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ONGOING SEARCH

Skull, unidentified bone fragments investigated

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Unidentified bone fragments have been recovered as local authorities continue an investigation into human remains found on the side of a road in east Neshoba County last Wednesday, according to Sheriff Eric Clark.

“We will continue to monitor things,” Clark said. “We are checking the area daily and hopefully we will get some answers. It’s the craziest thing ever.”

Clark said Neshoba County Medical Examiner John Stephens is working with the state Crime Lab concerning the remains.

The Sheriff’s Department received a call on Saturday, April 22, from a resident near the intersection of County Road 729 and CR 733 who reported their dog had brought them bone fragments.

Clark said experts were unable to determine if the bone pieces were human or not and they have been sub-

mitted to the state Crime Lab for further testing.

The reports come after human remains were discovered in the same area earlier last week.

Clark said his office received a call at about 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, from a woman on the side of Road 729 in the Shady Grove

community near the intersection with Road 733 below the Mars Hill Cemetery reporting that she had found what she believed to be skeletal remains.

After deputies and investigators arrived on the scene they verified that what the woman found was in fact a piece of human bone.

An initial assessment suggests the piece of bone is likely part of a female human skull. Clark said the coroner’s assessment also shows the piece to be older. There are no signs an animal had gotten a hold of it, according to Clark.

“Right now, we can’t See **BONES**, page 3A

CRIME

1 arrested for stealing side-by-side

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A Union woman was arrested last Tuesday afternoon in connection with an alleged conspiracy to take a Kubota side-by-side and tools from a Bethesda community home the previous week, the authorities said.



The woman, Heather Marie Roberts, 32, 3176 Little Rock County Line Road, Union, was arrested and charged with conspiracy to commit a felony and two counts of burglary of a dwelling.

Roberts remains in custody on \$60,000 in bond for the three charges.

Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark said Roberts was arrested on Tuesday, April 18, in the afternoon by Newton County officials and was brought into NCSO custody by about 3 p.m.

According to Clark, Roberts was wanted in connection with the Kubota side-by-side theft and several power and hand tools taken from a residence on Road 282. The burglary was reported on Wednesday, April 12.

The four other suspects arrested in connection with this burglary so far are:

- Christian Glen Cain, 19, 10331 Road 448, was charged with two counts of burglary and one count of conspiracy to commit a

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Members of Neshoba Central’s new theatre group performing Disney’s ‘Descendants’ this weekend are, from left, Lakynn Pickett, Jacob Win- ters, Lola Mae Hallows and Posey Palmer. The musical opens Friday at 6:30 p.m.

NESHOPA CENTRAL STUDENTS

Disney’s ‘Descendants’ on stage this weekend at the Ellis

By JOHN LEE
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Neshoba Central’s new theatre group is telling the tale of iconic Disney character descendants in the historic Ellis Theatre this weekend in “Disney’s Descendants: The Musical.”

The musical is based on the Disney film series “Descendants,” which follows the children of famous Disney characters, such as Ben, the son of Princess Belle from “Beauty and the Beast,” and Mal, the daughter of Maleficent from “Sleeping Beauty,” the two main stars.

These descendants live on a “good” island and “bad island,” and Ben attempts to bring the children

from the bad island over to the good island so everyone can go to school together in a move of unity.

Dr. Angela Boatner, the director of the musical, said her students have been rehearsing the musical since late January.

“We did auditions in December and started rehearsals at the end of January,” Dr. Boatner said. “We started our program last spring, called ‘Rocket Troupe,’ and it’s been wonderfully supported by our community, school board, and administration.”

Ben will be played by senior Curtis Benson and junior Brody Ben, and Mal will be played by freshman students Posey Palmer and Renecia Burnside.

Dr. Boatner said there will be a

“red” and “blue” cast for the show, consisting of Neshoba Central High School students, and other students from various grades.

“This play compared to the first one we did is apples to oranges,” Dr. Boatner said. “We have a lot more props and scenery, and we got to focus more on the music, dancing and acting.”

Tim Moore, board member for the Congress of Country Music, said this musical is great and will be a great place for students to perform.

“The Ellis is going to give students the opportunity to spread out and be on stage in a theatre instead of an auditorium or gym like they’ve done in the past,” Moore said. “The Neshoba Central drama department partner-

ing with the Ellis shows that kids in the community can get involved in the arts, and it also helps the arts council. It’s important for community involvement.”

“Disney’s ‘Descendants’ is a great musical and it’s something a lot of people relate to,” he said. “We’re expecting big numbers.”

The musical opens Friday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. Other performances are on Saturday, April 29 at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Sunday, April 30 at 3 p.m., and Monday, May 1 at 3 p.m. for a special “all-star” cast performance.

Tickets for the show are \$10, and can be purchased at the Ellis Theatre box office in person or by phone at (601) 653-5358, or online at www.congressofcountrymusic.com.

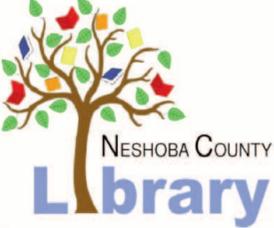




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PAID POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eric Clark seeks re-election as Sheriff



Eric Clark

My name is Eric Clark, and I am seeking re-election as Sheriff of Neshoba County. I am the 54 year old son of Randy and Judy (Keeton) Clark of the Good Hope Community. I married Stacie (Ely) Clark of the Coldwater Community. We have 2 children, Erika Neese (Joey) and Brandon Clark (Kayla). Stacie and I are proud of our grands which include: Karsyn, Lillie, Kason Beck and baby Clark (August 2023).

When campaigning for Sheriff, I committed to providing a professional staff. I promised to proactively patrol our communities, and warned those that were "riding around stealing our

stuff". I pledged to be vigilant in the fight against illegal drug activity. Since these promises were made, we have made hundreds of drug related arrests annually.

I continue to work daily to provide my staff with the tools needed to make Neshoba County a safer place to live and grow our families. I have no plans of

retirement, as I look forward to serving the great citizens of Neshoba County for many more years as Sheriff. We continue to expand our reach and have teamed with local recovery groups to provide help for those struggling with addictions.

I will not compromise my position as Sheriff, and will continue to use a strong work ethic, support from my family and trust God's plan for my life. I ask that you not get discouraged with my lack of door to door campaigning or lack of campaign signs throughout the county. I will continue to choose service over politics and that is what I feel makes me a quality candidate for Sheriff. I ask for your prayers and your vote as we continue to build a Sheriff's Office that you can be proud of.

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felony on April 14. Clark said Cain also faces a warrant from Leake County.

- Zachary W. Keen, 21, 14370 Highway 15 south, was charged with two counts of burglary and conspiracy to commit

a felony. According to jail records, Keen also has a warrant for contempt of court.

- Dexter Carter, 46, 524 Pleasant Valley Drive, was charged with possession of stolen property and conspiracy to commit a felony.

- Kenneth Spears, 43, 10301 Road 644, DeKalb, was charged with possession of stolen property and conspiracy to commit a felony.

Jail records show all were arrested on Friday, April 14, except for Carter, who was arrested on the following Monday.

Several of the tools have been recovered over the course of the investigation and the side-by-side was recovered in Kemper County on Saturday, April 15, thanks to help from the Kemper County Sheriff's Office, Clark said.

City

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er T. project," Mayor James Young said. "The engineers have gone back and looked at everything. We had to re-bid because there is the possibility of a little more funding coming from the state."

In other matters, aldermen voted to:

- Approve a motion to pay an Allen Engineering invoices totaling \$3,264 and \$6,855 for work on the Airport Lighting Improvement Project and the Airport Runway Seal Coat Project

- Approve a motion to hire Christopher Harold as a reserve officer with the police department. The motion was approved unanimously;

- Approve a motion to pay Mississippi Municipal Court Clerk Association dues of \$100. The motion was

approved unanimously;

- Approve a motion to advertise for bid Paratech Rescue Strut System for use with the Fire Department. The motion was unanimously approved;

- Approve a motion to suspend a Street Department employee for three days without pay. The motion was approved unanimously; and,

- Approve a motion to suspend a police officer for 84 hours without pay. The motion was approved unani-



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Republican women hosting Derby fundraiser

By JOHN LEE
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The Neshoba County Republican Women's Club is raising money for downtown beautification, helping businesses, and other people in the community through their first annual Kentucky Derby Party.

Dr. Hailey Thompson, head of the planning committee for the party, said the club is hoping to raise money for making downtown Philadelphia beautiful, helping businesses make their areas look nicer, helping with literacy in local schools, and more.

"We want to raise money to help the community," Dr. Thompson said. "This will be the first annual party, since our club originated last year and received our charter in August 2022. This is the first group we've had here in Neshoba County."

Dr. Thompson said the idea

came from club member Rachel Kiepe, who said the party can be something fun for the public to enjoy and as a way of recruiting new members for the club.

"People can come and enjoy some good for a good cause," Dr. Thompson said.

The party begins on Saturday, May 6 at 4 p.m. at the Fairview RV Resort, across from the Neshoba County Fairgrounds. It runs through the final Kentucky Derby Race around 7 p.m.

Dr. Thompson said the party attire includes Sunday afternoon fare such as big hats, heels for the ladies, suspenders and bow ties for the guys, pastel colors, and more. She said this attire is not mandatory, but encouraged for everyone to wear and have fun with.

"We'll have multiple sponsorships, along with several local politicians sponsoring, such as State Sen. Jenifer Branning and State Rep. Scott

Bounds," Dr. Thompson said. "We'll have the Kentucky Derby streaming live at the party."

Activities during the party include a best hat contest people will vote on, and the winner will get a custom Mint Julep cup as an award. The party will also have traditional Kentucky Derby food such as Hot Browns and Mini Derby pies.

Tickets for the event are \$25 each. The club is accepting sponsorships from businesses or individuals for \$200, and sponsorships include two tickets, reserved indoor seating and a deluxe goody bag as well as a mention at the event and printed recognition in all attendee goody bags.

For more information about the Kentucky Derby Party, visit the Neshoba County Republican Women's Group Facebook page.



Pictured, from left, are: Hailey Thompson, vice president Neshoba County Republican Women, Rachel Kiepe, president NCRW, and Linda Waltman, treasurer.

Woman arrested for DUI and meth with 2 children

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A Neshoba County woman was arrested and charged after allegedly driving under the influence with two children in her vehicle, the authorities said.

The woman, Regan Thomas, 31, 867 Union Road, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, DUI and two counts of child endangerment.

Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark said Thomas has since posted a \$10,600 bond.

He said Thomas was arrested on Saturday, April 22, at about 1:45 a.m. at a traffic checkpoint on Road 210 near Highway 21 south.

Thomas admitted to deputies that she had been drinking, had taken prescription medication and methamphetamine at a friend's house in Meridian that evening.

She failed a field sobriety test, according to Clark. A search of the vehicle



Regan Thomas

revealed a felony amount of meth, Clark said. The drugs were found in a cigarette pack in the center console cup holder and another baggie was found in a dashboard compartment near the vehicle's radio, he said.

Clark said Thomas had two children in the car with her at the time.

He said the family was notified and they were picked up that evening. Clark said he did not know the ages of the children.

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explain how it got there," Clark said.

Authorities have since conducted grid searches of the area up to about a quarter-mile radius from where the initial bone fragment was found, Clark said. He said these searches were conducted on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Members of the community have assisted in the search.

Clark said his office has been in close contact with the Kemper County Sheriff's Office, which has also contributed resources and manpower to the search.

The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation was also notified as well as the Mississippi Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Both agencies have assisted local authorities in the grid searches, according to Clark.

Clark said they have brought in bloodhounds and cadaver dogs from other jurisdictions to search the area but have not found any more remains.

Clark said Flussy, the white bulldog who found the bone pieces on Saturday, has proved to be one of the most produc-

tive searchers at this point in the investigation.

"Flussy is hands-down the most valuable investigator we have at the moment," the sheriff said.

He said the dog was present during the searches over the weekend and hoped that she would lead them back to where she found the bone fragments.

Clark said he has identified a number of missing person cases with two having close ties to the area.

A Kemper County man crashed his car, a 2009 Accord, in the area in January 2021, left the scene and was last seen walking toward his home.

Clark said another disappearance was reported on Old Jackson Road in Kemper County. A woman was last seen in that area on September 2, 2021. Clark said Old Jackson Road in Kemper County is not far from where the bone fragments were found.

Anyone with information should call CrimeStoppers at 1-855-485-8477.

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EDITORIALS

Fox's election fallout

Americans entertaining suspicion about U.S. election integrity had better keep it to themselves. Fox News' massive monetary settlement in a defamation lawsuit involving the outcome of the 2020 presidential contest flashes a warning no less frightening than the signpost before the gate of hell in Dante's "Inferno": "Abandon hope, all ye who enter here." Asking questions involving possible election devility is now risky business.

Last week, Fox News found the First Amendment's free-speech protection a useless shield against a lawsuit over its election coverage. The nation's top broadcast media organization agreed to pay a reported \$787.5 million to Dominion Election Systems for airing then-President Donald Trump's allegations of vote-rigging in Dominion's machines.

The outcome of the case brought in Delaware came as a stunner, but it shouldn't have: Winning a jury trial in President Biden's home state would have been difficult in these highly partisan times. Mr. Trump faces similar headwinds in beating charges of business records violations that he faces in New York City, where he received just 23% of the vote.

Fox, with "fair and balanced" news and conservative opinion, made the mistake of looking behind the curtain of the 2020 Trump-Biden faceoff. Its post-election news coverage dared to contain allegations of shenanigans said to tip the election in Mr. Biden's favor. Included were such segments as reports of polling officials in Detroit kicking out Republican ballot-counting observers; a sudden "plumbing leak" in Atlanta that closed down counting, which later reopened with Democratic poll workers but no Republicans; and most dire, Trump election lawyers claiming Dominion's ballot-tabulation machinery had been rigged to defeat the sitting president.

Covering all angles of pivotal events is what news organizations do. Accuracy is paramount, of course, but apparent facts that sprout in foggy turmoil can shrivel in the light of day. Sometimes, inconvenient ones are purposely stomped into the dust.

It was the exposure of Fox's internal deliberations over whether to air allegations of election mischief that brought down misfortune. Documentation of conversations, both spoken and written, revealed a range of opinion — including doubt that charges of Dominion deceit were provable. Presiding Judge Eric Davis concluded that the tabulation-tampering allegations were false, and Fox's decision to air them amid lingering uncertainty indicated malice.

If Fox is paying up for laying down falsehoods, Democratic-friendly news outlets that broadcast for years the bogus Trump-Russia collusion tale should likewise write big checks. But they're not. The takeaway: Repeat the officialdom-approved story, or else.

It's a painful lesson already familiar to an inquiring public. Some earnest folk who brought their concerns to Washington and were caught up in the Jan. 6 melee have been paying for their transgressions ever since. And thanks to controversy-adverse courts in numerous battleground states, efforts to untangle widespread election anomalies of 2020 have come to naught.

Henceforth, the media will be tempted to avoid trouble and mouth mainstream election narratives. After all, curiosity killed the cat and, in this case, trampled Fox. Regardless of who wins future elections, Americans will be the losers: Without fearless reporting, Americans won't be certain their leaders have won fair and square because the devil is in the details.

— *The Washington Times*

FLASHBACKS

April 23, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Elwood are announcing the arrival of a son on Friday, April 16th. The baby has been given the name William Edward Elwood.

Pete Majure, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Majure of Mad-den, won top honors at the recent Southeast Mississippi Livestock Show at Forest. He also placed first in showmanship and was a member of the Leake County team which placed first in the county group. His winning two-year old Jersey is Primate Magnolia Satire.

April 23, 1953

Miss Bettie Jane Scott of Carthage has begun work this week as the assistant Home Demonstration Agent in Neshoba County. Miss Scott is a graduate of Mississippi Southern College and has been teaching Home Economics in Leake County. She was associated with 4-H Club work there as a Teacher-Sponsor of the 4-H Club.

The public is invited to attend the Senior Recital of four young ladies, Misses Dawn Mosley, Barbara Rea, Jane Madison, and Virginia Jones, Friday Evening, April 24 at the High School Auditorium who are being presented

by their teacher, Mrs. Hugh Jones.

April 25, 1963

Mrs. Hal Russell is presenting her senior voice pupils, Misses Laura Gipson and Judy Marshall in recital on April 26 at the High School Auditorium. Sam Hand with his coronet will be guest soloist.

April 26, 1973

Miss Beatrice Hamill, Xi Chapter, Philadelphia, is the recipient of the third annual Zeta State Achievement award given by Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary society for women educators, for the outstanding Delta Kappa Gamma member.

The Choctaw Central Elementary School conducted a Spelling Bee for grades 4-5-6 on April 20. Barbara Bell, first place; Leland Gibson, second place; and Timothy Willis, third place.

April 27, 1983

Brooks Bryan, was the winner in the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Bikathon. He collected \$306 and was presented a bicycle donated by the Wal Mart Store in Philadelphia. Making the presentation was store manager Mike Acridge, and

Brook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sparkey Bryan.

April 28, 1993

Sara Buntyn of Laird's Hospice Care received the 1992 award for the most hours of service. One of her patients she visited is Major Matthews.

April 23, 2003

Dean Michael Maloney awards Jonathan Mills of Philadelphia the Family Law Section of the Mississippi Bar Award during the Mississippi College School of Law-Law Day held April 4 at the Crowne Plaza in Jackson. The annual award is presented to a second-year law student who has excelled academically and shows promise in the legal profession.

April 24, 2013

The Philadelphia High School Beauty and Beau Pageant was held on Feb. 16. The following were named as beauties and beaus: Emily Duncan, Mary Katherine Larabee, Macy Martin (Most Beautiful), Haley Matthews, and Meghan Sledge; Paul Prince, Michael Whitlock, Kardeius Peebles, Avery Duncan (Most Handsome), Malek Moore, and Abe Mars.

RICH LOWRY

Moderates dominating 2024 race

Back in 2016, the most moderate Republican candidate in the race was Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who lost everywhere except his home state.

Perhaps the most moderate candidate in the field as of this moment is Donald Trump.

If you want a Republican who won't cut spending or start foreign wars, Trump is still your man.

Added to this now is clearly a discomfort with the fight over abortion in the post-Roe environment.

Trump's main line of attack against Ron DeSantis is from the left. He's hitting the Florida governor hard for his past support for reining in Social Security and Medicare.

He's also called the governor's culture-war clash with Disney "so unnecessary" and "a political stunt," while not entering the fray in the conservative war with Bud Light.

Of course, Trump's personal power is such that he's made loyalty to himself the standard for being considered right wing — orthodox conservatives who reject Trump are more apt to be labeled moderates than Trump himself.

The substantive definition of the right is also up for grabs. What is the more right-wing position? Trump saying that he'll end the Ukraine war in a day through his personal diplomacy — the kind of naive position once associated with soft-headed Democrats — or a hawk saying that he'll continue to arm Ukraine to the hilt? It depends who you ask.

All of this is an indication of how Trump can be ideologically difficult to pin down, which benefited him in 2016 — both in the primaries and in

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the general — and could work for him again.

The alleged radicalism of Donald Trump has mostly to do with his personal conduct, his outrageous statements, his conspiracy theories, and his contempt for norms and rules. None of these are to be dismissed lightly, but none are ideological either.

In theory, it'd be possible to be perfectly polite and support a border wall (in fact, this describes most Republicans), or be in favor of open borders and be just as fond of insulting nicknames as Trump is.

If the former president were given a magic wand to move America in his direction policy-wise on his core commitments, and we had a secure border, more tariffs, fewer foreign entanglements, greater domestic energy production, the status quo on entitlements, and step toward the center-right and away from what Trump calls the "radical-left lunatics" on most culture issues, no one would think he or she were living in a right-wing dystopia — at least not if they didn't know who was wielding the wand.

It's Trump's unique contribution to take an issue mix that could have broad appeal and make it toxic by association with himself.

In the 2016 nomination fight, Trump's approach — getting to the rest of the field's right on some issues (immigra-

tion, China) and to its left on others (especially entitlements) — paved his path to the nomination. That road didn't run through self-described "very conservative" voters, but "somewhat" conservatives.

The crucial South Carolina primary illustrated the dynamic. According to exit polls, Ted Cruz won very conservative voters, with 35% to Trump's 29 and Marco Rubio's 19. Trump won somewhat conservatives, with 35% to Rubio's 25 and Cruz's 17. And Trump won moderates, with 34% to Rubio's 23 and Kasich's 21.

In other words, Trump was competitive with the very conservatives while besting the other candidates with the other factions.

Now, Trump has reversed the poles of his support. He's most formidable with very conservatives and DeSantis is strongest with somewhat conservatives. The governor's strategy of trying to peel off Trump supporters among the very conservative voters by getting to his right on substance, while appealing to the center-right with an electability argument, makes sense, although much depends on the execution.

Barry Goldwater famously said in his 1964 acceptance speech that moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue. Donald Trump, of all people, is out to demonstrate that it could be one in pursuit of the Republican presidential nomination.

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

CHARLES HURT

Biden's sprawling family corruption

Eyes are the window into a man's soul, which is why President Biden always wears dark sunglasses.

Dark, impenetrable glasses. The kind favored by daring aviators battling the harshest glare high above the clouds. And bank robbers.

Mr. Biden has never served in the military. Or flown a plane. In fact, he has no known marketable skills, which is why he has devoted his life to a career in politics.

That career choice — along with a schoolteacher's government salary — has made the Biden family millionaires many times over.

So, he wears dark glasses. Even in Ireland, where it always rains.

Mr. Biden's publicity team casts the aviator glasses as a sign of how hip and cool the 80-year-old is. But there is nothing hip or cool about a guy who needs to be rescued by the Easter Bunny at an egg roll on the South Lawn of the White House.

Or a guy who can take questions only from children in a foreign country — and still gets stumped.

His publicity team peddles this comic fantasy that the aviator glasses are like some sort of cape that makes Mr. Biden some sort of superhero. But the comic tale story quickly falls apart after that.

Superman saves Lois Lane — and the universe — from Lex Luthor. Batman saves Gotham from the Joker. Wonder Woman rescues the fan-

The dark aviator glasses are the single most definitional trademark of Mr. Biden and his presidency. They project concealment, evasiveness and lying.

tasies of every teenage boy who lived during the 1970s and '80s with her American flag leotard and bulletproof bracelets.

Whom does Shady Joe Biden in Dark Glasses save?

The poor in America are poorer because of Mr. Biden's monstrous inflation. Children of the world are being smuggled, raped and enslaved because of Mr. Biden's open border. The innocent people of Ukraine are dying by the thousands because of the war Mr. Biden invited.

Seriously, who is better off under Mr. Biden? Vladimir Putin? The Chinese Communists? Mexican drug cartels and human smuggling warlords?

Mr. Biden may be a figure for the comic books. But he is no superhero, even with his dark glasses.

There is a reason you have never seen a successful politician wear dark glasses. It's the same reason America hasn't elected a bearded president in over a hundred years.

In politics, appearance matters. A politician's appearance — for better or for worse — is

the most obvious and effective attribute that is conveyed to more than 300 million citizens. Countless studies have shown that voters tend to vote for the person who looks more normal, is taller, or projects strength and power.

Similarly, beards tend to convey obfuscation. If a man grows a beard to hide his face, what else is he hiding? Perhaps unfair, but true nonetheless on the subconscious level for voters. Anyway, it's why politicians tend to avoid beards.

Dark glasses are a whole different level of obfuscation. They intentionally obscure the window into a man's soul. Dark glasses are for concealment. Hiding intentions. Shady.

The dark aviator glasses are the single most definitional trademark of Mr. Biden and his presidency. They project concealment, evasiveness and lying.

It's where he hides. It prevents people from knowing where Mr. Biden is peeping now that his handlers no longer allow him to sniff the hair of little girls. It helps him keep a straight face, even as he travels abroad amid the revelations of a burgeoning corruption scandal involving his family with governments from China to Ukraine.

And maybe even Ireland. Where the sun barely shines but Mr. Biden still wears dark shades.

Charles Hurt is the opinion editor at The Washington Times.



BIBLE SELECTION

knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

— 1 Peter 1:18-19 (ESV)

LETTERS

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COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 4/17-4/24

• Christopher Anderson, 39, of 10331 Rd 701, Union; failure to appear X2, contempt of court, disturbance of family, possession of paraphernalia

• Tanya C Bell, 31, of 10081 Mill Rd, Conehatta; serving sentence

• Victoria Bell, 23, of 180 Indian Hills Cir; failure to appear X2

• Keewan Burnside, 22, of 407 Barham St; failure to appear

• Dexter Carter, 46, of 11240 CR 632; hold for investigations, receiving stolen property more than \$500

• Johnny Cumberland, 59, of 10280 Rd 771; possession of controlled substance

• Jonathan Clint Daniels, 39, of 10815 Rd 779; possession of controlled substance

• Juaneika Myeshia Davis, 26, of 412 Coleman St Apt 206; failure to appear

• Whitley S Dearing, 29, of 10050 Rd 1535; contempt of court

• Ibrahim Obaid Elnaham, 29, of 572 East Main St; failure to appear X2, reckless driving

• Errol Brice Farmer, 35, of 104 York Rd; driving under the influence-1st offense, no drivers license, no insurance, seat belt violation, expired license tag

• Cody Dylan Fortenberry, 20, of 10131 Deer Creek Dr; domestic violence aggravated assault

• Deondreal Griffin, 30, of 270 A Ave; failure to appear

• Orlanda T Griffin, 54, of 10471 Rd 1131; serving sentence

• Sheldon Lee Hickman, 42, of 13410 Hwy 491, serving sentence

• Astra High, 41, of 918 Kosciusko Rd; failure to appear

• Isiah Jim Isaac, 32, of 375 Bogue Chitto Cr; failure to appear, contempt of court

• Kah-Shun Isaac, 27, of 112 Bates Rd, Carthage; contempt of court, hold for other agency

• Isiah Jim Issac, 32, of 375 Bogue Chitto Cr; failure to

appear X2

• Franklin Lamont Jenkins, 54, of 201 Wilson St; serving sentence

• Ahinna Nikole Jim, 23, of 200 Fani Lakna Cir; failure to appear

• Elliot Meely, 32, of 451 Hwy 487, Carthage; contempt of court

• Richard Rash, 45, of 10420 Rd 296, Union; serving sentence

• Heather Roberts, 32, of 3176 Little Rock County Line Rd, Union; hold for investigations, conspiracy to commit a crime-felony, burglary-dwelling house, burglary-commercial building, cars, etc

• Ichurash H Solomon, 24, of 976 Union Rd; failure to appear

• Annamaria Anita Thomas, 30, of 432 Capus Dr, Conehatta; failure to appear

• Regan Thomas, 31, of 867 Union Rd; child endangerment X2, possession of controlled substance, driving under the influence-1st offense

• Lois Deanne Tubby, 45, of 111 Indian Hills Dr; failure to appear

• Stewart Dewayne Tucker, 60, of 2500 Burma Dr 87, Pearl; driving under the influence other substance

• Avodah M Wallace, 39, of 13800 Hwy 491 N; contempt of court, suspended driver's license, no insurance

• Jamie Lee Wesley, 36, of 882 Decatur Conehatta Rd, Conehatta; failure to appear

• Kurtland Tate Williamson, 27, of 1509 Hoye Pace Rd, Conehatta; possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia

• Renata G Willis, 46, of 104 Jim Rd; bad check - 1st or 2nd offense less than \$100 X2

• Kari Marie Windham, 34, of 10401 Hwy 16 E; contempt of court

Winston County Jail Docket from 4/10-4/23

• Javious C Adams, 23, of 224 Robin Hood Cir; child-child

abuse-endangering the child's health, disorderly conduct-disturbing the peace, hold-detainer for Neshoba County SO, public drunk, disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers, resisting arrest, weapon-exhibiting in threatening manner

• Bobbie Anderson, 32, of 791 New Housing Rd, Carthage; contempt of court-default in payment of restitution, MV-seatbelt violation

• Emerson J Billy, 24, of 2340 Conehatta Prospect Rd, Conehatta; DUI-1st offense, MV-reckless driving-first offense

• Rylie O Bonnet, 18, of 213 No Jackson Ave, Quitman; CS-paraphernalia-possession or use, CS-marijuana-simple possession - 30-250 grams

• Darris K Burks, 28, of 230 Rae St; CS-paraphernalia, possession or use X2, attempt to commit a crime-felony

• Levondrick Carter, 29, of 267 Bennett St; disorderly con-

duct-disturbing the peace

• Niklya Cotton, 32, of 142 Rolling Hills Cr; MV-reckless driving-first offense, MV-no insurance, MV-expired or no driver's license, DUI-1st offense

• Alicia D Cross, 32, of 2990 Attala Rd 1115, Kosciusko; DUI-1st offense, MV-seatbelt violation, MV-driving on wrong side of roadway, MV-failure to yield to emergency vehicles

• Jeff A Edwards, 43, of 1126 West Ave Lot 4; hold-detainer for federal agency

• Emilio D Frazier, 24, of 3585 Hwy 35 N, Carthage; contempt of court-failure to appear or complete jury service

• Cassie N Hamilton, 44, of 10261 Rd 357, Union; CS-simple possession in motor vehicle - 1-30 grams marijuana or 1-10 grams synthetic cannabinoids, CS-paraphernalia-possession or use

• Richard S Harvey, 30, of 10041 Rd 371; public drunk

See JAIL, page 9A

OBITUARIES

Frank "Ray" McNair

Funeral services for Frank "Ray" McNair will be held Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 2 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Ray Spence, Rev. Joseph Knight, Rev. Tommy Conn and Arthur Rhodes officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Visitation will be held Tuesday, April 25, 2023 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at McClain-Hays Funeral Home.

Mr. McNair, 70, of Union, died Sunday, April 23, 2023.

Ray was a native and long-time resident of Neshoba County. He was a 1971 graduate of Neshoba Central High School and attended MSU where he earned his BS Degree in Agricultural Science and later earned his Master's Degree and his Educational Specialist Degree in Community Counseling, and on September 1, 1993 he received his license for Social Worker and on January 14, 2000 he received his license in Marriage and Family Therapy. He was the Program Director for Senior Life at Neshoba County General Hospital and retired after 25 years of service.

He was an avid MSU fan, enjoyed traveling abroad on cruises and to the mountains, going to Israel and planned on going back, Southern Gospel Music, spending time with his family and especially his kids and grandkids.

Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Kathryn A. McNair of Union, MS; daughters, Rebecca McNair Calissi (Jeff) of South Winsor, CT, Kathryn Rae McNair (John Helmert) of Meridian and Melissa Granieri of Meridian; grandchildren, Austin Granieri, William McNair and Juliana Calissi; sisters, Ruth Conn of Carthage, Rebecca Stokes of Union, Sarah Peebles of Booneville, his twin-Kay Vance of Union and Nancy Nicholson of Union; a host of nieces and nephews.

Mr. McNair was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Mary McNair; sister, Mary Elizabeth Rhodes; brother, Robert McNair.

Pallbearers are, Justin Granieri, Bradley McNair, Chad Vance, Tim Watkins and Justin McElhaney and Jonathan Vance.

Dorothy Jackson

Funeral service for Ms. Dorothy Delois Jackson will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 2 P.M. from the chapel of Beck Funeral Home with Rev. Carl Smith officiating. Burial will be at Greater Rose Hill M.B. Church Cemetery in Union. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Jackson, 64, of Union, passed away on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at Hilltop Manor Nursing Home.

She is survived by three children, Deric Jackson, Renada Jackson and Justin Jackson all of Union, MS, three brothers, Keith Walton, Bobby Dewayne Evans and Lary Walton, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Jeffery Wilson, Charles McBeath, Demorzio Campbell, Shawn McBeath, Bobby Campbell and Raymond Campbell.

Mauvne Sharp Thomas

Services were held Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Jerry Bishop officiating. Burial followed in Ocobla Cemetery in Neshoba County. Visitation

was held Wednesday from 2:00 until time of service at McClain-Hays Funeral Home.

Mrs. Thomas, 99, of Philadelphia, died Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

Mauvne Sharp Thomas was born to I. D. and Ruby Sharp on November 19, 1923. She married Therman Thomas on September 5, 1942. Ms. Mauvne was a housewife and mother to four girls. She was their doctor, nurse, hairdresser and seamstress, making all kinds of clothes for her girls. She worked at Monroe Williams, Stubbs Sew and Save, and the Neshoba County Co-op. Later she and Mr. Thomas ran the Co-op service station for several years until retirement. She and Mr. Therman had a farm in the Bloomo Community, where they raised cattle and vegetables.

Mrs. Thomas was a longtime member of Ocobla Baptist Church.

Survivors include daughters, Charlotte Bishop (Jerry), Judy Allen, Jean Fulton (Art), Patsy McGee (Bill); seven grandchildren, Greg Bishop, Lea Ann Anderson, Thomas Allen, Cindy Byrd, Davis Fulton, Scott McGee and Helen McGee; 10 great-grandchildren, Dalton, Jessica, Brady, Eli, Anne Taylor, Olivia, Grayson, Graham, Conner and Whyatt; two sisters, Estelle Fowler and Alice Todd; two sisters-in-law; several nieces and nephews and their families.

Preceding Mrs. Thomas in death were her husband, Therman Thomas; parents; four sisters; four brothers; and a son-in-law.

Pallbearers are Greg Bishop, Thomas Allen, Davis Fulton, Scott McGee, Jerry Byrd, and Brian Anderson.

Shirley Turner Stovall

Graveside services were held Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. from Cedarlawn Cemetery with Rev. Lawrence Pool officiating.

Mrs. Stovall, 84, of Philadelphia died April 21, 2023.

She was a native and longtime resident of Philadelphia, MS. She was a homemaker and Baptist by faith and loved to read the Bible.

She is survived by her children, Debbie Greer of Carthage, Terry Moore (Angie) of Carthage, and Cindy Shields (Tommy) of Madison; grandchildren, Neenah Coward, Celeste Franklin, Nicole Henley, Bethane Holland, Jay Brown, Chris Greer, Nicholas Moore, Bryan Moore, Justin Donald, Derick Donald, Cody Donald; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Stovall was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford Stovall and daughter, Sharon Franklin.

Peggy Martin Branning

Services were held Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

from McClain-Hays Chapel with Bro. Chris Gully officiating. Burial followed in Big Oak Cemetery in Kemper County. Visitation was held Wednesday from 12:00 noon until time of service at McClain-Hays Funeral Home.

Mrs. Branning, 74, of Preston, died Monday, April 17, 2023, at her home.

She was a native and longtime resident of the Cleveland Community of Kemper County; and owner/operator of Tiny Tots Day-care for many years. Mrs. Branning was a member of Big Oak Methodist Church.

Survivors include husband, Jackie Branning; daughters, Angie Rigdon (Rick) and Candie Sanderson; son, Rickey Vandevender (Donna); grandchildren, Rowdy Rigdon (Lora Lee), Blake McGinnis (Chris), Allie Beth Rigdon, Courtney Sanderson, Dillon Sanderson, Brody Sanderson, and Jacob Vandevender; great-grandchildren, Dallas and Rafe Rigdon; father, Homer Fain; sisters, Ann Wedgeworth (Del) and Darlene Vandevender (Roy); brother, Bill Fain Byrd, Davis Fulton, Scott McGee and Helen McGee; numerous nieces, nephews and their families.

Mrs. Branning was preceded in death by her first husband, Ray Martin; son, Brad Martin; and mother, Hessie Fain.

In lieu of flowers, family requests memorials be made to Palmer House for Children, or a favorite charity.

Helen Elizabeth (Bettye) Burt

Helen Elizabeth (Bettye) Burt, a loving mother and grandmother with an enduring devotion to Jesus, her faith and her family, died Thursday, April 20, 2023, in the Neshoba County Nursing Home.



Bettye Burt

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, April 24 at 1 p.m. in Holy Cross Catholic Church.

The Rev. Augustine Palimatam officiated, assisted by seminarian Tristan Stovall.

Prior to the mass, a rosary was prayed in the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. followed by visitation from 10:30 to 12:30 p.m.

Burial was in Cedarlawn Cemetery under the direction of McClain-Hays Funeral Home.

Mrs. Burt, 96, affectionately known as Granny Burt, could only be described as saintly, many said.

She was a lifelong member of Holy Cross, attending mass daily after her retirement as a clerk at Dees where she became friends with many of her customers. She was a member of the church's altar society.

The daughter of the late Daniel Munch and Kate George, she was the great-granddaughter of the late Elizabeth and Daniel

Rush, in whose home the first Catholic mass was celebrated in Neshoba County in 1849. Holy Cross Church was first constructed near their home in 1860 and later relocated to its current site in 1910.

After her husband died in 1988, Mrs. Burt joined a group of longtime girlfriends, traveling to a number of interesting places.

An avid reader of mostly non-fiction, she enjoyed baking, gardening and watching all types of sports including golf. She spent numerous hours in her flowerbeds, frequently sharing her plants and vegetables with friends and family.

A seasoned cook, she rose early on Sundays to prepare lunch for her large family to serve after mass. She also enjoyed family get-togethers near her two ponds.

In her later years, she became a weekday fan of "Wheel of Fortune" and "Dancing with the Stars" on television.

Survivors include her daughter, Debbie Burt Myers and husband, Garry Myers; three sons, Jeff Burt and wife, Dedra Burt; Chris Burt; Patrick Burt and his wife Kendall; and one sister, Donna George Breedlove.

Mrs. Burt had several grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Jonah Burt and McKenna Baldwin; Grant Myers and wife, Crystal, and children Bailey and Jake; Jordon Myers and children, Caroline, Addisyn and Asie; Tiffani Burt and son William Timothy; Casie Thompson and husband, Andrew, and children Burt and Edie; Ryan Burt and wife, Tara, and children Lainey Grace and Whitt; Corey Burt and wife Amber and children, Lucy, Libby, Aleigh Wade and Covey; and Celeste Burt Jordan, husband Josh and children Piper, Judah and Brooks.

Mrs. Burt had two wonderful caregivers, Judy Allen and Lillian Taylor, and the wonderful staff at Quality Hospice Care and the nursing home.

Mrs. Burt was preceded in death by her husband, Asie Wade (Rack) Burt, longtime parks and recreation director; her oldest child, George Timothy Burt; three brothers, Henry Kirk George, Jessie George and Harry George; and five sisters, Ruth Kilgore, Rita Sisson, Shirley Burt, Martha Burt and Sybil George.

Pallbearers were Corey Burt, Grant Myers, Ryan Burt, Steve Burt, Coker Fulton, Kip Fulton and Jonah Burt.

Honorary pallbearers were Danny Burt, Anthony George, Bill Rosamond, Stanley Salter, Stan Burt, John Burt and Jimmy Dan Kilgore.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Holy Cross Catholic Church Youth, 406 Wilson St., Philadelphia, Miss. 39350 or your favorite charity.

Fannie Sue Peoples

Funeral services for Mrs. Fannie Sue Peoples will be held at 2 PM Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at Hopewell Baptist Church with Rev. Allen Peoples officiating. Interment will be in Standing Pine Cemetery. Visitation will be held beginning at 3 PM Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at Hopewell Baptist Church. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge of arrangements.



Fannie Sue Peoples

We celebrate and remember the beautiful life of Mrs. Fannie Sue Charlie Peoples, beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin, and friend. Fannie Sue along with her twin sister Annie Sue were born on December 30, 1939, to the late Coyt Charlie and Sinie Davis. She peacefully transitioned to her heavenly home on Sunday morning, April 23, 2023, at the Choctaw Residential Center.

Fannie Sue was a resident of the Standing Pine community, a place she loved dearly. She loved sports and music, God-given talents that have been weaved as part of the fabric of her family—past, present, and undoubtedly future. Many stories have been told about her glory days on the softball diamond with Team Madden. Fannie Sue and her family "dominated the diamond." She was also a member of the Standing Pine Social Dance Group where she utilized her voice as a chanter. Mrs. Fannie held many hobbies including fishing, cooking, beading, gardening, and visiting with family and friends.

Family was of the utmost importance to her, and it was gathering around the table where she truly exemplified her matriarch status and love for feeding others. It was tradition for her children and grandchildren to always stop by her house before heading off to work or school to enjoy a delicious spread of homemade biscuits, bacon and sausage, eggs, and the infamous carton of Bright & Early orange juice. Furthermore, Sunday afternoon lunches were sacred as much of the family gathered at the Peoples home after church to enjoy her delicious fried chicken or pork chops and fresh vegetables grown in her and Mr. Shell's garden. Mrs. Fannie also spent

many years as a food service worker for the Choctaw Tribal Schools. Feeding others was truly her passion.

To anyone who knew Fannie Sue, they would quickly realize that she was at first quiet and reserved. But once she truly knew you, you would get to experience the undeniable spitfire and quick wit of Fannie Sue. It was certainly that "Charlie blood." She was at the helm of telling a variety of tall tales and stories which certainly included a plethora of comedic adventures. Fannie also was a professional at toying with telemarketers and speaking to them in Choctaw. The telemarketers eventually stopped calling.

Never to be forgotten, our beloved Fannie Sue will continue to hold a special place in each of our hearts, and we will remember her for her nurturing love and radiant smile.

She was welcomed to her eternal home with open arms by her husband, William Shelby "Shell" Peoples; her parents, Coyt Charlie and Sinie Davis; her five sisters, Irene Charlie, Serene Comby, Nancy Charlie, Mattie Charlie, and twin sister Annie Sue Lewis; as well as two brothers, Louie Charlie and Coburn Charlie, Sr.

She leaves behind in God's care her children: James Johnson, Pam Johnson, Eddie (Anita) Johnson, Shelly (Linda) Peoples, Shelby (Lea) Peoples, and Allen (Nancy) Peoples. Fannie also leaves behind 18 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



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RWAIG REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES
THE CENTRAL WATER ASSOCIATION (OWNER) requests proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide engineering services on an as needed basis for a project funded by the Mississippi State Department of Health American Rescue Plan Act: Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

You are invited to either submit five (5) copies of a proposal, in accordance with this request, by mail or hand-delivered to: 915 Valley View Drive, Philadelphia, MS 39350 (PH: (601) 656-6171 or provide an electronic copy to this email address: jwilkerson.cwa@gmail.com no later than 2:00 P.M., on May 17, 2023.

Selection of an Engineer will be based on the criteria established in this Legal advertisement. Engineer(s) shall not submit any cost or price information with their proposals. Engineer(s) should submit complete proposals sufficient for final selection of the most qualified engineer. The selected Engineer will provide all engineering services through project closeout in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and policies. The scope of work may include, but is not limited to, the following: 1) planning services and/or guidance in selecting a project based on system needs; 2) preparation of plans and specifications; 3) distribution of bid documents and any addenda to such documents; 4) assistance in bid opening and preparation of bid tabulation; 5) assistance in the execution of construction contracts; 6) holding pre-construction conference; 7) providing construction management services, including review/approval of payment applications, preparation of change orders, attendance at regular meetings with construction contractor, and performance of construction observation including periodic reports to the OWNER, and 8) assistance with project closeout. The final scope of work will be negotiated at the time of contract execution. The OWNER is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The OWNER encourages Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs) to submit proposals.

Based on the Assistance Listing: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and Part 2 of the US Treasury State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Compliance and Reporting Guidance (v3.0 February 2022) (Compliance Guide), the following Uniform Guidance provisions apply to the ARPA/CSLFRF grant award:

Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions

Subpart B, General provisions

Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 CFR 200.204, .205, .210, and .213)

Subpart D, Post Federal; Award Requirements (except 2 CFR 200.305(b) (8) & (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4))

Subpart E, Cost Principles

Subpart F, Audit Requirements

2 CFR Part 25 (Universal Identifier & System for Award Management)

2 CFR Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information)

2 CFR Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement))

Executed contracts shall include provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards listed in Appendix II to Part 200

All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked with the following language: "Proposal for Engineering Services for MSDH RWAIG Project." Proposals will be evaluated on the following factors: Qualifications (40 points), Experience (40 points), and Project Knowledge (20 Points). To be evaluated properly, the following must be addressed in detail:

Qualifications –The qualifications of the firm and persons assigned to the project;

Experience – The firm's experience and the projects previously undertaken, the project activities, and the status of the projects;

Project Knowledge – Familiarity with the OWNER's infrastructure and regulatory requirements of similar funding programs

The OWNER will designate a selection committee to evaluate each proposal. The selection committee may hold proposals for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days for the purpose of reviewing the content of the proposals and investigating the qualifications of the firms and assigned individuals. The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals. The OWNER will award a contract with the qualified individual or firm whose proposal has the highest number of cumulative points issued by the selection committee and determined to be the most advantageous to the OWNER, all factors considered. The contract will include scope and extent of work and other essential requirements. The contract will be on a fixed price basis. The OWNER has the authority to terminate the selection at any time.

Publication Dates: 4-26-2023 and 5-3-2023
John Wilkerson
Manager

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians will receive sealed competitive bids at the office of MBCI Office of Construction Management 354 Industrial Road No. 2 Choctaw, MS until **10:00 a.m. CST on April 28, 2023** for the following:

Project #: WE 22-0475 and PM 2022101 – MBCI New Choctaw Central Campus EARLY RELEASE PACKAGE

Project specific questions shall be directed to Construction Manager - Yates Construction, LLC., 104 Gully Avenue, Philadelphia, MS 39350, (601)527-5182. lkennard@wgyates.com

Plans and Specifications can be viewed at the following locations: .

(1) Willis Engineering, Inc., 133 South Mound St. Grenada, MS, 38901
(2) Plan House Printing, Tupelo, 605

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West Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804
(3) Plan House Printing, Hattiesburg, LA, Churchill Street, Hattiesburg, MS 39402
(4) Plan House Printing, Gulfport, 14231 Seaway Road, Ste E-7, Gulfport, MS 39503

Bid documents are being made available via paper or digital copy. Plan holders are required to log-in or register for an account at www.weiplanroom.com to view and order Bid Documents.

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Proposals shall be submitted in duplicate on form provided and accompanied by a Bid Bond or Security in an amount equal to at least 5% of the amount of the submitted base proposal. Such security to be forfeited as liquidated damages, not penalty, by any bidder who fails to carry out the terms of the accepted Bid and/or execute the Contract and provide Performance and Payment Bond as required within the time specified.

Bidders must hold a Certificate of Responsibility to comply with Sections 31-3-1 through 31-3-23 Mississippi Code of 1972 and amendments thereto and be licensed by the Mississippi State Board of Contractors. As per section 31-3-21, all bids submitted for public projects where said bid is in excess of \$50,000 shall contain on the outside of the envelope the "contractor's current certificate of responsibility number". No bid shall be opened unless such certificate number appears on the envelope or unless there appears a statement on the outside of the envelope to the effect that bid enclosed therewith did not exceed \$50,000. The Certificate of Responsibility Number or Statement as thus noted; the Project Number, Name, and Package (Project #: **WE 22-0475 / PM 2022101 – MBCI New Choctaw Central Campus – Early Release Package** and the bidder's name and address must be clearly indicated on the outside of the sealed bid envelope or said bid will not be opened and/or considered.

No Bid Proposal may be withdrawn for a period of **forty-five days (45) after scheduled opening**. The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians reserves the right to accept/reject any and all bids and waive informalities.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for: **April 25th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. CST** at the project site. Location to the site can be found in the drawings or request from the Engineer, Architect, or Construction Manager.

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Philadelphia, MS

Wastewater Lagoon Erosion Repairs General Notice
Philadelphia Utilities (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
Wastewater Lagoon Erosion Repairs 72355

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the office of Philadelphia Utilities located at 435 Myrtle Street, Philadelphia, MS, until Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 10:00 AM local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project includes the following Work:

Earth fill and rock rip-rap installation at the wastewater lagoon levees and related items

Bids are requested for the following Contract: Wastewater Lagoon Erosion Repairs.

The Project has an expected duration of 120 days. Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:

<https://www.allenhoshallplanroom.com>

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

A copy of the plans and specifications may be examined at: the office of the Engineer, Allen & Hoshall, 1675 Lakeland Drive, Suite 207, Jackson, Mississippi, 39216 and at the office of Philadelphia Utilities, Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check on a solvent bank or a Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety Company licensed to operate in the State of Mississippi, in the amount of 5% of the total bid price, as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute the Performance and Payment Bonds in the form and within the

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time specified. The successful Bidder will be required to execute a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of 100% of the Contract, issued by a Surety Company licensed to operate in the State and shall be named in the current list of "Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies" as published in Circular 570 (amended) by the Audit Staff Bureau of Accounts, U.S. Treasury Department.

Each Bidder shall have a Certificate of Responsibility to bid on contracts for public projects in which the bid price exceeds \$50,000.00 and for private projects in which the bid price exceeds \$100,000.00 as required by the laws of the State of Mississippi. Each Bidder shall show on the outside of the envelope containing his bid: his current certificate of responsibility number and expiration date or if applicable, a statement certifying that the bid enclosed does not exceed \$50,000.00 for a public project or \$100,000.00 for a private project. Failure to show these items on the outside of the envelope containing the bid will result in the bid being returned to Bidder unopened. No Bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after date of actual bid opening, without Owner's consent.

Funding for the project is through a Mississippi Municipal and County Water Infrastructure Grant, MDEQ Agreement No. 243-1-CW-5.5. Contractor shall conform to the grant requirement. Philadelphia Utilities reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received, to waive any informalities in the bids received, and to accept any proposal which is deemed most favorable to Philadelphia Utilities.

This Advertisement is issued by: Owner: Philadelphia Utilities
By: Kirk Morgan,
Title: Manager
Date: Publish on April 26, 2023 and May 3, 2023

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF A.L.C., MINOR

RHONDA MICHELLE CLEMMONS PETITIONER VS. CIVIL COURT FILE NO. 2022-1146 ANITA MARIE BELL COTTON, DECEASED AND MERRILL JOSEPH COTTON RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: MERRILL JOSEPH COTTON

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by RHONDA MICHELLE CLEMMONS, Petitioner, seeking Termination of Guardianship.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at **10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 16th day of May, 2023** in the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court at the Smith John Memorial Judicial Complex located on the Pearl River Reservation, Choctaw, Mississippi.

In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 6th day of April, 2023.

s/Jennileen Young
CLERK OF THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT

CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EVELYN JEFFERSON, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2023-71

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 13th day of April, 2023, by the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned upon the Estate of Evelyn Jefferson, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to probate and register the same, as provided by law, with the clerk of the court, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice. Failure to probate and register any such claim within said ninety (90) day period will forever bar the claim.

WITNESS THE SIGNATURE OF the Administrator, this 13th day of April, 2023.

/s/ Sarah Willis
Sarah Willis, Administrator of the Estate of Evelyn Jefferson, deceased

SUBMITTED BY: Kevin W. Brady, MSB 100753 Choctaw Legal Defense P.O. Box 6255 Choctaw, Mississippi 39350 Phone: (601) 650-7449 Attorney for Administrator

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOB COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN PAUL CLARK, DECEASED, PAUL CLARK, ADMINISTRATOR CAUSE NO. 2023-78

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF JOHN PAUL CLARK, DECEASED

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION having been granted on the 4th day of April, 2023, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of John Paul Clark, deceased, notice is hereby given to all creditors having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration, according to law, within ninety (90) days from this

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date, or they will be forever barred. THIS the 17th day of April, 2023.

/s/Paul Clark
Paul Clark

TITLE OF ABANDONMENT

BEAMON WRECKER SERVICE

11740 RD 571

PHILA, MS 39350

MAKE: 2007 HONDA ACCORD

VIN: 1HGCM66587A068754

PLACE OF SALE: BEAMON WRECKER SERVICE

SALE DATE: 05/24/23

OWNED BY: DENSHAY SHELTON

ADDRESS: 73 MYERS CIR, WEST POINT, MS 39773

INVITATION FOR BIDS HUNTING AND FISHING RIGHTS
Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees, Neshoba County School District, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, up to and not later than **11:00 a.m., Friday May 12, 2023** for hunting and fishing rights for a five year period on the following parcel of land in Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Section 16, Township 9N, Range 12E

Begin at a point where The West right-of-way of Road 505 intersects the South section line, this being the Point of Beginning. From said Point run West along the South section line a distance of 3220.0 feet more or less to the West section line; thence run North along West section line a distance of 340.0 feet more or less; thence run East a distance of 470.0 feet more or less; thence run North 250.0 feet more or less; thence run North 50 degrees East a distance of 408.0 feet more or less; thence run South 67 degrees East a distance of 715.0 feet more or less; thence run North a distance of 180.0 feet more or less; thence run East a distance of 270.0 feet more or less; thence run North a distance of 95.0 feet more or less; thence run North 40 degrees West a distance of 580.0 feet more or less; thence run West a distance of 646.0 feet more or less; thence run South a distance of 250.0 feet more or less; thence run West 634.0 feet more or less to the West section line; thence run North along West line a distance of 340.0 feet more or less; thence run East a distance of 732.0 feet more or less; thence run North 689.0 feet more or less to the South right-of-way of Road 248; thence run East along the South right-of-way a distance of 1446.0 feet to the West right-of-way of Road 505; thence run South along the West right-of-way a distance of 183.0 feet more or less; thence run West 517.0 feet more or less; thence run South 50 degrees West a distance of 530.0 feet more or less; thence run South 50 degrees East 280.0 feet more or less; thence run North 40 degrees East 531.0 feet more or less; thence run East 211.0 feet more or less; thence run South 505.0 feet more or less; thence run East 558.0 feet more or less to the West right-of-way of Road 505; thence run South along the West right-of-way a distance of 1369.0 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning, containing 89.0 acres more or less, located in the SW ¼ lying South of Road 248 and West of Road 505 and the W ½ of SE ¼ lying West of Road 505. Further described as Parcel 16.01 on Map 131 of the Neshoba County Tax Assessor plat maps.

Bids will be opened and read at the date and time specified for acceptance. Complete information concerning the lease and the lease bid form can be obtained from the office of the Superintendent, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 39350. The minimum bid that will be considered is \$6.00 per acre per year. A bid form and a check for the bid amount will be required at opening.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Neshoba County School District
Lundy Brantley, Superintendent

Published on: April 26 and May 3, 2023

CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELLIOTT RYAN JOHNSON, DECEASED Civil Action Cause No. 2023-311

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 18th of April 2023, by the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned upon the Estate of Elliott Ryan Johnson, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to probate and register the same, as provided by law, with the clerk of the court, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice. Failure to probate and register any such claim within said ninety (90) day period will forever bar the claim.

WITNESS THE SIGNATURE OF the Administrator, this the 18th day of April, 2023.

/s/ Brenda Joe
Brenda Joe
Administrator of the Estate of Elliott Ryan Johnson, deceased

SUBMITTED BY: Curren Law Firm, PLLC P.O. Box 222 Union, MS 39365 Tel. 662.420.3744 stcurrentlaw@gmail.com

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN PAUL CLARK, DECEASED, PAUL CLARK, ADMINISTRATOR CAUSE NO. 2023-78

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF JOHN PAUL CLARK, DECEASED

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION having been granted on the 4th day of April, 2023, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of John Paul Clark, deceased, notice is hereby given to all creditors having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration, according to law, within ninety (90) days from this

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solicitation for acquiring the following equipment:

One (1) or more, new, 2023 or newer Dodge Durango Police Pursuit AWD Vehicle(s)

Detailed specifications for the above described equipment and bid forms may be obtained from the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors office at the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 201, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350, by calling 601-656-6281 or by Neshoba County's website at www.neshobacounty.net. Neshoba County, Mississippi will determine if compliance with the specifications exist before accepting any bid.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:

All responses to this solicitation for said vehicles shall be returned, with detailed proposals included therewith, including the fixed price amount to be bid on the official bid form, in a single file, PDF document format, and submitted electronically via the reverse auction at www.neshobacounty.net/bids under the correct bid solicitation between 8:00 AM on Friday, May 12th, 2023 and 10:30 AM on Monday, May 15th, 2023.

It shall be incumbent upon each bidder to understand the specifications as listed herein and to obtain clarification when necessary. It is not the intent of these specifications to limit the bidding to any particular make or manufacturer of equipment or provider of services, but rather to select such equipment and services to provide for specific needs and specific tasks including vehicles for emergency response as solicited under this request. Any reference to name-brand materials or equipment is intended to establish the minimum necessary standards only and bids submitted on materials and equipment equal thereto, at the sole discretion and determination of Neshoba County, shall be considered.

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to accept or reject any / or all bids and waive informalities and irregularities. No bid, upon submission, may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days.

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi on the 3rd day of April 2023.

/s/ GUY NOWELL
GUY NOWELL, CLERK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NESHOB COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Publication dates: April 19th and April 26th, 2023

INVITATION FOR BIDS HUNTING AND FISHING RIGHTS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees, Neshoba County School District, 401 East Beacon Street, Suite 102, Philadelphia, Mississippi, up to and not later than **10:00 a.m., Friday May 12, 2023**, for hunting and fishing rights for a five year period on the following parcel of land in Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 12 East

All that part of the NE ¼ of SE ¼, Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 12 East lying South of County Road 610, LESS AND EXCEPT one acre in the SE ¼ of NE ¼ of SE ¼ described as follows. Beginning at the NE Corner of SE ¼, run South 462 feet to the South right-of-way of County Road 610; thence run West 736 feet along the South right-of-way to the Point of Beginning; thence run South 40 degrees East 453 feet more or less; thence run East 48 feet more or less; thence run South 146 feet more or less; thence run North 62 feet more or less; thence run West 122 feet more or less; thence run North 20 degrees West 400 feet more or less; thence run East 16 feet more or less; thence run South 20 degrees East 395 feet more or less; thence run East 111 feet more or less; thence run North 67 feet more or less; thence run North 40 degrees West 428 feet more or less to the South right-of-way of County Road 610; thence run Northeast along said right-of-way 30 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning being 1 acre more or less and further described as Parcel 14.02 on Map#59 of the Neshoba County Tax Assessor plat maps; LESS AND EXCEPT Begin at a point where the West right-of-way of a TVA power line intersects the South right-of-way of Road 610 in the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, this being the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning run West along said South right-of-way of Road 610 a distance of 610.0 feet more or less; thence run South a distance of 109.0 feet more or less; thence run East 689.0 feet more or less to the West right-of-way of the TVA power line; thence run Northwest along said West right-of-way a distance of 538.0 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning containing 5.0 acres more or less and further described as a part of Parcel 14.01 and all of Parcel 14.03 on Map 59 of the Neshoba County Tax Assessor plat maps; and the East 22.0 acres of the SE ¼ of SE ¼ LESS AND EXCEPT 0.5 acres described as follows. Beginning where the South right-of-way of County Road 610 intersects the East section line of Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, thence run West along the South right-of-way of County Road 610 a distance of 1276.00 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning. From said point thence run South a distance of 277.00 feet more or less; thence run West a distance of 69.00 feet more or less; thence run in a Northwestly direction parallel to a driveway a distance of 89.00 feet more or less to the South right-of-way of County Road 610; thence run in a Northeasterly direction along the South right-of-way of County Road 610 a distance of 180.00 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.5 acre more or less, being further described as a part of Parcel #14 on Map 59 of the Neshoba County Tax Assessor plat maps. The aggregate contains 37.0 acres more or less and further described as Parcels 14, 14.01 and 14.03 on Map#59 of the Neshoba County Tax Assessor plat maps.

Bids will be opened and read at the date and time specified for acceptance. Complete information concerning the lease and the lease bid form can be obtained from the office of the Superintendent, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 39350. The

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minimum bid that will be considered is \$6.00 per acre per year. A bid form and a check for the bid amount will be required at opening.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Neshoba County School District
Lundy Brantley, Superintendent

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NESHOB COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXPENSE SUMMARY
FOR: 04/17/2023
001-100 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 40891.26 001-101 CHANCERY CLERK 1584.99 001-102 CIRCUIT CLERK 1099.30 001-105 TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR 387.93 001-120 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR 575.00 001-151 MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING/GROUND 23541.54 001-152 DATA PROCESSING 1726.85 001-154 VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE 105.23 001-160 CHANCERY COURT 649.58 001-161 CIRCUIT COURT 1000.00 001-163 JUVENILE COURT 4771.09 001-166 JUSTICE COURT 61.88 001-167 CORONER/MEDICAL EXAMINER 501.85 001-171 COURT ADMINISTRATOR 97.66 001-180 ELECTIONS 4768.45 001-200 SHERIFF ADMINISTRATION 17210.11 001-220 CUSTODY OF PRISONERS 70844.42 001-232 MEDICAL SERVICE - PRISONERS 4655.90 001-260 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 1874.60 001-450 WELFARE ADMINISTRATION 895.74 001-452 COUNCIL ON AGING 205.59 001-540 RECREATION/COLISEUM 180.00 001-631 COUNTY EXTENSION 2239.10 001-676 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTH 152.13 001-700 CAPITOL PROJECTS 181393.33 097-265 COUNTY WIDE E-911 1140.00 097-890 CO WIDE E-911 - LEASE/PURCHASE 9757.79 104-172 LAW LIBRARY 263.90 106-251 COUNTY LINE VFD 75.47 106-253 HOPE VFD 2276.60 106

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followed state law requires a non-resident bidder to attach to his bid a copy of his resident state's current laws pertaining to such state's treatment of non-resident contractors.

Each Bidder must deposit with his proposal, a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent of his bid, payable to the City of Philadelphia, Mississippi, as bid security.

Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested, by the City of Philadelphia, Mississippi.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in the amount of 100 percent of the contract amount.

Contract Specifications/Drawings may be obtained from Allen & Hoshall free of charge at <https://www.allenhoshall-planroom.com>. All contractors must register for an account on the website.

Documents are on file and open to public inspection in the City Hall, Philadelphia, Mississippi and Allen & Hoshall, 1675 Lakeland Drive, Suite 207, Jackson, Mississippi 39216.

The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3). CDBG regulations governing the grant require that, to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for contracting, subcontracting, training and employment arising in connection with this CDBG project will be extended to Section 3 businesses and Section 3 residents.

Minority and women's business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities, equipment, material and/or supply needs.

The City of Philadelphia is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The City of Philadelphia hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in an contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement will be afforded the full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual preference, marital or veteran status, or any other legally protected status in consideration for an award.

The Architect/Engineer is Allen & Hoshall, Suite 207, 1675 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39216; telephone number 601-977-8993.

The City of Philadelphia reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein.

BY: James Young, Mayor

Dates of Publication: April 26, 2023 and May 3, 2023

CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVIEN KEITH BILLY, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2022-683

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The heirs at law of **DAVIEN KEITH BILLY**, deceased, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of **DAVIEN KEITH BILLY**, deceased, whose post office and street addresses are unknown to the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law. You have been made a Respondent in a Petition for Determination of Heirship filed in this court by the Petitioner Shareese Billy, Administrator of the Estate of **DAVIEN KEITH BILLY**, deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at **1:00 o'clock P.M. on the 5th day of July, 2023**, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court at Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 14th day of April, 2023.

/s/ Jennilean Young
CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT CLERK

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF NESHOPA

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of April, 2008, John L. Evans and Spouse Helen J. Evans, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Debra Bridges, Trustee for Citifinancial Real Estate Services, Inc., Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of NESHOPA County, Mississippi in Deed of Trust Book 2008 at Page 3958; and

WHEREAS, by various assignments on record said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to UMB BANK, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Legal Title Trustee of PRL Title Trust II by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2022 at Page 8840; and

WHEREAS, on the 28th day of March, 2023 the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Dean Morris, LLC as Substitute Trustee by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2023 at Page 2047; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust,

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and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 10th day of May, 2023, I will during the lawful hours of between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the north door of the Neshoba County Courthouse at Philadelphia, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in NESHOPA County, Mississippi, to-wit:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF NESHOPA STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, TO WIT: LOT 27 BLOCK B, PART I, SHADY OAKS SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT ON FILE IN CHANCERY CLERKS OFFICE NESHOPA COUNTY MISSISSIPPI SUBJECT TO A 10 FOOT EASEMENT FOR SEWAGE FORCE MAIN.

BEING THE SAME FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY CONVEYED BY QUIT CLAIM DEED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BY MARK HAZARD STATE DIRECTOR TO JOHN L. EVANS AND HELEN J. EVANS HUSBAND AND WIFE TENANCY BY ENTIRETY DATED 03/07/1980 RECORDED ON 04/04/1980 IN BOOK A-124, PAGE 618 IN NESHOPA COUNTY RECORDS OF MS.

I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 13th day of April, 2023.
Dean Morris, LLC
Substitute Trustee
855 S Pear Orchard Rd., Ste. 404, Bldg. 400
Ridgeland, MS 39157
(318) 330-9020

adp/F23-0168
PUBLISH: 4-19-2023 / 4-26-2023 / 5-3-2023

INVITATION FOR BIDS HUNTING AND FISHING RIGHTS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees, Neshoba County School District, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, up to and not later than **11:00 a.m., Friday May 12, 2023** for hunting and fishing rights for a five year period on the following parcel of land in Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Section 16, Township 10N, Range 12E

The NE ¼ of NW ¼; LESS the highway right-of-way and LESS 1.5 acres described as beginning at the SE corner of the NE ¼ of NW ¼ and run West 210.0 feet to a ditch; thence run North-easterly along the ditch a distance of 400.0 feet to the South right-of-way of Highway 19; thence run Southeasterly along said right-of-way a distance of 200.0 feet to the East line of the NE ¼ of NW ¼; thence run South along said East line a distance of 240.0 feet to the Point of Beginning, and LESS 1.5 acres starting at a point of the South side of Highway 19 where it intersects the East line of the NE ¼ of NW ¼ and run Northwesterly along said right-of-way 200.0 feet to a point where a ditch crosses the Highway, this being the Point of Beginning; thence run Southwesterly along said ditch a distance of 320.0 feet; thence run North 52 degrees West a distance of 200 feet; thence North 14 degrees East a distance of 230.0 feet to the South right-of-way of Highway 19; thence run Southeasterly along said right-of-way a distance of 210.0 feet to the Point of Beginning, being 33.0 acres more or less. Further described as Parcels 13 and 13.01 on Map 86 of the Neshoba County Tax Assessor plat maps.

Bids will be opened and read at the date and time specified for acceptance. Complete information concerning the lease and the lease bid form can be obtained from the office of the Superintendent, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 39350. The minimum bid that will be considered is \$6.00 per acre per year. A bid form and a check for the bid amount will be required at opening.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Neshoba County School District
Lundy Brantley, Superintendent

Publish on: April 26 and May 3, 2023

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF NESHOPA

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on the 3rd day of September, 2021, Triple F Investments, LLC, a Mississippi Limited Liability Company, executed a Deed of Trust in favor of Don O. Rogers, Trustee, to secure an indebtedness therein described in favor of The Citizens National Bank of Meridian, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 2021 at page 7715 among the records in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and, WHEREAS, on the 24th day of January, 2022, Triple F Investments, LLC, a Mississippi Limited Liability Company, executed a Deed of Trust in favor of Don O. Rogers, Trustee, to secure an indebtedness therein described in favor of The Citizens National Bank of Meridian, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 2022 at page 880 among the records in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and, WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deeds of Trust and the holder of the Notes and Deeds of Trust has requested the undersigned Trustee so to do, I will, on the 28th day of April, 2023, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during legal hours, being between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., at the front door of the Neshoba County Courthouse in Philadelphia, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following-described property lying and being situated in the County of Neshoba, State of Mississippi, being more particularly

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described as follows, to-wit:

All of Block 14 of Herrod's Survey to the City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi, less 90 feet off the West side thereof.

I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 28th day of March, 2023.

Don O. Rogers, Trustee

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

NESHOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY ANDREA A. SANDERS, AND W. R. W., A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HER NEXT FRIEND, ANDREA A. SANDERS PETITIONERS VS .

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2023-CV-00074JK

ASHLI MARIE WHATLEY, JAMES PATRICK REED, AND UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER RESPONDENTS

CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF NESHOPA

TO: ASHLI MARIE WHATLEY, JAMES PATRICK REED, AND UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, who are not to be found in the State of Mississippi after diligent inquiry and whose post office addresses are not known to the Petitioners after diligent inquiry made by said Petitioners.

You have been made Respondents in the suit filed in this Court by the Neshoba County Department of Child Protection Services by Andrea A. Sanders, Commissioner, and W.R.W., a Minor, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minor and demanding that the full custody, control and authority to act on behalf of said minors be placed with the Neshoba County Department of Child Protection Services.

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 15 TH DAY OF JUNE, 2023 IN THE COURTROOM OF THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI LOCATED AT 401 W. BEACON STREET IN PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this 20 day of April, 2023.

CHANCERY COURT CLERK OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: Guy Newell by Ashley Dun Deputy Clerk

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Email: Kathleen.cook@ago.ms.gov

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF NESHOPA

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2019, Thelma B. Watkins and Nolan G. Watkins executed a certain Deed of Trust to Robert Thomas, as Trustee for The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, Main Branch, Beneficiary, which Deed of Trust was recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, in the State of Mississippi, in Book 2020 at Page 4.
WHEREAS, the above referenced Deed of Trust provides that the lender may substitute a Trustee in the place and stead of the original Trustee therein and;
WHEREAS, lender is the true and lawful owner and holder of the debt aforesaid which is secured by the Deed of Trust and other liens, and the lender desires to appoint a Substitute Trustee under the Deed of Trust;
WHEREAS, on the 22 nd day of March, 2023, the Holder of said Land Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Steven D. Settlemyres, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2023, at Page 1792; and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Land Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Land Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 10 th day of May, 2023, I will during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the North door of the Neshoba County Courthouse at Philadelphia, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to-wit;

Commence on SW corner of Block Number 6, Section 12, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, run North 00 degrees 16 minutes East along fence 315.17 feet to fence corner, thence North 62 degrees 43 minutes East along fence 413.10 feet to center line of gravel road, this being the point of beginning of this description. Run North 52 degrees 38 minutes West along center line of gravel road 262 feet, thence North 21 degrees 08 minutes East 479.98 feet to iron stake, thence East 88.20 feet to iron stake, thence South 4 degrees 59 minutes West 609 feet to point of beginning of this description. All being part of Block 6, Section 12, Township 11 North,

Public Notices

Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.

I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 12 th day of April, 2023.

Steven D. Settlemyres
Substituted Trustee
Settlemyres & Graham PLLC
410 East Beacon Street
Philadelphia, MS 39350
Telephone: (601)656-9597
MSBN: 99674

Publish: April 19, 2023, April 26, 2023, and May 3, 2023

INVITATION FOR BIDS HUNTING AND FISHING RIGHTS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees, Neshoba County School District, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, up to and not later than **11:00 a.m., Friday May 12, 2023** for hunting and fishing rights for a five year period on the following parcel of land in Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 11 East

All that part of the NW ¼ of NW ¼, Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, lying South of Road 387 LESS AND EXCEPT the following four (4) parcels held under separate contracts described as follows:
Parcel 14 on Map 50 containing 2 acres more or less located in the NW ¼ of NW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, as filed of record in Deed Book A-267 at Page 88.
Parcel 13.02 on Map 50 containing .58 acre more or less located in the SE corner of NW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, as filed of record in Deed Book A-267 at Page 579.
Parcel 13.03 on Map 50 containing 2.0 acres more or less located in the NE corner of the NE ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, as filed of record in Deed Book 2008 at Page 3580.
Parcel 13.05 on Map 50 containing 5.0 acres more or less described as follows: Begin at a point where the South right-of-way of County Road 387 intersects the West line of Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Run East along the South right-of-way of County Road 387 a distance of 701.0 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning thence run South 25 degrees West along the West side of a driveway a distance of 231.0 feet more or less to a fork in the driveway; thence run South 74 degrees East along the South side of the East fork of the driveway a distance of 289.0 feet more or less; thence run South 25 degrees East a distance of 226.0 feet more or less; thence run South 12 degrees West a distance of 385.0 feet more or less; thence run East a distance of 239.0 feet more or less; thence run North a distance of 811.0 feet more or less to the South right-of-way of County Road 387; thence run West along the South right-of-way of County Road 387 a distance of 742.0 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning containing 5.0 acres more or less.

After the less and except portions described above it is hereby understood and agreed upon that said land contains 27.0 acres more or less and further described as Parcel 13.04 on Map 50 of the Neshoba County Tax Assessor plat maps.

Bids will be opened and read at the date and time specified for acceptance. Complete information concerning the lease and the lease bid form can be obtained from the office of the Superintendent, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 39350. The minimum bid that will be considered is \$6.00 per acre per year. A bid form and a check for the bid amount will be required at opening.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Neshoba County School District
Lundy Brantley, Superintendent

Publish on: April 26 and May 3, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRA W. PRICE, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NO.:2023-42

STEVEN PURVIS PETITIONER NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 11 th day of April, 2023, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Sandra W. Price, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date or they will be forever barred.

/s/ Steven Purvis
STEVEN PURVIS
EXECUTOR

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Section 16, Township 12 North, Range 12 East

The S ½ of SE ¼ of Section 16, Township 12 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, containing 80 acres more or less and further described as Parcel 3 on Map 14 of the Neshoba County Tax Assessor plat maps.

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Neshoba County School District
Lundy Brantley, Superintendent

Publish on: April 26 and May 3, 2023

City of Philadelphia 2023 Paving Project

The City of Philadelphia will be accepting sealed bids for various streets to be overlaid within the City limits. Bids accepted until May 2nd 12pm at City Hall, 525 Main Street, Philadelphia, MS. Spec sheets available at City Hall, 601-656-3612 or Street Department 601-656-1781.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE JOANN BURNHAM, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NO. : 2022-228 CHAMP RANDALL THOMPSON PETITIONER

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, whether resident/ non resident of the state of Mississippi, claiming any right, title or interest as heirs of JOANN BURNHAM, deceased.

You have been made a Respondent in the Amended Motion to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Champ Randall Thompson, Administrator, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-at-law of Joann Burnham, deceased, as fully set out in the Motion on file in the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Amended Motion to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 14 th day of June, 2023, in the courtroom of the courthouse Neshoba County 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 the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 12 th day of April, 2023.

Guy Nowell, Chancery Court Clerk
Neshoba County, Mississippi

BY: */s/ Gidget Tate*
D.C.

DOUGLAS J. GRAHAM
Settlemyres & Graham
410 East Beacon Street
Philadelphia, MS 39350
601-656-9597
MSBN 101965

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that The City of Philadelphia will receive bids until the hour of **10:00 a.m. on Thursday May 18, 2023**, at the Philadelphia City Hall located at 525 Main St., Philadelphia, MS 39350 for the furnishing of all labor and materials and for the project designated as FY 23 – RUNWAY AND TAXIWAY SEAL COAT at the Philadelphia Municipal Airport (the PROJECT). Contractors have the option of submitting their bids sealed in an envelope or through the electronic bid submission link at www.alleneprojects.com.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Philadelphia Municipal Airport located at 1036 Saxon Airport Rd., Philadelphia, MS 39350 at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2023**.

Drawings and Specifications being on file at the Philadelphia City Hall and Allen Engineering and Science, 6360 I-55 North, Jackson, Mississippi, 39211.

The project involves the cleaning and sealing of cracks in the existing asphalt pavement, removal of existing pavement markings, application of an emulsified asphalt seal coat, and re-marking of the runways and taxiways at the Philadelphia Municipal Airport. The total Contract Time will be **90** consecutive calendar days and the liquidated damages will be \$250 per consecutive calendar day thereafter.

The City of Philadelphia hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises/woman business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. The project will have a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal.

Bid documents are being made available via hard copy or electronically in Adobe® pdf format. Documents can be viewed and ordered at www.alleneprojects.com. Interested bidders should log-in or register for a free account to view and order Bid Documents (Valid email address required). Questions regarding online document orders and website registration shall be directed to Planhouse web support at (662) 407-0193.

Contractors have the option of submitting their bids sealed in an envelope or electronically through the electronic bid submission link at www.alleneprojects.com.

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sprojects.com . **Award will be made to the lowest and best bidder and the City of Philadelphia reserves the right to reject any and all bids.**

CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GENE RAY CHAPMAN, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2023-90

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 14th day of April, 2023 by the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned upon the Estate of Gene Ray Chapman, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to probate and register the same, as provided by law, with the clerk of the court, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice. Failure to probate and register any such claim within said ninety (90) day period will forever bar the claim.

WITNESS THE SIGNATURE of the Administrator, this the 14th day of April, 2023.

/s/ Ravin Chapman
Ravin Chapman,
Administrator of the Estate of Gene Ray Chapman, deceased

SUBMITTED BY:
Kevin W. Brady, MSB 100753
Choctaw Legal Defense
P.O. Box 6255
Choctaw, Mississippi 39350
Phone: (601) 650-7449
Attorney for Administrator

INVITATION FOR BIDS Open to All Bidders & Indian Owned Companies

DATE ISSUED: April 19, 2023
BY: Choctaw Housing Authority
P. O. Box 6088
Choctaw, MS 39350
PROJECT: #2322
New Housing Construction
1 Unit

LOCATION: Crystal Ridge Community
Winston County

CONTRACTING OFFICER: Gary Ben, Executive Director

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES:
The contractor shall provide project administration, job supervision, skilled and common labor, equipment, adhere to the Davis-Bacon Labor Law, provide Indian preference, provide insurance as required by Choctaw Housing Authority, perform and complete all requirements as specified in the plans/specifications. **The Contractor will be given one hundred (100) calendar days to complete the job .**

Bid forms and specifications may be picked up at the Choctaw Housing Authority Procurement Office for a fee of \$100.00 (Non-Refundable) made payable to Choctaw Housing Authority. **There will be a Pre-Bid Conference on May 3, 2023 at 10:00 am** at the Development Conference Room. For more information call Mignon Henry, Procurement Manager at (60

OF LOCAL INTEREST

HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

The Neshoba Central High School Class of 1963 will celebrate their 60th anniversary with a class reunion on June 3, 2023 at the Shriner's Lodge on Highway 15. For further details on the reunion, please call Ruth Whitehead (601-416-1053), Ann Ethredge (601-562-4851) or Barbara Dunn (601-416-4584).

FAMILY REUNION

Join us for the 36th Annual Chunn Reunion Sunday, May 7, 2023 at Union City Park. Family gathering at 11:30 potluck lunch at 12:00. For more information contact Arron Chunn 601-604-7950 or Thurman Chunn 601-416-3310.

GOSPEL SINGING

Center Hill Baptist Church at 11291 Highway 486 in Philadelphia will have a gospel singing Saturday night, April 29th at 7:00 PM featuring the Revelations Quartet. A meal will be served in the fellowship hall after the singing. The public is cordially invited to attend.

GRAZING FIELD DAY

Hosted by Neshoba and Leake SWCD's Specialists for MSU and NRCS will speak on forage management, rotational grazing, weed control, water quality, and fencing etc. at 111 Rockwood Road Carthage, MS at 8:30 a.m. on May 6th. Lunch will be provided. Register by April 26th at (601) 298-9101 ext. 3

FARMERS MARKET

It is that time of the year again! The Neshoba County Vegetable Growers Association is begin-

ning to prepare for the upcoming Farmers' Market season.

I would like to cordially invite everyone to our Vegetable Growers Meeting on May 10th at 12:00 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Conference Room at 704 E Main St. Philadelphia, MS 39350. If you are interested in becoming a vendor for the 2023 Farmers' Market, please plan to attend the Vegetable Growers Meeting.

Lunch will be provided, so please call the Neshoba County Extension office at 601-656-4011 by May 3rd to RSVP.

SPRING REVIVAL

Enon Baptist Church in the Golden Grove Community will hold a spring revival April 23rd-28th. Sunday services will be at 10 am and 6 pm. Weeknight services, Mon-Fri, will be at 7 pm. Bro. Justin Chaney will be the evangelist. For more info contact the pastor Bro. Kelly Tingle at 601-656-8148. The church address is 12301 Rd 248 Union MS.

LINDWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

Linwoods Spring Fundraiser! Pulled Pork plates \$10. If you are running for any position in Neshoba County and want to speak, please see Tye before 11:30am. Speaking starts at 12 and you will have 3-5 minutes depending on how many we

have! Bring a card so I can pull from a hat! Come tell us what you stand for!!

MASTER GARDENERS

The Neshoba County Master Gardeners will be hosting their annual plant sale at The Depot on Friday, May 5th from 11 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be a variety of plants offered. We hope to see you there!

USED BOOK SALE

The used book sale continues until the end of the month at the Union (MS) Public Library. This sale features a large number of faith based books from the collection of the late Bro. Kevin Meador. All proceeds raised support additional year round programs provided by our libraries in Decatur, DeKalb, Newton, Scooba and Union. Join, or support, the Friends of Kemper Newton Regional Libraries Systems. Additional information available at friendsknrls@gmail.com or 601/774-5096.

PRE-K REGISTRATION

The Pre-Kindergarten Program is located at the Neshoba County School District, Office of Federal Programs/Pre-K building at 1125 Golf Course Road. Students are screened for enrollment by a prekindergarten test. The program is designed to serve those children with the most academic/ developmental

needs, and will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2023. The classes will begin and end to coincide with the regular school term at Neshoba County Schools. Participating students' parents will be required to provide transportation to and from the center. As other students in the school district, pre-k students will be offered breakfasts and lunches by the Neshoba County School District Food Services.

Registration and testing will be conducted from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm, on May 22 - 24. We ask that one parent attend with the child being tested. Registra-

tion documents can be printed at www.neshobacentral.com, select "Departments," "Federal Programs/Pre-K," and then select "Pre-K Program Registration."

For more information, call the office of Federal Programs/Pre-K @ 601-656-4484 or email Deirdre Manning at dmaning@neshobacentral.com or Sheila Goss at sgoss@neshobacentral.com.

CEMETERY MEETING

Mars Hill Cemetery, Winston County. The annual cemetery meeting will be held Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 7:30 pm at

Mars Hill Pentecostal Church. For more information call 601-575-0202.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Henry's Chapel United Methodist Church will be having their annual memorial service on Sunday, May 7, at 11:00 a.m.

THE LORD'S DAY

Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.

Sunday School (All Ages)
9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Activities
Family Night Dinner
6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Bible Study and Prayer Service
7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)
Children's Program
7:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia

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Pastor David Stormont
Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

CERTIFIED STAFF OPENINGS

CLOSING DATE:5/2/23 or until filled

STANDING PINE ELEMENTARY
Teacher 3 POS.

Qualifications: Possess a valid Mississippi Educator License by the Mississippi State Department of Education with the appropriate endorsement and emphasis on grade level and/or subject area being taught.

CONEHATTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Teacher, Science 7th & 8th

Qualifications: Possess a valid Mississippi Educator License issued by the Mississippi State Department of Education with appropriate endorsement in Science.

Ability to work in a rural school system with bilingual students. Complete a criminal background check on county, state, and national levels. Any record or conviction of criminal or child abuse charges will result in immediate termination. Employee in this position is subject to random drug testing. Must possess a valid Mississippi Driver's license, adequate transportation and personal automobile liability insurance.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE REQUESTED OR SUBMITTED TO:

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
Attention: Human Resources
P.O. Box 6033, Choctaw Branch
Choctaw, Mississippi 39350



CERTIFIED STAFF OPENINGS

CLOSING DATE:5/8/23 or until filled

BOGUE CHITTO CHILD CARE
Teacher

Qualifications: In accordance with Federal Regulation, minimum educational qualifications for Child Care Teacher: At a minimum, enrolled in a Family Child Care Child Development (CDA) program or state equivalent, for the credential acquire it within eighteen (18) months of beginning to provide services.-REQUIRED Must have a High School Diploma or General Equivalency Diploma (GED).-REQUIRED. Must have a current Physical Examination, Proof of TB Skin Test result, current Immunization Form 121 upon initial hiring, and must renew accordingly.-REQUIRED. Must have dependable transportation, a valid Mississippi Driver's License, and Liability Insurance as required by state law.-REQUIRED. Continued employment will be contingent upon satisfactory Child Abuse and Criminal Background Check-REQUIRED

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POSITION OPENING Maintenance Mechanic

Philadelphia, Union, Dekalb, Scooba, Macon and Brooksville Areas

The Authority has a position opening for a Maintenance Mechanic based in Philadelphia. This position will cover the Philadelphia area. Major duties are semi-skilled and skilled structural, plumbing, and electrical building maintenance work at Authority properties. Work involves repair and replacement of items such as windows, doors, gutters, cabinets, walls, ceilings, toilets, faucets, water lines, electrical outlets, and light fixtures. Also performs preventive maintenance tasks and grounds keeping tasks.

Individuals wishing to apply for this position should apply in person at:

Mississippi Regional Housing Authority No. V
298 Northside Drive
Newton, MS 39345

This job opening is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968. This act requires that wherever HUD financial assistance is expended for housing or community development, to the greatest extent feasible, economic opportunities be directed toward low- and very-low income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing (Section 3 Residents). Low income is defined as 80% or below the median income of that area. Very low income is defined as 50% or below the median income of that area.

MRHAV encourages residents, and those receiving housing assistance to apply.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



POSITION OPENING Maintenance Mechanic

The Authority has a position opening for a Maintenance Mechanic based in Newton. This position will cover the Newton area. Major duties semi-skilled and skilled structural, plumbing, and electrical building maintenance work at Authority properties. Work involves repair and replacement of items such as windows, doors, gutters, cabinets, walls, ceilings, toilets, faucets, water lines, electrical outlets, and light fixtures. Also performs preventive maintenance tasks and grounds keeping tasks.

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For Sale: 2005 Honda CRV LX AWD \$6800. Good car. 80 acres. E1/2 SW1/4 S20 TW 13N R12E. Surveyed. 15 year old loblolly. Creeks. Protected. \$156,000. JD 3043D w/loader, grapple, blade. New \$35,000. 601-260-0117. Noxapater.--

YARD SALE

Inside Yard Sale. 4/29, Saturday & 5/6, Saturday at 601 Ivy Street. Antiques also. 6:00AM-until

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Jail

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- Paul B Ingram, 59, of Route 1 Box 77B, McCool; alcoholic beverages-unlawful possession
- LaTrisha L Joe, 28, of 304 Bogue Chitto Cir; DUI-1st offense, MV-careless driving
- Emmitt L Jones, 31, of 186 Goat Ranch Rd; warrant-justice court bench warrant
- John M Keith, 32, of 568 Popular Ave; CS-sell, transfer, distribute, possess with intent to sell
- Christopher L Kelly, 53, of 10200 Rd 246, Union; chancery court-contempt-failure to pay child support
- Brandi L King, 34, of 257 Goat Ranch Rd; warrant-justice court bench warrant, hold-detainer for Neshoba County SO
- Ramsey W King, 31, of 257 Goat Ranch Rd; hold-detainer for federal agency
- Robert L Leger, 25, of 69 Orchid Rd, Silas, AL; CS-paraphernalia-possession or use, CS-sell, transfer, distribute, possess with intent to sell
- Taylor McWilliams, 26, of 105 Saint Francis Dr Apt 8; MV-no insurance, DUI-1st offense, MV-reckless driving-first offense
- Joey D Morgan, 37, of 918 Kosciusko Rd; warrant-arrest report, warrant-justice court bench warrant
- Darrell D Purifoy, 48, of 518 Ivy St; hold-detainer for other agency
- Battina Rice, 716 Fairground St, Kosciusko; DUI-controlled substance, MV-driving while license revoked or suspended, MV-no insurance, CS-paraphernalia-possession or use, CS-schedule I or II-simple possession- 0.1-2 grams or 2-10 dosage units
- Clifton L Shumaker, 36, of 6688 Tine St, Shuqualak; CS-paraphernalia-possession or use, CS-sell, transfer, distribute, possess with intent to sell, CS-marijuana-simple possession-1-5 kilograms, hold-detainer for MDOC probation parole
- Latisha Smith, 50, of 88 South Louisville St, Ackerman; embezzlement-value less than \$1000
- Ichukash H Solomon, 24, of 150 Hunters Place; hold-detainer for other agency
- Brutarius D Talley, 30, of 250 Hays St; DUI-3rd offense, MV-no insurance, MV-expired or no driver's license
- Debriski K Talley, 27, of 270 Hays St; contempt of court-failure to appear or complete jury service, hold-detainer for Neshoba County SO
- Sonja Taylor, 53, of 3574 Lynn Creek Rd, Brooksville; DUI-1st offense, MV-racing on street, road or highway-1st offense
- Milo Vaughn, 31, of 140 Hunter Place; DUI-1st offense, MV-tag-none or expired, MV-no insurance, MV-expired or no driver's license
- Leontay Welch, 30, of 267 Davis St; DUI-2nd offense, MV-seatbelt violation, MV-driving while license revoked or suspended, MV-no insurance
- Peyton S Willis, 27, of 143 Pine Ridge Rd; MV-improper equipment, MV-driving while license revoked or suspended, DUI-3rd offense

Winston County Jail Docket from 4/3-4/9

- Javious C. Adams, 23, of 224 Robin Hood Circle, child-child abuse (endangering the child's health), disorderly conduct- disturbing the peace, hold; detainer for Neshoba County SO, public drunk, disorderly conduct- failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers, resisting arrest, weapon: exhibiting in threatening manner
- Elijah T. Davis, 34, of 13320 HWY 491 North, warrant; justice court bench warrant, warrant; arrest report
- Darius Davis, 24, of 134 Woodcrest Avenue, CS; sell, transfer, distribute, possess with intent to sell
- Cindy A. Doss, 37, of 954 Mount Olive Road, DUI- 1st offense
- Sudiann Frazier, 20, of 882 Mills Road of Conehatta, warrant; arrest report
- Tawon T. Houston, 29, of 461 Samps Street, contempt of court; failure to appear or complete jury service, MV- careless driving, MV- no insurance
- Paul B. Ingram, 59, of Route

- 1 Box 77 B McCool, alcoholic beverages- unlawful possession
- Ramsey W. King, 31, of 257 Goat Ranch, hold; detainer for federal agency
- Shauntella Marshall, 33, of 100 Sistrunk Avenue, trespass; entering lands of another without permission
- Darrin D. McBeath, 35, of 261 Carver Avenue, MV- seat belt violation, DUI- 1st offense, warrant; arrest report
- Timothy Sanders, 57, of 510 Columbus Avenue, assault-simple- causing bodily injury
- Miranda Stephens, 42, of 519 Ivy Street, warrant; arrest report
- Brandon L. Wells, 26, of 3696 Old Salem Road of Walnut Grove, MV- reckless driving- 1st offense, DUI- 1st offense
- Katherine I. Woods, 29, of 300 Pearl Avenue, warrant; arrest report

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- Joseph N. Barnett, 30, of 14573 HWY 21 South, contempt of court; default in payment of restitution
- Jermaine Boler, 25, of 310 Ivy Street, warrant; arrest report
- Jarrod Boykin, 40, of 9864 Pleasant Hill Road of Gilbertown, shoplifting; 3rd or subsequent shoplifting conviction where value is over \$500 or more than \$1000.
- Charles Bozeman, 40, of 1194 Road 743, contempt of court; default in payment of restitution
- Jasmine K. Brown, 24, of 381 Loper Street, warrant; arrest report
- Dustin Chapman, 28, of 937 Cow Creek Road of Preston, warrant; arrest report, MV-expired or no driver's license, MV- no insurance
- Darren K. Charlie, 39, of 163 Tucker Cutoff Road, warrant; chancery court bench warrant
- Curtis Clemmons, 63, of 256 Martin Luther King Drive, DUI- 1st offense, MV- seat belt violation
- Kala Comby, 35, of 1014 Isaac Road, contempt of court; failure to appear or complete jury service, MV- expired or no driver's license
- Nathan Cotton, 26, of 234 Indian Road of Louisville, CS: schedule I or II; simple possession; 10-20 grams or 20-40 dosage units
- Elijah T. Davis, 34, of 13320 HWY 491 North, warrant; justice court bench warrant, warrant; arrest report
- Jacqueline K. Dickerson, 35, of 11370 Weyerhaeuser Road, contempt of court; circuit court
- Terence Ealy, 28, of 377 Loper Street, warrant; arrest report, contempt of court; municipal court
- Timothy M. Gary, 48, of 378 A. Jericho Street, warrant; circuit court bench warrant, MV- failure to yield to emergency vehicles, MV- no insurance, MV- expired or no driver's license, MV- violation not specified DUI- 2nd offense
- Rachel M. Hatten, 10200 Road 2612, contempt of court; default in payment of restitution
- Dangelo Hickmon, 27, of 10094 Road 1321 of Union, assault- simple- attempt by physical menace to create fear
- Tawon T. Houston, 29, of 461 Samps Street, contempt of

- court; failure to appear or complete jury service, MV- careless driving, MV- no insurance
- W.C. Jones, 61, of 900 Donald Avenue, bond surrender (bond company)
- Danny R. Luke, 58, of 545 Hollard Avenue, trespass; after notice of non-permission
- Brianna Martin, 33, of 359 Lagoon Road, Cs: schedule I or II; simple possession: 2-10 grams or 10-20 dosage units, MV- violation not specified
- Jimmy McBeath, 42, of 326 North Street of Union, contempt of court; failure to appear or complete jury service
- Tramiah Moore, 18, or 232 Barrier Avenue, MV- failure to give signal, CS: sell, transfer, distribute, possess with intent to sell
- Kennedell Nickey, 35, of 110 Mahalia Drive, assault- simple-causing bodily injury
- Stephanie D. Reeves, 39, of 371 Henry Max Smith Road of Union, warrant; arrest report, contempt of court; failure to appear or complete jury service, hold; detainer for other agency
- Martel Sanders, 26, of 13391 Road 123, warrant; circuit court bench warrant, contempt of court; justice court
- Preston Shields, 56, of 1912 HWY 15 South Winston Place of Louisville, warrant; arrest report, 2 counts of MV- expired or no driver's license, MV- no insurance, MV; racing on street, road, or highway- 1st offense
- Thomas Sistrunk, 36, of 1700 Pendleton Square 21, contempt of court; failure to appear or complete jury service.
- Nihiena Thomas, 45, of 186 Goat Ranch Road, DUI- 1st offense
- Micheal Tubby, 34, of 111 Indian Hill Drive, DUI- 1st offense, MV- no insurance
- Samuel Wallace, 39, of 102 Duplex Circle, contempt of court; failure to appear or complete jury service, MV- no insurance, MV-expired or no driver's license
- Heather Walters, 40, of 419 Jeffery Ackers of Meridian, CS: schedule I or II; simple possession: 0.1-2 grams or 2-10 dosage units
- Thomas Walters, 40, of 419 Jeffery Ackers of Meridian, CS: schedule I or II; simple possession: 0.1-2 grams or 2-10 dosage units
- Scottie Welch, 41, of 126 Martin Luther King Jr Drive, contempt of court; default in payment of restitution
- Christian W. Whitecrow, 25, of 226 Frog Level Road, contempt of court; default in payment of restitution, CS; schedule I or II; simple possession; 0.1-2 grams or 2-10 dosage units
- Theodore Whitecrow, 45, of 10150 Road 844, contempt of court; default in payment of restitution, CS; schedule I or II; simple possession: 2-10 grams or 10-20 dosage units
- Shawn Williams, 42, of 160 Tucker Cutoff Road, MV- expired or no driver's license, DUI- 1st offense, MV- no insurance, Cs; paraphernalia; possession or use, hold; detainer for Neshoba County SO
- Ferrette H. Willis, 37, of 10345 CR 773, warrant; arrest report
- Randle H. York, 24, of 104 Rolling Hills Circle, false identifying information, CS: schedule I or II: simple possession: 10-20 grams or 20-40 dosage units, MV- failure to give signal, warrant- felony fugitives, from other states



Exotic Pet Expo held at Coliseum

Hugh Johnson II is handling an albino python with his daughter, Cate Johnson, 7, and 2 year old son, Trace Johnson. The Johnsons visited the Neshoba County Coliseum over the weekend for the Exotic Pet Expo that featured snakes and bearded dragons among other animals.



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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

Culture rejects Christian faith

The Song of Solomon, or as verse one of the book calls it, the Song of Songs, is a description of the fellowship between the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. The Christian life is concerned with growing more and more into the likeness of Christ by the grace of God. This growth promotes communion and love. Jesus asked, “Can two walk together if they do not agree?”

Salvation is about deliverance from the guilt and corruption of sin. Song of Songs 2:1-7 describes the rich fellowship of a believer who sees the glory of Christ in salvation and delights in drawing near to the Lord and feasting on His Word. She enjoys the shade of His protection, the refreshment of His Spirit, and the sustaining strength of His presence.

Happy is the Christian when he has a season of walking close with the Lord. He is fruitful in his thoughts, heart, and works. But seasons change, and the Christian can find himself in a spiritual season like winter; his heart is cold, his hearing of the Lord’s word is formal, and the Lord Jesus seems far off. Such has been the condition of the soul in this passage (Song of Solomon 2:8-17).

The Christian is described as behind a wall, while the Lord is outside looking in through a window (verse 9). There has been a season of winter in the spiritual life of the believer (verse 11). The wall between the soul and the Lord is similar to what we read of the church in Laodicea in Revelation 3.

There the Lord Jesus is outside a door knocking. He is outside because His people inside had become so comfortable with the prosperity of the world they no longer felt much need for the Lord. They were lukewarm in their affections for Christ. The Lord said that in their condition they were actually “wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.” Their outward condition may have been prosperous, but their inward, spiritual condition was impoverished.

What do you do in such a condition? The remedy is to listen to the voice of the Lord and respond. The writer of Hebrews says, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your heart.” He also says, “Be careful brothers, lest through an evil, unbelieving heart, any drift away from the living God.” The apostle was using the unbelief of the Israelites in the desert to warn Christians

of the danger of not paying attention to the word of the Lord.

He uses the word “Today” in the sense of urgency. If you put off responding to the Lord, you risk hardening your heart. There is a place beyond the reach of mercy. The winter of the soul is not comparable to the place where there is no mitigation of misery, nor any possibility of escaping it. The Lord will sometimes remind His people of this to return them to clarity in their spiritual eyesight.

Always remember the Lord loves mercy. You may have resisted and abused many calls from the Lord in His word to repent and return to your former affections and devotion to Him. But the Lord Jesus is always ready to welcome his sheep who lament their ways and come to Him for cleansing.

Our passage describes the joy of the believer when she responds to the Lord’s voice in phrases likened to abundant life: “Arise my love, my beautiful one, and come away, for behold, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land” (2:10-13).

Christ is an overflowing fountain of goodness. Everywhere He went, He was doing good: proclaiming the kingdom of God; healing the sick; giving the blind sight, the deaf ears to hear, the lame legs to walk, and on and on. He is the author of life. To resist Him is to resist all good. To embrace Him is to embrace goodness itself. If you are thinking of Christ rightly, you will be thinking of Him highly.

There will always be obstacles while we are in this world to our walk with Christ. This is what the foxes spoiling the vineyard refer to (verse 15). Jesus called Herod a “fox” because he was an enemy of God’s kingdom. Ezekiel called false prophets in Israel “foxes.” There are many forms “foxes” take.

Our culture has turned against the Christian faith; good is called evil and evil good. Our own pride and self-sufficiency hinder our admiration and love to Christ. This passage directs us to seek Christ and call upon Him day by day, to listen to Him with a responding and humble heart.

The Rev. Chris Shelton is pastor of Union’s First Presbyterian Church.

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“Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.”
— Proverbs 27:1 (ESV)

“Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.”
— 1 Peter 3:8 (ESV)

SOCIETY

Boatner loves to serve others with food

By JOHN LEE
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Angela Boatner's favorite part of cooking is challenging herself with new dishes while serving others.

"Cooking is a love language here in the South, especially from moms and grandmas," Boatner said. "I am a forever student in all areas of life, and cooking is one of those areas I like to challenge myself in."

Boatner, who has earned a PhD, was born in West Monroe, Louisiana, and moved to Philadelphia when she was in sixth grade. She currently teaches Spanish, theatre and choir at Neshoba Central High School and enjoys spending time with her husband Chris, her children, Jessie and Jake, and her three grandchildren, Lucas, Lucy and Colton.

She said her first experience with cooking was learning from her grandfather, whom she described as the best cook in the world.

"I started cooking full meals for my family when I was around 12 years old," she said. "My mom worked full time as a nurse and I learned to cook from her and my grandfather. One of the first things I remember cooking was tuna casserole, a Southern staple. I also made chicken and dumplings, tamales, jambalaya, and more."

Boatner said that nowadays gumbo is her specialty, and she is good at making breakfast foods such as biscuits, omelettes, and grits, along with chicken enchiladas and Mexican street corn. Although her family isn't big on dessert, Boatner occasionally likes to make banana pudding and chocolate cake.

"I love to serve people," she said. "I love challenging myself and cooking new things. I almost changed my major from music education to culinary education at one point because I love cooking so much."

ROAST CHICKEN WITH POTATOES AND SPINACH CREAM SAUCE

- 8 chicken thighs - skin on
- ½ lb. mini red potatoes
- ½ lb. mini yellow potatoes
- 1 sweet onion
- 1 clove garlic
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

- For the sauce:**
- ½ cup butter
 - 1 ½ cups heavy cream
 - 2 cups parmesan cheese
 - 1 bunch fresh spinach
 - 1 ½ tsp minced garlic
 - ½ tsp salt
 - ¼ tsp pepper

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Chop onion and garlic, and sauté in olive oil until



Angela Boatner

COOK OF THE WEEK

translucent. Pour the contents of the pan in a large roasting pan. Toss potatoes with olive oil and add to the roasting pan.

Season the potatoes in the pan with salt and pepper. In the pan used for onions, add more olive oil and heat to medium-high. Pat the chicken

thighs with a paper towel to take away the excess moisture. Add salt and pepper to chicken thighs and place skin side down in the pan.

Sear until brown for about 2-3 minutes. Flip and sear for the same amount of time. Add thighs on top of the potatoes in the roasting pan. Cook for 20 minutes then add sauce.

For the sauce: While chicken is cooking, sauté garlic in the butter until fragrant. Add cream and sim-

mer on low, stirring occasionally, for about 2-3 minutes. Add salt and pepper and whisk to mix. Add parmesan cheese slowly while briskly whisking it to mix well. Quickly add the spinach to the sauce. Stir enough to coat only.

Pour the sauce evenly over the chicken and potatoes and continue to bake for another 5-10 minutes. Serve hot.

EASY TROPICAL SMOOTHIE

- 1 frozen banana
- 4 strawberries
- ½ cup fresh pineapple
- 1 cup coconut milk
- 1 tsp honey

Blend for 1 minute.

- Slow-cooker Black Beans with Ground Venison**
- 1 lb ground deer meat
 - ½ sweet onion
 - 2 cans Rotel tomatoes - drained

- 4 cans black beans
- 1 tsp red pepper
- 1 tbsp garlic powder
- Salt and pepper to taste

Chop onion and sauté in oil. Add deer meat and brown with onion. Season with salt and pepper in the skillet. Add meat mixture and all the remaining ingredients to the slow cooker. Cook on low for 6 hours or high for 4 hours. Serve with rice and crackers.

Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS
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Congratulations to Kara Edwards! She is the recipient of the first indigenous Air and Space Law Scholarship awarded by the University of Mississippi Center for Air and Space Law.

Kara is a proud member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Present at the awards ceremony were Choctaw Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben, and Ole Miss Chancellor Glenn Boyce. Contributions to this scholarship would be greatly appreciated.

The Neshoba High School Class of 2023 Hall of Fame Dinner was held on Monday night at the Porterhouse. The dinner was given by Porter and Angel Frazier to honor these special students for their accomplishments through their high school career.

Members of the Hall of Fame are Harley Hobby, Chloe Kirkland, Trinity McClain, Allie Horn, Ashton Luke, Ben Allen Marshall, Spencer Rea, Ty Martin, Lela Marshall, Chloe Pierce, Peyton Gray, and Elijah Ruffin. Thank you so much for this generous donation to our community's students, Porter and Angel Frazier!

The Philadelphia Rotary Club honored three of our local high school students at the April 2023 Students of the Month at the regular Monday meeting on April 17.

Students of the Month are: Choctaw High School, Deshaylee Tubby; Neshoba Central High School, Trinity McClain; Philadelphia High School, Jar'Dan Sanders.

The students were introduced by Tammy Jones, Student of the Month Coordinator. The club extends a special thank you to the parents, school counselors, and principals who came to support these students. Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Neshoba Central Junior High Baseball Team for winning the Central Mississippi League with the best record of 12-2 Overall!

The Easter Bunny brought a cherished gift to Dr. Ben and Allison Long on Easter Sunday this year. Precious Collier Frances Long arrived to spend her first day on earth on one of the most joyous and holy days of the year.

Her grandparents are Tommy and Terri Cox McCarver. Her great grandmother is Shirley Cox. She also has two little big brothers who are absolutely enchanted with her. Congratulations!

Abby Seale completed another of her "Lasts" at Mississippi State on Wednesday, April 19, when she walked the catwalk during her last MSU Fashion Board show. She looked lovely, as usual, and walked with grace and confidence wearing a very fashionable ensemble. She has been an asset to the group during her time working with them. She will graduate in the spring commencement ceremonies on the main campus in May.

The Leake Academy Student Body raised \$7,054.22 for the Catch-A-Dream organization this March! Officers from the Student Body presented the

check to the Catch-A-Dream representatives. What an outstanding act of philanthropy that shows character and kindness in this student body.

Congratulations to Will Huffman, a sophomore at Neshoba Central High School, for being selected Student of the Month for March! His parents are David and Kristen McCombs Huffman.

The Star Student from Leake Academy for the 2022-2023 school year is Sam Evans. His Star Teacher is Mrs. Missy Jackson.

Sam and Mrs. Jackson along with Sam's parents were honored at the Mississippi Economic Council STAR Student/Teacher Banquet in Jackson. Congratulations to each of you!

The Neshoba County Master Gardeners spent last Thursday in the beautiful sunshine working at the Neshoba County Nursing Home pruning, planting, and painting. They planted bedding plants which were generously donated by the Neshoba County Co-Op.

They also painted lawn furniture for residents who might enjoy sitting outside. However, the furniture needs cushions for the wrought iron furniture. If any group or individual would like to donate some cushions, please contact Sarah Coleman at the Nursing Home.

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Natalie Hall & Caleb Crenshaw	March 11, 2023
Jasmine Lee & Owen Turcotte	March 18, 2023
Carleigh Taylor & Josh Gale	March 25, 2023
KaiLynn (KK) Robertson & Zachary Graves	April 15, 2023
Katherine Jessup & Zack Nowell	April 22, 2023
Reagan Harris & Brandon Martin	April 22, 2023
Asten Russell & Hunter Rutledge	April 29, 2023
Neylie Breazeale & Dylan Carroll	May 6, 2023
Mackenzie Johnson & Alex Shepard	May 13, 2023
Annika Jones & Brooks Italiano	May 13, 2023
Bonnie Lewis & Thomas Webb	May 13, 2023
Anna Sistrunk & Albert Boykin	May 20, 2023
Elizabeth Gerrie & Clay Johnston	May 20, 2023
Kelsea Archer & Garrett Mills	May 20, 2023
Parker Breland & Payton Rogers	May 20, 2023
Kaysie Winston & John Carr Bates	June 3, 2023
Peyton Williams & Andrew Floyd	June 9, 2023
Stephanie Ridley & Ken Evans	June 12, 2023
Sydney Ogletree & Noah Hughes	June 24, 2023
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SPORTS

Union girls advance to second round

By **ROBBIE ROBERTSON**
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Despite a 15-strikeout effort by pitcher Alanlee Wheeler, Union dropped its playoff opener to Jefferson Davis County.

But the Lady Yellowjackets responded with a pair of nine-run wins, beating the Lady Jaguars 11-2 on Saturday and 10-1 on Monday.

Union improves to 15-8 and advances to the second round of the 3A playoffs.

Union 10,

Jefferson Davis County 1

After long the first game of the series, the Lady Yellowjackets allowed just two hits and took advantage of 10 errors to take a nine-run win over the Lady Jaguars on Monday.

Union scored two in the

first and third and led 4-0. After Jefferson Davis scored one in the fourth, Union finished with six runs in the sixth to take the win.

Union had eight hits in the contest, led by Lauryn Roebuck who was 2-for-4 with three runs scored. Abigail Cleveland was 2-for-3 with a double while Tiara Campbell homered and drove in two runs.

Alanlee Wheeler pitched all seven innings and gave up one run on two hits and one walk while striking out eight.

Union 11,

Jefferson Davis County 2

The Lady Yellowjackets used a pair of big innings to take a nine-run win over the Lady Jaguars on Saturday.

After three scoreless innings, Union scored six in



the fourth. Union added one in the fifth and four in the seventh.

Union had just seven hits but committed six errors. Cary Wilkerson was 2-for-4

with a triple and two runs scored while Landry Hanna had a solo home run. Lauryn Roebuck doubled and scored while Tiara Campbell and Abigail Cleveland each sin-

gled and scored two runs.

Alanlee Wheeler pitched all seven innings and gave up two unearned runs on two hits and one walk while striking out four.

Jefferson Davis 5, Union 2

The Lady Jaguars scored three runs in the top of the sixth to take a win over the Yellowjackets in the first game of the season on Thursday.

Jefferson Davis scored one in the third and fourth while Union answered with two in the fifth. Jefferson Davis then scored three in the sixth inning to take the win.

Union had just two hits in the contest as Destiney Moulds tripled and scored while Elle Killen singled and scored.

Alanlee Wheeler pitched all seven innings for Union and gave up five runs on five hits while striking out 15.

Lady Rockets go for 10th straight championship

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**
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The Neshoba Central Lady Rockets wrapped up their regular season with a 20-3

record.

They begin their quest for their 10th straight fast-pitch state championship and the 12th in program history. After earning a first round bye, they

take on New Hope this weekend. The first game will be at home on Friday with the second to be on the road Saturday.

Neshoba Central closed

out the regular season with a 10-0 win over Choctaw Central.

Other teams

The Neshoba Central base-

ball team finished the regular season with a 15-12 record. They faced Forest Hill in the first round.

Both Choctaw Central teams made the playoffs. The

baseball team opened with Ripley while softball takes on Itawamba AHS.

Leake Academy baseball team makes playoffs

By **ROBBIE ROBERTSON**
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The Leake Academy Rebels finished the regular season with one of the best win totals in school history.

The Rebels swept three games from East Rankin this past week to finish the regular season, winning 2-0 on Tuesday, 12-2 on Thursday and 6-1 on Saturday.

Leake improves to 21-7 on the season and makes the playoffs for the first time since 2008. Leake will travel to Pillow Academy on Tuesday for a 5:30 p.m. contest and will then

host the Mustangs on Thursday starting at 4 p.m. If the teams split the first two games, game three would also be Thursday following game 2.

Leake 2, East Rankin 0

The Patriots had just three hits as the Rebels took a shutout win on Tuesday.

The game was scoreless for the first four innings before Leake scored two runs in the fifth inning.

Leake had eight hits as Bishop Hardin and Rhett Atkinson each went 2-for-3 with a double. Riley Myers and Matthan Weaver each sin-

gled and scored a run. Camden Marble and Charlie Brantley also had singles.

Riley Myers started on the mound and pitched four innings, giving up just one hit and two walks while striking out eight. Rhett Stovall pitched the last three innings and gave up two hits with one strikeout.

Leake 12, East Rankin 2

The Rebels scored eight runs in the last two innings and took a 10-run win over the Patriots on Thursday.

Leake scored two in the top of the first while East Rankin scored one in the bottom of the

frame. Leake added two more in the third while East Rankin scored one in the fourth to cut the score to 4-2. But Leake finished with four in the fifth, three in the sixth and one in the seventh.

Leake outit East Rankin 13-1. Riley Myers was 3-for-3 with a double, home run three runs scored and four RBIs. Bishop Hardin was 2-for-3 with a double and three runs scored while Rece Atkinson was 3-for-4 with a triple and three RBIs. Whitt Welch was 2-for-5 while Rhett Atkinson tripled and scored twice. Rhett Stovall also singled and scored

twice.

Bishop Hardin started on the mound and pitched six solid innings as he gave up just two unearned runs on one hit while striking out six. Rece Atkinson pitched the last inning and struck out three to take the win.

Leake 6, East Rankin 1

The Rebels scored in four straight innings and took a five-run win over the Patriots to take a five-run win and sweep the series.

Leake scored two in the third and sixth and single runs in the fourth and fifth. Leake

had eight hits as Whitt Welch was 2-for-4 with three RBIs. Charlie Brantley was 2-for-3 with two doubles while Bishop Hardin singled and scored twice. Riley Myers and Camden Marble each singled and scored a run.

Bryce Watkins started on the mound and pitched five innings, giving up just four hits and a walk while striking out three. Jack Harkins pitched the sixth and gave up one unearned run on two hits while Brew McLain pitched the seventh and gave up one hit and struck out two.



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