paid approximately 75% of the appraised value of the perpetual easement. Limited grazing rights are permitted on the properties included in the ALE, and haying is also allowed after the nesting season for birds. Prohibitions are intended to prevent disturbance of the soil for row crops or other agricultural commodities.

The MLT's obligations under the program are to protect and restore grasslands, hold easements for participating landowners, and executing

tion, the MLT conducts periodic inspections of properties to ensure compliance with easement terms.

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

## Public

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF **NESHOBA COUNTY** THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MALCOLM ISAAC CHRISTOPHER TUBBY, PETITIONER CAUSE NO. 21-12 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI To: All unknown Heirs-at-Law of Mal-

YOU HAVE BEEN MADE A DEFEN-DANT IN THE SUIT FILED IN THIS COURT BY CHRISTOPHER TUBBY, PETITIONER SEEKING A DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP

OF MALCOLM ISAAC. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 21st day of October, 2021, before Honorable Joseph Kilgore, Chancery Judge of the Neshoba County Chancery Court located in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a

judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in this 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 the 8th day of September, 2021. Guy Nowell, Chancery Clerk of Neshoba Co., MS by: s/W Savell, D.C.

Dates of Publication: 3 times Submitted by Terry L. Jordan Attorney at Law, MS Bar #3234 P. O. Drawer 459 Philadelphia, MS 39350 Phone (601) 656-2451

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Marty Stuart Congress of Country Music. Inc. until 2:00 p.m. CST. October 14 2021 for the Project shown below. The location of receipt of bids will be the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors Board Room at 401 E. Beacon Street, Suite 201 Philadelphia,

Mississippi 39350. Plans and Specifications Entitled: Marty Stuart Congress of Country Music - Ellis Theater Renovations 311 Byrd Avenue Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350

Bid Package Include: Mechanical and Plumbing Package The Bid Package contract will be issued between the Owner and the successful Contractor. This package shall include all bonds and taxes as required by the contract documents

and the State of Mississippi. Proposals shall be submitted on form furnished and sealed and deposited with the Marty Stuart Congress of Country Music, Inc. prior to the hour and date above designated. Bids must be accompanied by bid bond or certified check for at least five percent (5%) of the base bid payable to the Marty Stuart Congress of Country Music, Inc. as bid security. No bid may be withdrawn for 45 days after the actual

date of the bid opening All bids must comply with applicable laws of the State of Mississippi and shall include the Contractor's Certificate of Responsibility Number, which must be displayed on outside of the sealed envelope. A performance and payment bond for one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum will be required of the successful bidder. Bid preparation shall be in accor-

dance with the Instructions to Bidders bound in the project manual. The Owner reserves the right to waive any and all informalities or to reject any or all bids submitted

An official pre-bid meeting will not be held. However, any who wish to view the existing conditions can contact Caleb Page at 601-917-1661 to schedule a walk through

Electronic bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com . For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

A copy of the Bid Documents (including plans and specifications for the Work) are available via digital and/ or hard copy sets. Plan holders are required to register and order bid

documents from the Jackson Blueprint online Plan Room website; planroomjaxblue.com. There is no charge for registration or to view the bid

documents online. A printed set of bid documents is available for purchase at http://planroom.jaxb lue.com or at www.centralbidding.com A digital PDF set is also available to download at no cost

OWNER: Marty Stuart Congress for County Music, Inc. 256 West Beacon Street

Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 ARCHITECT: Nick Dryden Dryden Architecture + Design, PLLC 2520 White Avenue Nashville, TN 37204 https://dryden.studio/ nick@dryden.studio ENGINEER:

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Telephone: 601-656-5411 DATES OF ADVERTISEMENT: September 15, 2021 September 22, 2021

IN THE MATTER OF LEVYING **COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES** FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 INCLUDING ROAD DISTRICTS. SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND ANY OTHER TAXING DISTRICTS

This day there came on for hearing and determination by the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi, on this the 7th day of September. 2021, the matter of levying ad valorem taxes for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022, beginning October 1, 2021, on assessments of property as of January 1, 2021, for the County, for the Road Districts, for the School Districts, and for all other taxing districts as stated, in accordance with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. §27-39-317, and other laws relative to said matters; and the Board having fully and carefully considered the needs and requirements of the various funds of the County, and of the said Districts, and the rates of levies, which are required to produce the revenue necessary to meet the budget as made, fixed and heretofore approved by this Board, as required by law; and it having been ascertained that the maintenance levies of the various school districts, and the countywide school maintenance levy, are supported by proper and necessary petitions as required by law; and it appearing that the tax rates, or levies, for the county and the several county purposes, the road districts, the school districts, and other taxing districts, are necessary in order to raise the funds required to meet the expenses of the County, and of the said taxing districts for said fiscal year. IT IS. THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED by the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, that the following ad valorem tax rates, or levies, be and the same are hereby imposed and levied for the fiscal year 2021-2022 upon the assessed value of all taxable property in Neshoba County, State of Mississippi, and in the respective Road Districts. School Districts and all other taxing districts in Neshoba County as the property is now assessed and listed, or as may hereafter be assessed and listed, upon the assessment rolls of said County, as of January 1, 2021, the said rates, expressed in mills or a decimal fraction of a mill, being levied and imposed upon each dollar of assessed valuation appearing upon the assessment rolls of said County as aforesaid, for the following funds or purposes: and when the money is collected, it shall be credited to the respective funds as provided by law. SECTION 1. There is hereby levied upon each dollar of assessed valuation in the County for county-wide purposes as follows:-MILLS #001 For General County Purposes (Current Expenses and Maintenance) as authorized by Miss. Code Ann. § 27-39-303 ....... 36.50 #002 For the purpose of maintaining tax rolls after reappraisal or any purpose authorized by law as authorized by Miss. Code Ann. § 27-39-329 port and maintenance of the Neshoba County Fire Departments as authorized by Miss. Code Ann.§ 83-1-39,

.... 1.00 #106 For the sup-(outside municipalities) and Miss. Code Ann. § 19-5-151 through 19-5-#150 For the maintenance and con-

struction of roads and bridges as authorized by Miss. Code Ann. § 27-39-..... 4.00 #160 For construction and maintaining bridges and culverts, as authorized by Miss. Code Ann. § 65-15-7 ...... 10.00 #690 For the support, enlargement, improvement and repair of East Central Community College as authorized by Miss. Code Ann. § 37-29-141

..... 2.25 #691 For the construction and maintenance of facilities at East Central Community College as authorized by Miss. Code Ann. § 27-39-329

. 1.50 #207 2009 Road & Bridge I & S Bond as authorized by Miss. Code Ann. § 19-9-1 (e) and specifically Miss. Code Ann. § 19-9-9 . . . .

. 1.10 #225 2013 Refunding Parks Bond I & S as authorized by Miss. Code Ann. § 31-27-1, et seq., and specifically Miss. Code Ann. § 19-9-9 ... 1.80 #235 2013 EOC/Solid Waste I & S Bond as authorized by Miss. Code Ann. § 19-9-1 (a) (k) and specifically Miss. Code

Ann. § 19-9-9 .. 0.65 SECTION 2. There is hereby levied upon each dollar of assessed valuation of taxable property in the respective school districts (rural, separate, consolidated, or special consolidated) for the maintenance of school and al incidental expenses there, authorized by Miss. Code Ann. § 37-57-1 et seq., as follows: Neshoba County School District Maintenance Fund as autho-

rized by Miss. Code Ann. § 37-57-1 . . .... 39.05 Neshoba County School District for the operation and maintenance of the Philadelphia - Neshoba County Vocational - Technical Center, as authorized by Miss. Code Public

37-31-75 2.61 Union Special Municipal Separate School District Maintenance Fund, as authorized by Miss. Code Ann. § 37-57-105

54.20 SECTION 3. There is hereby levied and imposed upon each dollar of assessed valuation of taxable property in the school districts named below for bonds, notes, interest and bond obligations as follows: Neshoba County School District General Obligation Bonds, 2015 and 2016 Series, as required by Miss. Code Ann. § 37-59-23 and Miss. Code Ann. § 37-59-107

.. 8.51 Union Special Municipal Separate School District Limited Tax Notes Series, 1995, as required by Miss. Code Ann. § 37-59-23 and Miss. Ann.

37-59-107 § 1.60 SECTION 4. Forest Acreage Tax- As required by Miss. Code Ann. § 49-19-115 (Repealer Removed by HB 684, 2020 Session) ....... 9¢/acre SEC-TION 5. It is further ordered by this Board of Supervisors that all ad valorem taxes hereby levied and imposed are taxes within the limits as stated in Miss. Code Ann. § 27-39-301 to 27-39-317 inclusive; the general county taxes being governed by Miss. Code Ann. § 27-39-303; road taxes by Miss. Code Ann. § 27-39-305; bridge and culvert taxes by Miss. Code Ann. § 65-15-7: and the school taxes by Miss. Code Ann.§ 37-51-1 et seq., and in the event that the total levy for any road district shall exceed the limit fixed by Miss. Code Ann. § 27-39-305, the county wide levy shall have precedence over any levy for a district, and other levies shall have precedence in the order as stated in Miss. Code Ann. § 27-39-305 and in the event the total levy for any school district shall exceed the limit fixed by law, the county wide levy shall have precedence over any levy for a district. SECTION 6. It is further ordered that the above rates or levies in mills or a decimal fraction thereof shall be applied to each dollar of assessed value as is shown upon the 2021 assessment rolls of Neshoba County, Mississippi, and in the respective districts upon which said rates or levies are respectively fixed, except as to such values as may be exempt by law in whole or in part, from certain tax rates or levies; it being the intention and purpose of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi to fully and in detail comply with all the requirements of the law relating thereto, and especially Miss. Code Ann. § 27-39-317. SECTION 7. It is further ordered that all money received and collected by the Tax Assessor/Collector and paid by him to the proper fund according to the provisions of this order, shall be credited to the designated funds by the County Auditor, in accordance with the budget as heretofore adopted by this Board, and shall be expended in the manner and for the purposes set forth in said budget, and for no other purposes. SECTION 8. It is further ordered that the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby expressly directed to comply with all the requirements of law prescribed by Miss. Code Ann. § 27-39-319, relating to the certification and publication of ad valorem rates or levies herein named and fixed. IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the above and foregoing tax levy is hereby adopted and approved for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022, by a unanimous vote of all members of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi, this the 7th day of September, 2021. RECAP OF RATES BY DISTRICTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 SCHOOL DISTRICTS RATES WITHOUT EXEMPTION Neshoba County Districts One, Two, Three, Four and Five 110.97 Philadelphia Separate (Inside City) Districts One, Two, Three, Four and Five 58.80 Philadelphia Separate (Outside City) Districts One, Two, Three, Four and Five 60.80 Union Special Municipal Separate (Inside City) Districts Three and Four 114.60 Union Special Municipal Separate (Outside City) Districts Three and Four 116.60 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF NESHO-BA I, Guy Nowell, Chancery Clerk in and for said County and State, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Order of the Board of Supervisors fixing the Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for said County, as the same appears on the record in Minute Book 2021 of the records of this office. Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 7th day of September, 2021. /s/GUY NOWELL Guy Nowell, Chancery Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Super-

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NE-SHOBA COUNTY. MISSISSIPPI

visors, Neshoba County, Mississippi

Notice of this action to be published

pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 27-39-

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF DUDLEY STENNIS, DECEASED CAUSE NO.: 2021-154

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** Letters Testamentary having been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, on the Estate of Dudley Stennis, Deceased, on the 12th day of July, 2021, notice is hereby given

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to all persons having claims against the said Estate to have their claims probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, and that failure to probate and register their claims with the Clerk within that time will forever bar the

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the 4th day of September, 2021.

/s/Willie B. Stennis Henderson WILLIE B. STENNIS HENDERSON **EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF DUDLEY STENNIS** 

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **TRUETT** ROBERTSON **CAUSE NO. 20-179-KK** 

MIKE ROBERTSON AND KATHY ROBERTSON, PETITIONERS

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

The Unknown Heirs of Truett Robertson

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IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL YOUTH COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR A.J.D. DOB 2-14-2013

CASSANDRA MICHELLE TWISS, IN-DIVIDUALLY AND AS NEXT FRIEND PLAINTIFF

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION** 

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**DEFENDANTS** 

CAUSE NO.: 2021-346 HAYLEY MATRICE WILLIS AND

SELBY

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MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

TO: Garian Selby Dixon, a resident/ non resident of the state of Mississippi, (whose post office and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry)

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Cassandra Twiss Individually and as Next Friends, Plaintiffs, seeking to open a guardianship of the minor child named in the Petition. Defendants other than you in this action are Hayley Matrice

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 2:00 o'clock p.m. on the 14 th day of September, 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.

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/s/ Jennileen Young TRIBAL COURT CLERK

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL YOUTH COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR, L.S.D. DOB 11-11-2011

CASSANDRA MICHELLE TWISS. INDIVIDUALLY AND AS NEXT FRIEND PLAINTIFF CAUSE NO.: 2021-346

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Neshoba County, Mississippi Combined Budget for Publication For the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2022

Governmental Fund Types

## REVENUES

Amount necessary to be raised by tax levy
Taxes and ad valorem other than tax levy
Road and bridge privilege taxes
Licenses, commissions, and other revenue
Fines and forfeitures
Special assessments
Intergovernmental Revenue
Federal Sources
State Sources
Local Sources

Charges for Services Interest Income Miscellaneous revenue Contributions to Permanent Funds Other financing sources

Total Revenues Beginning Cash Balance Total Revenues and Beginning Cash Balance

	Special	Capital	Debt			Internal	
General	Revenue	Projects	Service	Permanent	Enterprise	Service	TOTAL
\$ 5,937,771.00	\$2,347,943.00	\$0.00	\$585,854.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,871,568.00
\$220,015.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$227,515.00
\$0.00	\$341,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$341,000.00
\$301,050.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$313,050.00
\$506,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$510,500.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$26,000.00	\$2,827,915.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,853,915.00
\$1,034,000.00	\$1,848,547.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,905,047.00
\$104,000.00	\$58,601.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$162,601.00
\$70,000.00	\$353,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$961,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,384,000.00
\$33,000.00	\$32,950.00	\$0.00	\$1,475.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$69,425.00
\$236,500.00	\$68,500.00	\$0.00	\$243,650.00	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$557,650.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$174,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$174,000.00
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\$8,642,836.00	\$7,901,956.00	\$0.00	\$830,979.00	\$0.00	\$994,500.00	\$0.00	\$18,370,271.00
\$1,929,319.00	\$7,440,855.00	\$0.00	\$187,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,657,174.00
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Total Revenues and Beginning Cash Balance	\$10,572,155.00	\$15,342,811.00	\$0.00	\$1,017,979.00	\$0.00	\$1,094,500.00	\$0.00	\$28,027,445.00
		Special	Capital	Debt			Internal	
EXPENDITURES	General	Revenue	Projects	Service	Permanent	Enterprise	Service	TOTAL
General Government	\$4,006,736.00	\$2,530,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,537,436.00
Public Safety	\$3,636,653.00	\$1,962,016.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,598,669.00
Public Works	\$0.00	\$4,491,537.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$630,079.00	\$0.00	\$5,121,616.00
Health and Welfare	\$109,224.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$109,224.00
Culture and recreation	\$616,543.00	\$54,622.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$671,165.00
Education	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$85,269.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85,269.00
Economic development and assistance	\$85,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85,000.00
Debt Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$829,619.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$829,619.00
Other expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other financing uses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Special Items	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Extraordinary Items	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenditures	\$8,589,425.00	\$9,038,875.00	\$0.00	\$829,619.00	\$0.00	\$630,079.00	\$0.00	\$19,087,998.00
Ending cash balance	\$1,982,730.00	\$6,303,936.00	\$0.00	\$188,360.00	\$0.00	\$464,421.00	\$0.00	\$8,939,447.00
Total Expenditures and Ending Cash Balance	\$10,572,155.00	\$15,342,811.00	\$0.00	\$1,017,979.00	\$0.00	\$1,094,500.00	\$0.00	\$28,027,445.00

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# **Sports**



Photo by Bradley Isaac Jr

Choctaw Central defenders Dylan Stephens (27), Javon Williams (88), Channing Jimmie (8) and Braylon McMillian (18) close in on a runner.

# **Warriors unite to take victory** over Nanih Waiya

By ROBBIE ROBERTSON sports@neshobademocrat.com

Choctaw Central football coach Pepper Posey finally feels like he can get started with football season.

After starting the season with as many as 16 players quarantined, the Warriors are finally back at full strength and it showed last Thursday night.

The Warriors used an opportunistic defense and big-play offense to take a 27-19 win over visiting Nanih Waiya. Choctaw Central improves to 1-1

on the season and will travel to Lake Posey said he thought his team

played much better this week. "Last week was really our first full week with everybody back," Posey said. "I thought the kids fought well. defense," Posey said. "We were in the

sides of the football. There were a lot of things we could have done better. What I was really proud of is when we went behind late in the game, our kids didn't drop their heads. They fought back and got the lead and then went ahead and put it away. I was proud of

Choctaw got the first break of the game when they recovered a Tanner Courtney fumble at their own 45. Eight plays later, Brydon Wesley scored on a six-yard run with 3:47 left in the first quarter. Kashton Grisham kicked the PAT and Choctaw led 7-0.

That score held until halftime as Nanih Waiya had two more turnovers and got to the Choctaw 28 late in the second before turning the ball over on

"We had a great game plan on We did a lot of good things on both backfield a lot and did some good

things. There are some things we have to correct but we played with a lot of effort. Our linebackers played well and flew to the ball. We have some work to do with our defensive tackles. But we caused a lot of turnovers and that was probably the difference in the game."

Nanih Waiya got the ball to start the second half and went 52 yards in nine plays for a touchdown. Rico Moore scored on a one-yard run with 6:59 left in the third to tie the game at 7-7.

Choctaw answered as the Warriors went 61 yards in three plays for a score. Eli Joe scored on a 45-yard run with 5:50 left in the third. The PAT failed and Choctaw held a 13-7 lead.

After the two teams traded turnovers, Nanih Waiya got back even with a trick play as Moore threw a 65yard halfback pass to tie the game. The PAT failed to leave the score tied at 13-

Nanih Waiya took the lead 19-13 early in the fourth before Choctaw got

But Choctaw answered back as Joe threw a 50-yard bomb. Grisham's PAT was good and Choctaw Central led 20-

Choctaw put the game away late in the fourth after a fifth Nanih Waiya turnover. Eli Joe scored on a long run with 4:40 left in the game. Grisham's PAT was good and Choctaw Central led 27-19.

Nanih Waiya made a late charge as they put together a nine-play drive. Courtney threw a late interception to give Choctaw Central the win.

"We bent but we didn't break," Posey said. "We gave up some plays and bent but they didn't break and didn't give up and I'm proud of that."

# Lady Rebels close in on district championship

By ROBBIE ROBERTSON sports@neshobademocrat.com

The Leake Academy Lady Rebels moved a few steps closer to another district championship last week with a pair of wins.

Leake Academy no-hit Winston Academy 10-0 on Tuesday and then took an 8-2 win over East Rankin on

Leake Academy, now 16-2 on the season, is scheduled to play at Simpson on Monday and then host Magnolia Heights on Tuesday. The Lady Rebels will then play in Jackson Prep Tournament at the Magee Sportsplex on Saturday. Leake will then host Park Rudolph was 2-for-3 with a double, Place on Monday and East Rankin on Tuesday

#### Lady Rebels 10 Winston 0

The Lady Rebels got a no-hitter from Lynleigh Burt as they shut out the Lady Patriots in a five-inning district win on Tuesday.

Leake Academy scored single runs in the second and third before exploding for six runs in the fourth and two in the fifth to take the win.

Leake had 13 hits in the contest. Jenna Chamblee was 3-for-4 with a triple and two RBIs while Olivia

triple, two runs scored and two RBIs. Emmajane Lepard was 2-for-3 and scored two runs while Caroline Cheatham was 2-for-2 and scored two runs. Emeri Warren was 2-for-3 while Lily McDonald doubled and drove in two runs. Marleigh Myers also doubled and scored a run.

Burt pitched all five innings and struck out seven and hit just one batter.

#### Lady Rebels 8 East Rankin 2

Each team had nine hits but the Lady Rebels were able to score their runners as they took a six-run win over

the Lady Patriots on Thursday in a makeup contest.

Leake Academy scored three in the first and one in the second and led 3-2 after three innings. Leake added single runs in the fourth and fifth innings before finishing with two in the sixth.

Miley Billie was 2-for-3 with a double and two runs scored while Lepard was 2-for-4 with two doubles. Grace Maxey was 2-for-2 with two walks, two RBIs and two stolen bases.

Burt pitched all seven innings as she scattered nine hits and two walks while striking out six.

## Tornadoes rally for another last-minute victory Friday night

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY steve@neshobademocrat.com

Chancellor Greer scored the tying touchdown and Adrian Luke booted the winning extra point to lift the Philadelphia High School Tornadoes to a 40-39 victory over Leake Central Friday night in prep football action at Harpole Field.

For the second week in a row, the Tornadoes came from behind in the final minutes to take a one-point victory. From the start, the game went back and forth and was tied five times.

"Offensively, we played well, probably the best we have done all year," Coach David Frey said. "It was back and forth. I talked about how fast their quarterback was all last week and that's what hurt us.

"Defensively, we weren't sharp at all. We lost our outside containment and their quarterback got loose several times. He was that fast. We have to do a lot better defensively. Running quarterbacks hurt us and we have to focus on keeping containment. We are going to see that again this week against Winona. We are going to face a good running back and a good quarter-

Philadelphia took the opening kickoff and drove 65 yards in 11 plays for a touchdown. Quarterback Marcus Beamon bolted 15 yards to put the ball on the one-yard line. On the next play, Greer carried it into the endzone for a touchdown. The extra point try failed and the Tornadoes led 6-0 with 7:48

left in the first quarter.

Leake Central took the ensuing kickoff and put the ball in the end zone two plays later when quarterback Jarkea Reed ran 48 yards for a touchdown. The extra point try failed and the score was tied at 6-6.

Philadelphia responded with a 10play scoring drive that covered 69 yards. Beamon found Trey Posey on a 3-yard pass play for the score. Adrian Luke kicked the extra point and the Tornadoes led 13-6 with 3:31 left in the first quarter.

Leake Central came back with a drive of its own. The Gators took the ball on their own 41-yard line and drove it in for a touchdown in 10 plays. Reed found Kierrius Carson in the endzone for the score. The kick was good and the score was tied at 13-13 with 11:48 left in the second quarter.

The Tornadoes came right back with another scoring drive. This time, Beamon connected with Darius Grady on a 12-yard touchdown pass, capping a seven-play, 57-yard drive. Luke's kick was good and the Tornadoes led 20-13 with 8:39 left in the second quarter.

One play after the kickoff, Reed broke for an 80-yard run to put the Gators in the end zone. The kick was good with 8:09 left in the second quarter and the score was tied at 20-20.

Beamon connected with Dee Burnside for a 34-yard completion that put the Tornadoes on the Leake Central 15-yard line. On the next play, Greer scored on a 15-yard run. Luke's



Photo by Leroy Clemons

Tornado defender Keathan Graham (12) brings down a Leake Central runner.

kick was good and the Tornadoes led 27-20 with 6:43 left in the half.

The Gators came up with another big play as Reed connected with Dedrick Hartfield on a 76-yard TD pass play. The kick was good and the score was tied at 27-27 with 5:27 left

Leake Central scored the final points of the half as Reed ran 88 yards for a touchdown. The try for two failed and the Gators led 33-27 at the

Philadelphia forced Leake Central to punt and took over on its 32-yard line. Four plays later, the Tornadoes were in the end zone as Greer scored on a six-yard run. The try for two failed and the score was tied at 33-33.

That would end the scoring for both teams in the third quarter. Cornerback Keatham Graham returned an interception 100 yards for an apparent Tornado touchdown but a penalty called it back. Leake Central forced the Torna-

does to punt and took over on the Gators' 42-yard line. Leake Central put together a 15-play drive that ended when Reed scored on an eight-yard run. The kick failed and the Gators led 39-33 with 3:43 left in the game. The Tornadoes took the ball on the

Leake Central 45-yard line after the kickoff. Greer ran the ball five plays in a row and scored a touchdown on a 14-yard run. Luke's kick was good and the Tornadoes led 40-39 with 2:28 left in the game.

The Tornado defense held the Gators to four plays. Philadelphia took over and the time expired.

Beamon finished the night with 266 total yards. He rushed 15 times for 144 yards and completed 6-of-11 passes for 122 yards. Greer rushed 24 times for 207 yards.

The Tornadoes, now 2-1, will host Winona Friday night. The Tigers come in at 3-0 following wins over Choctaw County 35-19, Newton County 50-47, and J.Z. George 62-32. Leake Central, now 0-3, will host North Pike Friday.

## Locals off to good start in '21

By DALE MCKEE sports@neshobademocrat.com

Philadelphia's Lideatrick "Tulu" Griffin returned the opening 100-yard kickoff for Mississippi State as the Bulldogs went to 2-0 with a 24-10 victory over North Carolina State on Saturday night in Starkville.

The stingy Mississippi State defense came to play and shut down North Carolina State's running game. This week, the Bulldogs travel to Memphis to take on the Tigers at 3 p.m. on the SEC Network.

Will Hall won his first game as head coach of the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles with a 37-0 blanking of Grambling. The Eagles (1-1) were led by running back Frank Gore Jr. who raced for a career-high 162 yards, which included a 51yard TD run. The Eagles will host Troy (1-1) this Saturday night. The Trojans fell to Hugh Freeze and Liberty last Saturday, 21-13.

No. 20 Ole Miss (2-0) used five touchdown passes from Matt Corral to down outmanned Austin Peay, 54-17. The Rebels duo of Dontario Drummond and Jonathan Mingo each caught two touchdowns. This Saturday night, the Rebels will host Tulane (2-0) at 7 p.m. on ESPN2.

### **SEC** action

Kentucky (2-0) outlasted a stubborn Missouri Tiger crew (1-1), 35-28. In non-conference games, Arkansas (2-0) welcomed future SEC member Texas to the conference as the Razorbacks blasted the Longhorns, 40-21. Vanderbilt  $(1-\overline{1})$ recorded their first win, 24-21, at Colorado State. Texas A&M (2-0) struggled to win at Colorado, 10-7, while South Carolina escaped with a 20-17 win over East Carolina. Tennessee (1-1) was the only SEC school to lose this past Saturday, falling to Pittsburgh in the Johnny Major Classic, 41-34. Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia and LSU all won big. This week, we have three games that should be worth watching as Alabama hits the road to Florida, Auburn visits Penn State and South Carolina goes to Georgia.

#### **Hunter leads Auburn** rushers

Former Neshoba Central standout Jarquez Hunter has been outstanding in Auburn's first two games. He is averaging 15.1 yards per carry and has scored two touchdowns. He has rushed 17 times for 257 yards, including a 94-yard TD run against Alabama State Saturday in the Tigers' 62-0 win.

## JSU & DSU perfect

Jackson State (2-0) steamrolled Tennessee State, 38-16, behind Shedeur Sanders, son of Tiger coach Deion Sanders, who passed for 362 yards and three scores. JSU heads to Louisiana Monroe Saturday night for their next action. Alcorn drove 92 yards in 10 plays in the final period to clip Northwestern State, 13-10. The Braves (1-1) will travel to South Alabama this week. Mississippi Valley (0-1) was open this past weekend and will head to Stephen F. Austin this Satur-

Delta State (2-0) romped for the second straight week as Patrick Shegog passed for three scores and ran for two more in a 45-17 win over McKendree. This week, the Statesmen travel to West Georgia. Belhaven (1-1) fell to Southwestern, 34-27, last Saturday in their American SW Conference opener. This week, the Blazers travel to Hardin-Simmons. Millsaps (0-1) and Mississippi College (0-1) were idle this past weekend. The Majors travel to Southwestern while the Choctaws will play at Fort Lauderdale.

## Odds & Ends

Florida State (0-2) lost for the first time in program history to a FCS school as they fell to Jacksonville (AL), 21-17, on a 59-yard pass with no time to play.

Dale McKee, a Waynesboro resident, has been writing sports since 1973.

# Injury turns game as Rebels take victory

By ROBBIE ROBERTSON sports@neshobademocrat.com

For a quarter and a half, the Leake and Union football game lived up to all of the hype.

But then Union quarterback Kenyon Clay went down with an ankle injury.

The Rebels then scored 35 unanswered points and rolled to a 48-13 win over the Yellow-jackets in the first-ever meeting between the two schools.

Leake Academy improves to 3-1 on the season and will travel to Simpson County Academy on Saturday to open district play. Union falls to 1-2 on the season and will host Newton County Friday.

"Our kids came out with a lot of intensity and executed well," Leake coach Brian Pickens said. "We scored on every possession in the first half. You could tell the kids were excited and played with a lot of energy and effort. And I thought our defense played really well. They really only gave up the one play and we knew (Clay) was going to make plays."

It was the exact opposite for Union coach Jordan Wren, who saw his team's best player go down with an ankle injury in the middle of the second quarter.

"It was a good game until Kenyon got hurt," Wren said. "Once he got hurt, the air went out of our sails. Any time you take the best player and put a

freshman in there, it's going to be a drop-off. The same thing happened last year when he went out. It was just one of those nights."

After forcing Union to punt on its first possession, Leake went 61 yards in eight plays. Canon Parks ripped off a big 26-yard run and finished it off with a three-yard run with 4:31 left in the first quarter. Cole Arthur hit the PAT and Leake led 7-0 early.

The Yellowjackets answered right back as Clay returned the ensuing kick 99 yards for a touchdown. The try for two failed and Leake led 7-6 with 4:21 left in the first quarter.

The Rebels then went 65 yards in 10 plays as Rhett Atkinson hit Riley Myers on a 14-yard touchdown pass with 20 seconds left in the first quarter. The PAT failed and Leake led 13-7.

The Yellowjackets again

answered right back when Clay scrambled and hit Kaleb Casey on a 50-yard touchdown pass with 9:53 left in the second quarter. The PAT was good and Union tied the game at 13-13.

The Rebels then went 45

The Rebels then went 45 yards in six plays. After a big 36-yard completion to Levi Brown, Atkinson hit the Leake Academy senior on a five-yard touchdown pass with 7:11 left in the second quarter. Arthur hit the PAT and Leake led 20-13.

On Union's next possession, Clay was tackled on third down



Photo by Kalie Parks

The Leake Academy defense wraps up Union's Kenyon Clay in a 48-13 win.

and went out for the night with an ankle injury.

Things went downhill for Union quickly at that point. The Rebels got the ball on the Union 28 after a short punt. Three plays later, Atkinson hit Aiden Watkins on a 29-yard touchdown pass with 3:30 left in the first half. Arthur hit the PAT and Leake led 27-13.

Union went three and out on offense and Leake quickly

moved down the field on offense. Parks ripped off runs of 17 and 21 yards. Then Atkinson finished off the drive with a 25-yard touchdown pass to Riley Myers with 1:04 left in the first half. Arthur's PAT was good and Leake led 34-13 at the half.

The Rebels got the ball to open the second half and went 60 yards in eight plays behind the running of Parks and Whitt Welch. Atkinson finished off the

drive with a nine-yard touchdown run with 9:17 left in the third. Arthur's PAT was good and Leake led 41-13.

A series of personal fouls on Rebels moved Union to the Leake 10. But the Leake defense held and took over on their own 5. From there, Parks ripped off runs of 15 and 20 yards and went 95 yards in 10 plays as Welch scored on a seven-yard run for the Rebels with 11:42 left in the fourth. Arthur's PAT was good and

Leake led 48-13.

Leake Academy had 430 yards of total offense with 155 yards passing and 275 rushing. Atkinson was 10-of-16 passing for 155 yards and four TDs. Parks led the rushing attack with 129 yards on 11 carries while Welch had 90 yards on 20 carries. Myers had six catches for 77 yards and two TDs while Brown had two catches for 41 yards and Watkins had two catches for 37 yards.

Nick Gomillion led the Leake defense with two solo tackles and seven assists. Kade Marble had four solo tackles and two assists while Ethan Dunn had one solo and six assists. Jake Brown also had an interception for the Rebels.

Union had just 132 yards of total offense with 42 yards rushing on 24 carries while throwing for 90 yards on 7-of-13 attempts.

Clay was 5-of-5 passing for 80 yards and a TD. Carlos Hickmon had 21 yards rushing on 10 carries while Xavier Boler had 19 yards rushing on five attempts.

Hickmon led the Union defense with nine tackles while Eli Rigdon had seven stops. Ky'Yon Harris had six tackles while Cameron Hickman had five stops. Tank Haralson, William Hughlett and A.J. Wilson each had four tackles.

# Undefeated Neshoba Central team claims first region win

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY steve@neshobademocrat.com

The Neshoba Central Rockets picked up their first Region 2-5A victory of the season Friday night as they rolled over Forest Hill 45-14 in prep football action.

The Rockets now stand at 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the Region 2-5A standings. They visit Holmes County Central this Friday night in a key Region 2-5A contest.

Neshoba Central is ranked No. 5 in a state poll of Class 5A teams by Mississippi Scorebook I ive

After a scoreless first quarter, Hunter Bavetta kicked a 35-yard field goal. With 11:05 remaining in the second quarter, the Rockets led 3-0.

Neshoba Central scored on its next possession when quarterback Eli Anderson passed to Bryceton Spencer on a 33-yard TD pass. Bavetta's kick was good and the Rockets led 10-0 with 8:51 left in the second quar-

Anderson went back to air on Neshoba Central's next possession when he connected with Dez McWilliams on a 46-yard touchdown pass. Bavetta's kick was good and Neshoba Central led 17-0 with 1:50 left in the half

Forest Hill got on the scoreboard with 12 seconds left in the half on a 21-yard TD play. The Patriots scored on the two-point conversion and Neshoba Central led 17-8 at the half.

Forest Hill scored again with 3:15 left in the third quarter on a four-yard run. The run failed and the Rockets led 17-14.

Neshoba Central scored with five seconds left in the third quarter when Anderson ran the ball in from two yards out.

Bavetta's kick was good and the Rockets led 24-14.

The Rockets got a couple of interceptions in the fourth quarter and put the game away. Jaharon Griffin picked off a pass, giving Neshoba Central possession on the Patriots' two-yard line. Anderson scored on the next play when he ran it in. Bavetta's kick was good and Neshoba Central led 31-14 with

On their next possession, Anderson passed to Ja'Naylon Dupree on a 25-yard TD pass. Bavetta's kick was good and the Rockets led 38-14 with three

10:21 left in the game.

minutes left.

On the play following the kickoff, Brayden Reynolds intercepted a pass for the Rockets. Anderson connected with Dupree on a 30-yard TD pass play. Bavetta's kick was good with 2:27 remaining to the scoring

The Rockets finished with 352 total yards. Anderson had all of Neshoba Central's 288 passing yards as he completed 16-of-29 passes. The Rockets rushed 15 times for 64 yards. Dupree had seven catches for 91 yards while Dez McWilliams had two catches for 90 yards. Elijah Ruf-

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fin caught five passes for 52 yards and Spencer had three catches for 50 yards. Zander Kirkland was the leading rusher with 53 yards on eight carries.

On defense, lineman Maxton Woodard had four quarterback hurries, three tackles and three assists. Kelbee Holmes had seven tackles, one assist and tackle for loss. Elijah Ruffin had one sack and two tackles. Braydon Reynolds had an interception, a tackle and an assist.

Forest Hill falls to 0-3. The Patriots host Wingfield Friday.

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