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CRIME

Sixth arrested in fentanyl drug ring

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A sixth suspect has been arrested in connection with a drug ring conspiring to bring fentanyl into Neshoba County.

Kent Tidwell, 67, 89 Forest Barnes Road, Petal, was arrested and charged with conspiracy to commit a crime related to the fentanyl trafficking, according to Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark. Neshoba County Detention

Center records show he was also wanted on warrants for contempt of court and failure to appear.

Tidwell was arrested in a traffic stop by Neshoba County Sheriff's Deputies on Highway 16 East at the city limits

on Saturday, Feb. 3, at about 10 a.m.

Clark said the authorities spotted Tidwell on a Flock traffic surveillance camera that alerted shortly before pulling him over.

Clark said Tidwell was

bringing fentanyl solution in from Petal and either trading it for other controlled substances or selling it locally through a group in the North Bend community based out of a residence at 10121 Road 2826.

Sheriff's deputies previously made five arrests connected to that address on Thursday. Those arrests include:

- Carla R. White, 43,

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Keats excited to represent county as Miss Hospitality

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Alice Keats was recently crowned Neshoba County's Miss Hospitality and says she is incredibly excited to be traveling to Hattiesburg for the state pageant in July.

"My emotions are filled with so much joy," Keats said. "I was so excited to be presented with the opportunity to represent Neshoba County as Miss Hospitality. It's going to be an amazing journey and will be so much fun."

The 2024 Miss Hospitality pageant begins on July 12 and ends on July 13, with contestants participating the entire week of the competition from July 7 through July 13.

Mississippi's Miss Hospitality contest, established in 1949 under Gov. Fielding Wright, is designed for women ages 18 to 24 and has championed the state's tourism and economic development sectors while supporting Mississippi's best and brightest young women through its scholarship program.

The winner serves as the state's official Goodwill Ambassador traveling regionally and nationally to promote Mississippi and share her story. Miss Hospitality will also enjoy her part of more than \$100,000 in prizes and scholarships offered by the Miss Hospitality program.

Alice Keats is the daughter of Elijah Jimmie and Karla Keats. She is currently majoring in Communications with a minor in Social Media Marketing at The University of Southern Mississippi.

Keats served the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians for two years as 2019-2021 Choctaw Indian Princess due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, she was able to work the frontlines alongside Tribal entities serving and alerting her tribe about safety protocols, both virtually and from a distance physically.

She is also a part of the Chahta Allah Youth Council, where she served three years as a reporter and two years as secretary.

"Throughout my life, I have always loved the idea of promoting and advertising my culture and tribe," Keats said. "Miss Hospitality is an advocate for the economic side of her city, community, and state of Mississippi. It will be great to share why I think Neshoba County is the epitome of hospitality."

Keats said she plans to highlight the welcoming atmosphere of places like the Neshoba County Fair and share captivating stories about the Tribe's regalia, designs, and colors, and how members implement them into their daily lives and schools.

She wants to help motivate others as well, stressing that the journey is just as important as the destination.

"With my advocacy, I also love to promote education," she said. "I really love to talk to my peers and their friends on how they can elevate within their lives. Education is important, but not everyone after high school goes to college. Some either go to the workforce side or academic side. Either one is great if you are passionate about what you do, and it is okay to take your time as long as you don't give up."

Keats said former titleholders



Neshoba County Little Miss Hospitality Bailey Jay and Miss Hospitality Alice Keats

Landry Payne and Anna Spears-Davidson have really inspired her over their years representing Neshoba County.

"When they would talk about their platform and pageant experiences, I just grew fond of them," she said. "Those two really sparked an interest in me and shared advice that I will cherish and carry with me throughout my journey. I still can't believe that I was presented with this opportunity. I am going to

grab the baton and run with it."

Six-year-old, Bailey Jay, was crowned Little Miss Hospitality last week. She enjoys playing with Lego sets and participating in productions at the Ellis Theater with the PNC Arts Council.

Bailey Jay is the daughter of Morgan and Caleb Jay. She also loves gym and dance and is an active member of The First Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Bailey to represent our county, get to know other people, and have some fun along the way," her mother said. "It's an honor for her to hold this title."

She added, "This is a new experience for our whole family. We cannot wait to get to know Alice and her family and watch her shine. Bailey is very excited for the pageant and to wear a pretty dress on stage."

SUPREME COURT

Branning to seek seat on high court

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State Sen. Jenifer Branning has announced she will seek a seat on the state Supreme Court.

Branning, a Republican Senator from Philadelphia, said Thursday she has qualified for the District 1, Place 3 seat held by Judge Jim Kitchens of Crystal Springs.

Jenifer Branning represents District 18 comprising Leake, Neshoba, and Winston counties, was first elected to the Senate in 2016.

She is in private law practice in Philadelphia.

Branning said in a statement last week:

"Today, I qualified for election to the Mississippi Supreme Court — District 1, Place 3. Mississippians expect and deserve to have judges that fairly and equally apply the laws to all of our citizens.

"They also expect their judges to be responsible and to represent their values. I am confident that my experience as an attorney of 20 years and as a current legislator make me uniquely qualified to serve the people of District 1 in the Mississippi Supreme Court. Just as our citizens expect consistency, integrity and efficiency in the application of our laws, so does the business community. I am proud of the conservative, pro-business record I've had in the legislature, and I look forward to earning the votes of the people in District 1 in the upcoming months."

DOMESTIC DISPUTE

Shots fired in Vowell's parking lot

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An Alabama man was arrested after he fired shots in a grocery store parking lot as part of a domestic dispute one morning last month.

The man, Billy Earl Jones, 49, 330 Dusty Trail Lane, Talladega, Ala., was arrested and charged with discharging a weapon, disorderly conduct, possession of paraphernalia and domestic violence, according to Philadelphia Police Chief Eric Lyons.

He said a female, Brandy Leigh Bohanon, 50, 125 Terry Street, also in Talladega, was arrested and charged with public drunk and possession of paraphernalia.

On Sunday, Jan. 28, at about 10:30 a.m., PPD officers responded to reports of shots fired in the parking lot of Vowell's, 595 E

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Supes improving Coliseum

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Improvements to the Neshoba County Coliseum that will help with disaster response, as well as routine operational issues, continue.

The Board of Supervisors on Monday approved two payments totaling \$372,708 to J & J Contractors as part of the work.

"This project will accomplish several things to aid in preparation for future emergency and disaster events as well as routine operational issues," said County Administrator Jeff Mayo.

A new storage area on the south side will allow convenient access to coliseum equipment without the need to navigate around the building. Additionally, it will provide covered loading and unloading during inclement weather when the floor is down, and vehicle access is restricted.

The HVAC enhancements involve replacing package units, converting heating to LP gas for efficiency, and replacing an obsolete split system on the coliseum's back side.

Also, the addition of four showers on the back side of the building will enhance emergency shelter capability and

event functionality. In conjunction with the showers, Supervisors are exploring the possibility of adding a commercial washer and dryer that would provide amenities for shelter but will need a significant water heater.

According to officials, code requirements mandate a sprinkler system for the storage addition, and a dry system will be used to prevent freezing, but limited water supply to the building poses a challenge to comply with the six-inch supply capacity called for.

An outdated fire alarm panel still functions but according to the original installer does not have parts available for repair, so expansion to include the new sprinkler system is not possible officials say.

"We have explored upgrading the fire alarm panel system previously, but that cost is anticipated to be \$20,000 or more," Mayo said.

The project began in late October and has a one-year contract period. However, officials say they expect earlier completion contingent on weather conditions, as the contractor is making great progress.

In other action, supervisors voted to:

- Approve the termination of

Brandon Rush as part-time deputy with the Sheriff's Department effective Jan. 3;

- Approve hiring Julian Willis as a deputy sheriff at \$19.75 an hour effective Jan. 15;

- Accept the resignation of deputy Lavon Ball effective Feb. 1;

- Approve hiring Benjamin McDaniel as a part-time correctional officer at the jail at \$13 an hour effective Jan. 10;

- Approve hiring Terry Hill as a CDL truck driver with the Road Department at \$16 an hour;

- Approve an order appointing Erin Land as Judge Kirk's Court Administrator effective Dec. 1 at \$67,540 per year plus benefits. Neshoba County is responsible for 20% of costs above AOC Judges Support Staff Funds;

- Approve appointing Josh Burt as Emergency Management Director, Fire and 9-1-1 Coordinator effective upon the retirement of Darrell Wilson at the end of March;

- Approve Burks-Mordecal Builders payment application totaling \$122,716 for EMA Storage Building Project;

The next meeting of the Board will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

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Main St.

Upon arrival, officers made contact with Jones and

Bohanon near a maroon car where the shots were reported to have come from, according to Lyons. Responding officers determined Jones and Bohanon were engaged in a domestic dispute at the time the shots were fired.

Both were arrested.

Lyons said they were reportedly headed back to Alabama

from the casinos here when they began to argue and pulled over in the parking where the argument escalated leading Jones to grab a gun and fire a shot into the air.

No injuries were reported related to the incident, Lyons said.

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Pair arrested with meth

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Two men were arrested on meth charges after deputies found them riding in a pickup in the middle of Road 4300 last Sunday evening.

The driver, Michael Goforth, 69, 92 McKee Road, DeKalb, was arrested and charged with careless driving and possession of a controlled substance.

Also arrested was the passenger, Randal Morrow McKee, 61, 92 McKee Road,

DeKalb, charged with contempt of court and possession of a controlled substance.

Clark said deputies first encountered the duo at about 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 28, on the road in the House community where the GMC pickup in which they were riding was in the middle of the road.



Michael Goforth



Randal McKee

The two men told the deputies they had just left House Grocery.

After identifying the two men, deputies learned McKee had a contempt of court warrant. Deputies made the arrest and a search of the vehicle found a crystal-like substance believed to be methamphetamine.

Drugs

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10510 Road 779, charged with possession with intent to distribute.

Clark said following Tidwell's arrest she has also received a charge of conspiracy to commit a felony related to coordinating bringing the fentanyl solution into Neshoba County.

• Hannah Kaitlyn Eubanks, 28, 8237 Okatibbee Dam Road, Collinsville, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia. She was out of jail the next day on a \$7,500 bond.

• Monica Edwards, 31, 1051 Holland Avenue, was arrested and charged with trafficking a controlled substance and uttering a forgery.

• Richard Chad Cumberland, 45, 10121 Road 2826, was arrested and charged with trafficking of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, two counts of conspiracy to commit a felony, and two counts of possession with intent to distribute.

• Beverly Ann "Sissy" Cumberland, 57, also of 10121 Road 2826, was arrested and charged with trafficking a controlled substance.

Clark said the arrests start-

ed when his office acted on a tip about drug activity in the North Bend community.

On Thursday, Feb. 1, Neshoba County Sheriff's Office deputies received a tip of drug activity at 10121 Road 2826 in the North Bend community.

Deputies began surveillance on the residence and eventually made a traffic stop on a silver Chevy Camaro soon after it left the residence. The traffic stop revealed an active warrant on one of the passengers.

The rear-seat passenger, Hannah Eubanks, was arrested for an active warrant from the city of Philadelphia.

A deputy observed a pink purse where she was sitting and was given consent to search the purse. The search revealed a clear crystal substance believed to be methamphetamine, the authorities said.

At about 5:30 p.m., deputies stopped a white Toyota SUV as it attempted to visit the residence.

The driver, Carla White, was questioned and she revealed that she possessed a vial of liquid fentanyl.

The plan was to trade the liquid fentanyl for methamphetamine, law enforcement officials said.

A search warrant was obtained through Neshoba County Justice Court and exe-

cuted leading to three arrests.

Beverly Ann "Sissy" Cumberland, Richard Chad Cumberland, and Monica Edwards were arrested and charged with trafficking drugs, according to Clark.

"There has been a lot of traffic in and out of that residence," Clark said. "Hopefully this will give the people in the North Bend community a sense of normalcy."

Clark said his office is working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in an ongoing investigation. He said they are currently processing data from eight cell phones seized during the arrests and expect further arrests and charges to follow.

Neshoba County Sheriff's narcotics investigators serve on the state Attorney General's Fentanyl Strike Task Force, Clark said.

This is the second fentanyl arrest in just a few weeks involving at least one of the residents, Clark said.

On Jan. 27, Beverly Cumberland was arrested for possession of fentanyl and was out on felony bond for that arrest.

"Tips to law enforcement work," Clark said.

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EDITORIALS

‘Get Trump’ effort fizzles

The extraordinary efforts to jail and bankrupt former President Donald Trump aren't having the expected impact. An NBC News poll released over the weekend shows President Biden's popularity sliding. In a fair fight, Mr. Biden is clobbered by his likely rival with only the prospect of imprisoning Mr. Trump offering hope to the Big Guy's chances, and barely so.

Against this political backdrop, the Manhattan jury's recent \$83 million verdict against Mr. Trump makes more sense. E. Jean Carroll set the stage in 2019 when she wrote a book asserting publicly for the first time that Mr. Trump raped her in a Bergdorf Goodman dressing room in the 1990s. Mr. Trump has denied the claim.

It's a classic he-said, she-said. At trial, Ms. Carroll had only her word to back the accusation — no security camera footage, no physical evidence and no witnesses. Jurors weighed the facts under the loose legal standard of whether the allegation was more likely true than not to conclude there was no rape. Even so, they awarded Ms. Carroll \$2 million in case some kind of sexual misconduct potentially happened.

Mr. Trump has maintained his innocence, saying the charges were part of a "hoax" meant to sell her book. For this, he was hauled back in to court for a trial weighing whether these denials constituted defamation.

It would seem fair to deny a rape charge with a jury verdict in hand saying there was no rape, but such is not the case when you're up against the Democratic machine. New York passed the Adult Survivors Act to override the statute of limitations so that lawsuits like the one against Mr. Trump could be filed.

U.S. District Judge Lewis A. Kaplan had to stand language on its head to achieve his preferred outcome. He wrote, "The finding that Ms. Carroll failed to prove that she was 'raped' within the meaning of the New York Penal Law does not mean that she failed to prove that Mr. Trump 'raped' her as many people commonly understand the word 'rape.'"

The judge's ruling recalls then-President Bill Clinton's famous equivocation, "It depends on what the meaning of the word 'is' is." Appropriately enough, Judge Kaplan owes his present job to Mr. Clinton.

So it comes as no surprise that billionaire Reid Hoffman is bankrolling Ms. Carroll's case. This is the left-wing activist who spent over \$600,000 assisting Fusion GPS, the Democratic law firm that fabricated the Steele dossier, which in turn invented a lurid tale about Mr. Trump cavorting with ladies of the evening in a Russian hotel room.

The dossier spread these lies as if they were true, but the best efforts of thoroughly anti-Trump FBI agents couldn't find a single true sentence in the dossier. At this point, there's no way of knowing decades after the fact whether Ms. Carroll is telling the truth, but her willing collaboration with a dishonest political machine undermines her complaint.

Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh faced similar evidence-free accusations against his character in his confirmation hearing, and one of his accusers eventually confessed that she lied in the hopes of stopping the right-of-center judge from taking a spot on the high court.

The machine's efforts failed then. Let's hope they fail again.

— *The Washington Times*

FLASHBACKS

February 4, 1944

Forty years ago, in February 1904, a new store was established in the then sprawling village of Philadelphia. Established upon the vital principles of honesty and fair dealings to all, this business has grown with Philadelphia, and today, like the fine, modern City of Philadelphia, it stands as a monument to the solid rock foundation upon which it was laid and built. This store, the Turner Hardware & Furniture Company, was founded by the late Mr. James A. Turner.

The memory of the late Judge Earl S. Richardson and of the service he rendered the people of East Mississippi and the state will be appropriately honored by the construction of a highway in East Mississippi, if a bill introduced last week by Rep. Marvin B. Henley is enacted.

February 4, 1954

"Forward on Liberty's Team," is the theme for observance of Boy Scout Week, which will begin Sunday Feb. 7 and continue through the 13th. Local Scouts will select officers to "Run the Town."

The Beacon Street Baptist Church is formulating final plans for entering their new auditorium sometime in March. There are 44 pews needed to seat the auditorium. The pews will be purchased from and installed by Wells Wood.

February 6, 1964

Mrs. Johnny Young has been named a trustee of the Neshoba County General Hospital for Beat One by Supervisor Carl J. DeWeese. Mrs. Young was named this week by DeWeese to fill the unexpired term of her late husband, Johnny Young.

Two more break-ins have been reported here, one place for the second time in a week. The Neshoba County High school was entered last week-end, only a week after the county elementary school was burglarized in the same manner.

February 7, 1974

A Philadelphia construction firm has been awarded a \$224,065 contract for work at Meridian Naval Air Station. The offices of Sen. John C. Stennis and Congressman G. V. Montgomery announced that the contract was awarded to the Perry Construction Co. for construction of a 48-unit mobile home park facility aboard the Naval Air Station.

February 8, 1984

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors are considering the possibility of levying property taxes on the owners of cabins on the Neshoba County Fairgrounds.

Video arcade operators and customers in Philadelphia will be forced to find a cure for "Pac-Man Fever" as a result of a city ordinance passed by

the Philadelphia Board of Aldermen Tuesday night.

February 2, 1994

Philadelphia High School has been chosen to host the Class 2A boys South State basketball tournament, Feb. 26-27, the Mississippi High School Activities Association announced Monday.

The 20th annual Mississippi Science and Mathematics Tournament unfolds at Mississippi College on Feb. 4 and 5, with top high school science and mathematics students from the local area participating.

February 4, 2004

Absenteeism was on the rise at area schools this week with children showing flu-like symptoms, although a state health official said Tuesday a majority of cases were not influenza.

February 5, 2014

More questions were raised than answered last week when the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met with Mississippi Action for Progress (MAP) officials over their lease of the old Booker T. Washington School and anticipated improvements to the gym.

Construction is moving at a brisk pace on the new Family Dollar store, which plans to hire about 10 people initially when it opens in early spring.

CAL THOMAS

Let us all pray

The number of President Biden's gaffes and flip-flops on issues would fill a book.

The number of President Biden's gaffes and flip-flops on issues would fill a book, but he combined several categories of verbal meanderings at last week's National Prayer Breakfast.

The gathering took place in the Capitol's National Statuary Hall. Biden pronounced it "statutory hall." He must have had son Hunter's legal problems and the possibility of his own impeachment in mind. The annual event has been moved from a downtown hotel after allegations were made that some attendees were selling their tickets to people who wanted to lobby Members of Congress. The event is now restricted to members and some staff.

Near the end of his remarks, Biden mentioned Psalm 22, which was a prophetic Psalm written by King David. It foretells the crucifixion of Jesus Christ 1,000 years in the future. One of its verses is quoted by Jesus on the cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Biden didn't just misquote it, he rewrote it: "In my church we've turned (it) into a hymn — He will raise you up on Eagles wings..." He also blended in a line from the Irish Blessing.

Other statements contradict Biden's behavior, including his call for us to "...see ourselves as fellow human beings, each made in the image of God." Apparently, that only applies after one is born as Biden has flipped from pro-life to pro-abortion (as Donald Trump has flipped in the opposite direction, both

with no convincing argument, other than political pragmatism).

Biden added: "There is nothing beyond our capacity if we act together." To Democrats that mostly means Republicans giving in to them. Consider the latest tax bill in the House where Republicans have caved on several programs favored by Democrats, including expansion of the child tax credit, resulting in further bloating of the welfare state.

Politico reports that in private Biden uses "salty language" and has called Trump a sick f-k." Apparently to Biden some human beings are worth more than others.

The misuse of Scripture to baptize a president's political positions goes back to early America. In modern times, as reported by Christianity Today magazine: "The 1992 political season has witnessed spectacularly crass abuse of Scripture. George (H.W.) Bush began the charade at the convention of the National Religious Broadcasters in January. The President concluded a defense of the Gulf War with an outrageous application of Matthew 5:14: 'I want to thank you for helping America, as Christ ordained, to be a light unto the world.'"

"Six months later at the Democratic convention, the scandal continued. In his

acceptance speech, Albert Gore mished and mashed several scriptural phrases when he affirmed, "In the words of the Bible, "Do not lose heart. This nation will be renewed" (there is no such verse). And Bill Clinton messed up 1 Corinthians 2:9 just as badly, asserting that "Scripture says: "Our eyes have not seen, nor our ears heard, nor our minds imagined what we can build.'" The actual verse says "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." Big difference.

Biden concluded what one critic called his "platitudinous and hypocritical" remarks by making an appeal for Congress to "work together." We've heard that before, but what does it mean when it comes to disagreement over policies? He didn't say.

These types of meetings that include the National Day of Prayer and other religious events may make participants feel good and in the case of Members of Congress, send a positive signal to their constituents that they're not heathens, but in the end — to quote Hillary Clinton in a different context — what difference does it make?

The members returned to the House and Senate chambers, resuming the same arguments with the most extreme calling each other names.

Let the rest of us pray. Even better, vote the bad ones out in November.

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RICH LOWRY

TikTok is a danger to U.S. children

Mark Zuckerberg is very sorry.

His apology at a Senate hearing to the families of victims of online child sex abuse was dramatic, and the human thing to do in the moment, although he was pressured into it under persistent questioning from Sen. Josh Hawley, a Republican from Missouri.

Zuckerberg's contrition — whether real, fake or somewhere in between — doesn't really matter one way or the other, though. The key question is why we are subjecting our children to a vast, real-time experiment in exposure to a radically new medium that evidence suggests is harmful to their emotional and mental health.

This dubious venture is unquestionably a boon to the bottom line of Meta and its peer companies, but it's doubtful that any parent in America has ever thought it was good for their kid. "Gosh, how can I get my tween to spend more time on Instagram?" is, needless to say, a thought most parents don't have.

Social scientist Jonathan Haidt has been on this case for some time now and points out a marked increase in teen depression and anxiety that coincides with the rise of social media, particularly among girls. It is, to be sure, difficult to nail down with absolute certainty a direct relationship between social media and these distressing outcomes, but many studies find a connection, and the lived experiences of families is, overwhelmingly, that the takeover of adolescence by social media hasn't been a

Kids shouldn't be on social media at all. And, apparently, Facebook founder Zuckerberg is very sorry.

healthy phenomenon.

At the very least, social media is addictive and represents an opportunity cost compared to time that could be spent talking with friends, going outside or even reading a book.

Congress should press the brakes on the revolution that has given Mark Zuckerberg and other tech titans an oversized role in raising our kids and require that users of social media be age 18 or older. Surely, it's not too much to ask that Zuckerberg and Co. make their fortunes exclusively off adults.

Congress has already imposed an age limit, just in the wrong place. The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act prevents the companies from collecting personal information from children under age 13, effectively prohibiting them from social media. But 13 draws the line much too young.

Regardless, the companies have been happy to make a mockery of the rule. About 40% of kids age 8-12 use social media, while usage by teens age 13-18 is nearly ubiquitous.

For social-media companies, these kids are just another market. According to a Wall Street Journal report a couple of years ago, "Inside the company, teams of employees have for years been laying

plans to attract preteens that go beyond what is publicly known, spurred by fear that Facebook could lose a new generation of users critical to its future."

Let's say the research and everyone's intuition is wrong, and social media isn't driving worse outcomes for kids.

What's the harm in staying off social media until they're older? That kids will miss out on the latest absurd and perhaps dangerous TikTok trend? That they won't get to envy people posting photos on Instagram to make themselves look more interesting and beautiful than they really are? That they will talk to their families and friends more and engage in more activities in the real world?

As Yuval Levin of the American Enterprise Institute points out, there are ways to put teeth in a more stringent age restriction, create a reliable mechanism for age verification, and give those parents who desperately want their young kids on social media a way to opt in. Once every teen isn't on social media, it becomes easier to stop teens from using social media.

Perhaps, over time, it will become clear that the teen mental health crisis wasn't driven by social media and — more improbably — being on TikTok is good for 15-year-olds. If so, we can go back and repeal the age-18 restriction — and apologize, if we must, to Mark Zuckerberg.

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BIBLE SELECTION

For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

— **Psalm 33:4-5 (ESV)**

COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 1/29-2/5

• Antonious Richard Backstrom, 37, of 1208 Lake Rd, Preston; possession of firearm by convicted felon, burglary-dwelling house, motor vehicle theft-felony
 • Jessie Battle, 34, of 10840 Rd 454; failure to appear
 • Adam Keith Bryan, 52, of 10817 Rd 779; theft of utilities, failure to appear
 • Norris Carter, 48, of 513 Valley View Dr; serving sentence
 • Gabriel Seth Clemmons, 21, of 128 Bell Rd; failure to appear
 • June Clemons, 34, of 132 Big Creek Cir; no insurance, suspended driver's license, expired license tag, driving under the influence-2nd offense
 • Ray Earl Cobb, 67, of 10020 Rd 1325, Union; trespassing, disorderly conduct, hunting-no hunter orange
 • Terry Oneal Cremeen, 58, of 4645 Attala Rd 1107, Kosciusko; failure to appear, careless driving, failure to yield to blue light/siren, felony pursuit,

driving under the influence-3rd offense-felony, suspended driver's license
 • Beverly Ann Cumberland, 57, of 10121 Rd 2826; trafficking of controlled substance
 • Richard Chad Cumberland, 35, of 10121 Rd 2826; trafficking of controlled substance, possession of controlled substance, conspiracy to commit a crime-felony X2, possession with intent to distribute X2
 • Allen J Easley, 35, of 2085 Hwy 397; driving under the influence-1st offense
 • Monica Edwards, 31, of 1051 Holland Ave; trafficking of controlled substance, uttering forgery
 • Hannah Kaitlyn Eubanks, 28, of 8237 Okatibbee Dam Rd, Collinsville; possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia
 • Deandre Frazier, 41, of 137 Sonny Jones Rd; contempt of court, failure to appear
 • John Michael Goins III, 40, 16001 Burchfield Rd, Brookwood, AL; hold for other agency
 • Shawn Griffin, 43, of 2160

Hwy 16 E, Carthage; no insurance, careless driving, driving under the influence-1st offense, no driver's license
 • Daniel Alexander Hembree, 31, of 2302 Kellis Store Rd, Preston; hold for investigations
 • Robert Lamar Hembree, 33, of 2302 Kellis Store Rd, Preston; hold for investigations
 • Malahta Henderson, 28, of 200 Fani Lakna Cir; contempt of court
 • Katie Maelynn Henry, 21, of 13191 Hwy 488; contempt of court
 • Maricka Home, 29, of 385 Jerico Rd; failure to appear
 • Dontrual Jobe, 47, of 924 Henson Rd; serving sentence
 • Vertisa Lorene Lewis, 36, of 935 Hugh Mitchell Rd, Conehatta; contempt of court, careless driving, no driver's license, no insurance, driving under the influence-3rd offense-felony
 • Ashley Miles, 36, of 10700 Rd 761; hold for investigations, possession of controlled substance
 • Patrick Hayes Miller, 20, of 610 Windstar Ave; failure to

appear
 • Lonnie Moore, 59, of 13245 Rd 404; driving under influence-3rd
 • Scottie Neyman, 28, of 14164 Ludlow, Lena; driving under the influence-1st offense
 • Ealden D Rogers, 58, of 1066 Frog Level Lane Apt M109; driving under the influence-1st offense
 • Kent Tidwell, 68, of 100 Tishomingo St; contempt of court, failure to appear, conspiracy to commit a crime-felony
 • Curtis Will Tisdale, 32, of 1126 West Ave Lot 10; contempt of court
 • Carla R White, 43, of 10510 Rd 779; possession with intent to distribute, conspiracy to commit a crime-felony
 • Danny Ray Wilkins, 38, of 396 Evon Stone Rd; false pre-tense misdemeanor
 Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 1/29-2/4
 • Antonio Burnside, 49, of 1011 Rd 1523; CS-sell, transfer, distribute, possess with intent to

sell
 • Dytrarious J Clemons, 25, of 1700 Pendleton Square Apt 164; contempt of court-default in payment of restitution
 • Kayla Comby, 36, of 214 Isaac Rd; CS-sell, transfer, distribute, possess with intent to sell
 • Jason M Gilmer, 51, of 10711 Rd 573; contempt of court-failure to answer subpoenas, warrant-arrest report
 • Darayus M Harris, 36, of 276 Carverse Ave; trespass after notice of non permission, warrant-arrest report
 • Jerome F Huffman, 52, of 305 Pearl St Apt 40; DUI-1st offense
 • Billy E Jones, 39, of 330 Dusty Trail Trlr, Talladega, AL; weapon-discharging toward dwelling of another causing damage to property or domesticated animal or livestock, disorderly conduct-interfering with business customers, invitees, etc, CS-paraphernalia-possession or use, domestic violence-simple assault-1st or 2nd offense

• Elliott W Leach, 40, of 399 Clyde Ave; DUI-3rd offense
 • Darius McCallum, 39, of 10051 CR 549; warrant-arrest report
 • Edward McCarty, 36, of 465 Mt Pleasant Rd, Noxapater; malicious mischief-misdemeanor-value under \$1000, contempt of court-default in payment of restitution
 • Marcus D McDonald, 43, of 159 Goat Ranch Rd; warrant-arrest report
 • Meagan I Morris, 32, of 527 Lamar Cir; shoplifting-1st conviction where value is \$1000 or less, warrant-arrest report
 • Dayleon C Phillips, 19, of 264 Hoyer Pace Rd, Conehatta; shoplifting-1st conviction where value is \$1000 or less
 • Milton Roberts, 28, of 223 Salley Avery Rd, DeKalb; DUI-test refusal, CS-marijuana-simple possession- 1-5 kilograms, possession of beer/wine in dry county

OBITUARIES

Joey Joe

Funeral service for Mr. Joey Joe were held at 2 PM Thursday, February 1, 2024 at the Tucker CERF Building with Bro. Thomas Ben officiating. Interment was in Nanih Waiya Menonite Cemetery. Visitation was at 3 PM Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at the Tucker CERF Building. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Mr. Joe, 58, passed away on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at The Bluffs Health Care in Vicksburg, MS. He was a member of Jesus New Covenant Church. His hobbies included playing guitar, loved spending time with family and his only grandson, watching his favorite shows on tv.

Mr. Joe is preceded in death by his parents, Emma Frazier Joe, Munch Joe and step-mother, Cecilia Frazier Joe; sisters, Nellie Joe, Catherine John, Betty Mae Joe; brothers, Eddie Joe, Reed Joe, James "Combread" Frazier; grandchild, Baby Joe; mother of his children, Debbie Jefferson Joe.

Survivors include daughters, Cecilia Bennett, Marilina Joe, Hillary Saline; sisters, Addie Sue Joe and Joyce Hickman; 1 grandchild, Heziah Bennett.
 Pallbearers will be Eric Nick-ey, Samuel Bell, Vincent McMillan, Adam Joe, Sr., Alex Frazier, Joshua Hickman, Vernandell Nickey, Jonah Bell. Honorary pallbearers will be Neil Kennedy, Corey Bell, Sr., Benjamin Lewis, Brantley McMillan, Adam Joe, Jr.

Michael Culberson

Funeral service for Mr. Michael Dewayne Culberson was held on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 12 P.M. from Mt. Ary M.B. Church, with Rev. Charles Griffin officiating. Burial was at Mt. Talley M.B. Church Cemetery. Beck Funeral Home, Inc was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Culberson, 57, of Hampton, VA, passed away on Friday, January 19, 2024 at Sentara Careplex Hospital in Hampton, VA. He is survived by his siblings, Donald Culberson of Indianapolis, IN, Evangeline Culberson of Hampton, VA, Shelia Joseph and Tonia Ware both of Hattiesburg, MS, and RoShanda Culberson of Purvis, MS, one uncle and three aunts.
 Pallbearers were Rufus Davison, Sr., Michael Johnson, Jamal Johnson, Monta Culberson, Darius Culberson and Jarvis Joseph.

Charles Dwight Farmer

Funeral service for Mr. Charles Dwight Farmer were held at 10 AM Friday, February 2, 2024 at Hope Indian Baptist Church with Bro. Robert Patrick officiating. Interment was in Simon Isaac Cemetery. Visitation was at 10 AM Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at Hope Indian Baptist Church. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Mr. Farmer, 62, passed away on Monday, January 29, 2024 at Laird Hospital in Union, MS. He was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church and his hobbies included listening to music, watching tv, playing on his phone and spending time with family.

Mr. Farmer is preceded in death by his parents, Robert Farmer and Eunice Anderson; grandson, Christian Steve.
 Survivors include daughter, Sandee Farmer; son, Sean Farmer; step-son, Aaron Steve; sisters, Deborah Tubby, Cynthia

Isaac, Trudy Farmer; 2 grandchildren.
 Pallbearers will be Gary Tubby, Dale Wheeler, Gurdy Farmer, Zachary Farmer, Nehemiah Soloman, John Dixon, Beamon Farmer, Frankie Farmer, Bo Tubby, Gabe Thomas; honorary pallbearers will be Eddie Beckham and ZaRyus Farmer.

Aaron Randall Thomas

Funeral service for Mr. Aaron Randall Thomas was held at 2 PM Friday, February 2, 2024 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Bro. Jim Daniels and Rev. Doby Henry officiating. Interment was in Bogue Chitto Community Cemetery. Visitation was held from 5-8 PM Wednesday, January 31, 2024, 8 AM-8 PM Thursday, February 1, 2024 and 8 AM to 2 PM Friday, February 2, 2024 at John E. Stephens Chapel.

Mr. Thomas, 45, passed away on Monday, January 29, 2024 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian, MS. He was a member of First Church of God. He loved his collection of childhood figurines and enjoyed reading.

Mr. Thomas is preceded in death by his grandparents, Woodrow and Corine Farmer Thomas, Tom and Mattie Henry Bell.

Survivors include parents, Ray and Ruby Bell Thomas of Philadelphia; sisters, Priscilla Thomas, Shaundareka Thomas and Rhea Thomas, all of Philadelphia; aunts, Nan White-man of Montana, Selma Johnson of Conehatta, MS; aunts, Linda McMillan and Gloria Hickman, both of Philadelphia; uncles, Walter Thomas, William Thomas both of Conehatta, MS; numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Michael Bell, Steven Lewis, Chad Johnson, Jonathan Denson, Jeremy Bell, Wade Coghlan. Honorary pallbearers will be Kameron Samuel, McKinley Ray Jim, Jordan Davis, William Anderson, Derald Isom, Jeffery Bell, Dean Johnson, Ferrel Thomas and Carl Isaac.

Viney Collier

Funeral service for Mrs. Viney A. Collier will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 11 A.M. from Mt. Nebo M.B. Church, with Pastor John W. Smith officiating. Burial will be at Donald Rest Cemetery. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Collier, 91, of Philadelphia, passed away on Sunday, February 4, 2024 at Neshoba General Nursing Home.

She is survived by three children, Henry Anderson, Maddie McDonald, and Mary Shannon all of Philadelphia, MS, one brother, Milton Anderson of Tampa, FL, one sister, Lela Mae Coburn of Los Angeles, CA, nine grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Ricky Coburn, Mitch Anderson, Melvin Anderson, Yarnell Steele, Jerry Lemons, and Johnny Riddle.

Harold Norman Cole

Funeral services for Mr. Harold Norman Cole will be held 2 PM Thursday, February 8, 2024 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Mitchell Graham and Rev. Mike Gunter officiating. Interment in East Lawn Cemetery with military honors. Visitation will begin at 11 AM Thursday till time for service. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Cole, 77, passed away Saturday, February 3, 2024 at St. Vincents in Trussville, AL. He lived in Neshoba County all of his life and was a U.S. Navy Veteran. He worked at Weyerhaeuser Company in shipping and receiving, also sharing the paper carrier route for The Clarion Ledger. He was a member of Pine Grove Church of God, American Legion and USS Rich. He enjoyed playing cards and wood-working.

Mr. Cole was preceded in death by his parents, Alton Harvey Cole and Emma Jean Milling Cole; Wife, Marguerite Cole; Sister, Rita Anthony; Granddaughter, Jamie Jackson Smith; Great-Grandson, Ezra Bradley.

Survivors: Daughters, Beth Ann Main (Kenneth) of Gunterville, Paula Alford (Kerry) of Philadelphia and Emily Jackson (Joey) of Philadelphia; Sons, Larry Cole (Wynette) of Philadelphia and John "Chop" Stewart (Kitty) of Philadelphia; Sisters, Charlotte Pierce of Collinsville, Margaret Germany (Rex) of Union and Pat Johnson (Jacky) of Chunky; (11) Grandchildren; (30) Great-Grandchildren.
 Pallbearers: Trent Cole, William Cole, Coleby Harris, Patrick Jackson, Daniel Alford and Jacob Stewart.

Arkeketa Darnell Clemons

Funeral services for Ms. Arkeketa Darnell Clemons will be held at 2 PM Friday, February 9, 2024 at Bogue Chitto Baptist Church with Bro. Doby Henry officiating. Interment will be in Bogue Chitto Community Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10 AM Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at the home of Fannie Sue Tubby, 181 Sonny Jones Road. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Clemons, 38, passed away on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at UMMC in Jackson, MS. She enjoyed texting friends and spending time with her children.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Tom Amos, Mazelle John, Prentiss and Alice Clemons.

Survivors include mother, Fannie Sue Tubby; daughters,

Keyonna Paten and Keira Paten; son, Nicholas Paten; sister, Madelin Amos; brother, Cody Amos.
 Pallbearers will be James Bell, Darren Isaac, Houston Anderson, James Sulen Bell, Sebastian Lewis, Nathaniel Amos. Honorary pallbearers will be Christian Sockey and Denzel Mingo.

Elbert E. Kirk

Funeral service for Mr. Elbert Earl Kirk will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 11 A.M. from Mt. Sinai M.B. Church in Preston, with Rev. Dred Phillips officiating. Burial will be at Smyrna Cemetery in Preston. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Kirk, 81, of Preston, passed away on Sunday, February 4, 2024 at Diversicare of Meridian.

He is survived by one daughter, Carolyn Needham of Preston, MS, two brothers, Quinton Nunn of Preston, MS, and Bronnie Kirk of Washington, D.C., one sister, Brenda Phillips of Preston, MS, and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Chris Collins, David Brown, Donald Boyd, Joe Coleman, Robert Lane and Willie Moore.

Mary Fox

Funeral services for Ms. Mary Fox will be held at 11 AM Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. John E. Stephens officiating. Interment will be in Cedar Lawn Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 PM Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at John E. Stephens Chapel.

Ms. Fox, 95, passed away Sunday, February 4, 2024 at Bee Hive Homes in Philadelphia. She lived in Philadelphia all of her life. She owned Fox's Sewing Center, worked for 17 years at the Fabric Center and also worked at Hooper Hardware. Ms. Fox was a member of First Church of God. Her hobbies included spending time with her family, sewing and crafting.

Ms. Fox was preceded in death by her Parents, Jarrett and Ola Blount Williams; Husband, Melba Fox; Son, Bernard Fox;

Sister, Myrtle Richardson; Brother, Curtis Williams.

Survivors are (2) Sons, Charles Fox (Joann) of Philadelphia; Britt Fox of Philadelphia; (5) Grandchildren, Chuck Fox, Laura Hardy, Chad Fox, Britt Fox Jr., and Crystal Fox; (9) Great-Grandchildren; Several nieces and nephews.
 Pallbearers: Chuck Fox, Chad Fox, Britt Fox Jr, Landis Parker, Duane Richardson, Scott Clark.

Honorary pallbearers: Matthew Callahan, Thomas Hardy, Alec Fox, Justin Fox, Caiden Burton and Christian Barfoot.

Richard "Spencer" Harvey

Funeral services for Richard "Spencer" Harvey were held Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 2 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Tim Robertson officiating. Burial followed in Good Hope Baptist Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Harvey, 31, of the Good Hope Community, died Saturday, January 27, 2024.

Spencer was a native and lifelong resident of Neshoba County and attended Neshoba Central Schools. He had an infectious smile and was affectionately known as "Little Red" and his hobbies were hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his mother, Melody Smith Jones; father, Billy Harvey; sister Evie Harvey Pullin; grandmother, Eva Jean Smith; step-grandmother, Wyvette Harvey; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and their families.

Mr. Harvey was preceded in death by grandparents, Richard Smith, J.D. Harvey and Genevieve Harvey.

Pallbearers, Hunter Smith, Michael Smith, Jon Willis Clay, Cody Kilgore, Randy Watkins, Donnie Chunn, Dylan Lea and Dale Mullins.

Pat Waddell Bradley

Funeral services for Pat Waddell Bradley were held Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 2 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Mack Alford, Rev. Chester Carlisle and Rev. Nick Ulmer officiating. Burial followed in Linwood Cemetery. Visitation was held Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at McClain-Hays Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bradley, 75, of Philadelphia died Thursday, February 1, 2024.

Pat was a native and lifelong resident of Neshoba County and a graduate of Philadelphia High School. She was a caregiver by heart and prayed for everyone she cared about. She enjoyed playing word find and gardening, when she was able and she loved spending time with her children especially her grandchildren and great grands. Mrs. Bradley was member of Longino Baptist Church.

Survivors include husband of 53 years, Raymond Bradley of Philadelphia; daughter, Tina Bradley of Philadelphia; son Bill Bradley (Tammy) of Philadelphia; grandchildren, Aaron Bradley (Abby), Heather Pendergrass (Ethan), Caleb Bradley

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MR. JOEY JOE
 2 PM THURSDAY,
 FEBRUARY 1, 2024
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 NANIH WAIYA
 MENNONITE
 CEMETERY

MR. CHARLES FARMER
 10 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2,
 2024
 HOPE INDIAN BAPTIST
 CHURCH
 SIMON ISAAC
 CEMETERY

MR. AARON THOMAS
 2 PM FRIDAY,
 FEBRUARY 2, 2024
 JOHN E. STEPHENS
 CHAPEL
 BOGUE CHITTO
 COMMUNITY
 CEMETERY

MS. MARY FOX
 11 AM WEDNESDAY,
 FEBRUARY 7, 2024
 JOHN E. STEPHENS
 CHAPEL
 CEDAR LAWN
 CEMETERY

MR. HAROLD NORMAN
 COLE
 2 PM THURSDAY,
 FEBRUARY 8, 2024
 JOHN E. STEPHENS
 CHAPEL
 EAST LAWN CEMETERY

MS. ARKEKETA
 DARNELL CLEMONS
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MAKE: BMW
MODEL: 328i
DATE: 02/19/2024
TIME: 7:00 a.m.
PLACE OF PUBLIC SALE:
11401 HWY 492 EAST UNION, MS 39365
MOORE'S AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR
COST: 2150.06
VIN: WBA3A5C55FF606444
Lien: United Auto Credit Corp.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF THE STATUTORY WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF COLBY ALLEN MADDOX, D E C E A S E D CAUSE NO. 23-312

RULE 4 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF NESHOPA

TO: Any and all claiming to be a Wrongful Death Beneficiary of Colby Allen Maddox, Deceased, see under *Miss. Code Ann.* §11-7-13, and Any and all Persons Claiming or Having a Legal or Equitable Interest in the matter of Colby Allen Maddox, Deceased

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Petitioner Jason Lamar Maddox seeking a determination and adjudication by the Court of any and all wrongful death beneficiaries of Colby Allen Maddox, Deceased.

You are required to mail or hand-deliver a written response to the Petition in this action to Samantha D. Weathersbee, PO Drawer 668, Oxford, Mississippi 38655.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 24th DAY OF JANUARY, 2024, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 12 day of January, 2024.

Gidget Stovall Tate, Chancery Clerk
Neshoba County, Mississippi

BY: Ashley Duran
DEPUTY CLERK

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF NESHOPA

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated February 8, 2019, executed by JOHNATHAN RUSSELL conveying certain real property therein described to ALEXIS ALAN, as Trustee, for MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC., Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi filed and recorded February 8, 2019, in Deed Book 2019, Page 1332; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc.; and WHEREAS, Rubin Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee; and NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on **March 6, 2024** within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the north door of the Courthouse proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to wit:

COMMENCE AT THE NE CORNER OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST, AND RUN S-89 DEGREES-55'-W-657.90 FEET ALONG FENCE LINE TO AN IRON PIN AND FENCE CORNER TO AND FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN S-04 DEGREES-27'-E-113.20 FEET ALONG WOOD RAIL FENCE TO FENCE CORNER; THENCE RUN S-89 DEGREES-01'-W-189.40 FEET ALONG WOOD RAIL FENCE TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERN R.O.W. OF NESHOPA COUNTY ROAD #2616; THENCE RUN SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID ROAD R.O.W. WITH A CURVE TO THE LEFT OF DELTA = 26 DEGREES -17', HAVING A RADIUS OF 134.32 FEET AND A DEGREE OF CURVE OF 42 DEGREES 39', CHORD BEARING IS S-80 DEGREES-19'-W; CHORD DISTANCE IS 61.10 FEET; RUNNING ALONG SAID ROAD R.O.W. 60.23 FEET; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID ROAD #2616 R.O.W. WITH A CURVE TO THE RIGHT OF DELTA = 04 DEGREES-39', HAVING A RADIUS OF 1582.87 FEET AND A DEGREE OF CURVE OF 03 DEGREES-37', CHORD BEARING IS S-69 DEGREES-12'-W; CHORD DISTANCE IS 128.57 FEET; RUNNING ALONG SAID ROAD R.O.W. 128.60 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID ROAD R.O.W. RUN NORTH 171.34 FEET TO FENCE LINE; THENCE RUN N-89 DEGREES-55'-E-360.03 FEET ALONG FENCE LINE BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; CON-

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TAINING 1.05 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST, NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **10151 COUNTRY LN, PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOUISE CHAPMAN, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2023-592

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The heirs at law of **LOUISE CHAPMAN**, deceased, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of **LOUISE CHAPMAN**, deceased, whose post office and street addresses are unknown to the Administrator/Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law. You have been made a Respondent in a Petition for Determination of Heirship filed in this court by the Administrator/Petitioner of the Estate of **LOUISE CHAPMAN**, deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at **9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 16th day of April, 2024**, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court at Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 5th day of February, 2024.

/s/ *Kenyetta Barojas*
CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT CLERK

CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF COMEAL POLK, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2023-607

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The heirs at law of **COMEAL POLK**, deceased, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of **COMEAL POLK**, deceased, whose post office and street addresses are unknown to the Administrator/Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law. You have been made a Respondent in a Petition for Determination of Heirship filed in this court by the Administrator/Petitioner of the Estate of **COMEAL POLK**, deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at **9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 16th day of April, 2024**, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court at Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 5th day of February, 2024.

/s/ *Kenyetta Barojas*
CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT CLERK

TITLE OF ABANDONMENT
YEAR: 2013
MAKE: VOLKSWAGEN
MODEL: CC SPORT
DATE, TIME, PLACE OF PUBLIC SALE:
02/22/2024 7:00 A.M.
11401 HWY 492 EAST UNION, MS 39365
MOORE'S AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR
COST: 2823.04
VIN: WVWBP7AN4DE508925
LIEN: EXETRA FINANCE

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2008, James W. Winstead and Gladys M. Winstead, Husband and Wife executed a certain deed of trust to Streamline Title Services, Trustee for the use and benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for The Mortgage Outlet, Inc., its successors and assigns which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, on September 19, 2008, in Book Deed of Trust 2008, Page 9284. WHEREAS, U.S. Bank National Association, the current holder and/or assignee, substituted Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. as Trustee by instrument recorded in the Chancery Clerk's Office on June 5, 2023 in Book Deed of Trust 2023, in Page 3784; and WHEREAS, Default having been made in the terms and conditions of

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said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, U.S. Bank National Association, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee in said deed of trust, will on April 17, 2024 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the main front door of the County Courthouse of Neshoba County in Decatur, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to wit: Begin on the South line of the N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 10, Township 9 North, Range 12 East, where the same intersects the East right-of-way Line of the public road; thence run East 210 feet; thence run North 22 degrees West 210 feet; thence run West 210 feet to the East right-of-way line of said public road; thence run South 22 degrees East 210 feet along the Eastern line of said road to the point of beginning, containing one (1) acre more or less, and being in the N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 10, Township 9 North, Range 12 East, lying East of road, Neshoba County, Mississippi.

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

I will convey only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee. Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Substituted Trustee Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. 244 Inverness Center Drive, Suite 200 Birmingham, AL 35242 (801) 355-2886

Publication dates: February 7, 2024

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. PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, on the Estate of Clara Annette Fulton Johnson, Deceased, on the 19th day of January, 2024, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said Estate to have their claims probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, and that failure to probate and register their claims with the Clerk within that time will forever bar the claim. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the 30 TH day of January, 2024.

/s/ Gary A. Fulton Sr.
GARY A. FULTON SR.
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF CLARA ANNETTE FULTON JOHNSON

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF LARIN THOMAS, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2023-588

GABRIEL SCOTT THOMAS PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 15th day of December, 2023, by the Tribal Court Clerk, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Larin Thomas, 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. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the 23rd day of January, 2024.

/s/ Gabriel Scott Thomas
GABRIELSCOTTTHOMAS ADMINISTRATOR

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IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF TAMMIE DEE MCMILLAN, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2023-597

RAVEN DEANN MCMILLAN PETITIONER

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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

You have been made a Respondent in this Motion to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Raven Deann McMillan, Administratrix, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-at-law of Tammie Dee McMillan, deceased, as fully set out in the Motion on file in the Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

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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 6 TH day of March, 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 judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 22 nd day of January, 2024.

/s/ Kenyetta Barojas
TRIBAL COURT CLERK

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NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors will receive sealed bids and/or guaranteed buy backs on the sale of the following personal property:

2020 CAT 307.5 Mini-Excavator
Property No. 160-263
Serial No. CAT03075AGW701739

Sealed bids will be received until 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 and submitted electronically via single file PDF document at www.neshobacounty.net/bids or addressed to the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors, C/O Chancery Clerk Gidget Stovall Tate, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 107, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 in the Neshoba County Courthouse.

Furthermore, the exterior of the sealed bid submitted in person shall be marked "2024 Sale of Excavator". Bids will be considered during the regular Board Meeting on March 4, 2024 and bidders shall promptly be prepared to execute said sale with a check in the full amount of said bid. This notice is given pursuant to *Miss Code Ann.* § 19-7-5.

Notice is so ordered to be given on December 18, 2023.

/s/ GIDGET STOVALL TATE
GIDGET STOVALL TATE, CLERK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA ANGELENE KILPATRICK CAUSE NO. 2023-340

WILLIS KILPATRICK, JR., PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 19th day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Willis Kilpatrick, Jr., upon the Estate of Barbara Angeline Kilpatrick, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date or they will be forever barred.

THIS, the 22nd day of January, 2024. Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Willis Kilpatrick, Jr.
Willis Kilpatrick, Jr.—Administrator

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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2019, Alvin Anthony Parker, Sr. executed a certain deed of trust to Advantage Title LLC, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as beneficiary, as nominee for Cardinal Financial Company, Limited Partnership, its successors and assigns which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, State of Mississippi in Book 2019 at Page 4184; and

WHEREAS, LLG MS LLC has heretofore been substituted as Trustee by instrument dated November 9, 2023 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 2023 Page 7743; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Cardinal Financial Company, Limited Partnership, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale.

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County Board of Supervisors office at the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 201, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350, by calling 601-656-6281 or by Neshoba County's website at www.neshobacounty.net. Neshoba County, Mississippi will determine if compliance with the specifications exist before accepting any bid.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:

The detailed proposal, less the fixed price to be bid, in response to this solicitation shall be submitted via single file PDF under the correct bid solicitation at www.neshobacounty.net/bids or be placed in a sealed envelope marked "2024 Mini-Excavator Bid" and filed with the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors C/O Chancery Clerk Gidget Stovall Tate, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 107, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, February 28, 2024. The proposals submitted for the lease-purchase financing of said equipment must be in compliance with the laws of the State of Mississippi. Neshoba County will not be responsible for opening of bids not properly marked or received after the proposal response date and time.

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

Bidders may submit bids for the equipment only, the lease-purchasing financing only or both the equipment and lease-purchasing. If only one bid is received for lease purchase financing, the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to solicit and obtain at least one other written competitive bid to be in compliance with the requirements of the laws of the State of Mississippi.

Additionally, for the equipment solicited herein the vendor shall offer a guaranteed buy back provision for said equipment at the end of three (3), four (4) and five (5) year periods which will also be utilized in the determination of the lowest and best bid for said equipment.

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi on the 18 th day of December 2023.

/s/ GIDGET STOVALL TATE
GIDGET STOVALL TATE, CLERK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Publication dates: 1/31/2024 & 2/7/2024

THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, LLG MS LLC, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on March 6, 2024 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the North Door of the County Courthouse of Neshoba County, located at 401 East Beacon Street, Philadelphia, MS 39350, to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds the following described property situated in Neshoba County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

OF LOCAL INTEREST

CHURCH CONCERT

Kevin Spencer in Concert at Laurel Hill Baptist Church, located on Hwy 488, February 10, at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend!

PRE-K REGISTRATION

Philadelphia Elementary School Pre-K Registration 2024-2025

To register a child for the pre-k, guardians must provide:

A.) two (2) current proofs of residency in Philadelphia Public School District with the same address

1.) IF RENTING/LEASING:

Current official home/apartment lease/rental agreement with length of lease and Parent's or Guardian's name included on lease/rental agreement and notarized

2.) Filed Homestead Exemption application form OR Current mortgage document or property deed

3.) Valid driver's license OR voter identification card

4.) Current utility bill (dated within 60 days) showing the service location with parent's or guardian's name listed - Acceptable bills: electricity, gas, water, or landline telephone

5.) Automobile Registration receipt

6.) Property Tax Card, Property Deed, or other document that states the residency property's Section, Township, and Range

B.) the child's certified birth certificate from Mississippi State Department of Health Vital Records (601-206-8200) (child must be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2024).

C. the child's MS certificate of immunization compliance form

'A DATE WITH ELVIS'

Come to the Ellis Theater on

Feb. 14, 2024 at 8:00 PM for "A Date with Elvis" featuring the movie "Viva Las Vegas" hosted by Angie Marchese, VP of Archives and Exhibits at Graceland. Be sure to check out Elvis's 1956 Gibson guitar on display in the Borchetta Lobby for one night only. Tickets may be purchased at the Ellis Theater Box Office, by calling 601-653-5358, or congressofcountrymusic.org.

LINWOOD CAR SHOW

Linwood's 5th Annual Car & Truck Show & Chitlin Fundraiser will be held Satur-

day Feb. 24th. Registration begins at 7 a.m. Bikes and Tractors welcome. Chitlin and pulled pork Sandwich plates will be ready at 11 a.m. Car and Bike Clubs welcome. 11971 Rd. 325 Union, Ms. 39365

FAIRVIEW VOLUNTEER MEETING

Fairview Volunteer Fire Department will hold it's annual meeting February 18th at 3:00 pm. We encourage our community to attend.

QUILT GUILD

The Busy Hands Quilt Guild

will meet February 13, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall of Decatur United Methodist Church. Sit and Sew starts at 9:30am and a member presentation at 1pm.



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Obits

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(Marlee) and Maggie Bradley; great-grandchildren, Liam Bradley, Audrey Kate and Jessie Pendergrass; brother, Johnny Waddell of Philadelphia; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mrs. Bradley was preceded in

death by parents, Elbert and Calie Waddell; brothers, James, Willard, Leonard "Foots", Harold, Glen, Rayburn, David and Bud Waddell.

Pallbearers, Tommy Waddell, Mitchell Graham, Larry McKinney, Jacob Waddell, Doyle Hancock, Keith Hancock, Aaron Waddell and Brian Waddell.

Rachel T. Payne

Funeral services for Rachel T. Payne were held Monday, February 5, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Clay Winstead officiating. Interment followed in Coldwater Cemetery, McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Rachel Townsend Payne was born June 21, 1937, to Raleigh

Norris (R.N.) & Bertha Ricks Townsend in Philadelphia, Mississippi. She graduated from Coldwater School and she attended East Mississippi Community College, earning a degree in business technology.

She is survived by her children James A. Payne, John L. Payne, Ed E. Payne and Scott A. Payne; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters, Gayle Alford & Jewel Spivey;

and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by husband, Jack Payne; parents; sisters, Annie Mary Collins and Christine T. Smith; and granddaughter, Emily Payne.

Pallbearers include Jack Payne, Clint Payne, Brett Welborn, Michael Gregory, Paul Payne, Shane Alford, Ryan Turner & Greg Coker.

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Thank You!

To say thank you seems so trite and small, but to all of you who have been praying for our grandson Sam Allen Smith there are no words to express how completely overwhelmed we have been with your concern, prayers, and love for him and our entire family. We have unfortunately found out that your life can turn on a dime. And we also have realized that we are not in control of anything. We have completely given this to God and God has answered our prayers one by one. We know that Sam Allen keeps astounding us with his progress because of all of your prayers and we are so thankful to you for that! For all that you have done and all that you are still doing, we thank you. Sam Allen still has a difficult road to travel but he has come so far and we give God all the praise and glory! He is truly our miracle and will have a powerful testimony to share. We have never been so thankful and proud to live in Neshoba County, Mississippi.

**Allen and Sheri Herrington
Libby Smith
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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

Bringing good out of evil

It is the wisdom of God to bring good out of evil. The ultimate example of that is the Son of God being put to death by men, but God accomplishing the salvation of sinners through it. In the life of a believer the Lord also brings good out of bad. In Psalm 4, we see the Lord turning the distress of David into spiritual benefits for David.

In verse 1, David calls on the Lord. He remembers a time in the past when God gave him relief in distress. The word for distressed means in a tight place or weighed down, the feeling that everything is closing in on you. We don't know the cause of David's distress, but it was severe.

David knows the Lord has always helped him; “O God of my righteousness.” David is bringing up the relationship he has with the Lord. The Lord leads him in “paths of righteousness” (Psalm 23). David knows God is the source of his righteousness, the maintainer of his righteousness, and the judge of his righteousness. He is in a covenant relationship with the God of righteousness. So, he appeals to it.

Distress is turned into a benefit when it drives us to call on the Lord to draw near to us. David asks the Lord to be gracious or merciful to him. In the rest of the Psalm, David looks at everything from the perspective of God's glory and how blessed it is to know God. This doesn't mean the cause of his distress was taken away, but it does show us that if the Lord gives us views of his glory and favor, we will know we are blessed, whatever the present situation. The Lord responded favorably to David's prayer.

You can ask yourself if you pray this way. Do you pray that the Lord would make himself your portion; that if you have him, it is enough? In distress, do you say to the Lord, “Lord, I am one of your people, be gracious to me.” We are to know this: If the Lord pours out his blessing on us, we can endure all things in this world. So, call on the Lord this way.

In verse 2-3, we see David looking at his situation and the world from God's perspective. People may reject David as king, but he realizes that it goes deeper than that. Men have no regard for the glory of God nor the truth of God's word: “How long will you turn my glory

into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?”

The apostle Paul speaks of this in Romans 1. The nations have exchanged the glory of the immortal God for idols and shameful passions. The Jews boasting of their own righteousness denied the glory of God's perfect righteousness. All men fall short of the glory of God.

God made all things for his glory and men have no regard for it. Rather, they seek after lies. In other words, they are under a delusion. As William Plumer says, “Sinners are always practicing deception on themselves. They are false to all their own best interests. All they do is against them.” Men write books like “The God delusion” and receive laud and praise for it.

But God will not be mocked. The Bible says, “The glory of man is like the grass.” It will quickly fade away. Thankfully, Christ is no delusion. The gospel calls men to abandon vanity and lies, come to Christ, and be reconciled to God.

David says to men, “But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself.” God will have a people who know him, who love his name and seek his glory. The godly love God because he has revealed himself to them and forgiven their sins. They know the Lord hears them when they pray.

The godly know that salvation is of the Lord. They don't leave the vanity of the world to boast that they made themselves different from other men. No, the godly know that the Lord made them to differ, called them by his grace. That they are now blessed instead cursed is all to the praise of God.

David's consolation in distress comes from seeing the difference in the blessedness of knowing God. The unbeliever may have many comforts and yet still is cursed. On the other hand, the believer may be under a cross, yet he is blessed. The very day you become godly, you become blessed. When you are in distress, follow David. Ask the Lord to be merciful to you and hear your prayer.

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SOCIETY

Bailey enjoys tending her garden

By JACE HENDERSON
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Laura Bailey enjoys cooking spicy food with a passion and is an avid gardener tending to a variety of peppers in her garden at home.

Bailey said she has two and a half freezers filled with an array of peas, butterbeans, corn, squash, tomatoes, and peppers.

Although her go-to dishes are spicy chili and taco soup, Bailey says her cooking shines brightest when she whips up a roast every few weeks.

"I just love cooking in general, but I wish the clean-up would go elsewhere," she said with a laugh.

Bailey grew up in Starkville and moved to Philadelphia in 1997 after her husband, Chip, took a job promotion as a dean at MSU-Meridian.

They have been married for 38 years and have two daughters, Elizabeth, married to Brant McNeece with grandson, Wade, who will be three in April and, Molley, who is engaged to be married to Landon Weeks in December.

"My family loves for me to cook anything," she said. "We love peas, butter beans, cornbread, and stewed tomatoes, or if it's summer, sliced tomatoes and onions. Our favorites are fresh vegetables."

While she excels in the kitchen, Bailey is self-employed as an employment recruiter, specializing in placing engineers and high-level management in manufacturing jobs.

She also serves as Director of Miss Hospitality for Neshoba County.

When not working, she enjoys tailgating at Mississippi State home football games, showcasing her skills smoking chicken wings, sausages, and grilling steaks.

"I enjoy seeing what I can add to my cooking to enhance the flavor," Bailey said. "I also love seeing people enjoy it with a smile on their face."

Bailey swears by a good sharp knife and a variety of spices, with rough pepper being a favorite in her kitchen.

To prevent splattering from hot grease during bacon frying, Bailey advises fellow cooks to opt for baking on parchment paper in a 375-degree oven for 30 minutes to achieve perfect crispiness.

"I save the grease in a mason jar, then I scoop it out and put it in my vegetables when I cook them," she said.



Laura Bailey

HOT PIMENTO CHEESE
16 oz cream cheese
1 cup mayonnaise
Large spoonful of ground garlic
1 large white onion-chopped
½ cup hot Worcestershire sauce
16 oz Flamin' Jack Cheese (Sam's)
16 oz Mozzarella Cheese
¾ chopped, drained pimentos
¼ Rough Pepper

Mix everything thoroughly-Add more mayonnaise if needed. Serve as sandwich or on crackers.

COOK OF THE WEEK

SMOKED HAMBURGERS
8-12 hamburgers
Top each burger with thick sliced white onion
Cover with Nashville Hot Sauce for 3 hours

Smoke about one hour, remove onions, flip burgers, return onions and smoke 30 minutes. This is the best way to eat hamburgers.

BLACK OLIVE DIP

3-4 cans chopped black olives
2 bunches green onions, chopped
1-2 cans Hot Rotel-drained
Chopped Cilantro
1 cup Mozzarella cheese

Mix, chill, serve with chips or pita chips.

POT ROAST
3-5 pound shoulder roast
1 package onion soup mix
One large scoop onion/beef broth paste
Salt, rough pepper

Rinse roast, salt bottom of crockpot, place roast, salt top,

sprinkle soup mix on top of roast, add beef broth paste and cover roast with water-just enough to cover the top. Cook on high for 5-6 hours, remove roast when it falls apart with fork to make

gravy. Add flour and water to make thick paste, add mixture to remaining crockpot juice, stir until mixed, return roast and gravy will thicken. I like to use the leftovers for soup.

■ 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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Congratulations to Luke Wilborn for making the Central Mississippi All-Star Soccer Team! Luke is a student at Neshoba Central High School where he plays for the Rockets. The game will be played on Feb. 13.

Three seniors from area high schools were honored as Seniors of the Month for January 2024 by the Philadelphia Rotary Club during their weekly meeting last Monday. Students of the Month are Niasia Moore, Philadelphia High School; Anna Shae Stovall, Neshoba Central High School; and Koci Jimmie, Choctaw Central High School. They were introduced by Robert Lovern, Student of the Month Chairman. As always, the club extended a special thank you to the parents, school counselors, principals, and superintendents for supporting this program.

The Rotary Club guests at the meeting were Jack Butler and Pete Peebles, co-founders of "JP Handmade Candles."

These two young entrepreneurs are high school juniors who started their candle-making business in 2022. It has grown

beyond their wildest dreams! Their goal is to produce quality handmade products at an affordable price. Judging by their expansion of products and national sales records, they are meeting their goal.

Blake and Jessica Long Pickering took a "Parents Only Trip" to Jamaica recently for a "much-needed, relaxing, just-what-we-needed week away." The weather was perfect all week while the couple enjoyed touring the sights, beach time, and just doing as they pleased. It was a tropical restart after cancer life. So happy they had a great trip!

The Philadelphia Junior Beta Club is hosting a Sweethearts Dance ONLY for grades 4-6 on February 16 from 6-8 PM in the Philadelphia Elementary School gymnasium. Tickets are \$5 and can be bought from Jr. Beta Club members at PES. Students must bring their tickets to the dance to be admitted. Refreshments will be sold and D.J. Rodney Boler will be there for dancing!

Parents MUST sign children in and out! If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Coburn or Mrs. Gabi at PES. It sounds like a fun evening for these stu-

dents!

The Outstanding Leake Central High School Lady Gator Soccer Senior, Lexi Flint, was recognized before the Choctaw Central High School vs. Leake Central High School soccer game last Monday.

Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben and Tribal Council members, Lorian Ahshapanek, Christopher Eaves, Demando Mingo, Sam John, and Coach Emily Standard were present to congratulate Lexi on her honor. Congratulations!

Leake Academy's 5 & 6th grade pee wee basketball teams finished the season with great success. These young players are learning and implementing skills early in their school years which they can carry on into junior high and high school varsity teams. Congratulations to the teams and Coach Morgan!

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Ruffin named Neshoba football coach

By JACE HENDERSON
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Shannon Ruffin is set to lead a new era as the head football coach at Neshoba Central High School, marking an exciting chapter for the Rockets' football program.

Coach Ruffin brings a wealth of experience and a stellar track record to his new role. He has been an integral part of the coaching staff at Neshoba Central for almost a decade, having served as the Defensive Coordinator since 2014.

"Being a head football coach is the only thing I have ever wanted to do. I felt like I was called to do this," Ruffin said. "I want to continue to build relationships that will in turn cause players to want to be successful. I want to be a role model and lead them in the direction they need to go and make sure that our athletes are not

only taken care of on the field but they are also prepared for life."

His vision is to create a "championship caliber environment and we want to take pride in everything we do as far as how we dress, go to class, and attend school," he said.

Ruffin's dedication and leadership have contributed significantly to the success of the football program, culminating in the team's impressive achievements, including the 2019, 2020, and 2021 Region 2-5A titles.

"We want to win as many ballgames as we can and make a run towards the state championship," Ruffin said. "We have been a team that has been to the playoffs for the last six years, and I don't want to end that run. I want our kids to participate in a state championship and bring that back to our community."

Apart from his coaching responsibilities, Ruffin has been

recognized for his outstanding contributions to education. As the 2015-2016 Neshoba Central High School Teacher of the Year and two-time recipient of the Region 2-5A Staff of the Year award in 2019 and 2021, he exemplifies excellence both in the classroom and on the field.

"We are going to have expectations for high academic standards," Ruffin said. "You cannot be a student athlete without being a student first. As we create more opportunities for students to exceed in the classroom, then opportunities will become more available for them to move to the next level to play in college. We are trying to make sure we instill some discipline and communicate with teachers, so they are successful in the classroom."

Notable highlights of Coach



Shannon Ruffin

Ruffin's coaching career include his roles as the Head Junior High Girls Basketball and Head Track and Field Coach, showcasing his versatility and commitment to fostering a well-rounded athletic program.

In 2021, he had the honor of being selected as the Magnolia All-Star Defensive Coordinator, followed by the prestigious role of MAC Bernard Blackwell North All-Star Football Coach in 2022.

His coaching philosophy goes beyond the game, as he actively identifies the needs of individual students, working tirelessly to help each child develop to their fullest potential. Coach Ruffin's dedication to creating an engaging and supportive learning environment has earned him the respect and admiration of students, colleagues, and the broader

community.

"I am a teacher first," Ruffin said. "When I show up to work every day, I want to take care of my teaching duties and make sure that I am supervising my students and helping them to learn, both athletes and nonathletes alike. I believe that being a teacher creates opportunities to build relationships with kids that are doing well and the ones that are struggling. It's a part of who I am and what is expected of me as an educator."

He added, "As time goes on, we want to continue participating in Diamond Dreams and be there for special needs students. Whatever the community needs from our football team, we want to be there. We are here for the community because the community has been here for us."

Prior to his tenure as a P.E. teacher at Neshoba Central, Ruffin served as a science teacher

and assistant football coach at Kemper County High School, assistant football coach at Newton High School, and interim head football & head boys track & field coach in the Holmes County School District at J.J. McClain High School.

Coach Ruffin holds a bachelor's degree in coaching and sports administration from the University of Southern Mississippi, a master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of West Alabama and is currently pursuing an Educational Doctorate at the University of Phoenix.

He has been married to Felicia Ruffin for 24 years. They have 5 children, Cayman (Shantae), Shantasia, Elijah, Zachariah, and Shanna. They also have 2 grandchildren, Ezekiel and Jayden.

Neshoba Central, Philadelphia play in soccer tourney

By STAFF REPORTS
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The MHSAA Boys and Soc-

cer State Tournament is in full swing this week, with the Neshoba Central Rockets scheduled to take on Saltillo in the 6A bracket

on Tuesday. The Rockets, sitting at 8-11-2 on the season, defeated Vicksburg 7-0 on Friday.

The Lady Rockets defeated Olive Branch 3-1 on Monday in the 6A bracket. They will play their next game on Friday against

the winner between Warren Central and Grenada.

The Philadelphia Lady Tornadoes advanced to the second

round of play after besting Independence 3-0. They were scheduled to take on Tupelo Christian Prep on Tuesday.

Lady Rockets continue to dominate on the court

By STAFF REPORTS
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The MHSAA Boys and Girls

Basketball State Tournaments start next week and local teams are cashing in a few extra wins before the postseason begins.

The Lady Rockets' impressive season continues as they currently sit 26-1 and undefeated in 6A Region 2 play.

They are coming off a dominating 67-16 win against Columbus on Saturday.

Sophomore Kyli Truss led the

squad with 18 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists and 9 steals in the contest.

They are scheduled to play Vicksburg on Wednesday.

After losing to Callaway last week, the Rockets rebounded on Saturday to defeat Columbus 76-65.

Leake Academy squads prepping for postseason games

By ROBBIE ROBERTSON
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The Leake Academy basketball teams will enter postseason play with their work cut out for them.

The Rebelettes finished as the No. 3 seed in District 2-5A after losing 47-45 to Simpson in semifinals on Thursday. Leake then beat Lamar 66-45 to finish third.

The Rebels finished second in

the district after falling to Simpson 41-32 in the finals. Leake beat Wayne 60-30 in the semifinals.

The Leake girls move to 27-5 on the season and will advance to the North 5A Tournament at Bayou Academy as a No. 3 seed where they will face Pillow Academy in a first-round elimination contest at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday. Pillow has handed Leake two of its losses this season, a 49-34 setback in Madden and a 54-50 loss

in Greenwood.

The Leake boys move to 25-9 on the season, suffering their third loss to Simpson. Leake will advance as a No. 2 seed out of district play and will take on host Bayou on Tuesday in a 4 p.m. contest.

Simpson boys 41, Leake 32

The Rebels couldn't manage enough offense as the Cougars took a nine-point win to claim the

district championship on Friday.

Samuel Prince led Leake with 17 points while Matthew Nowell had four points.

Leake girls 66, Lamar School 45

The Rebelettes overcame a first-period deficit and pulled away to take a 21-point win over the Lady Raiders on Friday in the district tournament consolation game.

Katye Jones led Leake with 15 points and four rebounds while Sarah Prince had 12 points. Anna Morgan Young had eight points, three rebounds and three steals while Marleigh Myers had seven points and five rebounds. Olivia Rudolph had seven points, four rebounds and four assists while Ella Bell and Jenna Allen each had six points apiece. Addie Crowe also had five points and two rebounds.

Simpson girls 47, Leake 45

Katye Jones led Leake with 12 points and five rebounds while Olivia Rudolph had nine points and five rebounds. Sarah Prince had eight points while Jenna Allen had five points. Marleigh Myers, Anna Morgan Young and Caroline Cheatham each had three points apiece while Myers pulled down five rebounds.

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