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## 5-year-old boy dies in Mars Hill fire

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A five-year-old boy who died in a house fire last week in the Mars Hill community was remembered by his sisters as sweet, loving, and outgoing.

Sheriff Eric Clark identified the victim as Delvechio “D.J.” Coburn Jr.

Dakota White recalled a recent trip to the Children’s Museum in Meridian with her brother.

“He was very happy and excited. He was just a kid and

was happy to be out,” White said. “It was a really good time.”

Coburn’s parents are Delvechio Coburn Sr. and Kristal Hatcher. He had four sisters, Diamond Bumbry, Gabrielle Segears, Madison White, and Dakota White.

The boy liked trucks, cars, airplanes, dinosaurs, and colors.

Dakota White said she had a strong bond with her brother because she practically helped to raise him.

D.J. was described as “outgoing and full of energy” super funny, a jokester, and a

prankster. He was in kindergarten at Neshoba Central and was so excited to be taking the bus to school by himself, his family said.

A GoFundMe page “Delvechio Coburn Jr” has been set up to help the family with funeral

costs and necessities. “They lost everything, all they have left is the clothes on their backs,” Segears said. “We are asking for prayers and any donations to help cover funeral expenses and to help our surviv-

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Photo by Keith Warren/MHSAA

The Neshoba Central Lady Rockets pose for a photo after winning the 6A State Championship on Saturday.

## Lady Rockets win 6A State Championship

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The Neshoba Central Lady Rockets won their second state championship in three years after destroying Terry High School 53-39 on Saturday to put a crown on a nearly perfect season.

Neshoba Central High School Coach Jason Broom said his eight seniors matured into leaders this season to push the Lady Rockets to another 6A crown.

“They showed a lot of maturity and growth and we got it done as a team,” Broom said.

The Lady Rockets finished the season 32-1, with their only loss to Starkville 72-63, back in November. Since then, they were perfect.

Despite trailing 7-3 after the first quarter in the championship game, the Lady Rockets kicked it in gear and went into halftime with a 17-15 lead. From there, Terry didn’t stand a chance. Neshoba led by 10 going into the fourth quarter and despite trying to run out the game clock still outscored the Bulldogs.

Senior guard Zharia Leflore scored 15 points in the contest and earned the title of MVP for her performance. Sophomore Kyli Tuss had 18 points. Senior Jakaylin York had 8 points, followed by junior Lanayah Henry with 6 points, senior Kailyn Willis with 5 points, and senior Erica Lyons with 2 points.

They faced little competition in the postseason this year, annihilating opponents beginning with Center Hill in the first round. The Lady Rockets won that contest 75-49. Next up was Olive Branch, who they beat 69-43.



Photo by Bradley Isaac

Neshoba Central fans cheer on the Lady Rockets in the state championship.

On Thursday, the Lady Rockets clinched their ticket to the finals by beating Hancock 48-30. Leflore led the squad with 12 points in the contest and senior Atyia Allen had 10 points.

The community rallied to support their local players and had a “Good Luck Send-Off” Saturday, as fans lined the streets to cheer the team on.

Broom said most of his seniors

already had a ring from the Lady Rockets’ 2022 run at the title. He said he was proud of how the seniors took ownership of this team.

“I challenged them early on to finish this year as champions,” he said. “We knew going into the season we had the potential to be one of the best teams in the state. It’s been an exciting season.”

The Lady Rockets went 24-6 last

season and were eliminated in the second round of the playoffs.

Broom said his girls came into this season ready to work, stay healthy, and be competitive in practice.

“We already had an established identity,” Broom said. “We knew we had to come out and play fast and keep the pressure on all over the floor.”

**COUNTY**

## Supervisors approve app for Sheriff

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A new mobile app for the Sheriff’s Department that will help fight crime will be accessible to the public within 60 to 90 days following approval by the Board of Supervisors on Monday.

Branded as the Sheriff’s App, the technology offers citizens access to the sex offender registry, information on wanted criminals, resources for crime victims, a platform for submitting crime tips, and more.

The approval for the app’s first and second years comes after months of discussions, with the first year funded by leftover monies exceeding \$11,000 from the Ally Telecom Grant, along with several donations to the Sheriff’s Department.

The payment plan for the second year for \$5,295 is still under discussion, with the board and Sheriff seeking the Attorney General’s opinion in the coming months.

Sheriff Eric Clark suggested spending funds generated from the inmate commissary during the first year, which has already been adopted by several other law enforcement agencies. If this method conflicts with state laws, alternative funding could be allocated within the Sheriff’s budget for the following year, Clark said.

The app will allow the Sheriff’s Department to send push notifications about road closures, accidents, and weather alerts.

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**ELECTION**

## Presidential primaries set for Tuesday

Voters will head to the polls Tuesday for the presidential primaries.

In the Republican primary, voters will choose between former President Donald J. Trump, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, former South Carolina Gov. Nikki R. Haley, and businessman Vivek Ramaswamy for the nomination. DeSantis and Ramaswamy have since exited the race.

For the U.S. Senate, incumbent Roger Wicker faces Ghanon Burton and Dan Eubanks for the nomination.

In the Democrat primary, President Joe Biden is the only candidate. Ty Pinkins is running unopposed for the party’s nomination for U.S. Senate.

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## Young leads prayer at Senate

Pastor James A. Young, Senior Pastor of Calvary Apostolic Faith Church in Louisville and mayor of Philadelphia, delivered an opening prayer to the Mississippi Senate on Thursday, February 29, 2024, at the invitation of Senator Rod Hickman, who led the Pledge of Allegiance before Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann guided lawmakers through the day's agenda. Senator Jenifer B. Branning, who also represents the area, is standing with them.

## App

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Users can also register complaints or compliments regarding their interactions with deputies.

The app will also feature access to the county jail's inmate roster, allowing users to schedule visitations and contribute commissary funds for inmates, and would establish a voluntary registry for home and business owners with security cameras in Neshoba County

providing the Sheriff's Office with contacts who may possess footage relevant to crimes, suspicious vehicles, or suspects.

In other action, supervisors voted to:

- Approve removing an HP Printer from the Sheriff's Department item list;
- Approve the February Daily Meal Log, Detailed Billing report, and inmate meals invoice from Neshoba General for \$45,946;
- Approve hiring Carson Dewberry with Road Department at \$13 an hour, and approve hiring Robert Graham as CDL driver at \$15 an hour effective March 22;
- Approve a reverse auction bid for a Road Department mini-excavator and approved lease-purchase financial proposals for a CAT 310 mini-excavator;
- Approve a bid for the sale of a CAT 307.5 mini-excavator to Puckett Machinery for \$60,000;
- Approve a permit application from Freeny Water Association to allow for a road bore along Road 404;
- Approve permit applications from MaxxSouth Broad-

band to allow for a road bore along the right-of-way and crossing of Road 505 and Road 561;

- Approve a construction change directive totaling \$2,093 for the Storage Building project with additional electrical wire for a body cooler;
- Approve appointing Paul Tingle, Kenny Bates, Wyatt Waddell, Becky Hall, and Denise Tingle as new board members for the Fairview Volunteer Fire Protection District. They will serve in staggered terms of one to five years;
- Approve reissuing a voided check from Suzy Q to Johnnie Osbourne for \$150 for a constable decal;
- Approved advertising for Miss Hospitality Alice Keats with a full-page ad in the state program totaling \$350.
- Approve a request to partner with Kevin Baysinger to have April designated as Neshoba County Clean Up Month. This will be the 2nd annual Great Neshoba Cleanup event and will occur every Saturday in April from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

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# Couple celebrating 75th wedding anniversary

By JACE HENDERSON  
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Olyn and Bettye Jo Coward are celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary on March 17 at Bond Baptist Church, a milestone rarely achieved in today's era.

"It is unbelievable," Bettye Jo said.

Olyn, born in the Delta, said the majority of their lives unfolded in Winston and Neshoba counties. He recently turned 97 years old on Sunday, and his wife, Bettye Jo, is 95.

Their journey through life began in 1942 when Bettye Jo started attending school in Noxapater. Shortly afterward, Olyn volunteered for the Navy after high school in 1944 and served on the USS Pennsylvania during WWII in Okinawa, Japan, until he was discharged in 1946.

Olyn said a Japanese torpedo struck 26 feet underneath him in August 1945, resulting in 20 casualties which was an unforgettable and a lingering experience for him.

"I still haven't shook it," he said.

Bettye Jo started her career by creating oil paintings of portraits at George Day Studio in Philadelphia and later worked at Spartus Corporation in Louisville. The couple exchanged vows on March 15, 1949, in Jackson.

"We didn't have any money, but nobody had to take care of us," Bettye Jo said. "We made it."

After a year of farming post-marriage, they moved to Meridian until 1962, where Olyn secured a job as a salesman at Hardin's Bakery earning \$16 a week. He later worked for Borden Milk in Meridian, U.S. Motors in Philadelphia, and Georgia Pacific in Louisville. During this time, they also raised three children, Dianne, Dell, and Nell,



Bettye Jo and Olyn Coward will celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary on March 17.

and returned to farming before retiring in 1988 and 1990.

"Our children are our proudest accomplishments," Olyn said. "We ain't got no bad ones."

From 1994 to 2015, they enjoyed retirement life at a fishing camp on the Tombigbee River. They renovated the camp into a home where it still stands today and have since lived in a house built by Dianne's husband, Jim, near Sandtown.

Olyn said the key to a long and healthy marriage lies in "learning how to say 'yes ma'am' and getting out the kitchen." He handles outside work, while Bettye Jo, renowned for her cooking skills, manages the kitchen.

Bettye Jo continues to

handle the housework and cooking, favoring old soul food like turnip greens, peas, and butterbeans. The couple maintains a garden, regularly filling the freezer with fresh produce.

"We had a good menu of eating coming up," Olyn said. "We didn't get it out the grocery store. We ate possum, coons, squirrels, and beaver."

"That was before I came along," Bettye Jo laughed.

Olyn has a passion for fishing and hunting and had numerous turkey, deer, squirrel, rabbit, and bird conquests across Mississippi and Alabama.

The couple values attending church and said they grew up learning that elders are the backbone of any

community. They also enjoy it when their whole family gets together to celebrate Easter, Christmas, and Thanksgiving.

Olyn and Bettye Jo have six grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren, marking five generations.

"We have enjoyed them grandchildren over the years and now we got some great-great-grands. We have five generations now," Bettye Jo said.

"There's not many people that can go to church, look down the pew and see five generations down the row," Olyn added.

Despite challenges like Olyn's eyesight and Betty Jo's hearing, they remain active, tending to house-

work, riding their golf cart, nurturing their garden, watching Mississippi State basketball, and cherishing time with kids and grandchildren.

"You've got to absorb the good from the person in front of you," Olyn said. "We've had our arguments over the years, but they have never been serious."

"We've had a good life, and we are close. The only time we were apart is when I would go into the woods and stay a week or 10 days at a time."

Olyn and Bettye Jo's family includes children: Dianne (Jim) Cumberland, Dell (Debra) Coward, and Nell (Albert, deceased) Whitehead. Grandchildren: Kayse Cumberland, Kelly (Rocky)

Alecia Whitehead Holder (deceased), Johnathon (Anna Leigh) Whitehead, Dawn (Heath) Dyer, and Brandy Stevenson. Great grandchildren: John Clifton Pope, Kalie Jennings, Levi Cumberland, Caitlin Dickerson, Marissa Dickerson, Jacob Dickerson, Joseph Dickerson, Alanna Whitehead, Annalysa Whitehead, Josiah Stevenson, Trace Dyer, Cannon Dyer, Nicholas Dyer, Michael Dyer, Emily Dyer, Meagan Higginbotham, and Jordan Higginbotham. Great-great-grandchildren include Lucia Sharp, Walker Dyer, Remi Dyer, and Reagan Dyer.

# February fire at shopping center closes movie theater

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A fire at a shopping center has left two businesses

including Canal Place Cinema 7 closed since early February.

Philadelphia Fire Chief Deric Horne said the source

of a fire at the Medical Store at Canal Place on Highway 15 reported in the early morning hours of Saturday, Feb. 10 remains under inves-

tigation.

Firefighters arrived at The Medical Store at 3:52 a.m. and were on the scene until about 6:45 a.m., Horne said.

Reports say the fire was contained to the Medical Store although the Canal Place 7 theater received "significant smoke damage,"

Horne said. As of Tuesday, both businesses remained closed. No injuries were reported, Horne said.

# Deputies arrest trio at checkpoint with crystal meth

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A trio was arrested after crystal methamphetamine was found during a traffic checkpoint last month on

Highway 19 South at Tucker.

The driver, Shania A. Willis, 27, 426 Black Jack Road, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, according to Neshoba County Sher-

iff Eric Clark.

The passengers, Matthew T. Bell, 35, 349 South Oswald Road, and Byron McMillian, 30, 114 Tucker Cut Off Road, both had warrants for their arrest, Clark

said.

The trio was arrested at about 11 p.m. on Feb. 18 at a traffic checkpoint near the intersection with Road 537.

Willis was driving a black Toyota Corolla with no dri-

ver's license or identification when deputies first encountered them.

While talking to the driver, deputies noticed passengers were trying to conceal something in the vehicle.

A subsequent search of the vehicle found scales and a bag of crystal methamphetamine.

Clark said Willis claimed the drugs.

## Fire

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ing family members recover and get back on their feet."

As of Tuesday, \$5,689 of a \$15,000 goal had been raised.

Authorities are investigating the structure fire at the residence early Thursday morning, Clark said.

According to Clark, emergency personnel were able to recover Coburn's remains after extinguishing the fire at the home on Road 737.

Emergency personnel arrived on the scene at 5:04 a.m. Clark said they had the fire under control by about 7:30 a.m. and emergency personnel had cleared the scene by 9:37 a.m.

Coburn's mom had already left for work and Clark said his father and two siblings were able to escape the blaze.

Clark said one of the sisters was transported by EMS to Neshoba General as a precautionary measure due to possible smoke inhalation.

An investigation has determined that the fire likely started

in the laundry room and was electrical, officials said.

The North Bend, Longingo, House, East Neshoba, and Tucker volunteer fire departments responded as well as the Philadelphia Fire Department.

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### EDITORIALS

## The Dem's fatal miscalculation

Things are looking up for the GOP around the country. On Tuesday, a California Republican will likely take the first step toward recapturing a U.S. Senate seat that hasn't been in the party's hands in 33 years.

Steve Garvey, the former Dodgers MVP, leads Democratic Reps. Adam Schiff and Katie Porter going into the state's free-for-all primary, according to a Berkeley IGS Poll released Friday. Once the votes are tallied, the top-two finishers will face off in the November general election.

Golden State Democrats crafted this peculiar mechanism to exclude Republicans from the general election ballot, as a divided GOP usually fails to muster enough support to break into the top-two spots. This makes Mr. Garvey's expected success all the more remarkable, as the baseball great has spent a mere \$1 million compared to the \$45 million in attack ads expended by Mr. Schiff and the \$19 million by Ms. Porter.

Mr. Garvey will have to be on his A-game to pull off a general-election upset, but for him to come this close shows even the denizens of Democratic strongholds are entertaining second thoughts about the country's direction.

Even Maryland is considering a change. Larry Hogan, a Republican, is in a statistical dead heat with Rep. David Trone, a Democrat, in the race for retiring Democratic Sen. Ben Cardin's seat. As a popular former governor, Mr. Hogan has already proved his ability to prevail in a statewide contest.

Savvy operators like Mr. Hogan and Mr. Garvey have picked up on the desire for a new direction. According to the RealClearPolitics polling average, two-thirds of Americans are unhappy with the way things are going — and that has con-

sequences.

Republicans edge Democrats in the generic congressional ballot, and major polls now show Donald Trump would beat Joe Biden in a head-to-head contest. Surveys by CBS News and the New York Times have the 45th president ahead of the 46th by four points. Fox News and the Wall Street Journal say the lead is 2 percent. Bloomberg says Mr. Biden has fallen behind in all seven battleground states likely to decide the outcome.

These results are no accident. Democrats have sabotaged themselves with, for instance, soft-on-crime policies. Big-box stores like Walmart and Target have given up on serving customers in blue city neighborhoods where shoplifting sprees have become a daily occurrence. The CVS in Columbia Heights closed last week after looting left shelves bare.

Left-wing strategists cynically calculated that unleashing felons and leaving the border wide open would bring in Black and Hispanic votes. A Gallup survey shows the opposite, as Democrats lost 11 points of support among Blacks and 19 points among Hispanics.

Muslim-Americans and some leftists are also upset with Joe Biden's Middle East strategy. They registered their discontent in last week's Michigan Democratic primary by casting 18% of the vote for anyone other than the Big Guy.

A lot of time remains before voting season begins, which is why the GOP ought to be wary of overconfidence — especially after the promised “red wave” never materialized in the 2022 congressional midterms.

Mr. Garvey's primary performance, however, ought to provide an early glimpse at just how strong the GOP's case will be going into November.

— *The Washington Times*

### FLASHBACKS

#### March 3, 1944

Francis Lundy, a Navy V-12 Trainee at Millsaps College, was elected president of the Millsaps Student Body in a recent election held on the campus. This title is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a student in this college.

A. D. Doggett, chairman of Neshoba's successful Fourth War Loan drive, which closed recently, said last week that he was especially grateful for the splendid cooperation shown by the business and professional men and women, and citizens in general, in the City of Philadelphia.

#### March 4, 1954

Good Hope Baptist church will start full time services Sunday March 7th. Beginning with Sunday School at 10 a.m. and preaching service at 11 a.m. Rev. Reginald Stokes is the pastor and invites everyone to attend.

Neshoba County will have the privilege of holding the first Dairy Festival Week in Mississippi. Businessmen, Dairymen and agricultural workers are cooperating in a very enthusiastic program of events beginning March 8th and ending on March 13th.

#### March 5, 1964

The Neshoba County School Board has requested the Board of Supervisors to issue negotiable notes in the amount of \$40,000 for the

purpose of making repairs, alterations, and additions to the county school buildings and to purchase heating plants, fixtures, and equipment, and to purchase land for recreational and athletic purposes.

Three popular coffee spots in Philadelphia will contribute proceeds from the sale of coffee to the American Red Cross Drive next week, it was announced by Albert Latting, Red Cross Fund Chairman.

#### March 7, 1974

Lamar G. Salter, administrator of the Neshoba County General Hospital, has offered four alternate proposals for financing a 60-bed, \$600,000 expansion to the hospital.

A change in the law now allows taxpayers to designate part of their tax liability to the political party of their choice in the next presidential election, Richard J. Stakem Jr., Internal Revenue Service district director for Mississippi said today.

#### March 8, 1984

The first Choctaw Tribe graduates from the new Vocational Education Program were presented with certificates at a dinner banquet Thursday.

The Philadelphia mayor and board of aldermen Tuesday night appointed David Vowell to a five-year term on the Park Commission.

#### March 2, 1994

James T. Boone, president and chief executive officer of Grenada Sunburst System Corporation, Grenada, Miss. has announced that Grenada Sunburst and its Mississippi banking subsidiary, Sunburst Bank, have complete the purchase of the banking operation of Eastover Bank for Savings.

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors gave its approval Monday afternoon for the county hospital to borrow up to \$700,000 to meet current obligations.

#### March 4, 2004

An ongoing effort to restore a storm-damaged Civil War monument on the courthouse grounds was officially endorsed by the Board of Supervisors this week.

A grand opening ceremony will be held Sunday, giving the public a peek at the new wing of the recently completed Neshoba County Nursing Home that added more beds and created jobs.

#### March 5, 2014

Nearly 500 people are expected to be hired following the Mid-Mississippi Job Fair which drew almost 1,000 job seekers to Neshoba County Coliseum on Thursday. The job fair, which was part of the Governor's Job Fair Network, was free to the public.

### CAL THOMAS

## Politicians excel at lying

Politicians aren't good at much, but they do excel at one thing — lying. They lie about the border. Both parties refuse to acknowledge the danger of a growing and unsustainable debt (CNBC reports it's increasing by \$1 trillion about every 100 days).

Consider. President Biden had his annual physical exam last week. When asked if a cognitive test was part of it, White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre stated flatly, “No, because the doctor doesn't believe he needs one.”

If a police officer sees a car swerving, the officer will usually pull the driver over. If the driver smells of alcohol, the officer proposes a sobriety test. If the driver refuses, the driver can still be found guilty based on the appearance of drunk driving.

What evidence would be necessary to conclude without a test that President Biden has cognitive issues? Falling down? Shuffling? Slurred speech? Forgetting names? Needing notes for the simplest of engagements? The public sees all these and more. Polls show a majority say Biden is too old for a second term. It's not the age, but the condition of the mind.

Devon Archer, a former business associate of Hunter Biden's, testified last year that Hunter would occasionally put his father on speakerphone during business meetings, but that they never discussed business on the calls. Archer said the vice president was put on the phone only to help sell “the brand.”

Hunter testified before the GOP-led House Oversight and Judiciary Committees last week, and, according to Chairman James Comer, citing the committee's investigation, “Joe Biden, attended dinners, spoke on speakerphone,

*Bill Clinton's famous reply was: “It depends on what the meaning of the word ‘is’ is. If the — if he — if ‘is’ means is and never has been, that is not — that is one thing.”*

showed up to meetings, and had coffee with his son's foreign business associates.”

There was no explanation why Hunter, according to the New York Post, received a diamond reportedly worth \$80,000 and a new Porsche, or if any product or service was provided in exchange. Some critics are credibly claiming it was influence-buying.

Hunter had previously said to business associates, “I'm sitting here with my Dad.” And there were possibly incriminating texts sent to business associates while he was “high or drunk.”

Tony Bobulinski, another former business associate of Hunter Biden's, testified before the House Oversight and Judiciary Committees claiming what most people suspected, that the “big guy” who allegedly received 10 percent on every deal, was Joe Biden, but that he wasn't “involved.”

“I'm not drunk, officer, it was my tire alignment that caused the car to weave.”

This recalls another president who was good at lying, Bill Clinton claimed he did not have sex with intern Monica Lewinsky. “There is nothing going on between us,” he asserted, as reported by Slate at the time. Later and under oath, Clinton was asked before a grand jury if he was

still (currently) having sex with Lewinsky. His famous reply: “It depends on what the meaning of the word ‘is’ is. If the — if he — if ‘is’ means is and never has been, that is not — that is one thing. If it means there is none, that was a completely true statement. ... Now, if someone had asked me on that day, are you having any kind of sexual relations with Ms. Lewinsky, that is, asked me a question in the present tense, I would have said no. And it would have been completely true.”

Hairs then and now have never been split so finely.

In 1998, several Clinton defenders left a Cabinet meeting with the president and buttressed his claims of innocence. The group was led by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who said: “I believe that the allegations are completely untrue.” Commerce Secretary William Daley said, “I'll second that.” Education Secretary Dick Riley added, “I've already said that.”

The same lying, dissembling and coverup is happening again from the more than 50 intelligence officers claiming material found on Hunter's laptop was “Russian disinformation,” to Hunter's reversal of previous lies, while he apparently continues to lie about other things and some Democrats claim there is nothing there.

When it comes to Washington (the city, not George), if you never trust a politician you will never be disappointed.

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### RICH LOWRY

## The day Joe Biden blew up the border

Joe Biden was inaugurated on Jan. 20, 2021. Less than two weeks later, on Feb. 2, he issued the executive order that began the unraveling at the border in earnest.

The border crisis isn't something that happened to President Biden. It's not a product of circumstances or understandable policy mistakes made under duress. No, he sought it and created it, on principle and as a matter of urgency.

It wasn't a second-year priority or even a second-quarter-of-the-first-year priority. The new president set out in his initial days and weeks in office to destroy what Trump had built, most consequentially in the Feb. 2 executive order.

By then, mind you, there had already been significant action to loosen up on the border, including on his first day in office.

The Feb. 2 order emphasized an effort to “enhance lawful pathways for migration to this country” and revoked a slew of Trump rules, executive orders, proclamations and memoranda. The sense of it was that there is nothing that we could or should do on our own to control illegal immigration; rather, we had to fix deep-seated social, economic and political problems in Central America instead.

It called for working to get more refugees into the United States, using parole to let more migrants join family members here, enhancing access to visa programs and reviewing whether the U.S. was doing enough for migrants fleeing domestic or gang violence, among other things.

And it put on the chopping block numerous Trump poli-

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cies that had helped establish order at the border, from Trump's expansion of expedited removal, to his termination of a parole program for Central American minors, to his memorandum urging the relevant departments to work toward ending “catch and release.”

Most importantly, it targeted two of the pillars of Trump's success at the border: the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP), or so-called Remain in Mexico, and the safe-third-country agreements with the Northern Triangle countries that allowed us to divert asylum-seekers to Central American countries other than their own, where they could make asylum claims.

After a few fits and starts thanks to legal challenges, Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, indeed, ended Remain in Mexico. Although he's now attempting to portray himself to sympathetic journalists as an innocent bystander to Biden's border policy, he killed the policy knowing exactly what he was doing.

“After carefully considering the arguments, evidence and perspectives presented by those who support re-implementation of MPP, those who support terminating the program and those who have argued for continuing MPP in a modified form, I have determined that MPP should be terminated,” he said in a memo.

He acknowledged, by the way, that the policy “likely contributed to reduced migratory flows.”

For his part, Antony Blinken moved expeditiously. On Feb. 6, he announced the end of the asylum agreements.

And just like that, the carefully crafted suite of Trump policies that had given us control of the border were demolished.

It didn't require esoteric knowledge of border policy to realize how this would play out. During the transition, Trump officials warned of a catastrophe if Biden followed through on his promises, and in April 2021, The Washington Post ran a piece headlined “At the border, a widely predicted crisis that caught Biden off guard.”

Now, the Feb. 2 memo feels almost like an artifact from another era, as the open-borders orthodoxy begins to show cracks. The White House sent Biden to visit the border, considering measures to try to curtail illegal immigration and calling on sanctuary cities to cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, while New York City Mayor Eric Adams criticizes aspects of his city's sanctuary regime.

The executive order, though, is a stark reminder that the current chaos was the product of deliberate policy. It's all there in black and white, a prelude to a disaster that has roiled the country and could well play an outside role in Joe Biden losing the presidency.

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### LETTERS

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### BIBLE SELECTION

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

— **Joshua 1:9 (ESV)**

# Of Local Interest

## ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS PROGRAM

Neshoba County Extension will be hosting an Alzheimer's Awareness Program on March 14th at 10 a.m. in the Multipurpose room located in the Neshoba County Coliseum. This program will be beneficial to caregivers, older adults, or caretakers of their elderly family members. This program will be free to attend. Mr. Jimmy Henderson, an Alzheimer's Foundation

member, will be presenting on the "10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's". Please call the Neshoba County Extension Office at 601-656-4011 if you have any questions. Please RSVP by March 7th!

## JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

On Sunday, March 24th, Jehovah's Witnesses will host the annual commemoration of Jesus' death. This date is considered the most important day of

the year for Jehovah's Witnesses, and is observed annually on Nisan 14 of the Jewish calendar in adherence to Jesus' statement found in Luke 22:19, "Keep doing this in remembrance of me," according to a church release.

## KEMPER FORESTRY

Kemper Co. Forestry Assn.'s 2024 Spring Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024 in the MSU Extension

Office / Ruby Rankin Farmer's Market Building located at 587 Old Scooba Rd. DeKalb, MS. Representatives from the MDWFP will present a program: Planting Wildlife Food Plots. Representatives from the NRCS will present a program: NRCS Programs Update for 2024. If you plan to attend, Please give us a call at 601-743-2837 by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2024 to reserve your seat.

## SPRING REVIVAL

Center Hill Baptist Church at 11291 Highway 486 in Philadelphia will hold our Spring Revival beginning Sunday, March 15th through Wednesday March 18th. Pastor Rusty Walton will be the guest speaker. Services will be Sunday at 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM. A meal will be served in the fellowship hall after the Wednesday night service.

day night service.

## SPRING REVIVAL

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church invites you to join us for our Spring Revival, April 1 - April 3, 2024 7:00PM Nightly. Guest Speaker is Pastor Cornelius McDonald. 3216 Mt. Nebo Road, Lisman, AL 36912. 205-398-3090

## COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 2/26-3/4

- Brandon Anderson, 36, of 186 McDill Rd, Conehatta; indictment
- Dawaskai Lsha Anderson, 44, of 816 Chestnut St; hold circuit court
- Talyn Beamon, 22, of 1066 Frog Level Lane Apt 176; failure to appear, driving under the influence - 1st offense
- Emmanuel Boyd, 21, of 720 Hopacu Rd, Carthage; drive-by shooting X2, possession of a stolen firearm
- Kirstin Brooke Burrage, 38, of 10231 739; contempt of court
- Sarah Burrage, 34, of 101710 Rd 365; hold for other agency
- Carl Western Cleveland, 49, of 2859 Stratton Rd, Union; contempt of court
- Alexandra H Cotton, 30, of

- 118 Tiak Chitto Cir; failure to appear, possession of paraphernalia
- Jariel Cotton, 19, of 224 Indian Road; hold circuit court
- Mikkolette M Dan, 27, of 115 Rolling Hills Cir; contempt of court
- Sharyn Denson, 45, of 507 West Tucker Cir; contempt of court
- Christopher Lee Donald, 38, of 11571 Hwy 16 E; failure to appear, contempt of court
- Dennis R Earl Jr, 47, of 1300 39th Ave A, Meridian; driving under the influence-1st offense
- Alexis Farmer, 23, of 482 Conehatta Lake Rd; failure to appear
- Jessica Ferguson, 40, of 11850 Rd 485; contempt of court
- Jordan Ellis Goss, 26, of 10231 Rd 739; contempt of

- court
- Nicholas Green, 20, of 304 Cherry Ave; hold circuit court
- Delvin Houston, 42, of 201 Sonny Jones Rd; sale of controlled substance
- Steven Ingram, 48, of 723 Rural Dempsey Rd; Louisville; failure to appear
- Ukisha Lashay Jerningham, 43, of 10083 Rd 145; driving under the influence-3rd offense-felony, reckless driving, no insurance
- Tyler R Latimer, 33, of 204 Robinhood Cir; failure to appear, contempt of court
- Carl William Majure, 37, of 10211 Rd 125; public drunk
- Arius Martin, 34, of 13800 Hwy 491 N; failure to appear, contempt of court
- Terrell McCoy, 45, of 11121 Rd 387; driving under the influence-1st offense

- Moses McLaurin, 42, of 99 Craft St, Morton; hold circuit court
- Jullian McMillan, 37, of 10091 Rd 765; driving under the influence-1st offense
- Shandrea Tawonia Moore, 27, of 10571 Rd 1361; contempt of court
- Tellas Moore, 49, of 10321 Rd 369; hold for other agency
- Joey Morgan, 38, of 1130 Calhoun Rd, Louisville; failure to appear X2, sale of controlled substance
- Tayler Chase Morris, 22, of 13580 Hwy 491 N; failure to appear
- Edward Pullin, 46, of 11620 Rd 127, Union; hold circuit court
- Joshua Lewis Quintana, 33, of 15600 Hwy 15 N; hold circuit court
- Marlin Randle, 43, of 904 Church Ave, Meridian; failure to

- appear
- Thomas Reed, 40, of 1127 E Oak St, Forest; driving under the influence-3rd offense-felony
- Enoch Scott, 48, of 5782 New Hope Rd, DeKalb; hold for other agency
- Rhonda Smith, 40, of 10261 Rd 369; no charges listed
- Adam Carl Stokes, 48, of 11581 Rd 452; possession of controlled substance
- Branden Sweeney, 29, of 127 Blue Tick Dr, Mendenhall; hold circuit court
- Dyrana Thomas, 58, of 1558 Mills Rd, Conehatta; suspended driver's license, no insurance, seat belt violation
- Thea Marie Thomas, 30, of 977 Mills Rd, Conehatta; failure to appear, driving under the influence-1st offense
- Valerie Thompson, 47, of 206 Homer Ave; contempt of

- court, possession of controlled substance, indictment
- Jeremy Triplett, 28, of 127 Piney Woods Dr, Louisville; possession of marijuana-vehicle, possession of paraphernalia, no driver's license, careless driving, no insurance
- Chadwich Tsosie, 44, of 840 W Tucker Cir; contempt of court
- Matthew Tubby, 42, of 150 Pine Ridge Rd; possession of paraphernalia
- Curis Williamson, 40, of 3064 Hugh Mitchell Rd; contempt of court, failure to appear
- Jerithan Willis, 41, of 145 York Rd; driving under the influence other substance, possession of paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance X2

## OBITUARIES

### Brenda Faye Craig

Graveside service for Ms. Brenda Faye Craig will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 11 A.M. from Friendship Gholsen Baptist Church Cemetery, with Pastor James Baylor officiating. Beck Funeral Home, Inc is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Craig, 75, of Preston, passed away on Friday, March 1, 2024 at her residence.

She is survived by one daughter, Monica Craig of Preston, MS, three brothers, Jeffery Kennedy, Bruce Brooks and John Brown, four sisters, Ramona Brooks, Debbie Edwards, Cassandra Batson and Frances Hemphill, and one grandchild.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

### Anterrio Madison

Funeral service for Mr. Anterrio Kevonte Madison will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 2 P.M. from the chapel of Beck Funeral Home, with Rev. Henry Rush officiating. Burial will be at Anderson Jackson Sr. Memorial Cemetery in Preston. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Madison, 21, of Dekalb, passed away on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at John C. Stennis Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by his parents, Debra Madison and Tony Harrington, five sisters, NaTasha Harrington, LaShanti and Lanetria Harrington, Shelliana and Nashyla Harrington

Pallbearers are Jamarlo Smith, Tyler Latimer, Leroy Friloux, Kaden Seales, James Rush and Reginald Johnson.

### Delvechio Coburn, Jr.

Memorial service for Master Delvechio Ronrico Coburn, Jr. will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2023, at 2 P.M. from Jerusalem Temple Church, with Bishop Stan Jones officiating. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

Master Coburn, 5, of Philadelphia, passed away on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at his residence.

He is survived by his his parents, Delvechio R. Coburn, Sr. and Kristal M. White both of Philadelphia, MS, one brother, Torrence Coburn of Noxapater, MS, six sisters, Jocelynn Coburn, Shakeia Coburn, Diamond Bum-bry, Gabrielle Segeras, Madison White and Dakota White.

### Rebecca Talley

Graveside service for Mrs. Rebecca "Sally" Griffin Talley was held on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 2 P.M. from Greater Rose Hill M.B. Church Cemetery in Union. Beck Funeral Home,

Inc was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Talley, 64, of Philadelphia, passed away on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at MS Baptist Medical Center in Jackson.

She is survived by her husband, John Talley of Philadelphia, MS, three children, Timothy Griffin, Tracey Talley and Johnna Talley all of Philadelphia, MS, 14 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jaylon Talley, Demestric Talley, Treyjon Talley, Treshon Griffin, Charles Jordan, Michael Rush and Carlos Boyd.

### Barbara Cumberland Thrash

Funeral services for Ms. Barbara Cumberland Thrash were held at 3 PM Sunday, March 3, 2024 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Dwight Faulkenberry, Rev. John E. Stephens officiating. Interment was in Ocobla Baptist Cemetery.

Ms. Thrash, 84, passed away Thursday, February 29, 2024 at her home in Philadelphia, MS. She lived most of her life in the Bloomo Community where she was a cattle, poultry, and tree farmer. She was a member of Ocobla Baptist Church where she was a Sunday School Teacher and VBS Director for many years. Her hobbies were spending time with family and attending church.

Preceded in death by husband, Jessie Leonard Thrash; parents, D. H. Cumberland, Luna Burton Cumberland; sister, Mazell Hall; brothers, Glynn Cumberland, Infant Ross Cumberland, Darth Cumberland.

Survivors, daughters, Hedda Stewart (Stan), Lisa Alford (Mike); sons, Randy Thrash (Patty), Jimmy D. Thrash; brother, Robert Cumberland (Maria); (8) grandchildren; (8) great-grandchildren.

### Willene Nunn Hardy

Funeral services for Mrs. Willene Nunn Hardy will be held 10 AM Saturday, March 9, 2024, at John E. Stephens Chapel with interment in Liberty United

Methodist Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 9 AM - 10 AM Saturday, March 9, 2024, at John E. Stephens Chapel.

Willene Hardy (née Nunn) was born October 1, 1940 in Philadelphia, MS. She passed away peacefully in her Buffalo, NY home on Saturday, March 2, 2024. She is the daughter of the late David and Pauline Nunn.

She is the beloved wife for almost 64 years to Willie D. Hardy. Devoted mother of Donette, Deborah, Timothy, Kelvin, Judy, and the late Wanda. Loving grandmother of Julian, Nina, Ashley, Julie, Jameel, Tia, Jonviér, Stephanie, John III, Jevon and great-grandmother of Juliana, Nicholas, Julian Jr, and the late Jazlene. Cherished sister of Wilbert, Roger, Alice, and the late David and James.

### Cheryl Cotton McMillan

Funeral services for Ms. Cheryl Cotton McMillan will be held at 2 PM Thursday, March 7, 2024 at Bogue Chitto CERF Building with interment in Simon Isaac Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10 AM Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at the Bogue Chitto CERF Building. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. McMillan, 46, passed away on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at Regency Hospital in Meridian, MS. She was a member of Bogue Chitto Baptist Church. Her hobbies included beadwork, spending time with grandkids and going to the casino.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Billy Gene Cotton Jr., Marilyn Jim Cotton; step-dad, Cillo Cotton, Sr.; sisters, Jacqueline Wilson Clay, Shelia Matterna, Catina Cotton; brothers, Ken Frazier, Sr., Rarron Frazier, Errol Bell.

Survivors include daughter, Alexandria Martin; sons, Dallas John Steve, III, Tristen Jace Steve, Colin Dean Martin; sisters, Solvia Cotton, Antonia Steve; brothers, Luppie Cotton, Garrison Joe; 3 grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Jaylon Jackson, Tommy Willis, Hector Willis, Angel Willis, Evan Bell, Seth Allen, Franklin Hickman, Bobby McMillan, Shane Steve; honorary pallbearers will be Jedi-

ah Jackson and Kaivden Bell.

### Garry "Sebo" Sullivan

Funeral services for Garry "Sebo" Sullivan were held Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. from Faith Tabernacle Church 321 Williamson Ave. Philadelphia, MS. with Bro. Wesley Lovern and Bro. Chris Gully officiating. Burial followed in Coy Assembly Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Sullivan, 72, of DeKalb, MS passed away on February 27, 2024.

Garry attended Lynville School for his primary education and DeKalb High School for his high school years and he worked for Weyerhaeuser for 18 years before becoming the owner and operator of S & S Thinning. Mr. Sullivan was a member of Faith Tabernacle Church.

Survivors include his wife, Judi Sullivan; daughters, Dana Brantley (Ron), and Amy Dennison; son, Drew Sullivan (Kelly); five grandchildren; sisters, Sandra Wilson (Wayne); and two nieces.

Mr. Sullivan was preceded in death by mother Eunice Dean Sullivan; father James David Sullivan; and sister Patsy Duer.

### Pamela Coats Cunningham

Graveside services for Pamela Coats Cunningham were held Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. from Golden Grove Cemetery with President Justin Pfeifer officiating. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



PAMELA COATS CUNNINGHAM GRAVESIDE SERVICE MARCH 2 GOLDEN GROVE CEMETERY

GARRY "SEBO" SULLIVAN SERVICES MARCH 2 FAITH TABERNACLE CHURCH COY ASSEMBLY OF GOD CEMETERY



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MS. BARBARA CUMBERLAND THRASH 3 PM SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 JOHN E. STEPHENS CHAPEL OCOBLA BAPTIST CEMETERY

MS. CHERYL COTTON MCMILLAN 2 PM THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024 BOGUE CHITTO CERF BUILDING SIMON ISAAC CEMETERY

MRS. WILLENE NUNN HARDY 10 AM SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024 JOHN E. STEPHENS CHAPEL LIBERTY UNITED METHODIST CEMETERY

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grandchildren, Kerri (Curtis) Nance Utroska, Dusty (Nicole) Nance, Cole Nance, and Anna Scott Nance; and great grandchildren, Landon, Grant and Caroline Utroska and Nolan and Emery Jane Nance; niece, Meredith Perry (Nic) Massey and nephew Jason (Ashley) Perry; great-niece Alli Grace Perry and great-nephew Brayden Massey, and a host of cousins and multitude of friends.

Jenny was born on March 10, 1944, in Neshoba County where she spent her childhood growing up at Ford Brothers Store. She attended elementary school at East Neshoba, and she graduated from Philadelphia High School in 1962. She graduated from East Central Community College in 1964. She moved to Jackson a few years later and worked for Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company in Policy Service for over 30 years. Upon retirement, she worked at College Cleaners part time, where she loved visiting with her customers. Visitation was held on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at First United Methodist Church, Clinton, MS.

## Beck

### Funeral Homes & Cremation Services

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## Public Notices

### LEGAL NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

This ordinance modifies the days of operation to include Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

This ordinance can be viewed in its entirety in the City Clerks office located at City Hall, 525 Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi.

ORDINANCE APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 20th day of February 2024. The above and foregoing Ordinance was first reduced to writing and offered by Alderman Justin Clearman, who moved for its adoption, which was seconded by Alderman Shaun Seales. Said Ordinance was adopted by the Board of Alderman with the following vote:

Justin Clearman Aye  
Shaun Seales Aye  
James Tatum Aye  
Jim Fulton Nay  
James Waltman Nay

The Mayor declared the motion so carried and this Ordinance ordained and adopted on this the 20th day of February 2024.

TITLE OF ABANDONMENT  
SCOTTY'S RECYCLING, LLC  
13070 HIGHWAY 19 NORTH  
PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350

MAKE: 2008 ALUM/SILVER FORD TAURUS X  
VIN: 1FMDK02WX8GA22700  
PLACE OF SALE: SCOTTY'S RECYCLING, LLC  
SALE DATE: 3-20-24 @ 8:00 AM  
OWNED BY: AHINNA JIM  
ADDRESS: 200 FANI LAKNA CIR PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350-2371  
LEIN HOLDER: COMMERCIAL BANK  
ADDRESS: 1101 22ND AVE STE 300 MERIDIAN, MS 39301-4000

City of Philadelphia 2024 Paving Project

The City of Philadelphia will be accepting sealed bids for various streets to be overlaid within the City limits. Bids accepted until March 19th 12pm at City Hall, 525 Main Street, Philadelphia, MS. Spec sheets available at City Hall, 601-656-3612 or Street Department 601-656-1781.

TITLE OF ABANDONMENT  
SCOTTY'S RECYCLING, LLC  
13070 HIGHWAY 19 NORTH  
PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350

MAKE:2008 CHEVROLET UPLANDER WHITE  
VIN:1GNDV23148D208655  
PLACE OF SALE: SCOTTY'S RECYCLING, LLC  
SALE DATE: 3-20-24 @ 8:00 AM  
OWNED BY: JAMES DAWSON  
ADDRESS: 1316 6TH STREET MERIDIAN, MS 39301-4305  
LEIN HOLDER: NONE

### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL KENT PINKARD, DECEASED NO. 2016-160 JK

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 11th day of May 2016 by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for Probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred pursuant to Miss. Code. Ann 91-7-151. This the 28th day of February 2024.

/s/ Jeff Arnold  
Jeff Arnold, Esq.

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### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA ANN MARSH, DECEASED  
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 23-358-JK

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration upon the estate of the above named Martha Ann Marsh, Deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 14th day of February, 2024 by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, Civil Action File No. 23-358-JK on the Chancery Docket, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have said claims probated and registered by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. EXECUTED THIS, the 14th day of February, 2024.

/s/James Kevin Marsh

JAMES KEVIN MARSH, ADMINISTRATOR

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### SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

## Public Notices

### COUNTY OF Neshoba

WHEREAS, on the 22nd day of June, 2021, VeRonica Vanita Holmes an unmarried person, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Robert Thomas, Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia-Philadelphia, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi in Deed of Trust Book 2021 at Page 5323; and

WHEREAS, on the 20th day of October, 2023, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as beneficiary, as nominee for The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia-Philadelphia, assigned said Deed of Trust unto Renasant Bank, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2023 at Page 7191; and

WHEREAS, on the 16th day of February, 2024 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 2024 at Page 1147; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 27th day of March, 2024 3., 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 Neshoba County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Lots 1 and 4, Block 4, Williams-Welsh Addition to the City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi.

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

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 29th day of February, 2024.

Dean Morris, LLC  
Substitute Trustee  
855 S Pear Orchard Rd., Ste. 404, Bldg. 400  
Ridgeland, MS 39157  
(318) 330-9020

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TITLE OF ABANDONMENT  
SCOTTY'S RECYCLING, LLC  
13070 HIGHWAY 19 NORTH  
PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350

MAKE: 2017 WHITE FORD EXPLORER  
VIN: 1FM5K7DH6HGA73073  
PLACE OF SALE: SCOTTY'S RECYCLING, LLC  
SALE DATE: 3-20-24 @ 8:00 AM  
OWNED BY: KAYDEE MAYO  
ADDRESS: 10100 ROAD 2804 PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350-3940  
LEIN HOLDER: CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORP  
ADDRESS: PO BOX 513 SOUTHFIELD MI 48037-0513

### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLARA ANNETTE FULTON JOHNSON, DECEASED  
CIVIL ACTION NO.:2024-3-JK

GARY A. FULTON SR.  
ADMINISTRATOR

### 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 Clara Annette Fulton Johnson, deceased.**

You have been made a Respondent in the Motion to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Gary Fulton Petitioner, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-at-law of Clara Annette Fulton Johnson, deceased, as fully set out in the Motion on file in the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Motion to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 18th day of April, 2024, in the courtroom of Neshoba County in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 23rd day of February, 2024.

Gidget Stovall Tate, Chancery Court Clerk  
Neshoba County, Mississippi

BY: /s/ Kathy Greer  
D. C.  
Douglas J. Graham  
Settlemyres & Graham  
410 East Beacon Street  
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601-656-9597  
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### IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

## Public Notices

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF

LARIN THOMAS, DECEASED  
CAUSE NO. 2023-588  
GABRIEL SCOTT THOMAS  
ADMINISTRATOR

### 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 Larin Thomas, deceased.**

You have been made a Respondent in the Motion to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Gabriel Scott Thomas, Administrator, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-at-law of Larin Thomas deceased, as fully set out in the Motion on file in the Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Motion to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 15th day of May, 2024, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Court in the Smith John Justice Complex located on the Pearl River Reservation, Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 21st day of February, 2024.

/s/ Kenyetta Barojas  
TRIBAL COURT CLERK

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### CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KEVIN DAVID BRISCOE, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2023-1087206

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 13th day of February, 2024, by the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned upon the Estate of Kevin David Briscoe, 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 February, 2024.

/s/ Robert Briscoe  
Robert Briscoe, Administrator of the Estate of Kevin David Briscoe, 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

### CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALVIN WILLIAMS, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2024-0000034

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 20th day of February, 2024, by the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned upon the Estate of Alvin Williams, 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 20th day of February, 2024,**

/s/ Renata Willis  
Renata Willis, Administrator of the Estate of Alvin Williams, deceased

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

**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE** WHEREAS, on April 8, 2023, Maxine York, Surviving joint Tenant executed a deed of trust for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Mr. Cooper, its successors and assigns, which deed of trust was recorded on April 17, 2023, in Book 2023, Page 2361 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and Said Deed of Trust was last sold,

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assigned and transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment recorded Book 2023, Page 7270 in the office of the Chancery Clerk, Neshoba County, Mississippi. WHEREAS, the holder of the deed of trust at the time of the substitution substituted McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC as Trustee, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded on February 1, 2024, and spread at large upon the records in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2024, Page 664, prior to the posting and publication of this notice; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of the deed of trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, Nationstar Mortgage LLC has requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land, property and improvements in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustee's fees and expenses of sale; THEREFORE, on March 13, 2024, the undersigned Substitute Trustee in the deed of trust, will offer for sale at public outcry and sell to the highest bidder for cash, within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the North door of the Neshoba County Courthouse in Philadelphia, Mississippi, the following described land, property and improvements lying and being situate in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to-wit: All that certain lot, piece or parcel of ground situate, lying and being in the County of Neshoba, State of Mississippi and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the NW Corner of NW1/4 of SW1/4, Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi; and run thence East to the East right of way line of the public road; thence run South along the East right of way line of said public road for a distance of 114 feet to and for the point of beginning; said point of beginning being the SW Corner of a 1 acre parcel previously deeded to Grantees herein by Deed recorded in Book A-116 at Page 75; from said point of beginning run thence South along the East right of way line of the public road for a distance of 105 feet; thence run East for a distance of 210 feet; thence run North for a distance of 105 Feet or to the SE Corner of the lot previously conveyed to Grantees herein; thence run West for a distance of 210 feet to the point of beginning being a parcel of land containing one-half acre situated in the NW1/4 of SW1/4 of Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Being that parcel of land conveyed to James York and Maxine York, WIFE, Joint Tenants with Right of Survivorship from Bernice Withers and Ursula B. Withers, WIFE by that deed dated 06/23/1989 and recorded 06/23/1989 in Book A-180, Page 236, of the Neshoba County, MS public registry. According to the public records, there has been no conveyance of the land within a period of twenty-four months prior to the date of this report, except as follows: None Parcel ID(s):0610 0-35-017.001 I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in the Substitute Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 9th day of February, 2024 /s-/ Robert M. Peebles, III McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Substitute Trustee 1022 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 304 Ridgeland, MS 39157-2049 (662) 388-5464 Foreclosurehotline.net File No.: 23-02579MS

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Willie Jackson, Co-Owner

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, March 8, 2024, 10:00 am, Northside Storage, LLC, Co-Owned by Willie Jackson, located on 1350 Pecan Avenue, Philadelphia, Mississippi, the undersigned, Northside Storage will sell at public sale by competitive bidding the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by Northside Storage having the right to reject any and all bids.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 13th day of February, 2024.

/s/Kenyetta Barojas  
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MAKE: 1999 BLACK DODGE 150  
VIN: 1B7HC16Y7XS139022  
PLACE OF SALE: SCOTTY'S RECYCLING, LLC  
SALE DATE: 3-20-24 @ 8:00 AM  
OWNED BY: GARY A KELLY  
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LEIN HOLDER: NONE

### IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLENE YORK, DECEASED CAUSE NO.2023-1086955 ROWENA YORK PETITIONER

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary having been granted on the 6th day of February, 2024, by the Court Clerk of the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to the undersigned upon Charlene York, 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/ Rowena York  
ROWENA YORK,  
ADMINISTRATRIX

Prepared By:  
STEVEN D. SETTLEMIRE  
ATTORNEY FOR ADMINISTRATRIX  
Settlemyres & Graham, PLLC  
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TITLE OF ABANDONMENT  
SCOTTY'S RECYCLING, LLC  
13070 HIGHWAY 19 NORTH  
PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350

MAKE: 2019 BLACK FORD FUSION  
VIN: 3FA6P0D95KR137880  
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### IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

THE ESTATE OF FREEMAN BEN BY AND THROUGH THE EXECUTOR PLAINTIFF  
JIMMY L. BEN

VS. CAUSE  
OF ACTION:2023-1087252

JOHN DOE AND JANE DOES 1-20 AS THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JARED JAY JIM OR THE ESTATE OF JARED JAY JIM DEFENDANT

### 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 Jared Jay Jim, deceased.**

You have been made a Respondent in the Motion to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Jimmy Ben, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-at-law of Jared Jay Jim, deceased, as fully set out in the Motion on file in the Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Motion to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 16 TH day of April, 2024, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Court in the Smith John Justice Complex located on the Pearl River Reservation, Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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### 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 Thelma Barnes, deceased, Daisy Ann Jim, deceased, Barry Davis Jim, Sr., deceased, Waggoner Jim, deceased, Odean Bell Nickey, deceased, Anna Dixon Farmer, deceased, Emmette Dixon, deceased, Harold Jefferson, deceased and Harry Dixon, deceased.**

You have been made a Respondent in the Motion to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Jimmy Ben, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-at-law of Jared Jay Jim, deceased, as

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fully set out in the Motion on file in the Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

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POS: Boyd Automotive  
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1997 BMW 528  
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VIN:WDBUF70JX6A948814  
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2017 Buick Verano  
Vin:1G4PR55K9H4106575  
Owner: Sienna Willis  
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# Local career-tech students visit State Capitol

By STAFF REPORTS  
news@neshobademocrat.com

Philadelphia Neshoba County Career and Technical Center law and public safety second-year students visited the state Capitol on Feb. 16.

The students learned about government and its functions at the local, state, and federal levels. Additionally, students learned about the different branches of the military and the various career fields possible in the military.

Mostly, students spent their time focusing on the differing service opportunities that exist at the local, state, and federal levels.

Students learned about fire and medical services, they learned about first aid and response to emergencies, and they learned a great deal about local, state, and federal law enforcement.

Students in the course were taught how government works and on Friday, they were given a front-row seat to see how state government functions.

Students met with State Rep. Scott Bounds of Philadelphia and Supreme Court Justice Kenny Griffis, toured the Capitol and the Governor's Mansion, and met with Attorney General Lynn Fitch.

Students got to meet, speak, and ask questions of some of the most influential members of state government.

The class would like to thank all of those who took the time to meet with them, some of whom are likely to be our next state and local leaders.



Pictured are, from left, Former LPS student Ty Martin, LPS Instructor Brade Edmondson, Former LPS instructor Delana Waddell, Cianna Phillips, Lucy Spivey, Eriane Dan, Victoria Clements, PNCCTC Director Lacie Flake, and State Representative Scott Bounds.

# Alex appointed to Veterans Advisory Committee

By STAFF REPORTS  
news@neshobademocrat.com

U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sergeant (Ret.) Ricky Alex was recently appointed to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs for a two-year term. Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben nominated Mr. Alex to be the representative for the Indian Health Service (IHS) Nashville Service Area. The Committee is composed of

15 voting members - one member from each of the 12 IHS Service Areas, one from the Native Hawaiian Veteran Community, one from an Urban Indian Organization, and an at-large member.



Ricky Alex

"I am pleased that our nominee Ricky Alex was appointed to the VA Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs," said Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben.

"Mr. Alex is a man of great integrity and commitment and has served his country admirably as a proud member of the U.S. Air Force. I am confident that he will be an outstanding advocate for the issues and needs facing our Native Veterans throughout the IHS Nashville Service Area."

The Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs was established in accordance with section 7002 of Public Law 116-315 (H.R.7105 - Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020). In accordance with Public Law 116-315, the Committee provides advice and guidance to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on all matters relating to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, Native Hawaiian organizations and Native American Veterans. The Committee serves in an advisory capacity and advises the Secretary on ways the Department can improve the programs and services of the Department to better serve Native American Veterans. Committee members make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.



## Refuge Roundup

Volunteers and participants enjoying The Refuge of MS special needs ministry's second annual Refuge Roundup event at the Coliseum on Friday. Participants were able to experience the joy of riding a horse, a petting zoo, the children's museum, arts and crafts, roping, and more.



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TUESDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

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**Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton**

**Soldiers of Christ arise!**

In Isaiah chapter 1, the Lord laments that his people do not know him and seek him: “The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master’s crib, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand.” The vision of the exalted Christ in Revelation 1:14-16 is meant to remind Christians to have a view of this present world from above where Christ is and not forget their Master.

The book of Revelation is given in the context of tribulation on earth. In verse 9, John calls himself a “brother and partner in the tribulation.” Christians must struggle to be faithful in tribulation and temptation. J. C. Ryle said: “Where there is grace there is conflict. The believer is a soldier of Christ. There is no holiness without warfare. Saved souls will always be found to have fought a fight.”

The reality of the glory of Christ strengthens and encourages Christians in this fight. The attributes of Christ do not change no matter what the Christian endures in this world. In the vision, John sees one like a son of man, and the “hairs of his head were white like white wool, like snow” (verse 14).

In Daniel 7, there is a similar description of “the Ancient of Days.” John is seeing a vision of Christ’s divine nature. The whiteness of his hair means that he is the Holy One. He frowns upon the sinful nature of man and smiles upon the restoration the grace of God brings.

Next, John says that “his eyes were like a flame of fire.” Christ has holy, penetrating vision. This points to his omniscience, that he knows and sees all things. Christ judges according to what he sees, and what he sees is how things really are. If he wasn’t omniscient, how could he judge the world? This is bad news for those who ignore or mock him, but good news for his followers. He knows the struggles and sins we are going through.

Also, “his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace.” In Daniel 2, the mighty kingdoms of men are inevitably replaced. Even Rome, with iron feet to crush other nations, has clay mixed with the iron, pointing to an inevitable crumbling. Not so with Christ’s kingdom. The image of his feet reflects power, stability, and longevity. His kingdom is forever.

His voice is “like the roar of many waters.” If you have ever been close to a large waterfall, you know the sound of many waters. It conveys great power. The voice of the Lord is loud in creation in the sense that it conveys that God is great and worthy to be feared. His voice is louder in redemption. Harken unto my voice, come unto me is the command of Christ. It is a gracious command because in him is eternal life. To reject him, though, is the way to condemnation.

We tend to turn the volume down on the word of God. It is in our nature to resist God. Here the one who speaks is described in such a way that we understand how deliberate it must be for a soul to refuse Christ. On the other hand, if you follow what he says, if you submit to his voice, you will be wise and blessed no matter how difficult the path may be.

“In his right hand he held 7 stars.” The right hand means the power of God. The 7 stars we learn in verse 20 are symbolic of angelic aid to the church. Christ is Lord of all. He has all the heavenly host of angels at his command. When you are discouraged or weary in your journey with Christ, remember that he holds in his hand the 7 stars. No one can snatch you out of his hand.

“From his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword.” In Isaiah 11 and Revelation 19, this means judgment on the nations of men. In Hebrews 4 it is a warning to Christians who might be wavering in their faith. He is able to “discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” We cannot forget our accountability to Christ. To leave him is to forsake all hope.

“His face was shining like the sun in full strength.” If Christ’s face is against you, there is no place to hide. If such a face has favor toward you, who can stand against you? Christians may know great sorrow and pain in this world, but it is momentary. The glory of Christ is shining above.

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# Gilmer loves cooking Southern food

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**M**elinda Gilmer honed her Southern cooking skills under the guidance of her mother, Marvis Smith.

"I have a large family, and my mom always cooked for everyone when we would all get together," she said. "I was usually the one in the kitchen helping her, and after she passed in 2013, I took over most of the cooking at our family gatherings."

At the family's farm in Kemper County, Gilmer hosts an annual crawfish boil, which has become a tradition close to her heart.

"I have always loved crawfish, and a few years ago I finally mastered my crawfish recipe. My second batch is always better," she exclaimed.

Beyond the kitchen, Gilmer is co-owner of Myxers Wine and Spirits in town. She has been married 15 years to Kerry Gilmer, a retired U.S. Army veteran, and is a proud mother of three, Alex Smith Harrison, Walker Smith, and Lauren Gilmer.

While her go-to dish is corned beef and cabbage, which is adored by her husband and eldest daughter, Gilmer also caters to her younger children's preferences.

"My younger two children love my spaghetti and meatballs, and when the whole family gets together, their favorite is my homemade stew," she said.

For Gilmer, the joy of cooking extends beyond the act itself. Seeing others enjoy her food is what makes her time in the kitchen so rewarding.

"One of my fondest memories is cooking breakfast with my mom and watching her make her homemade biscuits," Gilmer said. "It's something that I can't seem to master no matter how hard I try."

Fortunately for her daughter Alex, she mastered her mother's tomato gravy, a cherished recipe that has now passed down through generations.

A few years ago, Gilmer's sister, Wendy Moore, and her sister's best friend, Wendy Wilkins, bought a Fair cabin next door to hers. They have since joined the back porches together, making a seamless transition from kitchen to kitchen.

"With so many friends and family there, we all take turns cooking, and we usually do the menu a few weeks before the Fair begins," she said.

Sunday meals with fresh vegetables, cornbread, and a quality meat mark Gilmer's favorite Fair night, along with Thursday steak nights.

"A friend of the family cooks two whole ribeyes every year. It's delicious," she said.

Gilmer said her kitchen staples that she absolutely can't cook without include butter, garlic, salt, a cast-iron skillet, and a sharp knife.

"The more butter, the better, and you also can't forget the bacon grease," she said. "I have always considered myself a Southern cook, and I do not



Melinda Gilmer

measure ingredients. If you cook with love, it will show in your food."

## CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE

**2 corned beef brisket**  
**4 cans of beer**  
**4oz liquid crab boil**  
Add everything above in a baking pan, along with the seasoning packets that is in with the corned beef. Bake at 325 for 4 hours.

**For the potatoes & cabbage:**

**1 cabbage**  
**Bacon grease**  
Put cabbage on to boil, add bacon grease and salt to taste. When it is finished cooking, drain, and sit to the side.

**For the potatoes:**  
**5lb bag russet potatoes**  
**2 sticks butter**  
**Mayonnaise**  
**3/4 cup heavy cream**

**In separate boiler, Dice 5lbs russet potatoes, add salt and boil until tender. (Do not**

## COOK OF THE WEEK

overcook) When potatoes are ready, drain, then add pepper, 2 sticks of butter, heaping tbs. of mayo, 3/4 cup of heavy cream. Mix for 30 seconds. (its ok if it is a little lumpy). Now add cabbage in with the mashed potatoes and mix well. Trust me! it's delicious.

**For the mustard sauce: (You will use this to drizzle this over your plate of food)**

Use a small nonstick boiler and wire whisk  
**3 tbs. butter**  
**3 tbs. of self-rising flour**  
Cook for one minute then add  
**1 cup of juice from the corned beef pan**  
**1 cup of heavy cream**  
**2 tsp ground mustard**  
**1tbs of horseradish**

**Cook for 3 to 5 minutes. If the sauce is to thick, add more heavy cream.**

**SAUSAGE JALAPENO CHEESE BREAD**  
(credit to Alex Smith Harrison)

**2 cans butter biscuits**  
**1 can crescent rolls**  
**2 jalapenos (diced)**  
**1 8oz pack shredded cheese**  
**1 stick of butter**  
**1/2 cup chopped green onions**  
**2tbs minced garlic**

Brown sausage, drain, add in garlic and jalapenos. Fold in rolls and biscuits together. After sausage mix is cool, add in onions and cheese. Melt butter in a bowl. Make individual balls, dip each ball in

the butter, stack in deep baking dish. Pour remaining butter over the top. Cover and bake until ready. 30 to 45 minutes

**CREAM CHEESE PEACH COBBLER**  
**1 large can of sliced peaches, drained**  
**1 stick of butter**  
**3/4 cup sugar**  
**1 8oz cream cheese**  
**1 cup flour (self-rising)**  
**Milk**

Pour peaches in greased 8x8 deep glass dish, cut each slice in to 3 pieces, melt butter in bowl, add 3/4 c sugar, stir, then pour over peaches. Take softened cream cheese and spoon over the top, then stir

again.  
In a separate bowl, add a cup of flour, 3/4 cup of sugar and enough milk to make the consistency a little thinner than pancake batter would be. Then pour over top. (Its ok if the batter goes to the bottom of the dish, it will rise while cooking). Now bake at 350 for 40 to 55 minutes uncovered until the top is nice and brown.

■ Know someone who should be featured as Cook of the Week? Nominate them by emailing the Democrat at [jace@neshobademocrat.com](mailto:jace@neshobademocrat.com).

## Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS  
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Mississippi State University-Meridian held the Class of 2025 White Coat Ceremony for the Physician Assistant Studies Program students on Feb. 29 at the Riley Center in Meridian.

Among those students receiving a white coat was Matthew Kitrell of Philadelphia who will do clinical rotations during his last year. He currently resides in Meridian. Congratulations!

The Neshoba Central Middle School math teachers have been recognized by the Program of Research and Evaluation for Public Schools (PREPS) for outstanding growth for the 2023 school year. Congratulations!

The Mississippi University for Women held its annual Scholars Luncheon on the campus honoring seniors who were awarded scholarships to the university for the upcoming year. One of those Class of 2024 seniors was Kaylee Blair who attends Neshoba Central High School. She was accompanied by her very proud mother, Kristen Blair. Her equally proud father, Scott Blair, was unable to attend. Congratulations!

Welcome home, Baby Ellis

Skinner! Ellis came home to sleep in his own little crib in his own nursery inside his own home on Feb. 27. His journey home was the answer to many, many prayers. His thankful parents are Dr. Thad and Sara Breland Skinner. So very happy for this little family!

Leake Academy sophomore Liza Kate Long was selected to attend the Mississippi Governor's School this coming summer at the Mississippi University for Women. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Annie Kate White riding her horse, Hot N' Deluxe, in the Arbuckle Mountain 4-Year-Old Intermediate Amateur Champions! She was also ranked in the Top Ten 4-year-old Amateur Intermediate Finals! Annie Kate has competed and won in many other shows. She is an accomplished rider with a lot of talent. Her parents are William and Leigh Ann Hatcher White.

Meredith Adams modeled a lovely dress in the Mississippi State University fashion show last week. She looked beautiful and did a great job modeling for the audience which included her mother, Monica Adams. Meredith is a member of the MSU Fashion Board. Her parents are Russell and Monica Adams.

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Congratulations to Samuel Prince on making the MAIS Futures team and playing in the MAIS Futures Game. He is a sophomore at Leake Academy and plays on the varsity basketball team. His grandparents, Jimmy and Phyllis Prince, attended the game along with his parents, Phillip and Valeria Prince.

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Pat Mioton was joined by nieces Kay Gordon Stephens, Debbie Byars Beddingfield; great nephew, Blake Gordon; Scott Beddingfield, Angie Gordon, Madison Graham; and friend Kirk Morgan Monday evening as they attended the East Central Community College women's basketball game against Copiah-Lincoln. Pat's great niece, Dr. Britta Stephens, is the head coach for Co-Lin. Although Co-Lin lost, Pat enjoyed watching her great niece coach, and her Alma Mater win.

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# Prince selected as MVP in MAIS game

By **ROBBIE ROBERTSON**  
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Leake Academy sophomore Samuel Prince continues to impress on the basketball court.

Prince was recently selected to play in the MAIS Future's game and was named the Most Valuable Player in the contest.

Leake Academy coach Jason Morgan said Prince had double-digit points and rebounds on the night.

Prince helped guide the Rebels to a 26-12 record and a spot in the Class 5A state tournament. He led the team in 3-point shooting, highest free-throw percentage and Morgan said he was the team's most improved half-

court defender.

"I thought he just really took the next step with regard to everything," Morgan said. "I thought he improved in scoring, shooting, rebounding, overall aggression, defensive intensity, and definitely leadership. He was voted one of our team captains by his peers before the season started. Not many sophomores get that honor on a team full of juniors and seniors. It just goes to show what his teammates think of him. And he did a great job as a leader all year."

Morgan said Prince played a complete game against some of the state's best upcoming players.

"He did all the little things,



Samuel Prince, center, celebrates his MVP award with his grandparents, Jimmy and Phyllis Prince.

filled up the stat sheet, and played a complete game," Morgan said. "We were laughing as we kept track of his rebounds in the bleachers. He had 12 on the night. Add that to 16 or 18 points, several assists, how hard he ran the floor, how many times he set screens for teammates, and how hard he tried to defend, and there you have it. I didn't see the complete stat sheet, but he had to have marks down for nearly every statistical category."

Morgan said he sees Prince continuing to improve, even after he averaged 22 points a game last year.

"First and foremost, the kid lives in the gym," Morgan said.

"He will only continue to improve at literally everything — shooting, footwork, post moves, you name it. Secondly, I think he is really starting to see the benefit of off-season as well as in-season lifting. This year, I really saw him start to use his body well due to added strength from last year. Thirdly, he is the kind of guy who, now that he knows he is a leader, will start hounding other guys to get better too. He won't just lead by example; he will pull guys in the gym, make guys work with him, and now we are talking about the holistic impact he will have more and more on the entire program.

# Choctaw Central squads end season in semifinals

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The Choctaw Central Warriors and Lady Warriors basket-

ball teams made a valiant run for their respective state championships but ultimately came up short in the semifinals last week.

The Lady Warriors went into

halftime up 24-23 and added a point to their lead after the third quarter.

The Lady Panthers went on a 19-10 run in the last quarter to

head into the championship game, defeating the Warriors 47-40.

The Warriors ultimately lost to the Raymond Rangers in the sem-

inals 66-53.

The first half was a close contest between the two teams, and at halftime the game was tied 31-31. Raymond pulled away in the third

quarter, besting the Warriors in scoring 23-11 and the deficit proved too large to overcome.

# Rebels lose to Madison St. Joseph on the diamond 9-7

By **ROBBIE ROBERTSON**  
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The Leake Academy baseball team only got in one game last week.

The Rebels traveled to Madison St. Joseph on Monday and dropped a 9-7 decision to the Bruins in their only action last week.

Last Friday's game against Tri-county on Friday was rained out.

Leake, now 2-4-1 on the season, will host St. Joseph on Monday and then play at Newton County Academy on Friday. The following week, Leake will play in the East Central Community College Invitational. On Monday, March 11, Leake will play

Louisville at 10 a.m. and then play Ethel at 12:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Leake will play Mendenhall at 12:30 p.m.

### Madison St. Joseph 9, Leake 7

The Rebels weren't able to hold onto an early lead as the Bruins took a two-run win on Monday.

Leake started fast with five runs in the first inning and one in the second. But St. Joseph scored one in the first and five in the second to tie the game at 6-6. Each team scored a run in the fourth while the Bruins scored two in the sixth to take the win.

St. Joseph outhit Leake 15-8 in the contest. Rece Atkinson was 3-

for-4 in the contest with a double, triple and one RBI. Charlie Brantley was 2-for-5 with two runs scored while Rhett Stovall, Tyler Winstead and Jackson Harkins each singled and scored. Grayson McDonald, Mathan Weaver, Jon Donovan and Matthew Nowell all had RBIs. Harkins also had two stolen bases.

Atkinson started on the mound and pitched three innings, giving up seven runs on 11 hits and two walks while striking out two. Stovall pitched 2 1/3 innings and took the loss, giving up two runs on three hits and two walks while striking out two. Warner Young pitched 2/3 of an inning and gave up one hit while striking out two.

# Lady Yellowjackets rebound with 3 wins on the softball field

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After losing two of three games to start the season, the Union Lady Yellowjackets won three straight games last week.

Union, now 4-2 on the season, will return to action this week as they travel to Newton County on Monday. Union will then open division play on Tuesday as they play a doubleheader at J.Z.

George. Union will finish the week at Enterprise.

### Union 17, Kemper County 0

The Lady Yellowjackets didn't allow a hit as they took a three-inning, run-rule win over the Lady Wildcats on Tuesday.

Union outhit Kemper 13-8 in the contest and took advantage of eight errors, three walks and two hit batters. Lauryn Roebuck was 3-for-4 with a triple, home run and

two runs scored. Lacey Bishop was 2-for-2 with three runs scored and three RBIs while Carson Capps was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and two RBIs. Elle Killen was 2-for-2 with a double and two RBIs. Aspen Lovern had a three-run home run while Tiara Campbell was 2-for-2 with a home run, two runs scored and two RBIs. Alanee Wheeler doubled, walked twice and scored twice while Maggie Davis also doubled. Des-

tiny Moulds also scored two runs for Union.

Wheeler started in the circle and pitched 1 1/3 innings and struck out three to pick up the win. Aubrie Coleman pitched 2/3 of an inning and walked one and struck out one.

### Union 3, Harrison Central 2

The Lady Yellowjackets got the timely hits and took a one-run win over Harrison on Saturday.

Destiny Moulds was 2-for-4

and scored a run while Alanee Wheeler doubled and drove in a run. Abigail Cleveland and Lauryn Roebuck each singled and drove in a run while Carson Capps and Tiara Campbell each scored a run.

Wheeler pitched all eight innings for Union to pick up the win. Wheeler gave up two unearned runs on six hits and two walks while striking out a season-high 15 batters.

### Union 15, Taylorsville 0

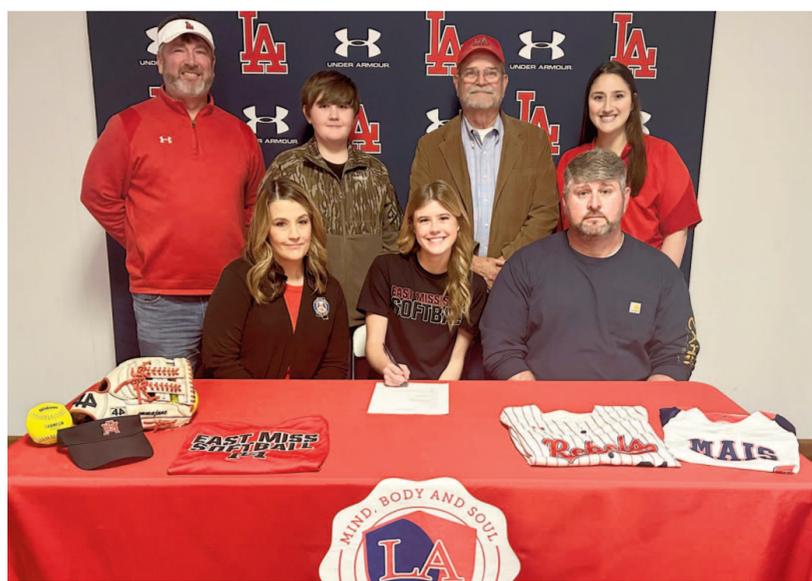
Lauryn Roebuck was 2-for-2 with a double, two runs scored and two RBIs while Tiara Campbell was 2-for-2 with a triple and two runs scored.

Abigail Cleveland started in the circle and scattered three hits while striking out three to pick up the win.

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### Lepard signs with EMCC

Leake Academy's Emmajane Lepard signed to play college softball at East Mississippi Community College. Lepard is joined by her mother, Jenna, and father, John on the front row. On the back row is Leake Academy assistant softball coach Lee Myers, brother Ace Lepard, grandfather Tony Smith and Leake Academy head softball coach Brantley Scott.



### Clancy signs with ECCC

Neshoba Central's La'Davis Clancy signed a football scholarship with East Central Community College to further his education and football career. Clancy will be a 2024 graduate of Neshoba Central where he was a member of the varsity football team. La'Davis is the son of Amanda Robinson. Pictured are, seated from left, La'Davis Clancy and his mom Amanda Robinson (Back) Coach David Huffman, Coach Curtis Blackburn, Coach Daryl Carter, Coach Shannon Ruffin, Coach Patrick Scholar, Coach Brian Anderson, Coach Jacob Johnson, Coach Brady Anderson, and Coach Adam Shumaker.