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ON THE ROAD

Police officers help deliver a baby

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Two Philadelphia Police officers including a rookie on his first day of patrol helped a pregnant woman deliver her baby at the intersection of Range Avenue and Weyer-

hauser Road on Monday morning, Police Chief Eric Lyons said.

The call came in at approximately 10 a.m. on Monday, March 11, that there was a female in an SUV at that intersection who was going into labor, according to Lyons. He

said the fire department and EMS were also dispatched.

Officers Nicholas A. Walker and Officer Corey Murry were about four blocks away when they were dispatched to the scene.

“Officers arrived on scene first and rendered aid observing

that the baby was in the breach position,” Lyons said. “Officers stepped in and delivered the baby just as fire and EMS were arriving on the scene. The mother and baby were both in stable condition and were transported to a local hospital.”

Walker will have a year on

the job in April but is familiar with stressful situations, previously serving for 15 years with the Philadelphia Fire Department.

“It was second nature for me even though we had to wing it,” Walker said.

Officer Murry on the other

hand was a rookie on his call on his first day of patrol.

“I was proud of him,” Walker said. “I had to relay a lot of information to him for him to call back into communications and he did not seize up.”

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Skye Mingo sits in front of photographs she has taken that now hang up throughout Neshoba General's Pediatric Clinic.

ON DISPLAY AT NESHOBA GENERAL

Mingo defies the odds with the help of her camera

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Twenty-year-old Skye Mingo has faced numerous challenges in her medical journey by overcoming cancer and heart surgeries, all the while illuminating her path through the lens of her passion for photography.

Born at Gallup Indian Health Service Hospital in Gallup, New Mexico, Mingo's life took an unexpected turn when her mother, Raschelle Raker, went in for a well-baby check and her doctors discovered a heart defect.

Skye was med-flighted to a hospital in Albuquerque, where she was diagnosed with hypoplastic left heart syn-

drome, and was later med-flighted again this time to Denver Children's Hospital, and underwent two open-heart surgeries over the course of three months.

After surgeries, she and her mother moved to Philadelphia to be closer to her dad.

Upon arriving here, she started seeing a cardiologist at UMMC who referred them to Arkansas Children's Hospital where she received a heart transplant in December 2005.

Although her first-year post-transplant went well, She faced challenges, including an ischemic stroke in 2007 that required a year of occupational and

physical therapy, and around first grade she was diagnosed with lymphoma linked to transplants, resulting in homeschooling the following year due to her weakened immune system.

Mingo's cancer went into remission after three months of chemotherapy, but then around seventh grade she had reoccurring partial seizures which led to grand mal seizures that she still deals with today.

Lymphoma and epilepsy have forever scarred her academic journey. However, she is on the brink of graduation as she finishes her remaining geometry and algebra classes through online schooling at Choctaw Central.

Despite the massive hurdles, Mingo's heart is now healthier than ever. She shows resilience and determination as she manages her epilepsy by working with a neurology team in Jackson.

“Skye has suffered a lot,” Raker said. “She's kept a good attitude, she's kind, and she's everything you would want in a daughter. Watching Skye persevere, watching her courage, and watching her face pain has changed me as a person.”

Skye's passion for photography has blossomed over the years. Inspired by her dad's love for both photography and

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CRIME

4 arrested in federal drug investigation

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Local authorities have arrested four more individuals wanted in connection with a four-year federal investigation into large methamphetamine and cocaine trafficking operations that resulted in over 40 arrests in late January, Sheriff Eric Clark and Philadelphia Police Chief Eric Lyons announced.

This brings the local number of people arrested as part of this investigation to 20. The first sweep of roughly 15 arrests locally was made on Jan. 23.

The last outstanding arrest was Delvin Houston who was picked up in Kemper County on March 2 at about 9 a.m.

Houston, 42, 201 Sonny Jones Road, was arrested and charged with sale of a controlled substance.

Clark said he was arrested around 9 a.m. when Kemper County Sheriff's Deputies showed up at a residence in the area of Preston responding to a call reporting a domestic dispute.

Clark said KCSO made contact with Houston upon arrival and arrested him on the outstanding warrant from Neshoba County. According to Clark local authorities had received several tips about his whereabouts but were unable to make contact with Houston until March 2.

Houston was in Neshoba County custody by about 10:15 that morning.

Clark said another suspect, Joey Morgan, was arrested in Flowood on Feb. 28. Clark said his office received a tip that Morgan was at a gas station on Grants Ferry Road. Clark said he passed the information on to Rankin County authorities who then encountered Morgan at the Marathon station there around 9 p.m.

Morgan was in local custody by about 10:45 p.m.

Morgan, 38, 1130 Calhoun Road, Louisville, was arrested and charged with the sale of a controlled substance. Clark said Morgan also faces a number of old fines and \$25,000 in bond.

“He has a lot hanging over his head,” Clark said.

Lyons said his office made their final two arrests related to the January roundup in February when they brought in Jonathan Daniels and Shalan Graham.

Daniels, 40, 10815 Road 779 was arrested and charged with conspiracy to sell a controlled substance. Lyons said he turned himself in on Feb 5, at about noon.

Graham, 36, 5438 Fishlodge Road, Meridian, was arrested and

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Donates to band

Community In Action recently donated \$500 to the Neshoba Central High School Band for their participation in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. parade. Pictured above, from left, are Assistant Principal LaShon Horne, Band Director Daniel Wade, Johnny Beckwith of the club, and Assistant Principal Brent Pouncey.

Drugs

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charged with conspiracy to commit a felony related to drug activity in the county. He was arrested on Feb. 8, in Meridian by Meridian Police and was then turned over to Philadelphia Police custody.

The roundup in January was part of a coordinated effort with the U.S. Attorney Southern District of Mississippi crossing

multiple jurisdictions including Lauderdale, Newton, Neshoba, Scott, and Jasper counties as well as related arrests in Mexico, California, Texas, and Alabama.

The charges stem from a four-year federal investigation of multiple drug trafficking operations distributing methamphetamine, cocaine, and other illegal drugs, a news release from the U.S. Attorney's office said.

According to the release, there were about 40 arrests made on Jan. 23 related to the

investigation. About 15 of those were in Neshoba County.

The announcement was made by U.S. Attorney Todd W. Gee of the Southern District of Mississippi, Acting Special Agent in Charge Eric DeLaune of Homeland Security Investigations, Acting Special Agent in Charge Steve Hofer of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Special Agent in Charge Joshua Jackson of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and U.S. Marshal Mark Shepherd.

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Baby

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Though thankful for his training, Walker said he was guided by his faith during the whole situation.

"I give all the credit to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," Walker said.

Walker said the mother was screaming while they delivered the baby but as soon as they

were able to make sure the newborn baby boy was healthy they put him in her arms.

"During the delivery, she may have cursed me out but as soon as she saw the baby she immediately switched attitudes," Walker said with a laugh.

Walker then gave the father a hug and congratulated him.

"He was very happy," Walker said.

Walker said he hopes to build bridges and create peace in his community.

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Washington wins Distinguished Young Woman

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Marlee Washington won the Neshoba County Distinguished Young Women competition on Saturday and says she is extremely excited about advancing to the state competition in July.

"I'm still in shock," Washington said. "It feels amazing to be able to represent the county in a different capacity. At times I got discouraged, but I ended up pushing through. It was just an amazing experience."

Having dedicated a year to DYW preparations with an interview coach, Washington embraced the Elvis-themed event, clinching several awards in physical fitness, self-expression, and talent. She also performed an acro dance rendition of "Proud Mary" by Tina Turner.

"I went in the competition wanting to win fitness. That was my goal," Washington said. "After we went through the other categories I just felt like I could get more awards, and it was a shock to get all three."

Washington, a junior at Neshoba Central High School, is the daughter of Mangold and Melonie Washington. She plans to attend Spelman College or Tougaloo College for a career in pediatrics.

Washington says she wants to leverage her platform to promote her non-profit organization "No Girls Left Behind," which provides feminine hygiene products to schools and jail systems.

Contestants engaged in five categories, each contributing to their scores, including Scholastic (25%), Judge's Interview (25%), On-Stage Talent (20%), Physical Fitness Routine (15%), and Self-Expression/On-Stage Question (15%).

Throughout the competition, \$10,000 in cash scholarships were provided by donations from local businesses and distributed to winners, with Washington securing a \$4,000 scholarship for the title and three additional \$500 scholarships for fitness, talent, and self-expression, totaling \$5,500.

Shelby Rudolph received



The winners of the Neshoba County Distinguished Young Women competition were, pictured from left, Third Alternate Sarah Alice Fulton, 2025 DYW for Neshoba County Marlee Washington, First Alternate Shelby Rudolph, and Second Alternate Anslie Flake.

a \$2,000 scholarship as the first alternate and an additional \$550 scholarship for spirit and scholastics.

Anslie Flake claimed a \$1,200 scholarship as the

second alternate, and Sarah Alice Fulton received \$750 as the third alternate.

Washington will head to the state competition at the Evangel Temple in Meridian

July 11-13.

"Marlee is very much involved in her school and community. She is extremely well-rounded, and she really captured what we feel to be a

Distinguished Young Woman," said Morgan Jay, program chair for Neshoba County DYW.

For more information about the Distinguished

Young Women program, visit www.distinguisheddyw.org.



Skye Mingo's photographs adorn the walls of the exam rooms at Neshoba General's Pediatric Clinic.

Mingo

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painting, she started by capturing images of butterflies, lizards, and any intriguing creatures inhabiting her backyard.

"I really like taking pictures of my pets," she said. "I have six cats and two dogs."

Her knack for arranging floral backdrops for her pet photos has even received attention with several likes and positive feedback across her social media posts.

While exploring zoos like the one in Little Rock, Arkansas with her family, Skye's skill not only shows with her Kodak Az528 camera but also through photos taken with her phone that are unedited and not enhanced with apps like Photoshop.

Dr. Julia Riley of Neshoba General's Pediatric Clinic recognized Skye's talent while getting to know her during clinic visits and came up with the idea to decorate every patient exam room with two pieces of Skye's artwork.

These vibrant photographs, featuring everything from a baby orangutan, lions, and alligators to her beloved pets, radiate positivity and joy.

"I was really surprised when I came in here, and I was so happy to see all my photo-

graphs, especially the one of the baby orangutan and of my cat and my dog," she said. "Taking photographs has made me stay positive, because sometimes when I'm scared or afraid I think of how much I love doing photography and how much it means to me."

Influenced by Joel Sartore, a National Geographic photographer of endangered species, her dreams of traveling across the United States to capture the beauty of national parks once her seizures subside. She also wants to attend a college with a photography program after high school.

"Even when things are hard, you still have to find something you have a purpose for," she said.

Skye aims to convey a sense of purpose, joy, and happiness as the central themes throughout

all her photographs.

"The thing that I noticed as her mom is that she has a wonderful eye for composition," Raker said. "Skye takes pictures every day in the afternoon unless she's feeling bad. She goes out to the yard and takes pictures of the moon, the sunsets, the dogs, or whatever flower is growing in the ground. She just gets better and better."

In addition to her art, Skye has recently been making bracelets for fellow young patients to grab from a wagon during her children's hospital visits. This act alone reflects her compassionate nature and ability to inspire others as she navigates life with purpose and a camera in hand.

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EDITORIALS

Biden's Laken Riley flub

According to investigators, Mr. Ibarra took advantage of Mr. Biden's lax policies to cross the border illegally in 2022. He was one of millions who have recited the insincere words "I'm afraid of being returned to my home country" to be released under the Biden administration's easygoing asylum policy. Far from building the country, however, Mr. Ibarra and his brother Diego have been tearing it down.

Diego Ibarra's rap sheet became public after police picked him up charges of possessing a fake green card, which he flashed during the homicide investigation. In September, Diego had been arrested on suspicion of driving while high on methamphetamine and marijuana with an open container of alcohol at 80 mph in a 40 mph zone — without a driver's license. He never bothered showing up for court.

Prosecutors say Diego and Jose were later nabbed while on a family shoplifting spree at Walmart. Twice. Diego is covered in tattoos common to members of the violent Venezuelan gang known as Tren de Aragua, and Diego frequently posted photos of himself on social media wielding pistols, possession of which would be a felony.

This is who shows up when anyone can saunter into the country without even a

cursorly vetting. House Democrats in vulnerable districts are already scared the public is starting to recognize the peril: 37 Democrats crossed party lines Thursday to help pass the Laken Riley Act, which forces the Department of Homeland Security to detain illegals accused of committing "any burglary, theft, larceny, or shoplifting offense."

It's odd that it's even up for discussion that noncitizens who break our laws shouldn't be allowed to remain, much less roam free. Of course, none of this would have happened if the border itself were secure.

Senate Democrats, on the other hand, revealed their cynical motivation in leaving America's border wide open. Sen. Bill Hagerty, Tennessee Republican, forced a vote Friday on an amendment that would have blocked the counting of illegal immigrants on the census. Every Democrat voted no.

That means all those who entered the country illegally will continue to count when it comes to handing out congressional districts and electoral votes. With somewhere around 10 million trespassers, that's a lot of added political muscle.

How many more must die because Democrats seek to enhance their political power?

— *The Washington Times*

FLASHBACKS

March 10, 1944

James R. Yates, who recently received an honorable medical discharge from the U.S. Army after more than a year's service, has joined the mechanical force of the Neshoba Democrat.

First Lieut. Robert P.

Howle, Jr., has been awarded the coveted Army Air Medal for participating in 50 operating flights, according to the Public Relations office of the European Theater of Operations.

March 11, 1954

Good Hope Baptist church Lebrun Hutchinson has distinguished himself upon graduation at State College as being named President's Scholar which carries with it the distinction of being the highest honor that can be given to a graduate.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Luke are happy over the arrival of their first child, a son, who arrived on Monday, March 1st at the Neshoba County hospital. He has been named Robert Eugene.

March 12, 1964

Philadelphia's Frank Hodges and Union's T.L. Gregory have been selected once again as basketball "Coaches of the Year" in the Choctaw Conference, for the 1963-64 season.

A community center in the vicinity of the Pearl River Indian School, costing \$113,000 has been approved by the U.S. Interior Department, it was announced this week.

March 14, 1974

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Manning announce the birth of their first child, a son, on March 6 at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. Cooper Archibald Manning arrived weighing 12 lbs, 3 oz.

President Nixon last Thursday signed into law a bill authorizing the Edinburg dam and lake on the Pearl River in Neshoba County.

March 14, 1984

A teenage dance Saturday night at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall resulted in the arrest of six persons involved in a disturbance.

The Philadelphia High School baseball team braved the cold and rain to score an 11-2 victory over Carthage in the opening game of the Neshoba Central Invitational Baseball Tournament here Monday.

March 9, 1994

An Illinois woman who murdered a Neshoba County truck driver almost nine years ago, has been released from a Texas mental institution.

The Neshoba County board of supervisors appointed Randy Pettis as the new road manager Monday, County Administrator Benjie Coats said.

March 17, 2004

Members of the Choctaw Central girl's basketball team and head coach Walter Wilson celebrate their 72-51 victory over No. 1 ranked Ripley last Friday afternoon at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson.

A man arrested in connection with a Friday morning bank robbery was charged this week with robbing a retail satellite TV store at gunpoint March 9.

March 12, 2014

A Leake County grand jury last week found no criminal wrongdoing in the death of a Philadelphia man who drowned in a shallow slough north of Edinburg after fleeing Leake sheriff's deputies in the predawn hours of Jan. 29.

Although a \$400,000 loss in Medicaid reimbursements is expected at Neshoba County General Hospital due to the Affordable Care Act, officials hope to generate additional revenue by providing new services such as sleep study, wound care and pain management to help offset the cuts.

CAL THOMAS

Biden, Congress need an intervention

When some people appear beyond help because of addiction or other circumstances they can't control, family members have been known to stage an intervention. Congress and President Biden need an intervention as their addiction to spending exceeds anything seen in history.

In his State of the Union address last week, the president invoked one of his party's favorite lines about corporations and the rich not paying their "fair share" in taxes. Notice they never say what they consider fair and when Democrats manage to hike the tax rate it's never enough.

The president claimed he has reduced the "deficit" (as opposed to the debt, which continues to grow). He takes credit for the reduction in spending following the Covid-19 pandemic, but that produced a decrease in the increase of spending, not an actual reduction. In the way the government mis-figures things, if you spent \$500 on a credit card one month and \$400 the following month, you would have decreased your spending, but still added \$900 to what you owe. See how this works?

The top 1 percent of taxpayers — those who earn \$561,351 or more — paid 42.3 percent of the total tax revenue collected in 2020, according to the latest figures from the IRS. In fact, the top 1 percent of taxpayers paid more income taxes than the bottom 90 percent combined. And yet the president wants to squeeze more blood from these successful "turnips." Notice Democrats never suggest cutting a single dollar in spending, or eliminat-

Congress and President Biden need an intervention as their addiction to spending exceeds anything seen in history.

ing programs that don't work, or have exceeded their "sell-by" date. Instead, they demand more from the successful to subsidize and buy votes from people who pay no taxes, many of whom receive government checks.

Basic economics appears among the casualties of what is not taught in today's public schools and universities. Let me help the uninformed and misinformed. Too much debt is a dead weight on the economy and on individuals.

From America's beginning, there have been warnings of the threat to the nation of large debt.

As this is the 100th anniversary of Calvin Coolidge's presidency, let's begin with a few of his thoughts on debt: "Public debt is a burden on all the people." Under Coolidge the debt fell. About taxes, he said: "The collection of taxes which are not absolutely required, which do not beyond reasonable doubt contribute to public welfare, is only a species of legalized larceny. Under this Republic the rewards of industry belong to those who earn them."

What has changed in one century? Again, it is the transi-

tion from self-reliance to an over reliance on government.

George Washington warned the new nation to avoid "the accumulation of debt, not only by shunning occasions of expense, but by vigorous exertions in time of peace to discharge the debts." Washington also believed it wrong to place "upon posterity the burden which ourselves ought to bear." As with many of the other Founders, Washington would likely be appalled that moderns are ignoring his sage advice.

Why don't more of us pay attention to the wise words of men like these and to what history teaches about nations that fall too deep into debt? Again, the answer is that so many people have been misled to rely on government first and themselves last that they have become addicted to government and the borrowed money that keeps those checks coming. As with other addictions from which the addicted cannot free themselves, an intervention is much needed. One can happen in November if enough non-addicts vote for candidates who are committed to putting our financial house back in order. First, they have to change their thinking about what was supposed to be a limited government so that "we the people" might be unlimited in our pursuit of happiness.

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RICH LOWRY

Joe Biden will never be normal again

Joe Biden won the normality test in 2020.

There wasn't anything remarkable about him. He just seemed like a steady hand who had been around for a while, who didn't look or sound like a radical, and who knew how Washington worked.

He wasn't the leader of a movement, wasn't charismatic and wasn't particularly witty or well-spoken. He was, in fact, completely uninteresting and utterly conventional. He was just the most normal guy in the room.

He benefited from a favorable contrast with the magnetic, endlessly interesting, constantly outrageous, norm-busting President Trump, whose theatrical and chaotic governance made him vulnerable to a basement campaign run by a candidate happy, in ice-cream terms, to be vanilla to Trump's rocky road.

If Democrats hope to rerun the 2020 campaign, they will once again have plenty of material to work with against Trump, who provides more of it on a regular basis. It's the other side of the equation that's the problem — the supposed safe alternative is AWOL and never coming back.

That erstwhile Joe Biden, the generic, broadly acceptable president, didn't survive contact with the reality of his presidency.

Of course, he destroyed his reputation as the steady hand with his disastrous mishandling of Afghanistan. It's not just that he kneecapped our allies and abandoned Americans — all accompanied by Fall of Saigon—like images of chaos and desperation on the ground — but that he insisted

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everything was fine.

After this, it was impossible to look at Biden the same, and indeed his approval rating has never recovered.

Maybe you could say that he was dealt a bad hand in Afghanistan, or, after 20 years, the intervention had to end one way or the other.

The border, however, is even more damning. Biden took a situation that was under control, blew it up, refused to readjust when the consequences became obvious, insisted that the crisis wasn't a crisis as it began to be felt all over the country, and engaged in implausible blame-shifting — all because he was beholden to a new, radical ideology hostile to borders as such.

This wasn't moderate or competent. And it certainly wasn't normal.

Even if Biden's record were unassailable, the way he walks and speaks now would make it impossible for him to be a nothing-to-see-here conventional politician again.

We have never in the modern media age witnessed a president this infirm. It is not what anyone expects from the president of the United States, a role associated with vigor, energy and very often youth.

Watching Biden mumble through speeches, get confused about his stage directions, mix up names and old memories, and walk so stiffly and awkwardly that he seems

at risk of stumbling or falling at any time is deeply unsettling.

A president is supposed to reassure the public with his bearing and words; Biden now largely does the opposite.

For most people, he doesn't even meet the most basic standard of seeming capable of performing his duties for the entirety of his term in office if he's reelected. Indeed, that Biden will serve as president until January 2029 may be among the most preposterous things a major political party has ever asked the American public to believe.

Democrats will take comfort from the president's fiery State of the Union performance, but Biden shouting his way through an extensively rehearsed speech on a teleprompter didn't make him seem any younger and won't allay the well-founded concerns about his age.

In the latest New York Times poll, 71% of people agree strongly or somewhat that Biden is "just too old to be president." This is unprecedented territory, and is politically perilous when you hope to be the default candidate

arrayed against an unacceptable alternative.

Donald Trump, who in so many ways is an outlier in American politics, is now matched up against another outlier. The normality advantage that Biden enjoyed in 2020 is gone, and defeating his Republican adversary has, accordingly, gotten that much more difficult.

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COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 3/4-3/11

• Hailee L. Allen, 24, of 910 Ricecreek Rd, Carthage; grand larceny-more than \$1000

• Haylin L. Anderson, 22, of 1863 Will Brown Rd, Conehatta; contempt of court

• Scott Edward Barger, 55, of 586 B Tulip Grove Rd, Hermitage, TN; serving sentence

• Barry Battle, 48, of 10860 Rd 248, Union; contempt of court

• Corey Todd Bell, 41, of 107 McMillan Cir; failure to appear, public drunk

• Frederick Dewayne Bohannon, 47, of 4513 General McAthur, Moss Point; driving under the influence-2nd offense, no insurance, no driver's license, child endangerment misdemeanor X2, speeding-1 to 20 miles over limit

• Quadarious Brown, 25, of 1881 Bloomfield Rd, Preston; bad check-1st or 2nd offense less than \$100

• Tyler D Buckley, 35, of 266 Fox Ave; serving sentence

• Tralanden Curtis Bufkin, 25, of 412 Coleman St Apt 205; contempt of court

• Norris Carter, 48, of 513 Valley View Dr; serving sentence

• Cortez Cole, 28, of 1125 West Ave; failure to appear

• William Fredrick Davis, 54, of 10550 Rd 165, Carthage; reckless driving, no insurance, expired license tag, driving under the influence-1st offense, hold for investigations, malicious mischief under \$1000 X2

• Jackie Dunn, 42, of 10351 Rd 573; hold circuit court

• Jeremy William Eades, 36, of 10270 BIA 2215; hold for other agency

• Janiya Edwards, 23, of 513 Valley View Dr; hold circuit court, indictment, serving sentence

• Philip Fuller, 46, of 3979 Attala Rd 5053, Kosciusko; possession of controlled substance

• Lideatrack Griffin, 23, of 509 Woodland Hills Dr; failure to

appear X2

• Kenneth Harris, 31, of 109 Bay St, Union; driving under the influence-1st offense

• Macy Holley, 33, of 10230 Rd 1333; hold circuit court

• Vincent Deon Howard, 37, of 222 Fair Rd, Weir; hold circuit court X2

• Tevin Johnson, 29, of 185 Parkridge Lane, Lena; hold circuit court

• Crystal D Lofton, 44, of 14 Knight St; serving sentence

• Michael Martin, 43, of 10161 Rd 404; failure to appear

• Brittany McCann, 32, of 1843 Salem Rd, Forest; contempt of court

• Corey D McCarty, 32, of 10911 Rd 737; contempt of court

• Elroy McClendon, 63, of 1718 Hattie Lyle Rd, Forest; driving under the influence-1st offense

• April Christine McEuen, 48, of 14160 Hwy 16 E; hold circuit court

• Norman Dwight McKinney, 29, of 1477 Hwy 488; hold circuit court

• Tevin R McNair, 30, of 1/2 276 W Atkins St; contempt of court

• Clifton McWilliams, 40, of 10301 Rd 1327; failure to appear

• Clifton D McWilliams, 40, of 10051 Rd 1345; petit larceny-less than \$1000

• Elizabeth Pagen Rockstead, 36, of 10171 Rd 771; failure to appear, serving sentence

• Cedric Grant Rogers, 42, of 150 Pine Ridge; public drunk

• Andrea Grace Sam, 50, of 104 Goat Ranch Rd; contempt of court

• Joshua Scott, 751 Crysdale, Carthage; possession of controlled substance, careless driving

• Andrew Sockey, 24, of 126 Park Place; failure to appear

• Chad Spurlin, 49, of 8689 Old Hwy 19 S, Collinsville; hold circuit court

• Micheal Dale Townsend, 49, of 17291 Hwy 15 S; possession of paraphernalia

• Mickey Townsend, 64, of 1729 Hwy 15 S; possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia

• Martina L Tubby, 27, of 3858 NW 7th St, Okeechobee, FL; driving under the influence of other substance, possession of marijuana-vehicle

• Mason Clint Tubby, 35, of 789 New Housing Rd; hold circuit court, possession of controlled substance, serving sentence

• Anthony John Venzon, 33, of 623 Sugar Maple Dr, Windber, PA; hold for other agency

• Vernon Whittington Jr, 27, of 920 Hwy 487, Walnut Grove; serving sentence

• Xaiden D Willis, 20, of 120 Eagles Hill Rd; serving sentence

Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrest from 2/25-3/10

• Nathaniel Amos, 30, of 156 Bogue Chitto Cir; public drunk, warrant-arrest report

• Emmanuel Boyd, 21, of 720 Hopoka Rd, Carthage; drive by shooting, weapons-possession of stolen firearm

• Jalen Burch, 21, of 258 N Brook Rd; drive by shooting, weapons-possession of stolen firearm

• Johnathan E Burks, 24, of 105 St Francis Dr; domestic violence-aggravated assault

• Darrion Q Burnside, 29, of 10600 Rd 610; MV-tag-none or expired, DUI-1st offense

• Karine Chickaway, 36, of 10752 RD 149; contempt of court-municipal court

• Cameron Copland, 23, of 27 Emma Dr; warrant-arrest report

• Jessica Ferguson, 40, of 1011 Holland Ave; MV-driving while license revoked or suspended, DUI-1st offense, domestic violence-aggravated

assault

• Kimberly Frazier, 34, of 1197 Mills Rd, Louisville; assault-simple-fear, malicious mischief-felony-value over \$1000 but less than \$5000

• Johnathan K Gilbert, 25, of 515 Bank St, Union; CS-simple possession-less than 30 grams marijuana or less than 10 grams synthetic cannabinoids, CS-schedule I or II-simple possession-0.1-2 grams or 2-10 dosage units

• John Gilbert, 47, of 10141 Rd 260, Union; contempt of court-municipal court

• Jason L Goodin, 35, of 10120 Rd 2638; disorderly conduct-interfering with business customers, invitee, etc, assault-simple-causing bodily injury

• Nicholas L Green, 20, of 324 Cherry Ave; drive by shooting, weapons-possession of stolen firearm

• Federigo L Griffin, 31, of 903 Gum St; disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers, escape of prisoners-escape confinement or custody for a felony charge, public drunk, disorderly conduct-disturbing the peace, assault-simple-causing bodily injury

• Lideatrack S Griffin, 23, of 543 State Ave; domestic violence-simple assault-1st or 2nd offense, hold-detainer for Neshoba County SO

• Stevie Jackson, 66, of Lullie Scott Lane, Preston; CS-paraphernalia-deliver, sell, possess with intent

• Courtney D Jones, 34, of 2921 Marion Dubar, Jackson; conspiracy-to commit a crime, falsely indict, etc, false pretense

• Aliyah K King, 22, of 3898 Mills Rd; warrant-arrest report, disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers

• Trelan K Laster, 30, of 546 Stribling Rd; contempt of court-failure to appear or complete jury

service

• Elliott W Leach, 40, of 399 Clyde Ave; DUI-3rd offense, assault-simple-on policeman in line of duty, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers, fleeing or eluding law enforcement in a motor vehicle, disorderly conduct-disturbing the peace

• Crystal D Lofton, 44, of 14 Knight St; warrant-circuit court bench warrant

• Keiandra D Matthews, 22, of 10691 Rd 553; shoplifting-1st conviction where value is \$1000 or less

• Desmond Moore, 32, of 213 Sherwood Dr; warrant-arrest report

• Mary Nickey, 38, of 1114 Golfcourse Rd; contempt of court-failure to appear or complete jury service

• Kelly Peden, 63, of 259 Carver Ave; disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers, public drunk

• Georgiana R Polk, 44, of 212 Tiak Chitto Cir; MV-careless driving, DUI-1st offense, MV-expired or no driver's license

• Robert Robinson, 59, of 12140 Rd 101; disorderly conduct-disturbance of family

• Mujahid Sabree, 76, of 1101 Robinhood Cir; hold-detainer for other agency

• Latrisha D Scales, 35, of 713 Walthall St, Greenwood; MV-violation not specified, disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers, DUI-1st offense

• Denicia Shaffer, 38, of 205 Tiak Chitto Cr; warrant-arrest report

• Darrielle Shaw, 30, of 1385 Burrage Rd, Preston; DUI-1st offense, CS-marijuana-simple possession- 1-4 kilograms, CS-counterfeit controlled substance- sell, produce, manufacturer posses with intent

• Krissy Shoemake, 22, of 194 Lagoon Rd; hold-detainer for other agency

• William Sims, 47, of 2194 Webb Springs Rd, Louisville; DUI-1st offense, MV-reckless driving-1st offense, MV-accident-leaving the scene-property damage only

• Kenneth L Spears, 44, of 5544 Hopewell Rd, DeKalb; sexual battery, hold-detainer for other agency

• Kevin Spencer, 39, of 825 Chestnut St; false pretenses, larceny-petit-value under \$1000, domestic violence-aggravated assault, domestic violence-simple assault-1st or 2nd offense

• Jerry Spivey, 38, of 370 Jerico St; contempt of court-municipal court

• Sunshine Spivey, 21, of 373 Loper St; contempt of court-failure to appear or complete jury service

• Adam C Stokes, 48, of 11581 Rd 452; CS-trafficking

• Valerie L Thompson, 47, of 206 Homer St; CS-paraphernalia-possession or use, CS-schedule V- transfer and possession with intent- 30-500 grams or 40-2500 dosage units, hold-detainer for other agency

• Madison Tullos, 24, of 515 Bank St, Union; CS-paraphernalia-possession or use, CS-simple possession-less than 30 grams marijuana or less than 10 grams synthetic cannabinoids, CS-schedule I or II- simple possession- 0.1-2 grams or 2-10 dosage units

• Jason W Ward, 40, of 10040 CR 2643; contempt of court-justice court

• Milton White, 64, of 511 Evergreen Ave S; shoplifting-1st conviction where value is \$1000 or less

• Delana Williams, 35, of Ballpark Rd; warrant-arrest report

• Eddie Wilson, 36, of 665 Wilson Rd, Decatur; warrant-arrest report, hold-detainer for MDOC probation parole

OBITUARIES

Donald Partridge

Mr. Donald Richard Partridge "Richard", 85, passed away peacefully of natural causes on March 8, 2024, at his home in Jackson, Mississippi. Richard was born in Omaha, Texas on February 14, 1939, and lived in Pittsburg, Texas for most of his early childhood. Richard has been a resident of Jackson, Mississippi for most of his adult life.

Mr. Partridge was a man of great vision and insight. He was always artistic and had a strong entrepreneurial spirit. He enjoyed designing, building, and turning his ideas into reality. To his artistic nature and architectural credit, Richard held several process and utility patents. Mr. Partridge leaves behind a distinguished business reputation and legacy that spans more than 50 years. He has always been an integral pillar of the Mississippi business community. He used his vision and grit to become the founder of multiple oil and gas, propane, real estate, and transportation related companies throughout the south.

Richard was a very gentle and compassionate man. He was well known for his kindness and generosity. He directly touched and impacted the lives of countless people that were around him. Those that knew him the best, knew that he valued honesty, integrity, dedication, and hard work. His greatest passion and highest value were his love for his family and his love for Christ. Richard will be greatly missed.

Richard is survived by his loving wife Sherry Green Partridge; his children Charles Hubbard Partridge (Tammy), Paige Partridge Sullivan (Lavelle), and Pamela Partridge Morrison (Greg); his grandchildren Charles Hubbard Partridge II (Chase), Clayton Cook Weathersby, and Kelsey Beverly Weathersby, Anna Claire Cole, and Dillan Ferguson; his great-grandchild Carter Cook Martin ; and his brothers Larry Dean Partridge (Dot) and Charles Carroll Partridge (Linda). He was best known by his grandchildren as "Pop Richard".

A visitation for Richard will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2024,

from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Parkway Funeral Home, 1161 Highland Colony Pkwy, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157. A funeral service will occur Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 2:00 PM, 1161 Highland Colony Pkwy, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157. Reverend Norris Ables will be officiating. A final resting place will occur at Parkway Memorial Cemetery, 1161 Highland Colony Pkwy, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157. Memorial tributes can be made as charitable donations to McClean Fletcher Grief Center and Mississippi Animal Rescue League.

Johnnie "Mike" Sullivan

Funeral Service for Mr. Johnnie "Mike" Sullivan were 2 PM Monday, March 11, 2024 at John E. Stephens Chapel. Interment in Good Hope Baptist Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Sullivan, 80, passed away on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at his home. He was retired from Weyerhaeuser and his hobbies included spending time with family, hunting, fishing, tinkering on cars and old tractors and vacationing in the mountains. Mr. Sullivan was Baptist by faith.

Preceded in death by his parents, James Elijah Sullivan, Ruby Peebles Sullivan; brother, K.C. Sullivan; sister-in-law, Camilla Sullivan; great-grandson, Bryan Matthew Cucullu, Jr.

Survivors include wife, Hazel Sullivan; daughter Tracy (Jill) Gosa; son, Shannon (Kelly) Sullivan; sister, Hazel (Larry) Sullivan; brother, Thomas Sullivan; 6 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

Jonathan "Biggin" Matthew Pilgrim

Funeral services for Mr. Jonathan "Biggin" Matthew Pilgrim were held 2 PM Friday, March 8, 2024 at John E.

Stephens Chapel with interment in Christian Life Apostolic Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Jonathan "Biggin" Matthew Pilgrim, 36, passed away Friday, March 1, 2024, in Florence, MS. He lived in Neshoba County most of his life. He was a heavy machine operator and Baptist by faith. His hobbies were duck hunting, riding 4-wheelers and big trucks.

Preceded in death: Maternal grandfather, John Benson; Paternal grandparents, John and Kathryn Pilgrim.

Survivors: Wife, Taylor Pilgrim; Sons, Connor Goodwin and Wilder Pilgrim; Parents, Tim and Tammy Pilgrim; Sister, Allie (Jeremy) Fortenberry; Maternal grandmother, Ann Benson all of Philadelphia; Mother and father in-law, Gina and Robert Ladner of Florence; Brother-in-law, Walker Ladner; Numerous uncles, aunts, cousins and other relatives.

Melinda Kay Wilkison

Funeral services for Ms. Melinda Kay Wilkison were held at 2 PM Sunday, March 10, 2024 at John E. Stephens Chapel with interment in Bogue Chitto Community Cemetery. Visitation was at 12 Noon Sunday, March 10, 2024 at John E. Stephens Chapel.

Ms. Wilkison, 51, passed away on Friday, February 23, 2024 in St. Louis, MO. She is preceded in death by son, Heath Wilkison; father, David Pyles.

Survivors include spouse, Michael Bohannon; daughters, Sierra Neleigh; mother, Shirley Pyles; sisters, Christina and Candace; brother, Matthew; (3) grandchildren, (4) nieces.

Lawson Emitte Long

Funeral services for Infant Lawson Emitte Long were held Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 10

a.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Joel Embry and Amie Pike officiating. Burial followed in Bethsaida Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lawson Emitte Long passed away on February 28, 2024.

Lawson's bright blue eyes, beautiful smile, and gentle, loving spirit brought warmth and happiness to all who knew him. As we mourn the loss of our beloved Lawson, let us also celebrate the profound impact he had on our lives. In his memory, may we find comfort in the cherished, serene moments we shared and honor his legacy by embracing the love and joy he brought to our lives.

Lawson is survived by his parents, Matthew and Krissy Long; brother, Beau Long; grandparents; Richard and Stephany Winstead and Joey and Belinda Long; great-grandmothers, Carolyn Winstead and Virginia Ellingburg.

Scottie Kent Hollis

Mr. Scottie Kent Hollis, 63, passed away Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Rush Oschner Hospital in Meridian, MS. He lived in Neshoba County most of his life and was a U.S. Navy Veteran. He was a sales clerk. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and raising chickens.

Mr. Hollis was preceded in death by his wife, Eva Hollis; Parents, Kenneth and Naomi Hollis; Sister, Pam Proctor.

Survivors: Daughter, Kimber-

ly Broach (Rusty) of Terry, MS; Son, Waylon Hollis (Shannon) of AL, Sister, Kim White of AL; (7) Grandchildren; (1) Great-Grandchild.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Shiloh O'Naiya McMillan

Funeral services for Infant Shiloh O'Naiya McMillan were held at 10 AM Friday, March 8, 2024 at Macedonia Indian Baptist Church with Rev. Mark Patrick and Marco Patrick officiating. Interment was in Conehatta Community Cemetery. Visitation was at 5 PM Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at the home of Glent Dixon, 141 Red Oak Road in Conehatta. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Infant McMillan, 11 months, passed away on Thursday, February 22, 2024 at her home. She is preceded in death by her sister, Kazelynn Haize McMillan.

Survivors include parents, Michael McMillan and Cherylah Dixon; sisters, Gracelynn McMillan, M'Kazelynn McMillan; brothers, Kyacen McMillan, Zy'Kysten Dixon, Dracen McMillan, Tracen McMillan; grandparents, Glen Dixon, Sr., Julie Shumake, Rochella McMillan.

Pallbearers will be Carlos Sardinias, Raven Chapman, Rodney Frazier, Lightning Anderson, Brandon Shumake, Lee Shumake, Jr.

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CONEHATTA COMMUNITY CEMETERY

MR. JONATHAN MATTHEW PILGRIM

2 PM FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024

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MS. MELINDA WILKISON

2 PM SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for DEMOLISH OLD HEALTH CENTER AND OUTLYING CLINIC, MARCH 2024 will be received by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, herein called the "OWNER" at the OFFICE OF ENGINEERING SERVICES, 258 INDUSTRIAL ROAD, CHOCTAW, MISSISSIPPI 39350 on APRIL 10, 2024, AT 2:00 P.M. CENTRAL TIME, at which place and time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bidders shall submit their bids either in a sealed envelope or electronically. Electronic bids shall be submitted online at www.choctawbids.org. All bids shall include a copy of Bidder's Certificate of Responsibility and Asbestos Abatement Certification as an attachment.

Construction Drawings, Contract Documents, and Technical Specifications are available via www.choctawbids.org. Questions regarding the project can be directed to:

Choctaw Public Works Department
258 Industrial Road
Choctaw, MS 39350
Phone: (601) 562-8733

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Central Time in the Conference Room of the Choctaw Public Works Department located at 258 Industrial Road, Choctaw, MS 39350. Plan holders will be notified of any changes to the date, time, or location of the pre-bid meeting by the Choctaw Public Works Department. All plan holders are encouraged to attend.

Bid preparation will be in accordance with Instructions to Bidders in the Contract Documents. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities.

The required work is associated with demolition of the Old Choctaw Health Center in the Pearl River community of Neshoba County, Mississippi, and demolition of the old Health Clinic in the Red Water Community of Leake County, Mississippi. Work will include but will not be limited to: removal of steel framed masonry buildings, pavement, water, sewer, and electrical utilities, concrete foundations, chain link fencing, a sewage pumping station, an elevated water tank, and other smaller steel storage tanks. Work will require capping of existing utilities and restoration of demolition sites, including all associated stormwater pollution prevention best management practices. All materials shall be removed from the project site and disposed of at a facility approved for the disposal of said materials in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Bids shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a bid bond, certified check, or cashier's check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid amount made payable to the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. MBCI reserves the right to reject any and all bids; to waive any and all informalities not involving price, time, or changes in the work; to negotiate contract terms with the successful bidder; to disregard any bid which it deems to be non-conforming, irresponsible, non-responsive, unbalanced or conditional; to hold all bids for examination for a period of up to sixty (60) days after their opening; and to award a contract to the bidder whose bid, after evaluation pursuant to all applicable requirements of the bidding documents, is considered to be the one which is in the best interest of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

The evaluation criteria to be utilized in selecting the successful Bidder are presented in the Contract Documents.

City of Philadelphia 2024 Paving Project

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notices

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 025-0014-0013 Senate Bill 2070

Thank you,
Executive Director

Ashiya Hawkins

Run Dates: March 13, - April 26, 2024

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF LAQUINTA LASHA RENEE BONDS, DECEASED
CIVIL ACTION NO.2023-116-JK

NICOLE BURGE PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 21st day of February, 2024, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, Nicole Burge, upon the Estate of LaQuinta Lasha Renee Bonds, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date or they will be forever barred.

This the 28th day of February, 2024.
ESTATE OF LAQUINTA LASHA RENEE BONDS, DECEASED

NICOLE BURGE,
ADMINISTRATRIX

PREPARED BY:

TAMMY C. SMITH, MSBN 9526
ATTORNEY FOR NICOLE BURGE
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUAN M. NEWTON, DECEASED NO. 2024-45

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 23rd day of February, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator upon the Estate of Juan M. Newton, 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 first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 8th day of March, 2024.
Carol L. Newton, Administrator of the Estate of Juan M. Newton, Deceased

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ATTORNEY FOR ADMINISTRATOR

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF YVONNE ALLEN, DECEASED
CAUSE NO.: 2024-10
RICKY D. ALLEN
ADMINISTRATOR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been issued on the 7th day of March, 2024, in Cause No. 2024-10, by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned as Administrator of the Estate of Yvonne Allen, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of the aforesaid court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days of this date, or they will be forever barred.

/s/Ricky D. Allen

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RICKY D. ALLEN, Administrator of the Estate of Yvonne Allen

PREPARED BY:
K. LEE STRIBLING (MSB 102159)
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS, on August 27, 2007, Jimmy Russell, A Married Man executed a deed of trust for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Hometown Mortgage Services, Inc., its successors and assigns, which deed of trust was recorded on November 14, 2007, in Book 2007, Page 13043 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and Said Deed of Trust was last sold, assigned and transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment recorded Book 2013, Page 5242 in the office of the Chancery Clerk, Neshoba County, Mississippi. WHEREAS, the holder of the deed of trust at the time of the substitution substituted McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC as Trustee, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded on February 23, 2024, and spread at large upon the records in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2024, Page 1159, prior to the posting and publication of this notice; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of the deed of trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, Nationstar Mortgage, LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, has requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land, property and improvements in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustee's fees and expenses of sale; THEREFORE, on April 3, 2024, the undersigned Substitute Trustee in the deed of trust, will offer for sale at public outcry and sell to the highest bidder for cash, within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the North door of the Neshoba County Courthouse in Philadelphia, Mississippi, the following described land, property and improvements lying and being situate in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to-wit: From the SW Corner of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 32, Township 11 North, Range 13 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, run North for 1,208.21 feet to the South right-of-way of Mississippi Highway Number 16; thence run along said right-of-way North 84 degrees 33 minutes 46 seconds East for 450.55 feet to an iron pin for the Point of Beginning; then run South for 225.93 feet to an iron pin; then run East for 185.55 feet to an iron pin; then run North for 243.59 feet to an iron pin on the South right-of-way of Mississippi Highway Number 16; then run along said right-of-way South 84 degrees 33 minutes 46 seconds West for 186.39 feet to the Point of Beginning. This parcel contains 1.0 acre, more or less, and is situated in the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 32, Township 11 North, Range 13 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in the Substitute Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 1st day of March, 2024 /s-/ Robert M. Peebles, III McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Substitute Trustee 1022 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 304 Ridgeland, MS 39157-2049 (662) 388-5464 Foreclosurehotline.net File No.: 24-02851MS PUBLISH: 03/13/2024 03/20/2024,03/27/2024 13:50:5420 24-03-01T20:54:00Z 2 age 2

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF NESHOPA

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS, on the 26th day of October, 2018, Charles F. Rushing, Jr., a single man, executed a Deed of Trust in favor of Don O. Rogers, III, Trustee, to secure an indebtedness therein described in favor of The Citizens National Bank of Meridian, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 2018 at page 8916 among the records in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and, WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and the holder of the Note and Deed of Trust has requested the undersigned Trustee so to do, I will, on the 5th day of April, 2024, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during legal hours, being between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., at the front door of the Neshoba County Courthouse in Philadelphia, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following-described property lying and being situated in the County of Neshoba, State of Mississippi, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 24, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, and running West 630 feet to the West side of Philadelphia and Kosciusko Road to the point of beginning; thence run West 846 feet; thence run North 162 feet; thence run East 728 feet; thence run Southeast along West side of said highway 192 feet to the point of beginning, being in the North one-half (1/2) of the Southeast 1/4, Section 24, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, lands not mapped, City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi.

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

/s/Ricky D. Allen

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WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 7th day of March, 2024.

Don O. Rogers, Trustee

Don O. Rogers, MSBN 5636
P.O. Drawer 1389
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CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT
MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 20th day of February, 2024, by the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned upon the Estate of Alvin Williams, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to probate and register the same, as provided by law, with the clerk of the court, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice. Failure to probate and register any such claim within said ninety (90) day period will forever bar the claim.

WITNESS THE SIGNATURE of the Administrator, this 20th day of February, 2024,

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

SUBMITTED BY:
Kevin W. Brady, MSB 100753
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Attorney for Administrator

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

KEITH GUYTON AGENT, DECEASED
CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-cv-23-KK
STARLA DAWN TOLBERT, EXECUTRIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to the undersigned Executrix on February 23 2024, by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, upon the Estate of Keith Guyton Agent. Notice is hereby given to all persons having any claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred.

This is the 24th day of February 2024.
/s/ Starla Dawn Tolbert
STARLA DAWN TOLBERT

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

/s/ Jeff Arnold
Jeff Arnold, Esq.

Jeff Arnold (MSB #104335)
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration upon the estate of the above named Martha Ann Marsh, Deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 14th day of February, 2024 by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, Civil Action File No. 23-358-JK on the Chancery Docket, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have said claims pro-

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bated and registered by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. EXECUTED THIS, the 14th day of February, 2024.

/s/James Kevin Marsh

JAMES KEVIN MARSH, ADMINISTRATOR

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ATTORNEY FOR ADMINISTRATOR

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

GARY A. FULTON SR.
ADMINISTRATOR

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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

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

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

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

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

Gidget Stovall Tate, Chancery Court Clerk
Neshoba County, Mississippi

BY: /s/ Kathy Greer
D.C.

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IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT
MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF

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

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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

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

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

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

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

/s/ Kenyetta Barojas
TRIBAL COURT CLERK

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3564.72 001-102 CIRCUIT CLERK
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74997.96 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: 895904.91
THIS IS A SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR PERIOD ENDING MARCH 4, 2024 LISTING THE TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS BY EACH DEPARTMENT/FUND PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MISSISSIPPI CODE ANN. § 19-3-35. A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL EXPENDITURES REPRESENTING THESE TOTALS IS RECORDED IN THE DOCKET OF CLAIMS AND IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE CHANCERY CLERKS OFFICE OR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS. /S/ GIDGET STOVALL TATE CLERK OF THE BOARD NESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS
DESIGN BUILD PROJECT

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Office of Construction Management, is requesting proposals for a design build construction project located in the Pearl River community of Choctaw, Mississippi. The project will include the construction of a 12,600 sq. ft. engineered metal building with warehouse and office space on a prepared subgrade. All required utilities will be present at or near the building limits. Specifications and requirements can be picked up at the Office of Construction Management, located at 354 Industrial Road, Choctaw, Mississippi weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. from Wednesday, March 13, 2024, until Wednesday, March 20, 2024. There will be a required Pre-Proposal Meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of Construction Management.

All proposals must be submitted to the Office of Construction Management no later than Friday, April 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. All proposers will be required to present their proposals to the Selection Committee on Monday, April 8, 2024, at a time provided by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. All proposers will be required to be licensed and insured and be able to bond the project. For more information contact Eddie Sam at the Office of Construction Management at Office No. (601) 663-7600 or Mobile No. (601) 416- 4583.

Rezoning hearing set

By JACE HENDERSON
jace@neshobademocrat.com

Philadelphia aldermen have scheduled a hearing on April 2 to deliberate the potential rezoning of 207 Barrier Avenue from R1 to R3. Currently zoned as R1, designating it for single-family residential use, the proposed shift to R3 would permit mobile or modular homes within this zone.

Residents living in proximity to the targeted property are encouraged to attend the hearing, as it will provide a valuable opportunity for residents to speak, either in support or in opposition to the proposed rezoning on Barrier Avenue.

"The purpose of the hearing is to give folks who may have an issue with it the opportunity to come voice their opinion," said City Attorney Robert Lee Thomas.

For more information on zoning regulations or details regarding the proposed changes, visit philadelphiacity.com

In other matters, aldermen voted to:

- Approve a motion to advertise in the state program for Miss Hospitality for \$175. The motion was approved unanimously;
- Approve a motion to pay Allen Engineering invoice totaling \$1,097.50 for work on the Airport Lighting Improvement Project. The motion was approved unanimously;
- Approve a motion to purchase a truck from Philadelphia Utilities as an intergovernmental purchase for use at the Cemetery Department paid out of Bond B account at \$14,500. The motion was approved unanimously;
- Approve a motion to accept the resignation of

Connie Smith from the Police Department effective Feb. 15. The motion was approved unanimously;

• Approve a motion to transfer Chloe Trapp as Police Officer from dispatch effective March 6 at \$15.86 an hour. The motion was approved unanimously;

• Approve a motion to hire Corey Murray with the Police Department effective March 6 at \$15.86 an hour. The motion was approved unanimously;

• Approve a motion to hire Matthew Lomax as probationary firefighter effective March 7 at \$12.50 an hour. The motion was approved unanimously;

• Approve a motion to block off a few parking spots on Center Ave from Beacon to Myrtle Wednesday evening of March 6 to Saturday afternoon March 9. The motion was approved unanimously.



Graduates Basic

Congratulations to Colton Riley White who graduated from Basic Training in the United States Army recently! He will be home to visit his family for a two-week leave and will then be stationed with the U.S. Army Airborne Division in Kentucky. His proud parents are Chad and Sheena White. Darlene & Tony Myers and Jerry & Susan White are the proud grandparents.

Salter to host induction

By STAFF REPORTS
news@neshobademocrat.com

The Scott County Sports Hall of Fame is planning the induction of its Class of 2024 nominees, recognizing former athletes, coaches, and contributors who excelled in their sports. This class will surpass 100 inductees honored throughout the HOF's 10-year history.

The ceremony is set for 5

p.m. on April 27 at the Livingston Performing Arts Center at Roosevelt State Park in Morton. The Class of 2024 will include 11 honorees bringing the total membership to 109

since the organization was founded in 2014 and the first induction in 2015. Sid Salter, former editor and publisher of The Scott County Times, will serve as the keynote speaker.

Tickets are \$10 per person and Forest ticket locations include the Bank of Forest, Cox Chevron, and Community Bank. Morton ticket location is the Bank of Commerce-Morton and tickets are available in Lake at the Scott County Broadcasting Network office on Highway 80. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.



Donates to band

Community In Action recently donated \$500 to the Philadelphia High School Band for participating in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade. Pictured above are Johnny Beckwith of the club and Josh Rushing, band director.

Of Local Interest

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS PROGRAM

Neshoba County Extension will be hosting an Alzheimer's Awareness Program on March 14th at 10 a.m. in the Multipurpose room located in the Neshoba County Coliseum. This program will be beneficial to caregivers, older adults, or caretakers of their elderly family members. This program will be free to attend. Mr. Jimmy Henderson, an Alzheimer's Foundation member, will be presenting on the "10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's". Please call the Neshoba County Extension Office at 601-656-4011 if you have any questions. Please RSVP by March 7th!

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

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

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

Jehovah's Witnesses invites you to "The Resurrection—Victory Over Death!", the special talk will be delivered at local Kingdom Halls on the weekend of March 16 and 17, 2024. Philadelphia Senior Citizens Center, 10211 Road 661, Philadelphia, MS 39350. For more information: 601-674-1718.

KEMPER FORESTRY

Kemper Co. Forestry Assn.'s 2024 Spring Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024 in the MSU Extension Office / Ruby Rankin Farmer's Market Building located at 587 Old Scooba Rd. DeKalb,

MS. Representatives from the MDWFP will present a program: Planting Wildlife Food Plots. Representatives from the NRCS will present a program: NRCS Programs Update for 2024. If you plan to attend, Please give us a call at 601-743-2837 by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2024 to reserve your seat.

SPRING REVIVAL

Center Hill Baptist Church at 11291 Highway 486 in Philadelphia will have our Spring Revival Beginning Sunday, March 17th through Wednesday, March 20th. Service Sunday morning will begin at 11:00 AM and Sunday night at 6:00 PM. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday services will begin at 7:00 PM each night. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Rusty Walton. A meal will be served in the fellowship hall following the Wednesday night service. The

public is most cordially invited to attend.

SPRING REVIVAL

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church invites you to join us for our Spring Revival, April 1 - April 3, 2024 7:00PM Nightly.

Guest Speaker is Pastor Cornelius McDonald. 3216 Mt. Nebo Road, Lisman, AL 36912. 205-398-3090

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

The Mt. Enon M.B. Church in the Dixon Community cordially

invite all area church families to attend their Friends and Family Day scheduled for Sunday, March 24th at 3:00PM. Pastor E.J. Hinton of the Philadelphia Parish will be the visiting evangelist. Rev. James Pinkston is the Pastor.



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Estate Sale. 231 N. Fifth Ave. Decatur, MS. Saturday, March 16, 2024 - 8:00am - 4:00pm. Sunday, March 17, 2024 - 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Partial listing of items for

sale: Furniture, Indian baskets, microwave, jewelry, figurines and collectibles, glassware, Corningware and Tupperware, kitchen glassware and appliances, electronics, household appliances and décor, linens and quilts, tools and yard tools, House Full!!!! Presented by Estate Sales by Cheryl. See EstateSales.net for Pictures.

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- Must have excellent working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, or equivalent.
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Individuals wishing to apply for this position should apply in person at:

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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

When man seeks his own glory

The great sin of the old world at Babel continues to this day: “Let us make a name for ourselves.” God’s glory is denied, and man seeks his own glory and good apart from God. We are all pulled that way, and it leads to misery and death.

Christ came to restore us to the life of God, that we might glorify God and enjoy him forever. In Revelation 1:14-16, the apostle John saw a vision of the glory of Christ. In verse 17, we see John’s response to the vision: “When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.”

Why was John floored this way? Because he knows he is in the presence of God. This is the common response to a sinner who suddenly finds himself in the presence of God. Daniel responded the same way in Daniel 10. Isaiah in the presence of God said in alarm, “I am undone.” Ezekiel, after a vision of the Lord, sat down overwhelmed for 7 days.

The Bible mentions these responses for a reason. They could have been omitted from the stories. But God would have us consider what it will be like when we stand before him. Salvation appears in a wonderful light when we do.

Even though John fell as though dead, he was very much alive. He is a believer in Christ, and the Lord places his hand on him and assures him of his favor, saying, “Fear not.” We might stop there and consider how many things there are that can provoke fear in this world. But if God assures us that we need not fear in his presence, then what are these things compared to that?

The Lord itemizes reasons his people need not fear in the presence of God. He says, “I am the first and the last.” Christ, as the eternal Son of God had no beginning. But here he points us to his sovereignty over all creation and the salvation of his people. It is good to be under his care.

In Isaiah 41, the Lord uses this expression to say that although the nations foolishly run after other gods and are never satisfied, he will have a people he redeems for himself out of the nations. He says of the redeemed, “I took you from the ends of the earth and called you from the farthest corners.” So, the Lord is telling John, “Don’t fear,

you are one of mine.” Next, the Lord says, “I am the living one.” He alone is God, and he alone can give spiritual life. He is telling John that John has life in him. We cannot just want Christ as the one who can deliver us from death. He must be the object of our life, now and forever. He is our life.

The third reason the Lord says do not fear is, “I died, and behold I am alive forevermore.” Literally it reads, “I became dead.” In John 1 we read that “The word became flesh.” The Lord took upon himself human nature in order to die for our sins. He had to be clothed with our sins so that we could be clothed with his righteousness.

The apostle Paul’s motivation behind his labors and sufferings for Christ was that “He loved me and gave himself for me.” How can we stand in the presence of God? We don’t look within or to our own accomplishments, but rather to Christ and what he accomplished for us in his death. John’s assurance wasn’t that he was an apostle. It was that Christ died for him.

The last consolation the Lord gives is, “I have the keys of death and hades.” Hades referred to the place of souls departed from the body in the Old Testament. God had made our souls eternal. That Christ has the keys means he has conquered death and that he will assign men their eternal place. He is the judge of all men.

John will later see a vision of souls dressed in white before the throne and before the Lamb (Revelation 7). There is no value you could attach to having that white robe in the presence of God. You won’t be there without it. People attached to this world have little care about what happens after this life. These words, “I have the keys of death and hades,” matter not.

This is not the case with one who knows Christ. The redeemed soul knows what sin he was redeemed from. He lives in gratitude for the assurance from his Savior, “Fear not.”

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

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Thrash loves classic Southern food

By JACE HENDERSON
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Under Thrash's culinary roots trace back to his great-grandmother, Helen Smith, and grandmother, Cathy Stewart, who instilled the art of cooking classic Southern food during his upbringing.

"I always have good memories from when I was younger in the kitchen with my great-grandmother," he said. "She taught me how to shell peas, shuck corn, and to make them into a meal."

During his time as a student at Mississippi State, he learned to make a Santa Fe Chicken Bake, a flavorful southwestern dish featuring chicken breast, corn, and beans, that he proudly claims as his best.

Thrash now owns and operates Thrash Media, specializing in digital marketing for local small businesses and organizations, but beyond his professional journey, he finds joy in grilling hamburgers, steaks, and pork chops for friends and family.

"I love finding new seasonings to grill with," Thrash said. "Right now, my favorite is the Hail Steak seasoning from Kademi."

Thrash's cooking expertise also extends to baking, having earned multiple blue ribbons for his chocolate chip cookies at the Fair over the years. Recently, Thrash has embraced a healthier lifestyle, opting for salads and grilled chicken while steering clear of fried foods.

"Cooking is relaxing," he said. "It's fun to try new things, mix ingredients together, and see the food turn out good."

For holidays and family gatherings, Thrash takes charge of the side dishes, while his grandmother always goes all out for the main meals.

"I'm still blessed to have a grandparent that still cooks everything and gets everything together for us," he said.

In Thrash's kitchen, a cast iron skillet and an air fryer are his essential tools, and his advice to fellow cooks is: "If something doesn't work out the first time, give it another try. If something goes wrong, you can always look it up and figure out how to do it."



Hunter Thrash

COOK OF THE WEEK

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

- 1 1/2 cups of sugar
- 1/2 cup crisco shortening
- 1 stick of cold butter
- 2 eggs
- 3 cups of flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla

1 bag of semi-sweet chocolate chips

Using a mixer, Cream together sugar, shortening, butter, vanilla & eggs until smooth. Then, slowly incorporate flour 1/2 cup at a time into the mixture. Fold in chocolate chips.

Scoop out tablespoons amount of dough onto a lined cookie sheets. Bake cookies on bottom rack at 350 degrees until bottoms are golden. Move cookies to top rack and broil until golden.

SANTA FE CHICKEN BAKE

- 2 lbs boneless, skinless chicken breast, (4-6 thin chicken breasts)

- 2 tbsp taco seasoning
- 1 can black beans
- 1 can sweet corn, drained
- 1 cup salsa, chunky
- 1/4 cup green onions,

sliced

- 1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Garnish (optional)
- Pico de gallo
- Sour cream
- Chopped cilantro

In a large bowl, mix the black beans, corn, green onions, taco seasoning, and salsa until evenly combined.

Season the chicken to taste and lay flat in a casserole dish. Spread the bean mixture over top of the chicken and sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 350°F for 35-45

minutes or until your chicken breast is cooked through (165°F internal temp.)

Garnish as desired.

KETO BIG MAC TACOS

- For the burgers: Street taco sized keto zero carb tortilla
- Ground beef
- Slices of American cheese
- Shredded lettuce
- Dill pickle slices
- Garlic powder

- For the Big Mac sauce: 1/2 Cup Mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 Tablespoons Yellow Mustard
- 1 Teaspoon White Vinegar
- 2 Tablespoons Grated White Onion

2 Tablespoons Sweet Pickle Relish

- 1/2 Teaspoon Kosher Salt
- 1/2 Teaspoon Paprika
- 1/2 Teaspoon Garlic Powder
- 1/2 Teaspoon Onion Powder

For the Big Mac Sauce: In a small mixing bowl, whisk together all the sauce ingredients. Transfer to a glass jar storage container, such as a mason jar and refrigerate until ready to use.

For the burgers: On a clean work surface, spread the 4-ounce burger patties evenly over the flour tortillas until almost completely covered. Season each patty with salt and pepper.

Heat a large cast iron skillet over medium high heat until lightly smoking. Add one or two patties meat side down and lightly press onto the skillet. Cook for 4-5 minutes, flip, add a cheese slice and cook for another 1 or 2 minutes. The burgers are thin and won't take long. Repeat with remaining burger patties.

To dress the burger tacos, drizzle on 1-2 tablespoons of the big mac sauce, add the lettuce, onion and 3 pickles.

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

Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS
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After earning 100 AR points, Stephen Tullos, a first grader in Mrs. Lewis's class, chose to spend the day in the kindergarten class with Mrs. Debbie Burt as Teacher of the Day.

Stephen read the book, "Banjo's Dream," by Marshall Ramsey to the class and showed the illustrations as he read each page. He was amazed and excited to receive a drawing created for him by Marshall Ramsey himself! The drawing congratulated Stephen for reaching 100 AR points. Stephen is the son of Byron and Mandy Burt Tullos. Congratulations, what a treasure!

Last Saturday Ron Sparnecht was presented with the Bishop John Chanche SS, Diocesan Award in Jackson. This award, in the form of a medal, is given in recognition of exemplary service to the church and the community by a member of the church.

Ron certainly exemplifies those qualities in both the church and our community. This award is certainly well deserved. Congratulations!

Tennis season has begun with several high school teams practicing and preparing for a bright new season. Leake Academy played Canton Academy last Wednesday with wins over Canton Academy. Mixed Doubles: Anna Marshal and Lucas Thomas; #1singles- Taylor Allen, #2 doubles -Liza Kate Ling and Taylor Breland.

Leake also won all boys' positions due to Canton default-

ing. On Thursday Leake Academy swept Leake Central 9-0! Congratulations!

First Baptist Church's eagerly anticipated Father-Daughter Banquet was held recently in the Family Life Center. The interior of the building did not resemble the Family Life Center at all, due to the committee's exquisite decorations and much hard work. The excited girls wore their lovely dresses with wrist corsages, courtesy of their fathers.

Tables covered in white cloths with beautiful white floral centerpieces with white princess cookies accented with pink. A program at each place showed who was doing what part of the event. The Welcome was given by Jackie Cheatham and Don McKay. Sharon Tingle McKay made the presentation of the daughters; Brother William Smith offered the blessing of the meal. It was such a fun evening for both fathers and their daughters.

The guests ranged from all ages including Todd Loper with his crew of beautiful daughters with whom he posed for pictures. Judge Joseph Kilgore brought his lovely daughter, Anna Beth, who attended her last banquet as a senior. It seemed as though everyone enjoyed the lively event!

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out?" This is a question from Dr. Seuss's book of quotes. The Philadelphia Public Schools decided to celebrate his birthday by addressing this quote with a "Wacky Wednesday" last week as part of Dr. Seuss's National Birthday Week

celebration.

Everyone, including administrators, was invited to wear something "wacky" to school on that Wednesday. It was a fun day with lots of laughter as the wackiness permeated the schools. Visitors would certainly wonder what kind of school they were entering

One year ago on Feb. 24, Shirley Cox suffered a massive stroke. After much perseverance by her family and Shirley herself, she was able to come home where she enjoys having visitors. The loving care and attention from her family is phenomenal. On March 6, this remarkable woman went outside for the very first time since last February to sit on her front porch in the sunshine! Her family feels blessed to still have her with them. God bless all of those who help care for her and Shirley herself.

Last week the First Methodist Church kindergarten enjoyed some very special visitors, Dr. William Mars, Dr. Thad Skinner, and Liz Booker from the Northside Animal Hospital. They came to talk to the children for Community Helpers Week. They also brought two live pets who thoroughly enjoyed the attention of the children!

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Rebels downed on diamond by St. Joe 16-5

By **ROBBIE ROBERTSON**
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The Leake Academy baseball team only got in one game last week and it was one to forget.

The Rebels gave up 11 runs in the first inning as Madison St. Joseph took a 16-5 run-rule win on Monday.

Friday's game at Newton

County Academy was cancelled because of heavy rains.

Leake is scheduled to play at East Central Community College this week and take on Louisville and Ethel on Monday. The Rebels will then play Ethel again on Tuesday to finish out spring break action. The Rebels will return from spring break and begin district play as they play a

three-game series against Wayne Academy. Game 1 will be at Waynesboro on Tuesday while Game 2 will be in Madden on Thursday. Game 3 is scheduled to return

Madison St. Joseph 16, Leake 5

The Bruins scored 11 runs in the top of the first and cruised to

a five-inning, run-rule win over the Rebels on Monday.

St. Joseph started fast with 11 runs in the first inning. The Bruins added one in the second, three in the third and one in the fifth. Leake scored one in the first and four in the third.

St. Joseph outthit Leake 14-5 in the contest. Rhett Stovall was 2-for-3 with a run scored while

Tyler Winstead doubled, scored a run and had an RBI. Jack Harkins also singled, scored and had an RBI while Majure Chandler singled and drove in two runs.

Warner Young started on the mound for the Rebels, facing eight batters but getting just one out he gave up seven runs on four hits and two walks. Matthew

Nowell also faced eight batters in the first inning and also got just one out and gave up four unearned runs on two hits and three walks. John Donovan pitched the next 1 1/3 innings and gave up four runs on five hits and three walks while Caden Stovall pitched the last three innings and gave up just one run on three hits while striking out three.

Union splits with Eupora

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The Union Yellowjackets opened division 4-2A play last week with a two-game series with Eupora.

The Yellowjackets dropped game 1 of the series, falling 9-3 to the Eagles. Union then bounced back and took game two of the series, beating Eupora 4-2 behind a solid pitching performance from Kooper Fultz.

Union is scheduled to play two games over spring break at Enterprise, playing Wayne County on Monday at 4 p.m. and then playing East Rankin on Tuesday.

Eupora 9, Union 3

The Eagles broke open a close game with six unanswered runs to take a win in division play.

Eupora scored one in the first and second inning, while Union answered with two in the top of the third. Eupora came back with

one in the third and fourth inning to go up 4-2. Union added a single run in the top of the fifth to cut the lead to 4-2 before Eupora scored three in the bottom of the fifth and sixth innings to take the win.

Eupora outthit Union 8-1 in the contest but the Yellowjackets drew seven walks while striking out 13 times. Hayden Dolan had Union's only hit with a double and an RBI. Austin Lee walked three times and scored a run while Samuel Alawine and Mylan Moore each scored runs for Union.

Jacob Freeman started on the mound and pitched 3 1/3 innings, giving up six runs on four hits and a walk while striking out three. Tanner Watkins pitched the next 1 1/3 innings, giving up three runs on three hits while striking out two. Alawine pitched the next 1 1/3 innings and gave up one hit while striking out two.

Union 4, Eupora 2

The Yellowjackets came from behind to take a two-run win over the Eagles to split the series.

Union scored one in the bottom of the first and score stayed 1-0 through four innings. Eupora then scored two in the top of the fifth to take a 2-1 lead. But Union scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth to take the lead.

Each team had six hits in the contest while Austin Lee led Union at the plate, going 2-for-4 with two runs scored. Jacob Freeman doubled and drove in two runs while Samuel Alawine singled and scored. Turner Johnson and Mylan Moore each had singles. Lee also had three stolen bases for the Yellowjackets.

Pitching: Kooper Fultz started on the mound and pitched all seven innings for the Eagles. Fultz gave up two runs and scattered six hits and a walk while striking out four.

Rockets defeat Choctaw Central

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The Neshoba Central Rockets defeated Choctaw Central 12-0 on Thursday evening thanks in part to a seven-run 3rd inning.

Espn Jackson, Jalyas Winters and RB Hardin all had big hits plus an error and two walks to score the seven runs.

Neshoba Central got on the board first in the bottom of the 2nd

inning after Demarkez West homered to left field scoring two runs. Jordan Davis tripled, scoring two runs and RB Hardin doubled, scoring one run.

Sanders Griffis earned the win for the Rockets on the mound while giving up one hit and one walk over three scoreless innings. Will Williams came in relief to close out the game in four innings. The Rockets had 12 runs on 10 hits and only two strike outs.

Next up for the Rockets is North East Lauderdale on Thursday afternoon at Enterprise, West Lauderdale at home on Friday afternoon and Newton County at home on Saturday afternoon.

The Choctaw Central Warriors are still looking for their first win on the season.

After falling to Neshoba Central, the Warriors lost to Scott Central 5-2. They were scheduled to play Morton on Tuesday.



Greenlee signs with Itawamba Community College

Neshoba Central's Alicia Greenlee signed a letter of intent to continue her education and she will be cheering for Itawamba Community College. Alicia will be a 2024 graduate of Neshoba Central where she was a member of the Rocket's Cheer Squad for 6 years. Alicia is the daughter of Todd & Kayla Greenlee. Pictured are, seated from left, Her dad Todd, Alicia, and her mother Kayla. (Back) Assistant Principal LaShon Horne, Cheer Coach Nikki Morrow, and Assistant Principal Brent Pouncey.

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