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**OUT ON BOND**

## Man charged with shooting neighbors

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A man who allegedly shot two of his neighbors in the chest during a dispute between their families last week is out on bond after he was arrested on two attempted murder charges.

The man, Tyrone Collier, 51, 10241 Road 402, was arrested and charged with two counts of attempted murder, according to Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Calrk.

Clark said another man, Dennis Loggins, 40, who allegedly fired a shotgun during

the dispute and hit Collier with bird shot, is considered to have acted in self-defense.

“At this moment Collier is the only one we have charged,” Clark said. “We are still working with the District



Collier

Attorney’s office and this case will be presented to the grand jury where additional charges are possible.”

The Sheriff’s Office does not expect to have the case ready until a Neshoba County grand

jury is scheduled for August. Clark said presenting the case to the next grand jury scheduled to begin on April 29, would “not do justice to either party.”

Clark said his investigators are currently preparing evidence to submit to the state crime lab.

Clark said warrants for Collier’s arrest were signed on Wednesday and he turned himself in on Thursday, April 4, at the Neshoba County Detention Center at about 10:30 a.m.

Collier posted a \$50,000 See **SHOOTING**, page 3A



Wyatt Ellis, a 15-year-old Bluegrass prodigy, performs alongside his band at the Ellis during an educational concert last Thursday.

**BLUEGRASS PRODIGY**

## Wyatt Ellis performs educational concert

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Fifteen-year-old Bluegrass prodigy Wyatt Ellis captivated music students from Choctaw Central and Philadelphia high schools with an educational show at the Ellis Theater last Thursday.

Ellis, the lead singer and mandolin player, took the stage to cheers and excitement alongside his band members, Gibson Davis on banjo, Christian Ward on fiddle, Sarah Griffin handling tenor vocals and bass, and C.J. Lewandowski on guitar.

The band performed a set of traditional Bluegrass songs, including classics like “When My Blue Moon Turns to Gold Again” by Wiley Walker and Gene Sullivan, “On My Mind” by Flatt & Scruggs, “Duncan & Brady” and “Newton Grove” by Johnson

Mountain Boys, and selections from the Stanley Brothers and Gram Parsons.

They also showcased original compositions like “Wildwood” and Ellis’s current number-one hit “Blue Smoke,” featuring the renowned Marty Stuart, a Neshoba County native who through his Congress of Country Music here is making shows like this possible.

Reflecting on his success with “Blue Smoke,” Ellis said, “It’s pretty cool. It took a lot of hard work to write a tune like that. I reached out to Marty, and he agreed to play on it, and we had a lot of fun recording it.”

Most of the track was recorded at the Tractor Shed studio near Hendersonville, Tenn., with Marty’s solo session taking place at Cash Cabin, Johnny Cash’s former studio.

Following the performance, Ellis and his band answered questions from the audience.

When asked about his musical journey, Ellis said, “I’ve been playing for close to five years now, starting right when I turned 10.”

The band members humorously chimed in with their own experiences: Lewandowski boasting, “I’ve been playing longer than he’s been alive,” while Griffin mentioned around four or five years, Davis for 10 years, and Ward jokingly claimed 22 years.

In a lighthearted moment, a student asked if her friend could obtain Ellis’s phone number, prompting laughter from the band and crowd.

Interestingly, the majority of the student audience raised their hands when asked if it was their first

encounter with live bluegrass music.

“I love putting bluegrass music in front of the younger generations,” Ellis said. “I hope they can enjoy it for the rest of their lives and maybe even learn to play an instrument.”

Ellis said his first exposure to bluegrass music was through the Osborne Brothers, leading him to discover icons like Bill Monroe and others, further solidifying his passion for the genre.

Following his educational show, Ellis had the honor of opening for the legendary Del McCoury Band on Friday night.

“Del has been one of my biggest heroes for a long time. Ronnie, Rob, and all those guys are so awesome. To get to open for them is truly special,” he said.

**PHILADELPHIA**  
**\$800K road**  
**paving to**  
**begin in June**

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Nearly \$800,000 in street paving is scheduled to begin in June in Philadelphia.

Aldermen approved the lowest and best bid last Tuesday, awarding the contract to Dickerson & Bowen for \$789,105. APAC was the only other bidder with a higher bid of \$840,015.

“We ask that you be patient with us,” said Street Department Superintendent Patrick Gray. “We will be working diligently trying to get it done.”

The streets slated for improvement are as follows:

- Ward 1 — Magnolia St. from Pecan Ave.—Maple Ave., Dogwood Ln. from Maple Ave.—Woodland Hills Dr., and Evergreen Ave. from Hwy 16 — Powell St.
- Ward 2 — Airpark Dr. from Saint Francis Dr.—113 Airpark, Cook St. from State Ave.—Henley Ave., Henley Ave. from Cook St.—Jefferson St., and Walton Ave. from Hwy 16—Golf Course Rd.
- Ward 3— Cooper Williams Dr. from Hwy 15—3-way stop, Williamsville Dr. from 3-way stop—Hwy 15, Salter Ave. from Main St.—Ingram St., Byrd Ave. from Range Ave.—Main St., Range Ave. from Byrd Ave.—Weyerhaeuser St., Center Ave. from Line St.—Hospital Rd., and Chestnut St. from Lewis Ave.—Gum St.
- Ward 4— Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. from Ivy St.—railroad track, Bennet St. from Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., — Lewis Ave., Christine Ave. from S Donald Ave.—dead end, and Kayla Ave. from S Donald Ave.—Christine St.

In other business, aldermen voted to:

- Approve a motion to reappoint Harold Coburn to the school board. The motion was approved unanimously;
- Approve a motion to accept the resignation of Tanner Boler from the Street Department effective March 19. The motion was approved unanimously;
- Approve a motion to approve the rezoning of 207 Barrier Ave from R1 to R3. The motion was approved unanimously;
- Approve a motion to approve C-Spire road bores from fiber to home along the following roads: Water Ave., Walnut St., King Ave., Beech St., Bay St., Breland St., Cherry Ave., Hendrix St.,

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# Country star to headline Choctaw Indian Fair

By STAFF REPORTS  
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One-half of the multi-latinum duo Florida Georgia Line will close out this year's Choctaw Indian Fair set for July 10-13.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians recently announced the 74th edition of the Fair where attendees can enjoy four days of fun, Native American social celebrations, cultural activities, Tribal arts and crafts, demonstrations and exhibits, the thrilling action of World Series Stickball, and professional nightly entertainment.

Headlining the Main Stage are featured Tribal ceremonies as well as one of Contemporary Christians' top artists, a group of '90s Hit-makers and a chart-topping Country music superstar.

Beginning Wednesday, July 10, fair stage activities



officially kick off with Opening Ceremonies featuring Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben followed by the 69th Annual Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant.

On Thursday, July 11, live on the main stage is world-

renowned Grammy award-winning Contemporary Christian artist Michael W. Smith. And Friday, July 12, highlights iconic 90s hip-hop and R & B artists with the I Love the 90s Tour featuring Black-

street, Rob Base, Montell Jordan and Young MC. Closing out fair week on Saturday, July 13, is country music megastar with 21 No. 1 singles on country radio, countless awards and sold-out tours, Tyler Hubbard, one-half of the multi-platinum duo



Tyler Hubbard

Florida Georgia Line. Follow and like Choctaw Indian Fair on Facebook for updates or visit [www.ChoctawIndianFair.com](http://www.ChoctawIndianFair.com).



Connie Smith mural unveiled

A Connie Smith mural was unveiled Saturday in downtown Philadelphia Saturday prior to a concert where Smith performed with Marty Stuart. Pictured from left are State Rep. Scott Bounds, Smith, State Sen. Jenifer Branning and Stuart.



Clark, Copeland serve as House pages

Noah Clark and Halle Copeland, both of Philadelphia, recently served as pages for the Mississippi House of Representatives. Clark, 16, is the son of Kim and Scott Clark, and he is in the tenth grade at Kemper Academy. Copeland, 14, is the daughter of Hollie and Brad Copeland, and she is in the ninth grade at Neshoba Central High School. Both students were sponsored for the week by Representative C. Scott Bounds, left, and are pictured with House Speaker Jason White, right.

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# Teen arrested for DUI after crashing into car

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A suspected meth and marijuana user was arrested after the vehicle he was driving collided with another vehicle as he attempted to pass on the Deemer Road near Tucker in late March.

The man, William Dakota Drake, 19, 564 Holland Avenue, was arrested and charged with DUI, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of paraphernalia, according to Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark.

Deputies were initially

called to Road 505 (Deemer Road) near the intersection of Road 446 at about 1:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19, Clark said.

The initial call reported a wreck had occurred and Drake, one of the drivers involved, knocked on a nearby door asking for help.

Clark said deputies then determined that Drake had hit the other vehicle while trying to pass it on the left-hand side just as the other car attempted to make a left-hand turn. The



William Drake

other vehicle was then forced off the road.

Deputies were suspicious that Drake was under the influence. Clark said Drake told deputies he did not drink alcohol but had consumed both methamphetamine and marijuana earlier that evening. He also told officers he had drugs and a pipe in the console of his car.

No serious injuries were reported in the crash although both vehicles were towed from the scene, Clark said.



## Solar eclipse watch party

It was too overcast to see the eclipse on Monday, so Mrs. Jackson's students at Neshoba Central watched it on NASA's website. A total solar eclipse was visible Monday along a narrow track stretching from Texas to Maine. While Philadelphia was not in the path of totality, it was still a partial eclipse.

# Philadelphia native Jordan led Thomas Jefferson's Monticello

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Born on July 22, 1938, in Philadelphia, Mississippi, Daniel Porter Jordan, Jr., led a remarkable life. He graduated from the University of Mississippi (History and English), was a two-sport scholarship athlete, a Sigma Chi, student body president, and member of the Hall of Fame. It was there that he met his love, Lewellyn "Lou" Schmelzer. They were married December 18, 1961, and their romance never dimmed. On his last day, he left a dozen roses for her on the counter.

He proudly served as an

Army intelligence officer in South Korea and later earned his Ph.D. in History from the University of Virginia. At Virginia Commonwealth University, Dan chaired the History Department and was twice named professor of the year. He also published three books and over 80 articles.

Dan's greatest professional accomplishments are linked to his 23-year term as President of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, which owns and operates Monticello. With Lou at his side, Dan's leadership transformed Mr. Jefferson's home. The foundation created an over \$200-million endowment, built the Thomas Jefferson library,

purchased historic Montalto mountain, established the Thomas Jefferson Parkway and walking trail, and began countless educational programs. He would, however, deflect the credit to others and spoke often of his "Monticello family" and team.

There were too many accomplishments and awards to list, but for his many good works, Dan received the Commonwealth's "Outstanding Virginian" award in 2006.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Daniel P. Jordan and Mildred Dobbs Jordan. He is survived by his wife Lou; brother Joseph Lodwick Jordan; children and their spouses

Dan and Teri Jordan, Grace Jordan and Victor Colom, Katherine Jordan and Walker Teele; and six grandchildren, Anna Jordan, Olivia Colom, Robert Jordan, Pablo Colom, Laura Teele, and Porter Teele.

Visitation was March 27, 2024, 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Teague Funeral Home, 2260 Ivy Road. A celebration of life followed March 28, 2024, 1:00pm to 2:00pm at the University of Virginia Alumni Hall, 211 Emmet Street. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the history departments at the University of Mississippi or University of Virginia, and Dan and Lou's church, Wesley Memorial Unit-

ed Methodist Church. Condolences and remembrances can be left at [www.TeagueFuneralHome.com](http://www.TeagueFuneralHome.com).

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## Shooting

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bond about two hours later, according to Neshoba County Jail records.

Charges stem from an incident reported off of Road 402 near the Leake County line on Friday, March 29, at about 7:15 p.m. that sent three to the hospital with gunshot wounds.

Clark said the incident stemmed from Collier reacting to hearing gunshots in the direction of Loggins's family home while his daughter was driving around the area on a four-wheeler.

"It is obvious this incident started as a retaliation after Collier heard gunshots in close proximity to where he believed his daughter riding," Clark said.

When she returned, Collier reportedly grabbed his handgun and drove his four-wheeler to

Robinsons' house. Reportedly the two families live "a couple of football fields away" from each other on Road 402.

"Things escalated from there," Clark said. "Multiple adults were reportedly in the roadway."

Clark said both families introduced firearms. Collier had his pistol and Loggins had a shotgun.

Collier reportedly shot Loggins and Robinson at close range and Loggins retreated before firing the shotgun at Collier.

Clark said they found numerous pieces of ammunition in the roadway and have been conducting interviews with both of those involved and witnesses.

Sent to the hospital were Collier, Loggins and Loggins's sister, 35-year-old Stephanie

Robinson.

Loggins reportedly had a gunshot wound to his left shoulder and Robinson had a gunshot wound to her chest.

The two were transported to Neshoba General and later airlifted to The University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

Clark said Collier was "peppered badly" all along his left side with bird shot. He said Choctaw EMS transported Collier to Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian.

Both Loggins and Collier were released from the hospital on Saturday, March 30, Clark said. Robinson was not able to be interviewed until Tuesday, April 2, Clark said.

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### EDITORIALS

## Ukraine funding conundrum

House Speaker Mike Johnson is in a tight spot. With a single-vote majority, no matter what choice he makes about bankrolling Ukraine's fight with Russia, he's likely to spark an internal rebellion when Congress returns from vacation next week.

The Louisiana Republican floated a few ideas in an Easter Sunday interview with Fox News host Trey Gowdy. As Mr. Johnson explained, the best he can do under the circumstances is offer incremental progress.

"You gotta build consensus," the speaker said. "If we want to move a partisan measure, I gotta have every single member — literally."

Mr. Johnson isn't falling for President Biden's disingenuous \$61 billion proposal wrapping Ukraine aid into a package that also provides some support for Israel, Taiwan, and our southern border. "They opened the border intentionally," Mr. Johnson said.

Instead, he wants the so-called national security bill to have "important innovations" such as the REPO Act, which would effectively steal the property of Russian citizens and send it to Ukraine. "If we can use the seized assets of Russian oligarchs to allow the Ukrainians to fight them, that's just pure poetry," he said.

Of course, when countries such as Cuba and Venezuela seized U.S. property, the United States rightly retaliated. It's hard to see how such a move wouldn't be shortsighted, discouraging foreigners from ever trusting the United States with their assets.

Another option on the table is sending the cash to Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy and calling the handout a loan. "They can provide it back to us when the time is right," said Mr. Johnson. We know how that will go.

Without any auditing of the funds

already dispensed, there's no way to know how many millions are already stashed in offshore accounts belonging to officials in a country that, before Russia invaded it, ranked near the bottom — not far from Russia — in Transparency International's corruption index.

Perhaps the most promising idea the speaker is floating would leverage the Ukraine issue to cajole President Biden into repealing his ban on the export of our natural gas resources.

The left is reluctant to oblige because driving up the cost of fossil fuels is the key to making inefficient windmills and solar panels seem attractive. The administration's energy policy only plays into the hands of Russia — the world's No. 2 natural gas producer behind the United States. Reducing energy costs, on the other hand, is great for Americans and puts the squeeze on the primary source of capital for Vladimir Putin's war machine.

Opponents of financing a conflict that has taken 70,000 Ukrainian lives would probably want to see a blueprint for how further assistance wouldn't simply perpetuate the bloodshed for the benefit of defense contractors.

To hold together a party holding such divergent views, Mr. Johnson shouldn't tie the vote to Israel or rebuilding Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge. Put Democrats in the hot seat by forcing them to choose between supporting Ukraine and reducing Mr. Putin's energy profits or enhancing U.S. border security. After all, we shouldn't invest in someone else's border to the neglect of our own.

Stuck in a no-win situation, the speaker might find consensus if he can craft legislative language that moves the needle on illegal immigration and energy. Even the fiercest opponents of aid to Ukraine might take that deal.

— *The Washington Times*

CAL THOMAS

## Hatred of Jews continues

*Winston Churchill said it best and his words bear repeating: "Victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory, there is no survival."*

2021."

Despite these recent and previous examples that Israel's enemies are serious about their objectives and the unseriousness and denials of reality by the secular West, President Biden has decided to ramp-up pressure on Israel to order an immediate ceasefire. He thinks this will get the remaining hostages released. Even if it did, a temporary ceasefire (which the UN and others will demand be made permanent) would serve as a lifeline to Hamas, allowing them to regroup and rebuild because they have said they have no intention of abandoning their goals. Suppose they decide to do another Oct. 7 attack on Israel (as they have threatened) taking more hostages and repeating the cycle? It doesn't take a modern prophet to predict that it will if Hamas is not destroyed and security is established to protect both the residents of Gaza and Israel.

There are many sermons by Islamic clergy, many textbooks that teach hatred of Jews and Israel and many media stories (sadly, they are not only from the Muslim world, but also in the Western press) that appear

more on the side of Hamas than Israel. Here is an excerpt from one of many sermons delivered a decade ago at the al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem. The speaker, identified as Ali Abu Ahmad, calls for Jerusalem's liberation from "the Jews, the most vile of creatures" and for the destruction of America and the international coalition against Islamic State.

"Oh Allah," he prayed, "annihilate America and its coalition. Oh Allah, enable us to cut off their heads. Oh Allah, help our brothers, the mujahideen in the land of Iraq and Syria..."

There have been numerous statements of this kind before and after that sermon. Why would anyone need them repeated to understand their goal and why must the West endlessly repeat support for policies that have not and cannot work?

On Sunday, the Jerusalem Post reported that Defense Minister Yoav Gallant announced "the IDF withdrew from Khan Yunis after Hamas ceased to function in the area, adding that the troops left in preparation for a coming Rafah operation."

Winston Churchill said it best and his words bear repeating: "Victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory, there is no survival."

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## FLASHBACKS

### April 14, 1944

Mississippi made livestock history last week with the M.P. Moore Circle M Ranch of Senatobia sold CMR Rollo Domino, Jr. for \$20,000, the highest price ever paid for a Polled Hereford bull.

Naval Aviation Cadet Bobbie H. Bassett, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Bassett, of this city, was among the group graduated from Wooster Naval Flight Preparatory School, at the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, on April 10.

### April 15, 1954

At the annual Spring meeting of the Choctaw Conference in Philadelphia Saturday morning, plans were formulated for determining for the first time an official champion in baseball and track.

Mrs. Earline Beall, a Jackson housewife and Neshoba native, won the 1954 "Mrs. Mississippi" title at Biloxi last weekend. Mrs. Beall is the former Miss Earline Houston, daughter of Mrs. W.G. Houston and the late Mr. Houston.

### April 15, 1964

The Philadelphia Jaycettes have selected Mrs. James E. (Jimmy) Prince "Outstanding Jaycette of 1963". Each year this award is made by the Jaycettes to a member who

has served her club with sincerity and honor.

A full time office of the Mississippi Employment Service has been opened in Philadelphia, with R.C. Thagard as local manager.

### April 18, 1974

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors, in the wake of last weekend's massive flooding, has called on Gov. Bill Waller to request President Nixon to declare the county a major disaster area.

Maurice Tisdale, manager of the U.S. Electrical Motors plant here for the past three years, has been promoted to position of Manager of Manufacturing Eastern Plants.

### April 18, 1984

After correctly spelling the word "advocate," Mark Winstead became the winner in the state finals of the 1984 National Spelling Bee Friday at Millsaps College in Jackson. Winstead is the son of Gerald and Roma Winstead.

Plans are progressing for Ag Day Set for Saturday, April 28, on the Neshoba County courthouse square. The day will begin with a flea market and the Neshoba County 4-H Advisory Council providing a sausage and biscuit breakfast.

### April 13, 1994

Certain modifications required by the federal government in plans of the new Neshoba County Jail are expected to be made within the \$1.775 million cost of the facility.

Two couples will be able to head for the skies after a benefit auction Saturday. The auction, to benefit Methodist missions, will begin at 7 p.m.

### April 14, 2004

A new \$1.3 million water treatment plant for Central Water Association's House Division was officially opened Monday, pumping 1,000 gallons of water a minute to a division that has been plagued with problems.

The purchase of a tract of land adjacent to the county hospital for future growth was questioned Monday when supervisors learned that just over a half acre with an easement to a cell tower had been added to the original project.

### April 9, 2014

A storm system which moved through the southern half of Neshoba County early Monday morning caused significant structural damage and downed numerous trees, leaving about 1,800 residents without power.

RICH LOWRY

## Is funding Ukraine right?

*Marjorie Taylor Greene's bizarre case against the Republican speaker of the House.*

The first time that Republicans toppled their own speaker during this Congress, it wasn't a particularly edifying spectacle, but Marjorie Taylor Greene is reaching for new lows.

To paraphrase Marx: first as a farce, then as a more preposterous farce.

Greene made her anti-Mike Johnson case on Tucker Carlson's show last week, and it was — as you'd expect — a stew of conspiratorial thinking and sophomoric ranting.

There's a serious case against funding Ukraine, based on the scarcity of our matériel and the geostrategic preeminence of Asia over Europe, but Greene and her friendly and encouraging interlocutor didn't come within a hundred miles of it.

Greene complained that in the space of a couple of months, Johnson has gone from a good Christian conservative to being indistinguishable from Nancy Pelosi.

Put aside the grossly unfair exaggeration, what might have happened to change Johnson's view of his role in Congress? Would it have something to do with going from a backbencher with no responsibility to the leader of a narrow, fractious majority that, unless it can show some minimal ability to govern, is headed straight to the political dustbin?

Just asking questions ... Obviously, it's one thing to inveigh against spending deals when what you say or do doesn't matter much; it's another to be the one who has to decide whether to lead your party into a shutdown fight that it will

definitely lose, blighting its political prospects for no good reason.

Similarly, Johnson should feel a responsibility to at least get a Ukraine package to a vote. There's a bipartisan majority in both chambers of Congress in favor of sending more aid to Ukraine, and Johnson is the one standing in the way. If he doesn't move and Ukraine subsequently collapses on the battlefield, he will have played an outsized role in the defeat of an ally at the hands of a bitter adversary of the U.S.

Greene, who has nothing if not an inquiring mind, speculated that it is really that Johnson might be getting blackmailed.

It's not clear what this insinuation is supposed to be about. Johnson is an evangelical Christian attorney who has not, as far as anyone can tell, lived a life conducive to creating material for a blackmailer. What did Johnson do? Mess up a citation in a brief 10 years ago? Miss a filing deadline once?

On the question of Ukraine, Greene and Carlson are self-professed nationalists who apparently have no idea why people might want to defend their homeland.

Greene said supporters of the war in the West care most about "murdering" Ukrainians, a bizarre way to characterize

support for a war of self-defense.

If this is the standard, every leader who has ever resisted a foreign invasion has engaged in the "murder" of his or her own people. If only Joan of Arc hadn't been party to the murder of so many Frenchmen as she tried to expel the English in the Hundred Years' War, and if only Elizabeth I hadn't murdered so many British sailors in the course of checking the Spanish Armada.

Carlson, as he often does, made much of the Ukrainian government's actions against the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Whether you agree with what Ukraine has done or not, it is relevant to know that the church is a cat's paw of Moscow. Although, of course, that wasn't mentioned.

Greene went on to say that it violates "every tenet of our Christian faith" to aid Ukraine, which is, shall we say, an interesting interpretation of the word of God.

Doing a little somnology from afar, Greene also noted that Johnson is always complaining that he's tired and only getting three hours of sleep. She believes this shows that Johnson must have a guilty conscience that's keeping him up at night.

But maybe his sleep is disturbed by the thought that his majority is so small that someone like Marjorie Taylor Greene matters. And who can blame him?

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## LETTERS

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## BIBLE SELECTION

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—Romans 5:10 (ESV)

## COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

*Neshoba County Jail Docket from 4/1-4/8*

- Madeline D Amos, 42, of 290 Bogue Chitto Cir; failure to appear X3
- Joshua JJ Bagwell, 43, of 11291 Rd 723, Union; hold circuit court
- Brenda Ben, 22, of 131 Bogue Chitto Pond Dr; contempt of court
- Larhonda Boswell, 41, of 243 B Northwest St; failure to appear X2
- Garth Edgar Cauthen, 35, of 400 Oswald Rd; contempt of court
- Darren Charlie, 40, of 163 Tucker Cutoff Rd; failure to appear, contempt of court
- Kristy Clemmons, 34, of 283 Barritt Rd, Walnut Grove; false ID information
- Malcolm Coburn, 34, of 403 Barham St; sale of controlled substance X2, felony pursuit
- Tyrone Collier, 51, of 10241 Rd 402; attempted murder X2
- Curtis Eirby, 34, of 5892 Old Jackson Rd, Forest; serving

sentence

- Robert Daryn Frazier, 54, of 2287 Hwy 19 S, Meridian; indictment
- Thomas Giles, 37, of 10170 Rd 220, Union; burglary-commercial bldg, cars, etc X2
- Jennifer Nicole Griffin, 45, of 3 Myra Lane, Edfaula; hold for other agency
- Jason Eric Hatten, 45, of 10200 Rd 2612; contempt of court
- Amber Nichole Howell, 46, of 11251 Hwy 492 E, Union; failure to appear
- Carol Hickman Jr, 61, of 13222 Hwy 488; contempt of court
- Thomasine Jumper, 45, of 7375 C Laud Toomsbura Rd, Conehatta; hold circuit court
- Shuna Patricia Knight, 24, of 7875 C Laud Toomsbura Rd, Toomsbura; driving under influence - 3rd offense - felony
- Steve A Landrum, 53, of 11661 Rd 383; failure to appear, simple assault
- Byron McMillan, 31, of 114

Tucker Cut Off Rd; failure to appear

- Jeffery Miller, 24, of 10511 1/2 Rd 632; contempt of court
- Shirley Mingo, 48, of 144 Rolling Hills Rd; malicious mischief under \$1000, disturbance of family
- Megan Irene Morris, 32, of 527 Lamar Cir; failure to appear
- Gregory L Nelson, 44, of 10511 Rd 632; contempt of court
- Darrell D Purifoy, 49, of 518 Ivy St; contempt of court
- Andre Ramon Reed, 47, of 132 Copper Creek Dr, Clinton; driving under the influence other substance, possession of marijuana-vehicle
- Thomas J Roberts, 52, of 2631 Rock Branch Rd, Union; possession of paraphernalia
- Joseph Robertson, 40, of 10622 Rd 763; possession of controlled substance
- William Samuel, 21, of 131 Wolf Trail; contempt of court
- Elton Shoemake, 36, of 2566 River Rd 393, Carthage;

failure to appear, possession of marijuana-vehicle

- Maleisa Gail Springwater, 34, of 172 Cemetery Rd; possession of marijuana-vehicle, contempt of court
- Richard Lloyd Star, 59, of 214 Tiak Chitto Cir; hold for other agency
- Jacob L Sullivan, 24, of 10790 Rd 711, Collinsville; domestic violence aggravated assault
- Debriski Talley, 28, of 228 Wilson St; contempt of court
- Trent J Truss, 28, of 607 Naylor St, Carthage; disorderly conduct, public drunk, possession of a stolen firearm
- Darlene Tubby, 53, of 756 S Raleigh, Forest; contempt of court
- James Titus Tucker, 32, of 10109 Rd 703; contempt of court, failure to appear
- Laveil A Wells, 28, of 326 North St, Union; contempt of court
- Raymond Wilson, 44, of 111 Rolling Hills Rd; hold for other

agency

*Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 4/1-4/7*

- Joshtin Bennett, 28, of 211 W Myrtle St; contempt of court-failure to appear or complete jury service
- Maurice Blackshear, 39, of 200 23rd St Apt B142, Meridian; DUI-1st offense, MV-careless driving, MV-expired or no driver's license
- Silas A Boyd, 24, of 412 Coleman St; assault - simple - attempt by physical menace to create fear
- Charles Bozeman, 41, of 1128 Golf Course Rd; CS-paraphernalia-possession or use, false identifying information, contempt of court-default in payment of restitution
- Tiffany Bozeman, 43, of 1128 Golf Course Rd; CS-paraphernalia-possession or use
- Anthony Broadway, 30, of 621 Hopoca Rd, Carthage; contempt of court-failure to appear

or complete jury service

- Malcolm N Comans, 50, of 13300 CR 298, Collinsville; warrant - arrest report
- Kayla A Comby, 36, of 214 Isaac Rd; warrant - arrest report
- Joey Crosby, 18, of 100 Sistrunk Ave; contempt of court-failure to answer subpoenas, malicious mischief - misdemeanor - value under \$1000, assault - simple - fear
- Joseph E Crowell, 58, homeless; DUI-2nd offense, MV-no insurance
- Ramey T Dan, 49, of 115 Rollinghills Cir; contempt of court- municipal court
- Kelli N Davis, 39, of 10121 Rd 2826; warrant- justice court bench warrant
- Ladashia Davis, 19, of Pearl Street Apartments; contempt of court- failure to appear or compete jury service, domestic violence-simple assault - 1st or 2nd offense
- Darius Davis, 25, of 204

See **JAIL**, page 7A

## OBITUARIES

### Walter Frank Jim

Funeral services for Mr. Walter Frank Jim were held at 10 AM Thursday, April 4, 2024 at the Tucker CERF Building with Bro. Curtis Willis, Sr. officiating. Interment was in the Tucker Community Cemetery. Visitation was at 4 PM Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at the Tucker CERF Building. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Jim, 82, passed away on Friday, March 29, 2024 at Choctaw Residential Center in Choctaw, MS. His hobbies included fixing cars, helping people with mechanical work, riding the roads with his best friend Fred Tubby, hunting, fishing, going to flea markets and spending time with family. He had great loyalty to the Choctaw Lady Warriors.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Dixon Jim Isaac and Lou Billie Isaac; sisters, Mandy Lou Isaac, Elsie Jim Steve, Rainee Jim, Lester Chitto; son, Bronson Jim, Sr.; 4 grandchildren; 5 nephews.

Survivors include Karla Jim Espinoza, April Jim, Liza Ketcher; sons, Bruce Jim and Lance Jim; 12 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Jeremy McMillin, Brantley McMillin, Alexander Tucker, McKinley Cotton, Efram Willis, Randy Jim, Rodney Farve, Michael Bell; honorary pallbearers will be Anka Joe and Lonzo Thomas.

### Dilfey Cecile Green

Services for Ms. Dilfey C. Green were held 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 03, 2024 at Milling Funeral Home Chapel of Sebastopol. Burial was held at High Hill Baptist Church. Bro. Brett Cooper and Bro. Dewayne Dickerson will officiate.

Visitation was held 9:30-11:00 a.m. prior to services at Milling Funeral Home of Sebastopol.

Mrs. Dilfey Cecile Green, 90, passed away on Saturday, March 30, 2024, at Neshoba General Nursing Home.

On July 06, 1953, Ms. Cecile married Bobby Joe Green. In the earlier years of marriage, she started working in a garment factory as a sewing machine operator. She continued to work there for 20 years. After retiring from there, she became a babysitter in her home. Ms. Cecile loved all of "her kids" dearly.

When she was no longer babysitting she pursued her passion for quilting. She spent many years enjoying that hobby.

A while later she was diagnosed with Breast Cancer. After enduring the surgery she never quilted again. Ms. Cecile survived Breast Cancer, she was a fighter. She will be remembered for the strength she showed during this trying time.

She is survived by one son: Bobby Green (Annette) of Conehatta, two daughters: Karen Davidson (Dewain) of Lucedale MS., and Dawn Cumberland (Lonnice) of Preston MS..

She had four grandchildren: Joe Green (Carrie) of Brandon, Sydney Tucker ( Nikki) of Union, Alan Davidson ( Julie) of Pensacola FL., and Adrian Tucker of Union. Eight great-grandchildren: Preston Green, Reagan Green, Ava Tucker, Ryleigh Tucker, Charlie Tucker, Cameron Davidson, Olivia Davidson, and Blake Pitts.



Dilfey Green

She is also survived by two sisters: Margie Comans Forest and Onie Babb(Dolan) of Lena.

Ms. Green also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, and longtime friends.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 64 years: Bobby Joe Green, her parents, four sisters, and five brothers.

The family is deeply grateful for the loving care she received from all her care takers while still at home. They include Adrian Tucker, Gaynell Countryman, and Connie Comans. These people will always be a part of our family and hearts.

A big thanks to Neshoba General Nursing Home Staff, and the caring ladies at Quality Hospice. The family will always remember the compassion and professionalism of all of these special people.

Dusty Comans, Grant Comans, and Tyler Comans will lead the Music at the service. Pallbearers: Joe Green, Sydney Tucker, Alan Davidson, Adrian Tucker, Preston Green, Dwight Sistrunk, and Tyler Comans.

Funeral services for Mr. Kimathy Elton Mingo will be held at 2 PM Thursday, April 11, 2024 at Tucker CERF Building with interment in the Holy Rosary Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10 AM Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at Tucker CERF Building. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Mingo, 48, passed away on Friday, April 5, 2024 at Choctaw Residential Center in Choctaw, MS. He enjoyed listening to music and socializing with friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Joan Mingo Chickaway and Elton Bell.

Survivors include daughter, Mahalia Mingo; sons, Anfence Mingo, Kenyon Dixon, Cylas Mingo, Dustin Stoliby; step-father, John Lee Chickaway; sister, Jenny Mingo; brother, Demando Mingo; aunts, Essie Willis, Rena Bell, Brenda Bell, uncle, CJ Mingo.

Pallbearers will be Brian Frazier, Brian Davis, Michael Bell, Kevin Taylor, Keith Bell, Jeremiah Mingo; honorary pallbearers are Peyton Mingo, Joe Bell, Nelson John, Jr.

Memorial service for Ms. August Michelle Pinter will be held at 1 PM Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Pleasant Springs Presbyterian Church in Preston, MS.

Ms. Pinter, 45, passed away on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at John C. Stennis Hospital in Dekalb, MS. She enjoyed spending time with her family, listening to music and making those around her laugh.

Survivors include daughters, Alex (Tyler) Wallace, Brittney (Malcolm) Castle; sons, Dylan (Savannah) Pinter, Blake Pinter; parents, John McArthur and Sheila Graham; sister, Laura (Ken) Shirley; brother, Tommy Scruggs; 4 grandchildren and another on the way.

James Michael Mooney

Visitation will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2024, followed by the memorial service at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, MS. Dr. Dan Howard will officiate.

James Michael Mooney was born May 31, 1935, to Herbert and Lina B. Mooney in Philadelphia, MS. He passed away on

April 4, 2024, in Fort Smith, AR. James attended Philadelphia Schools. He and his twin brother, John, played high school football and went on to play collegiate football at Texas A & M under Bear Bryant.

James loved to go to church and Sunday school at First Baptist Church of Philadelphia. His faith in God sustained him and gave him the promise of eternal life.

James followed in the footsteps of his older brother, Herbert, Jr. making a career as a passenger bus driver with Gulf Transport and Jefferson Bus Lines. He prided himself on being a safe and loyal bus driver, driving all over the United States for 50 years. James was a member of Shriners International. He loved fishing, hunting, gardening, and walking every morning at the local park. You seldom saw James in town without one of his bird dogs riding in the back of his truck.

Survivors include his daughter, Janice Sudbrink (David); grandsons, Sam Sudbrink (McKenna) and Ben Sudbrink, all of Fort Smith, AR; sister, Lavinia Nowell of Philadelphia, MS; and many nephews and nieces.

Mr. Mooney was preceded in death by his wife, Eudora Mooney; son, Michael Mooney; parents, Herbert and Lina B. Mooney; brothers, Herbert Mooney, Jr. and John Mooney; sisters, Barbara Bounds and Anita Rahaim.

Donations in his memory can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, MS, and Heart of Hospice Fort Smith. The family is grateful for the loving care he received at Methodist Village and Heart of Hospice Fort Smith, AR.

Memorial Service for Pete Blackburn to be held at a later date.

On March 29, 2024, Peter Michael Blackburn passed away at home, with his loving wife of 41 years, by his side. He was in the military, serving two tours in Vietnam before he was honorably discharged and continued his government employment with the FAA as an air traffic controller and then was employed in the gaming industry.

Pete leaves behind his wife, Deborah Blackburn; daughter, Amy Blackburn; two grandchildren, Monica and Kenny; son, Thomas Blackburn; sister Wendy Brundage (Jon); brother John Blackburn (Deb) and Jamie Blackburn (Peggy).

Pete was preceded in death by his father, Asa O. "Pete" Blackburn, and his mother Regina; as well as a younger brother Thomas Blackburn.

Funeral services for Joan Pou Thompson were held Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 11 a.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Bro. James Lewis and Bro. Curt Pace officiating. Burial followed in New Harmony Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Thompson, 81, of Philadelphia died Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

Joan was a native of Neshoba County and a lifelong resident of the Zephyr Hill Community. She attended Zephyr Hill Schools and graduated from Neshoba Central and attended ECJC. Joan was a devoted homemaker and co-owner of Broke T Farms. Mrs. Thompson was a former member of Hope Baptist Church and was currently a member of New Har-

mony Baptist Church.

Survivors include husband, Kenneth Thompson; daughter, Wendy Bowen (Mike); sons, Johnny Thompson (Sharon) and Kevin Thompson (Anita); six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Barbara Rogers (John).

Mrs. Thompson was preceded in death by parents, John and Shirley Pou.

Funeral services for W.M. (Dub) Alexander were held Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Bro. Barry Fulton and Bro. Randall Dunaway officiating. Burial followed in Henrys Chapel Cemetery. Visitation was held Friday, April 5, 2024 from 5-8 p.m. at McClain-Hays Funeral Home.

Mr. Walter Marvin (WM) Alexander Jr., a lifelong resident of Neshoba County, was born on July 4th, 1929, to Walter Marvin Alexander, Sr. and Evie Lavada Copeland Alexander. He was a dedicated husband to Mattie Sue Benson, whom he married on December 27, 1947, and a loving father to his three children: Rachel, James (Tilton), and Regina. His legacy is one of dedication and creativity.

Throughout his life he worked at many jobs with his last being at Deweese Lumber Company, later acquired by Weyerhaeuser, forging lasting friendships along the way. After retiring in 1991, he continued his inventive pursuits, showcasing his passion for craftsmanship by creating unique items like birdhouses, walking canes, baby rocking chairs, and swings. He also enjoyed collecting, buying, and selling "junk" whether it be through the yard sale or auction. Spending his later years putting together puzzles and sharing stories with friends and family. A man of faith, Mr. Alexander was a faithful member of New Zion United Pentecostal Church and, later, The Pentecostals of House Church.

Survivors include his daughter, Rachel Warren and husband Ray of Union, MS, James "Tilton" Alexander and wife Charlotte of Sheridan, Arkansas, Regina Fortenberry and husband John Pat of Union, MS; six grandchildren, Rhonda Bailey (Chris), James Warren, Andrea Gardener (David) Sabra Stubblefield (Brandon), Bridget Rhodes (Whitney), Sarah Kate Lindberg (Kevin); four step-grandchildren, Tommy, Tony, Timmy and Tammy; 18 great-grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren; and a multitude of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Alexander was preceded

in death by his parents; both wives, Mattie Sue Benson and Arcola Browning Alexander; as well as his siblings: George Alexander, Lawson Alexander, Biddie Lynn Hardy, Bonnie Ruth Wilson and Nancy Tolbert.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to his dear friend Terry Swanner, the Collinsville Senior Care Center, and devoted friends for their support to him in his final years.

Pallbearers at his funeral service include James Warren, David Gardner, Chris Bailey, Brandon Stubblefield, Andy Bailey, Stanley Tolbert, Whitney Rhodes and Kevin Lindberg.

Mr. Walter Marvin (WM) Alexander will be remembered for his creativity, dedication to his family, and unwavering faith.

Memorial services for Pam Kirby Case were held Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel. Rev. Barry Walker officiated. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Case, 65, passed away on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at her home.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Neshoba County and a graduate of Neshoba Central High School in 1977, then attended East Central Community College where she earned her associates degree in 1979. Pam enjoyed doing yardwork, raising flowers and shopping with her daughter. She loved spending quality time with her family and pets.

She was a member of Sandtown Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 43 years, David Case of Philadelphia; one daughter, Hannah Case Beem (Chip) of Flowood.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

ALBERT JOINER, ADMINISTRATOR PETITIONER CAUSE NO. 2024-36-KK

VS.

THE HEIRS AT LAW OF DEBORAH SUE JOINER, DECEASED DEFENDANT(S)

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF NESHOPA

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF DEBORAH SUE JOINER, DECEASED, WHOSE POST OFFICE ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN, AND STREET ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN, AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY.

NOTICE

THIS NOTICE OF MOTION FOR PETITION WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You are required to appear before the Chancery Courtroom of Kemper County, Mississippi on the 6th day of May, 2024, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the Chancery Courtroom located in Dekalb, Mississippi, to respond to the Petition to Determine Heirship and other relief filed herein, otherwise a judgment may be entered against you.

ISSUED under my hand and official seal of said Court, this the 28th day of March, 2024.

GIDGET STOVALL TATE, NESHOPA COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK BY: /s/ Kathy Greer, D.C.

CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILSON BILLIE, JR., DECEASED C. A. NO. 2023-914

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The heirs at law of WILSON BILLIE, JR., deceased, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of WILSON BILLIE, JR., deceased, whose post office and street addresses are unknown to the Administrator/Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law. You have been made a Respondent in a Petition for Determination of Heirship filed in this court by the Administrator/Petitioner of the Estate of WILSON BILLIE, JR., deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action 1:00 o'clock P.M. on the 6th day of August, 2024 in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court at Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 27th day of March, 2024.

/s/Alexis York CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT CLERK

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALINDA JOYCE GOSS AMANDA HAILEY AND JONATHAN GOSS, PETITIONERS CAUSE NO. 23-267-KK

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 26th day of March, 2024, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned AMANDA HAILEY and JONATHAN GOSS, upon the estate of ALINDA JOYCE GOSS, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of the Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date or they will be forever barred.

THIS, the 26th day of March, 2024. Respectfully submitted, s/Amanda Hailey, Co-Administratrix s/Jonathan Goss, Co-Administrator

Terry L. Jordan Attorney at Law, PLLC Post Office Drawer 459 Philadelphia, MS 39350 Phone: (601)656-2451 Fax: (601)656-2458 MS State Bar No. 3234

TS #2023-07724-MS Substituted Trustee's Notice Of Sale Whereas, on 2/11/2016, Warren Jenkins and Michele Jenkins, husband and wife, executed a certain deed of trust to Nations Direct Title Agency, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for Platinum Mortgage, Inc, its successors and assigns, which Deed of Trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, State of Mississippi in Book 2016, Page 3553; and that Scrivener's Affidavit recorded on 2/20/2024 in Book 2024, Page 1039, and Whereas, said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned Freedom Mortgage Corporation and recorded 2/13/2023 in Book 2023, Page 626; and Whereas, Freedom Mortgage Corporation has heretofore substituted Nestor Solutions, LLC, as Trustee by Instrument recorded on 3/18/2024 in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 2024, Page 1595 and Whereas, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, Freedom Mortgage Corporation, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale. Now, Therefore, Nestor Solutions, LLC, Substituted Trustee in said Deed of Trust, will on 5/15/2024 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the County Courthouse of Neshoba County, Mississippi, located at Main Door of the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 East Beacon Street Philadelphia, MS 39350, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Neshoba County, State of Mississippi, to-wit: Being at the SE Corner of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 11 North, Range 13 East, for the point of beginning; the same being the North right of way line of State Highway No. 16, thence run North 1 degree East 282 feet; thence run South 73 degrees West 210 feet; thence North 210 feet; thence run South 73 degrees West 215 feet;

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thence run South 4 degrees East 398 feet to the North right of way line of said Highway no. 16; thence run North 85 degrees East 345 feet along the North- ern line of said Highway no. 16 to the point of beginning, containing 2.8 acres, more or less, and being in the E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 11 North, Range 13 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. We Will Convey only such title as vested in us as Substituted Trustee. Witness My Signature on this 29th day of March, 2024. /s/ Sylvia Weiss, its Sr. Trustee Sale Officer Nestor Solutions, LLC, Substituted Trustee 214 5th Street, Suite 205 Huntington Beach, CA 92648 TS #2023-07724-MS Publication Dates: 4/3/2024 4/10/2024 4/17/2024 4/24/2024 5/1/2024 5/8/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mississippi Regional Housing Authority V will conduct a Special Call Board meeting on April 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM, to include a public meeting to discuss the FY 2024 PHA Annual Plan. The following meetings shall occur in-person at the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority V located at 298 NORTHSIDE DRIVE, NEWTON, MS 39345.

Mississippi Code of 2013 A 025-0014-0 013 Senate Bill 2070

Thank you, Executive Director Ashiya Hawkins Run Dates: March 13 , April 26, 2024

CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MAZELL JOHN, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2024-0164

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 19th day of March, 2024, by the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned upon the Estate of Mazell John, 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 19th day of March, 2024,

/s/Linda Clemons Linda Clemons, Administrator of the Estate of Mazell John, deceased

SUBMITTED BY:

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

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF DEBORAH SUE JOINER, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2024-36-KK

ALBERT JOINER, ADMINISTRATOR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 11th day of March, 2024, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Deborah Sue Joiner, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons(s) having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first date of publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred.

This the 22nd day of March, 2024.

/s/Albert Joiner, Administrator of the Estate of Deborah Sue Joiner, Deceased

Prepared by:

Robert Lee Thomas ALFORD, THOMAS & THOMAS, PLLC Post Office Box 96 Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 601-656-1871 Telephone rthomasatty@gmail.com MSBN 105358

03/27/24, 04/03/24, 04/10/24

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LILLIAN BREAZEALE, DECEASED CAUSE NO.2024-060-KK

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2024, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Lillian Breazeale, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date or they will be forever barred. This the \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2024.

JAMES BREAZEALE, EXECUTOR OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LILLIAN BREAZEALE, DECEASED

PREPARED BY:

TAMMY C. SMITH, MSBN 9526 ATTORNEY AT LAW P.O. BOX 624 326-A WEST MAIN STREET PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350 (601) 389-5888 TELEPHONE (601) 389-5844 FACSIMILE

CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGUERITE BEN, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2024-162

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 19th day of March, 2024, by the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned upon the Estate of Marguerite Ben, 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 19th day of March, 2024,

/s/ Juana Ben Juana Ben, Administrator of the Estate of Marguerite Ben, 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

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NOTICE OF SALE

Whereas, Philadelphia Gun & Pawn Mini-Storage, Landlord, 910 Posey Ave. Philadelphia, MS 39350 Gives Notice That: Goods Description: Household Items Held in the Account of: Annie Carter Address :324 Front Street, Philadelphia, MS 39350

WILL, on the first legal date more than fifteen (15) days after the first publication hereof April 3rd, 2024, will go for sale at 8:30 am on the date of April 23rd, 2024, at the foregoing address of Landlord, sell to highest bidder for cash, the foregoing description of goods to satisfy rent and all other expenses, with Philadelphia Gun & Pawn having the right to reject any and all bids. WITNESS my signature this 2nd day of April 2024.

PHILADELPHIA GUN & PAWN MINI STORAGE LANDLORD Stephanie Bishop, secretary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 65-7-121 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors hereby give notice of a public hearing, to be held pursuant to a petition to abandon a portion of a public road, to be held on May 6, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room in the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 E Beacon Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, in Neshoba County, and notice is further given that the purpose of said public hearing is to decide whether or not it is in the public interest and convenience to close that portion of County Road 2206 beyond 420 feet from the intersection of County Road 109. The Board further notices that responses via email to info@neshobacounty.net or letters to Neshoba County Board of Supervisors, 401 E Beacon Street, Suite 201, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 will be considered as responsive during said public hearing.

PUBLISHED under the Order of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi, on the 1st day of April 2024.

THE NESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: /s/ Kevin Cumberland KEVIN CUMBERLAND, BOARD PRESIDENT

Publish: April 10th and April 17th , 2024

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2008, James W. Winstead and Gladys M. Winstead, Husband and Wife executed a certain deed of trust to Streamline Title Services, Trustee for the use and benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for the Mortgage Outlet, Inc., its successors and assigns which deed, its successors and assigns which deed, its successors and assigns which deed, its successors and assigns which deed is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, on September 19, 2008, in Book Deed of Trust 2008, Page 9284. WHEREAS, U.S. Bank National Association, the current holder and/or assignee, substituted Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. as Trustee by instrument recorded in the Chancery Clerk's Office on June 5, 2023 in Book Deed of Trust 2023, in Page 3784; and WHEREAS, Default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, U.S. Bank National Association, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee in said deed of trust, will on April 17, 2024 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the main front door of the County Courthouse of Neshoba County in Decatur, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to wit: Begin on the South line of the N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 10, Township 9 North, Range 12 East, lying East of road, Neshoba County, Mississippi.

More commonly known as: 10480 Rd 515, Union, MS 39365

I will convey only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee. Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Substituted Trustee Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. 244 Inverness Center Drive, Suite 200 Birmingham, AL 35242 (801) 355-2886 Publication dates: March 20, 2024, March 27, 2024, April 3, 2024, April 10, 2024

CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BERNADINE FARVE, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2023-1221

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The heirs at law of BERNADINE FARVE, deceased, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of BERNADINE FARVE, deceased, whose post office and street addresses are unknown to the Administrator/Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law. You have been made a Respondent in a Petition for Determination of Heirship filed in this court by the Administrator/Petitioner of the Estate of BERNADINE FARVE, deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 1:00 o'clock P.M. on the 6th day of August , 2024 in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court at Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 27th day of March, 2024.

/s/ Alexis York CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT CLERK

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2019, Barbara G. Wallace and Christopher R. Wallace aka Christopher Russell Wallace, wife and husband executed a certain deed of trust to Angie Dellinger, Trustee for the use and benefit of Regions Bank which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, on August 28, 2019, in Book Deed of Trust 2019, Page 7399.

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WHEREAS, Regions Bank, the current holder and/or assignee, substituted Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. as Trustee by instrument recorded in the Chancery Clerk's Office on August 21, 2023 in Book 2023 Deed of Trust, in Page 5508; and

WHEREAS, Default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Regions Bank, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee in said deed of trust, will on May 8, 2024 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the main front door of the County Courthouse of Neshoba County in Philadelphia, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to wit:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN NESHOPA COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

TRACT 1 THE NORTH 12 ACRES OF THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER SECTION 34 TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH RANGE 11 EAST NESHOPA COUNTY MISSISSIPPI LYING EAST OF OLD HIGHWAY NO 15 LESS AND EXCEPT

TRACT A

COMMENCE AT THE PIN FOUND AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 27 OF TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH AND RANGE 11 EAST OF NESHOPA COUNTY MISSISSIPPI THENCE EAST 457.25 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF OLD MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY NO 15 THENCE CONTINUING EAST 337.83 FEET TO THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PRESENT DAY MISSISSIPPI STATE NO 15 THENCE NORTH 4 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST 39.00 FEET IN SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 4 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST 476.79 FEET IN SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST 129.47 FEET TO THE AFORESAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF OLD MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY NO 15 THENCE SOUTH 21 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 499.28 FEET IN SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY CURVE CONCAVE TO THE EAST HAVING A RADIUS OF 1909.70 FEET AND A CHORD OF 10.26 FEET BEARING SOUTH 21 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST THENCE SOUTHERLY 10.26 FEET IN SAID RIGHT OF WAY CURVE THENCE EAST 275.81 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING BEING 2.21 ACRES MORE OR LESS AND A PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST, NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

TRACT B COMMENCE AT THE PIN FOUND AT THE SW CORNER OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 27,

TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; THENCE EAST 457.25 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF OLD MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY NO. 15; THENCE NORTH 4 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST 866.79 FEET IN SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 4 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST 225.00 FEET IN SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE TO A CONCRETE RIGHT OF WAY MARKER THENCE 85 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST 58.17 FEET IN SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE TO A CONCRETE RIGHT OF WAY MARKER IN THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF AFORESAID OLD MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY NO 15 THENCE SOUTH 21 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 247.08 FEET IN SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST 129.47 FEET THE POINT OF BEGINNING BEING 0.5 ACRES MORE OR LESS AND A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 27 TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH RANGE 11 EAST NESHOPA COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

More commonly known as: 12320 Road 325, Union, MS 39365

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

Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Substituted Trustee Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. 244 Inverness Center Drive, Suite 200 Birmingham, AL 35242 (801) 355-2886

Publication dates: April 10, 2024, April 17, 2024, April 24, 2024, May 1, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TRAVIS DALE MCMURRY, DECEASED MELINDA M. BAKER, ADMINISTRATOR PETITIONER VS

THE HEIRS AT LAW OF TRAVIS DALE MCMURRY, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2003-309-JK

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF TRAVIS DALE MCMURRY, DECEASED, WHOSE POST OFFICE ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN, AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY.

NOTICE

THIS NOTICE OF MOTION FOR PETITION WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You are required to appear before the Chancery Courtroom of Neshoba County, Mississippi on the 6th day of June 2024, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the Courtroom located in Philadelphia, Mississippi, to respond to the Petition to Determine Heirship and other relief filed herein, otherwise a judgment may be entered against you.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 28th day of March, 2024.

/s/ Gidget Stovall Tate, Neshoba County Chancery Clerk

Prepared By: Robert Lee Thomas ALFORD, THOMAS & THOMAS, PLLC Post Office Box 96 Philadelphia, MS 39350 601-656-1871 Telephone rthomasatty@gmail.com

04/3/24, 04/10/24, 04/17/24 04/03/24

NOTICE OF SALE

Whereas, Philadelphia Gun & Pawn Mini-Storage, Landlord, 910 Posey Ave. Philadelphia, MS 39350 Gives Notice That: Goods Description: Household Items Held in the account of: Danita Willis Address:423 Bogue Chitto Circle, Philadelphia, MS 39350

WILL, on the first legal date more than fifteen (15) days after the first publication hereof April 3rd, 2024 will go for sale at 8:30 am on the date of April 23rd, 2024, at the foregoing address of Landlord, sell to highest bidder for cash, the foregoing description of goods to satisfy rent & all other expenses, with Philadelphia Gun & Pawn having the right to reject any and all bids. WITNESS my signature this 2nd day of April 2024.

PHILADELPHIA GUN & PAWN MINI STORAGE LANDLORD Stephanie Bishop, secretary

CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUDY VAUGHN THOMPSON, DECEASED C. A. NO.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TRAVIS DALE MCMURRY, DECEASED MELINDA M. BAKER, ADMINISTRATOR PETITIONER VS



## Students observe Tree Planting Week

Tree Planting Week is celebrated in February each year and was established in 1974 as an annual event to recognize the importance of trees to the environment. The Neshoba County Soil and Water Conservation District celebrated Tree Planting Week with third grade students in local schools this February. Russell Singleton and Lee Jones with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and Erica Fortenberry with the Neshoba County Soil and Water Conservation District visited with third grade students from Philadelphia Elementary, Union Elementary and Neshoba Central Elementary. They taught them why trees are so important to our environment as well as the economic importance of the forestry industry. Just under 330 third grade students received a water oak seedling to take home. These seedlings were donated by Arborgen's Super Tree Seedlings.

# Rea tapped as new executive director for Wesley House

By STAFF REPORTS  
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Brandy Rea of Philadelphia has been tapped to be the new executive director of Wesley House Community Center following the retirement of Rev.

David G. Schultz in June. Schultz will be retiring from his position of executive director effective June 30. Schultz has served at the Wesley House since August 2017. During his tenure, he has enjoyed working with various

community agencies and individuals to help continue and grow the longstanding mission and programs of Wesley House. There will be a retirement reception open to the public honoring Rev. Schultz on May

3, from 2-5 p.m. at the Wesley House Community Center. Rea, LPC-S, BC-TMH, has been named as the new executive director of Wesley House effective July 1. Rea has served as the Assistant Executive Director

and Clinical Director at Wesley House since June 2016. Rea is looking forward to continuing the work of Wesley House's mission and programs of Christian Relief, Education, Child Advocacy Center, and Sexual Assault Crisis Center.

Rev. Schultz and Rea have worked alongside one another over the last seven years focusing on strengthening and growing the reach and impact of Wesley House in the community. — See [wesleyhouse-meridian.org](http://wesleyhouse-meridian.org) for more.

## Of Local Interest

### 4-H HORSE CLUB

If you are interested in joining the Neshoba County 4-H Horse Club, join us on April 11th at 5:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room located at the Neshoba County Coliseum. This will include information regarding riding events as well as horse art opportunities. This program will be available to youth ages 8-18. If you plan to attend or need any additional information, please call the Neshoba County Extension Office at 601-656-4011!

### NOWELL FAMILY REUNION

Please join us for our annual Family Reunion to begin at 10:00am on Saturday, April 13, 2024, in Memory of Chester and Gladys Nowell. We look forward to fellowship with all family members; and especially the good food. Please attend at Northside Park Senior Citizens Center: 100 Burt Drive, Philadelphia, MS 39350

### WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT FIELD DAY

All hunters and wildlife managers, foresters and loggers, private landowners, wildlife enthusiasts, and industry representatives, join us on April 18th,

2024, at the Coastal Plains Branch Experiment Station located at 51 Costal Plains Road Newton, MS from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for a Wildlife Management Field Day. Pre-register by calling 601-683-2084 by April 11. On-site registration begins at 8:30. The program begins at 9:00. Lunch will be provided. Continuing Education Opportunities Below:  
Continuing Forestry Education (CFE)  
Category A - 4 hours credit Professional Logging Manager (PLM)  
Category 1 - 4 hours credit

### GROWERS ASSOCIATION

It is that time of the year again! The Neshoba County Vegetable Growers Association is beginning to prepare for the upcoming Farmers' Market season. I would like to cordially invite everyone to our Vegetable Growers Meeting on May 8th at 12:00 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Conference Room at 704 E Main St. Philadelphia, MS 39350. If you are interested in becoming a vendor for the 2024 Farmers' Market, please plan to attend the Vegetable Growers Meeting. Lunch will be provided, so please call the Neshoba County Extension office at 601-656-4011 by May 3rd to RSVP.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

### FAIR EXHIBIT SIGNUP

Come by the MSU Extension Service-Neshoba County office and pick up your entry forms, entry tags and exhibitor number for the Neshoba County Fair Exhibit Hall. Youth ages 5-18 can enter items in the categories of fresh fruits and vegetables, field crops, food preservation, food-nutrition, posters, and arts and crafts. Adult categories include fresh fruits and vegetables, field crops, food preservation, and cultural arts. The deadline to pick up your entry forms, tags and exhibitor number is Friday, July 12. Call 601-656-4011 or come by the Extension Service office in the Neshoba County Coliseum for more information.

### PRE-K REGISTRATION

The Pre-Kindergarten Program is located at the Neshoba County School District, Office of Federal Programs/Pre-K building at 1125 Golf Course Road. Students are screened for enrollment by a pre-kindergarten test. The program is designed to serve those children with the most academic/ developmental needs, and will be 4 years old on or before Septem-

ber 1, 2024. The classes will begin and end to coincide with the regular school term at Neshoba County Schools. Participating students' parents will be required to provide transportation to and from the center. As other students in the school district, pre-k students will be offered breakfast and lunch by the Neshoba County School District Food Services.

Registration and testing will be conducted from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm, on May 20 - 22. We ask that one parent attend with the child being tested. Registration documents can be printed at [www.neshobacentral.com](http://www.neshobacentral.com), select "Departments," "Federal Programs/Pre-K," and then select "Pre-K Program Registration."

For more information, call the office of Federal Programs/Pre-K @ 601-656-4484 or email Jennifer Rawson at [jrawson@neshobacentral.com](mailto:jrawson@neshobacentral.com) or Sheila Goss at [sgoss@neshobacentral.com](mailto:sgoss@neshobacentral.com).

### SMALL RUMINANTS MANAGEMENT

The Neshoba County Extension Office would like to invite you to the Multi-County Small Ruminants Management Workshop on May 16th in the Multi-Purpose at the Neshoba County

Coliseum from 3-7 p.m. A meal will be provided. Small Ruminant Specialist, Dr. Leyla Rios de Alvarez and Forage Specialist, Dr. Rocky Lemus, will be speaking on the topic of Best Management Practices for Small Ruminant Operations which will include Suitable Forage Practices, Reproduction Practices, and Pesticide Management. Please call the Neshoba County Extension Office at 601-656-4011 to RSVP by May 9th.

### ARCHERY EVENT

April 20, 2024 Pearl River Archery will be hosting a Mississippi Archery Association and ASA Event. Registration between 9:00-9:45 a.m. Tournament begins at 10 a.m. Range is located at McMillian Park, 515 MS-16, Carthage, MS. \$30 entry fee for K50, K40, Women's K40, Open, Senior Known. \$25 entry fee for Barebow, Bowhunter, Traditional, High School, Women's Bowhunter. \$10 entry fee Middle School \$5 entry fee Elementary

### SPRING REVIVAL

The Mt. Enon M.B. Church family in the Dixon Community invite all area church families to their Spring Revival scheduled

for April 22-24th at 7:00 nightly. Rev. Boris Griffin of Philadelphia, MS will be the evangelist for this occasion. Rev. James Pinkston is the pastor.

### PRIVATE APPLICATOR TRAINING

The Neshoba County Extension office would like to invite anyone needing Private Applicator Training to properly manage/control their lawn/land using restricted pesticides. The Private Applicator Training will be held May 14th at the Neshoba County Coliseum at 2 p.m.. Private applicators must be at least 18 years old. Call the office Neshoba County Extension office at 601-656-4011 to register.

### CHURCH REVIVAL

Pastor Jack Foster invites you to attend Revival at Sardis Baptist Church in the Bogue Chitto community. The guest speaker will be Bro. John E. Stephens. Services will be held Sunday, April 14 at 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM and April 15-17 at 7:00 PM. A potluck luncheon will follow the Sunday morning service.

## Jail

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Shelby Dr; warrant-circuit court bench warrant

- Kenyon W Dixon, 26, of 304 Bogue Chitto Cir; contempt of court - failure to appear or complete jury service X2
- Cody D Fortenberry, 21, of 10131 Deer Creek Rd; MV-improper equipment, DUI-1st offense

- Jason L. Goodin, 35, of 10120 Rd 2638; trespassing lands of another without permission
- April D Guess, 47, of

11411 Rd 452; contempt of court-municipal court X2

- Melvin L Holesome, 61, of 2909 36th Ave, Meridian; CS-marijuana- simple possession - 250-500 grams, hold-detainer for MDOC probation parole, MV-careless driving, MV-no insurance
- Deeshaya Jefferson, 25, of 197 Choctaw Rd, Conehatta; shoplifting-1st conviction of aiding and abetting shoplifting by a minor

- Michael S McMillian, 29, of 114 Tucker Cut Off Rd; contempt of court-default in payment of restitution
- Kelly Peden, 63, of 259 Carver Ace; domestic violence - simple assault - 1st or 2nd

- offense
- Krystal Robinson, 32, of 1473 Tapahsha Hina Fluta; DUI-1st offense, MV-no insurance
- Julie A SHOemake, 55, of 425 Lewis Rd Lot 1; MV-disobedience of official traffic control devices, DUI-1st offense

- William B Sims, 47, of 2194 Webb Spring Rd, Louisville; DUI-1st offense, MV-failure to give signal
- Kenneth L Spears, 44, of 5544 Hopewell Rd; hold-detainer for other agency
- Jefferey Stokes, 43, of 1159 Hwy 482 Lot 24; warrant-arrest report
- Amos Thames, 31, of 62

Miller St, Louisville; contempt of court-default in payment of restitution

- Furious T Thompson, 30, of 107 Green Lane; warrant-arrest report
- James T Tucker II, 32, of 1009 Rd 703, Little Rock; contempt of court-municipal court, hold-detainer for Neshoba County SO

- Gevonta L Webb, 27, of 412 Winterset Dr, Columbus; DUI-1st offense, MV-reckless driving - first offense
- Michael Willis, 32, of 426 Blackjack Rd; CS-paraphernalia- possession or use, CS-marijuana- simple possession - 1-5 kilograms
- Jaylan C Wilson, 26, of

1066 Frog Level Ln; warrant-chancery court bench warrant, forgery - uttering counterfeit

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# Author encourages students to pursue reading

By **DEBBIE BURT MYERS**  
Neshoba County Schools

Children's author Phyllis Davis returned to her hometown as a special guest of Neshoba Central Elementary School where she encouraged a group of fourth and fifth graders to pursue a love for reading.

She also told students that their voices can make a difference, just like the main characters in her book.

Davis, and her daughter, Nikki Verlangieri, presented each student with a signed copy of *The Bird Whisperer*, which she wrote with her grandchildren, Cooper and Maggie, when they were their ages. Each student was also given a package of bird seeds.

In the book, youngsters Tom and Liz arrive at their annual vacation cabin only to learn that the trees in the forest are to be cut down. They decided to do something



Children's author Phyllis Davis, left, presents a copy of her book, *The Bird Whisperer*, to Neshoba Central Elementary School student Charles Allen Willis. At right is Davis' daughter, Nikki Verlangieri.

about it in order to save the birds. They were successful

grandfather.

Davis read the book to the students who sat attentively

and later asked several questions.

One student asked Davis if

the book was based on a true story.

The idea stemmed from an encounter Verlangieri's father had with a bird that was living in a tree on her patio, Davis said.

A second student asked how many words were in the book, which Davis was unable to answer.

"I bet you go home and count them," she said with a smile.

Another asked if the birds had names.

While they are not named, Davis said there were red and blue birds in the book along with other colorful species.

Davis encouraged the students to visit their library often, which will lead to a lifelong love of books.

"If we can encourage just one to do that, it will be worth it," she said of her work.

Davis enjoys sharing her book, which she does not sell, with children as well as senior

citizens.

She said their voices, just like the children in the book, can make a difference in their communities.

She also told students, that they, like her two grandchildren, are never too young to start writing.

Davis and her husband, Ranny, make their home in Oxford and Perdido Key, Fla.

Verlangieri and her husband, Jason, also live in Oxford with their two children, Giada and Anthony.

Their son, Justin, and wife Susan reside in Tupelo with Cooper and Maggie.

The author dedicated *The Bird Whisperer* to "all the family and friends who supported my longtime dream of writing a book along my journey in life."

Davis' career in property management spans over 35 years as an owner of BHC Property Management LLC.

# Neshoba Central receives \$68K grant for engineering, robotics

By **DEBBIE BURT MYERS**  
Neshoba County Schools

Neshoba Central High School's Engineering and Robotics Program will soon have a commercial-sized 3D printer and other new equipment thanks to a \$68,703 grant from AccelerateMS.

Neshoba was one of only 25 high schools and districts across the state to receive a share of the approximately \$1.4 million to career and technical education efforts, aimed to empower students by aligning their education with future careers or post-secondary education programs.

Dana McLain, Neshoba Central's work-based learning program coordinator, said students will "not only gain exposure by working with



Students Isabella May, Paisley Lovren and Gabe Ellingburg work together in their first-year engineering class at Neshoba Central.

various equipment to prepare them to enter directly into the workforce, but they will also gain experience as they prepare to enter post-secondary education opportunities."

McLain said the goal of the grant is to provide more support to business and industry leaders.

"What we purchased will help our local workforce by better training our students in engineering and robotics," she said. "Students will know what is expected of them when they enter the workforce."

McLain said the commercial printer will expose students to larger scale printing throughout the job market.

What's more, students will now have their own robotics station where they will work with coding and creating their

own robot and its usage.

"We know that Artificial Intelligence is at the forefront of our society, so it is crucial to expose students to these capabilities," McLain said.

"Students entering the workforce with experience in AI and robotics literacy will be more competitive. Our local business owners will have future employees who are more educated. They will come to them with a good foundation."

AccelerateMS serves the people and businesses of Mississippi by developing and deploying workforce strategies to connect individuals with transformative, high-paying careers.

# Teen recovering after shooting

By **DUNCAN DENT**  
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A Philadelphia teenager faces multiple surgeries after he suffered several gunshot wounds when more than 40 shots were fired into his family home in west Philadelphia.

The victim has been identified as 18-year-old Jamerson Coleman, said Philadelphia Police Chief Eric Lyons. As of Monday, seven bullets had been removed from Coleman's body, Lyons said.

"He's had surgery and still has a few surgeries to go and a long road of recovery," Lyons said.

A fundraiser for Coleman has been set up by Stacy Shields, the Special Education Director at Philadelphia Public Schools, at gofundme.com. As of Tuesday morning, they had raised \$3,465 from 95 donations towards a \$5,000 goal.

"The first time I met Jamerson, it was clear he was a remarkable young man," Shields said. "Truly one of the best kids I've ever had the

privilege to know."

Lyons said the investigation is "following up on several leads" as of Tuesday morning and is working to identify suspects involved.

"We at the police department will do everything we can to ensure we can arrest and hold accountable those involved," Lyons said. Investigators are working on "a few leads."

Lyons said he has heard "nothing but good things" about Coleman. "We know this young man was well-liked in the community," he said.

On Sunday, April 7, at about 4:30 a.m. Philadelphia Police were dispatched to the 200 block of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive following reports of a male being shot.

Upon arrival, officers made contact with Coleman, the male victim, inside the residence who had been shot multiple times in the arm, chest, and leg while he was sleeping in his bedroom.

EMS transported Coleman

to Neshoba General and he was later flown to The University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

Officers recovered several spent shell casings from outside the residence near the bedroom window where Coleman was asleep and counted over 40 shots being fired into the residence, primarily into Coleman's bedroom window.

Coleman was not believed to be the intended target of the attack and authorities believe there were multiple shooters in this incident, Lyons said.

Speculation among his friends was that this was out-of-state drug dealers who shot at the wrong house. They were looking for a 22-year-old here who shot someone in Detroit, sources told the Democrat.

"This investigation is ongoing," Lyons said.

If you have any information on this case, please contact the Philadelphia Police Department at (601) 656-2131 or Crime Stoppers at 1-855-485-TIPS.

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# Man arrested with pot, meth

By **DUNCAN DENT**  
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A Philadelphia man was arrested on drug charges at a safety checkpoint in the Sandtown community late last month.

The man, Johnny Barrett, 64, of 11070 BIA Road 0241, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana in a vehicle, according to Neshoba County

Sheriff Eric Clark.

Clark said deputies along with Mississippi Highway Patrol Troopers encountered Barrett at the safety checkpoint on Highway 482 in the Sandtown community on Saturday, March 30, at about 8:30 p.m.

He was driving a maroon Ford F150.

According to Clark, deputies reported the



Johnny Barrett

powering" smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle.

A search of the vehicle rendered a lunchbox with a misdemeanor amount of weed and two cylinders, Clark said. One cylinder contained a substance believed to be cocaine and the other a crystal-like substance believed to be methamphetamine, he said.

GovDeals a 2004 GMC truck and a 755 John Deere from the Cemetery Department. The motion was approved unanimously;

- Approve a motion to accept the resignation of Justin Gibbs from the Cemetery Department effective April 1. The motion was approved unanimously;
- Approve a motion to hire Decurtis Davis as Patrolman 1st Class effective April 3 with the Police Department at \$15.86 per hour. The motion

was approved unanimously;

- Approve a motion to allow East Central Planning & Development to move forward with the Community Development Block Grant for the Annex building. The motion was approved unanimously;
- Approve a motion to terminate Michael Graham. Shaun Seales recused himself from the vote. Aldermen Clearman, Waltman, and Tatum voted aye and the motion passed.

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Peachtree Ave., and Mayo St. The motion was approved unanimously;

- Approve a motion to approve MaxxSouth road bores along the following streets: Brian Dr., St. Francis Dr., and Canal Place. The motion was approved unanimously;
- Approve a motion to surplus and send to auction with

SOCIETY

# Jenkins loves to cook classic dishes

By JACE HENDERSON  
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Skylar Jenkins learned to cook classic Southern foods like fried chicken, squash casseroles, and sweet potato casseroles from her grandmother, Jo Apperson, and her late mother-in-law, Terry Jenkins.

Some of her fondest memories were spent in the kitchen with them, prompting her to keep their recipes alive through her own cooking.

Jenkins said her personal favorite dish to prepare is Cajun chicken pasta as it is most requested by her friends and family.

"I've been told that it's better than pasta served in popular restaurants," she said. "I've really perfected it over several years."

Married to Josh Jenkins for 12 years, they have two boys, Sutton and Sawyer. Jenkins said her children particularly enjoy it when she makes tacos.

"I love seeing my boys' reactions when they try something new that I've cooked," she said. "I wasn't a great cook when I first got married, but over time I've really enjoyed being in the kitchen and decompressing after a day of working at home."

Jenkins is currently employed as a regional quality review manager at a California-based hospital system and also loves dabbling in photography.

Living on a farm with registered French Charolais cows, she and her family are planning to start a garden and have already planted a variety of wildflowers.

Lately, Jenkins has been collecting old dusty cookbooks from Baptist churches in search of new recipes. She loves adding her own twist to these discovered recipes and does a lot of baking with sourdough as well.

During Mardi Gras season, Jenkins made and sold over 70 homemade king cakes in Neshoba County and intends to continue the tradition annually.

"It was very tedious," she said. "It was just me, all from scratch—from the filling to the icing to the sourdough bread. I didn't use anything premixed from the store."

For holidays like Thanksgiving, Jenkins prepares a large dressing, squash casserole, and sweet potato casserole, while her husband smokes the turkey and manages most of the grilling.

"We often make pork loins stuffed with cream cheese and candied jalapeños," she said. "They call it cowboy candy, but it's really just pickled jalapeños that have been pickled in sugar. The sweetness adds a lot of unique flavor than what is typically used to with bacon-wrapped foods."

Jenkins said her sourdough starter, KitchenAid mixer, and a quality mixing bowl are her kitchen essentials, and her advice to aspiring cooks is to use coffee instead of water for chocolate recipes and to just



Skye Jenkins with her husband, Josh, and two sons, Sutton and Sawyer

## COOK OF THE WEEK

keep trying and never give up.

**GUACAMOLE SALAD**  
Avocado (soft)  
Small purple onion (minced)  
Lemon juice  
Mayonnaise  
Salt & Pepper

**Mash avocado & mix in onion, salt, pepper, squeeze of lemon juice to taste. Add spoonful of mayonnaise. Can be served over tacos or on its own with chips.**

**BOURSIN CHICKEN AND VEGGIE BAKE**  
Chicken tenders  
1 Boursin garlic & herb cheese block

1 bell pepper (any color)  
1 small yellow onion or 2 shallots  
1 container grape tomatoes  
Zucchini and/or squash  
Garlic clove  
Parmesan cheese

**In a skillet, season (your choice of seasoning) & brown your chicken but do not overcook. Once browned, remove chicken, add Boursin block to center of skillet and add all remaining ingredients. Pour**

olive oil over ingredients, salt & pepper, cover & bake at 400° for about 30 minutes, until soft. Add chicken back to the dish, top with parmesan cheese and broil until golden. This dish can be substituted with any veggies that you have growing in your garden.

**CHOCOLATE CAKE**  
1 box Milk Chocolate

**Cake Mix**  
1 cup milk chocolate chips  
1 small box of chocolate instant pudding (Adding pumpkin flavored pudding around the holidays makes for a nice change from traditional chocolate cakes)  
4 eggs  
8 oz sour cream  
½ cup veg oil  
½ cup coffee

**Combine all ingredients & pour into decorative Bundt pan. Bake at 350° for 50 minutes. Dust with powdered sugar.**

■ 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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Philadelphia Public School System has announced its Teachers of the Year. Teacher of the Year for Philadelphia Elementary School is Angel Crockett Coleman; Philadelphia Middle School is Defany Phillips; High School is Francisco Wilson. Congratulations!

Neshoba Central's Kaleigh Swearingen will be a member of the Centralettes Dance Team at East Central Community College where she signed to continue her education in the fall. She is a senior who will graduate in May and is a member of the Rockettes. She is the daughter of Caleb and Kristian Swearingen. Congratulations!

Memphis has a brand new resident with family ties to Philadelphia. Precious Coleman Archer Cox was born on April 2, weighing 9 pounds and 4 ounces of absolute sweetness. His very happy parents are Marshall and Gina Cox. His delighted grandparents are Dr. Tommy and LeeAnne Marshall Cox and Richard and Meg Goorley. Great grandparents are Shirley Cox and the late Tom Wallace Cox, and Frances Marshall and the late Ben Allen Marshall. Congratulations and best wishes to this little family!

Leake Academy's 2024 STAR Student is senior Sara Beth Kelly. The Mississippi Economic Council's STAR Student Program recognizes students for academic excellence and ACT Test scores.

Each STAR student selects a STAR Teacher of their choice whom they feel has made the greatest contribution to their scholastic achievement as her STAR Teacher. Sara chose Mrs. Sue Smith for this honor. Congratulations to both of you!

The Kids' Theatre Camp, which is sponsored by the Philadelphia Neshoba County Arts Council, will present their production of "101 Dalmatians" at the Ellis Theater after the Camp.

The Camp will be held at the Ellis Theater on June 11-14 for ages 4-12. Registration is now full, but if you did not register, let us know and we will have a waiting list. Cast members were chosen from registered campers who previously auditioned at Trinity Baptist Church. There are 100 campers registered and it promises to be a fun experience as was last year's camp!

Sellers and Julia Cole's twin grandsons, Keaton and Logan Cole, were a part of Clinton's two state soccer championships and will continue their education at Hinds Community College, the college their great grandfa-

ther, Clyde Muse, led for over 44 years — and established the Hinds soccer program during that time.

Their grandparents are beyond proud of their accomplishments, but especially for the compassionate, caring, and hard-working young men they have become. Their parents are Prentiss and Keri Cole. Prentiss played football at Hinds and later at MSU. Their uncle, Jeremy Cole, played soccer at Hinds. Congratulations to both young men!

Cheerleader tryouts were held recently for the varsity squad at Philadelphia High School. These are the girls who will be cheering the Tornados in the fall: Sarah Renee Richardson; Kaitlin Huddleston; Deanna Monroe; Christiany Spencer; Jania Roberts; Hannah Bennett; Kensleigh Shields; Myonna Moore; Lucy Ray; Abby Peeples; Ke'Mya Thomas; Skyla Boler; Rhianna Rush; Jaida Griffin; Trinity Tower; Dashia Graham; Giselle Spurlock; Mykasia Beck.

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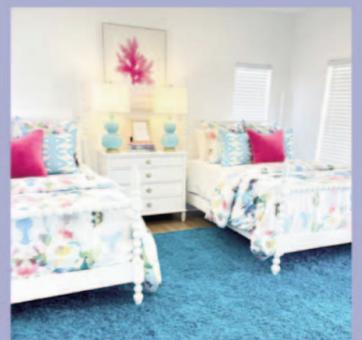
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Neshoba Central's Dalea McKinney signed with East Central Community College to further her education and she will be a member of the Centralettes Dance Team. Dalea will be a 2024 graduate of Neshoba Central where she was a member of the Rockettes. Dalea is the daughter of Larry and Chrystal McKinney. Pictured are, seated from left, her mom Chrystal, Dalea, and her dad Larry (Back) Athletic Director Tommy Holland, Dance Coach Angie Bobo, Assistance Dance Coach Carly Greenwood, and Assistant Principal Brent Pouncey.



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Neshoba Central's Lauren Chamblee signed with East Central Community College to further her education and she will be a member of the Centralettes Dance Team. Lauren will be a 2024 graduate of Neshoba Central where she was a member of the Rockettes. Lauren is the daughter of Jimmy and Carla Chamblee. Pictured are, seated from left, her mom Carla, Lauren and her dad Jimmy (Back) Athletic Director Tommy Holland, Dance Coach Angie Bobo, and Assistance Dance Coach Carly Greenwood.

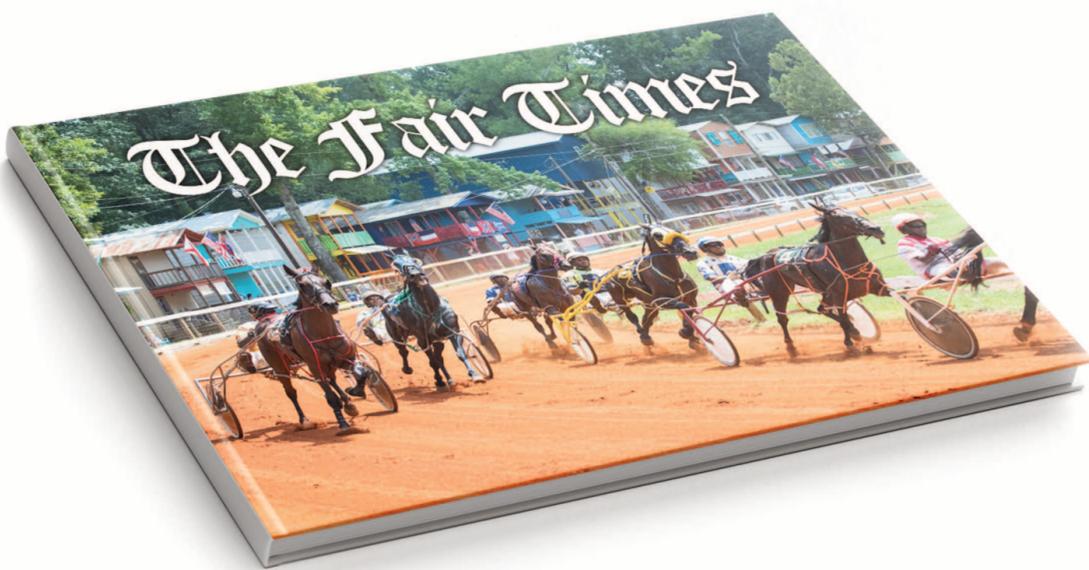


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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

**Christ's peace after you have sinned**

In John chapter 21, we are taught the how the Lord Jesus restored his disciples after they deserted him in his death. The resurrected Jesus had appeared briefly to his disciples a couple of times before this story. In those appearances the Lord had showed them his hands and side, and said, “Peace be with you.”

There is no more sure expression of Christ's love to you than for him to pronounce peace after you have sinned grievously against him as the disciples had. The peace Christ declared was won for them by his death. The Lord is going to teach his disciple's how his death fulfilled the prophets and the purposes of God, but first he wants them to see that the bond of love between them is even stronger than before he died on the cross.

There is no Christian that doesn't know what it feels like to fail the Lord. Some of those failures strike deeper in the soul than others. Peter had denied Jesus 3 times openly and emphatically, and the Lord knows how that sin weighs on Peter. The chapter opens with Peter and 6 other disciples at the sea of Galilee going fishing.

They aren't fishing for recreation. They need to sustain their lives, and they were commercial fishermen. Nevertheless, the mention of Peter leading them in fishing indicates they think they will return to their previous way of living before Jesus called them to be disciples.

What follows is an account of the Lord's providence that recalls when he first called Peter and others to be his disciples (Luke 5). The disciples fished all night and caught nothing (John 21:3). At daybreak someone from the shore tells them to cast their nets to the right side of the boat and they will find some fish.

They do not recognize that it is the Lord Jesus by appearance, but after the net fills with fish (indicating divine power), John proclaims, “It is the Lord.” Peter instantly jumps into the water to make his way to shore. The rest of the disciples follow in the boat, dragging a net full of fish.

The Lord is reminding the disciples that he is in charge of their lives. He has not rescinded his call for them to be his disciples. It is important for us to remember that when we sin against the

Lord, we are to draw near to him. We tend to want to distance ourselves or try to make up for it in some way. The way of restoration is humbling ourselves and seeking his grace.

He also wants them to see that his resurrection as a man is real, so he serves them a meal (verses 10-13). Later in Acts 10, Peter witnesses to Cornelius about Christ: “He was put to death by hanging on a tree. But God raised him on the 3rd day and made him to appear to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.”

This may not be adequate proof for a sceptic, but it is great consolation to the Christian. “He is risen indeed” is the hallmark of the Christian faith. Jesus, after being raised, ate and drank with his people. He has conquered death. He will be the judge of the world. All who believe in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. These facts we live by and move us to serve Christ.

After the meal, Jesus asks Peter, “Do you love me?” The Lord asks Peter this question three times as a reminder that Peter had denied him three times. The grief Peter felt the third time the Lord asked the question was intended to do Peter good. The question, “Do you love me,” is a searching question for anyone to ask, but especially if it is Christ.

The Lord is restoring Peter by way of love, humbling Peter so that the apostle will know that Christ's grace and love will be the foundation of the soul he uses in spreading the gospel. When we aspire to be like God in self-will it casts us down to the devil, when we aspire to be like Christ in love it lifts the soul to heaven. Let Christ's love be the impetus to all you do for him.

We are not sound in the faith until the light we receive from Christ is turned into love. Perfect love is a kind of voluntary death, where the soul is not thinking of his own interests but how he may please and gratify the one in which he loves. “Do you love me,” the Lord asks. If you do, then follow me. Look after my interests, and my will.

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

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# Rockets baseball beats Ridgeland, loses to EW

By **BILL GRIFFIS**  
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The Neshoba Central Rockets went 1-1 in action late last week, beginning with a 3-1 win over district opponent Ridgeland on Friday night.

Rockets pitcher Sanders Griffis earned the win on the mound, giving up only one run on three

hits and three walks in the contest.

The Titans' only run came on a Parker Ishee homerun in the top of the 6th inning. Will Williams came on in relief in the 6th to get the last three outs and ear the save. Jarvis Woody took the loss for the Titans.

The Rockets played good

defense all night, committing only one error. The Rockets got on the board first in the bottom of the 4th inning. R.B. Hardin singled and advanced after a sacrifice by Will Williams. Demarzez West then got a hit, with Hardin able to advance to home for the run. J.P. Hancock then reached on a fielder's choice. Ryder White

hit a hard line drive up the middle allowing West to score. Hancock, who advanced to third base on White's hit, then scored on a wild pitch.

The Rockets looked to carry that momentum into Saturday when they faced off against East Webster. Close games and last-inning losses continue to plague

the Rockets after losing in the bottom of the 7th.

Tied up 3-3, East Webster's leadoff batter hit a triple. The next batter was walked and the third batter was intentionally walked to load up the bases with an attempt to save the game. The next at-bat however had different plans and hit a line drive up the middle to

score the go-ahead run.

Sam Killens started on the mound for the Rockets, giving up two runs over three innings. J.P. Hancock pitched the next three innings, giving up one run. Will Williams came on in the 7th and earned the loss.

The Rockets were back in district action Tuesday.

# Lady Yellowjackets go 4-1 in softball competitions

By **ROBBIE ROBERTSON**  
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The Union softball team won four out of five games last week.

Union swept two games from J.Z. George, winning 17-0 and 15-0 and then took two from Philadelphia, winning 15-2 and 15-3. Union then lost Enterprise 12-2 to end the week.

The Lady Yellowjackets will take on Sebastopol in a key division series this week. Game 1 was scheduled for Tuesday at Union while game 2 was set for Thursday at Sebastopol. Union will finish up the week on Friday by hosting Southeast Lauderdale.

## Union 17, J.Z. George 0

The Lady Yellowjackets needed just two innings to take a run-rule win over the Lady Jaguars on Wednesday.

Lauryn Roebuck was 2-for-3 with a home run, two runs scored and three RBIs while Tiara Campbell was 2-for-2 with a double and three runs scored. Abigail Cleveland also tripled and scored three runs while Alanee Wheeler also doubled.

Cleveland started in the circle and pitched three innings, giving up just three hits while striking out six.

## Union 15, J.Z. George 0

The Lady Yellowjackets took the second game win three innings to complete the sweep.

Union only had two hits but drew 13 walks and four hit batters. Aspen Lovern and Maggie Davis also singled for Union.

Raeleigh Dickerson, Lovern and Aubrie Coleman all pitched one inning for Union while Dickerson picked up the win.

## Union 15, Philadelphia 2

The Lady Yellowjackets banged out 15 hits and cruised to a run-rule win over the Lady Tornados.

The Lady Yellowjackets had 15 hits and took advantage of nine errors. Tiara Campbell was 3-for-4 with a double, triple, two runs scored and two RBIs while Abigail Cleveland was 3-for-3 with two runs scored and three RBIs. Lauryn Roebuck was 2-for-2 with three runs scored while Maggie Davis was 2-for-3 with two runs scored. Alanee Wheeler also doubled while Elle Killen tripled and scored two runs.

Wheeler started in the circle and pitched three innings, striking out eight while Aubrie Coleman pitched the last inning and gave up

two runs on two hits and walk while striking out two.

## Union 15, Philadelphia 3

The Lady Jackets needed just four innings to take another run-rule win over the Lady Tornados.

Union banged out 10 hits in the contest, led by Abigail Cleveland who was 3-for-4 with two runs scored. Destiny Moulds was 2-foe-2 with two runs scored. Lauryn Roebuck singled, Elle Killen and Landry Bishop each singled and scored two runs.

Alanee Wheeler pitched all four innings and gave up three runs on four hits and two walks

while striking out 10.

## Enterprise 12, Union 2

The Lady Bulldogs allowed just three hits and took a run-rule win over the lady Jackets on Saturday.

Enterprise led 4-2 after five innings until Enterprise scored eight runs in the sixth.

Tiara Campbell was 2-for-3 and scored a run while Landry Bishop singled and drove in a run.

Abigail Cleveland started in the circle and pitched six innings, giving up 12 runs on 11 hits and two walks while striking out six.

# Union wins 2A state powerlifting championship

By **ROBBIE ROBERTSON**  
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The Union powerlifting team is at it again, bringing home another state championship last week.

The Yellowjackets dominated the Class 2A competition, scoring 48 points with four individual state champions to beat Sebastopol 48-22 to take the championship.

Union's Semaj Burnside, Vaiden Bouder, Blaine Cooper and Alec Pientowski all came home with individual state champi-

onships to fuel the Yellowjackets' top-place finish.

"Our team had a mixture of new faces and some seasoned seniors," Union coach Jay Cassell said. "There was some uncertainty of how good and strong we would be this year as a team with a few new elements. Every one of those guys stepped up and invested into giving a lot of time and energy into getting stronger. These boys are some of the hardest workers I have ever witnessed. They love each other, and they want each other to

succeed, but they also want to put Union on the map in the best way possible. I am just so proud and honored to be able to coach them and watch them grow into men. They are going to do great things in life."

In the 123-pound weight class, Union got its first points with a first-place finish from Semaj Burnside. Burnside had a 425-pound squat, which was 90 pounds more than anyone else in the division. He also had a 175-pound bench press and a 355-pound deadlift.

In the 132-pound weight class, Union's Zeus Thompson was second with a total of 970 pounds, finishing 50 pounds behind Scott Central's Tyquan Bounds. Thompson had a 405-pound squat, a 190-pound bench press and a 375-pound dead lift.

In the 148-pound weight class, Drew Sharp finished second behind Sebastopol. Sharp had a 985-pound total with a 375-pound squat, a 195-pound bench press and a 415-pound dead lift.

In the 220-pound weight class,

Union took both of the top spots. Vaiden Bouder had a total of 1,455 pounds to take first place. Bouder had a 635-pound squat, a 265-pound bench press and a 555-pound dead lift to take the weight class. John Perry had a 1,355-pound total for second place. Perry had a 600-pound squat, a 220-pound bench press and a 535-pound dead lift to take second.

In the 242-pound weight class, Union took second as Kale Grayson had a total of 1,440 pounds. Grayson had a 595-pound

squat, a 280-pound bench press and a 1,440 pound dead lift.

In the 275-pound weight class, Union senior Blaine Cooper won the class with a 1,545-pound total. Cooper had a 675-pound squat, a 270-pound bench press and a 600-pound dead lift to take the title.

In the 308-pound weight class, Alec Pientowski won the class with a total of 1,425 pounds. Pientowski had a 625-pound squat, a 275-pound bench press and a 525-pound dead lift.

# Leake baseball team continues to struggle on the diamond

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With just one win in district play after two series, the Leake

Academy baseball team desperately needed a series win against Lamar School this past week.

The Rebels delivered with a series win. The Rebels won 9-6

in the opener on Wednesday before falling 2-0 to the Raiders on Thursday. Leake then bounced back and took a tight 2-1 win over Lamar on Friday to

take the series win.

Leake, now 8-11-1 on the season and 3-6 in district play, is scheduled to take on Park Place this week in a three game series. Game 1 of the series was scheduled for Monday in Pearl while game 2 is set for Tuesday in Madden. Game 3 will return to Park Place on Thursday.

## Leake 2, Lamar 1

The Rebels got another solid pitching performance and took a one-run win over the Raiders on Friday to take the series win.

Leake scored one in the third inning while Lamar tied up the game in the sixth. In the bottom of the sixth, Mathan Weaver walked and took second and third on a wild pitch and scored on an error by the Lamar catcher.

Leake had five hits in the game. Rhett Stovall had a double while Matthew Nowell and Weaver each singled and scored. Charlie Brantley had an RBI single while Jack Harkins also had a single.

Stovall started on the mound and pitched all six innings and

gave one run on six hits while striking out two to get the win while striking out two. Matthew Nowell pitched a scoreless seventh to pick up the save.

## Lamar 2, Leake 0

The Rebels struck out 16 times and only had two hits in a shutout loss on Thursday night at Lamar.

Lamar scored both of its runs in the fourth inning on a two-run home run.

The Rebels only had two hits in the contest and were being no-hit going into the seventh inning. Tyler Winstead and Camden Marble each singled for Leake in the seventh.

Jack Harkins pitched all six innings for Leake, giving up two runs on seven hits and three walks while striking out two.

## Leake 9, Lamar 6

The Rebels used a pair of big innings and took advantage of five walks and five errors to take a three-run win over the Raiders in the first game of the series on Wednesday.

Lamar scored two in the first and one in the top of the third and led 3-0 before Leake scored five in the bottom of the third to take a 5-3 lead. Lamar answered with two runs in the fourth to tie the game 5-5 and then scored one in the top of the sixth to go up 6-5. Leake then scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth to take the win.

Leake was outit 15-5 in the contest but drew five walks and took advantage of five errors. Mathan Weaver was 2-for-3 with a double and two runs scored while Rhett Stovall and Charlie Brantley each singled, scored and had an RBI. Jack Harkins also singled and drove in a while while Gage Warren, Recc Atkinson and Camden Marble also scored.

Atkinson started on the mound and pitching five innings, giving up five runs on 10 hits and two walks while striking out two. Matthew Nowell pitched the last two innings and gave up one run on five hits.



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Allen signs with Jones Community College

Neshoba Central's A'tyia Allen signed a letter of intent to continue her education and basketball career at Jones Community College. A'tyia will be a 2024 graduate of Neshoba Central where she was a 6-year member of the Lady Rocket's basketball team and was a member of the 2022 and 2024 MSHAA State Championships Teams. A'tyia is the daughter of April Carter. Pictured are, seated from left, her mom April Carter, A'tyia and her sister Alajha Allen (Back) her sister Andria Carter, Coach Shannon Ruffin, Coach Jason Broom, Coach Brett Boland, and Coach Micheal Whitlock.