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# The Fair 'is on'

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The 2021 Neshoba County Fair is officially on, Fair Board President Gilbert Donald declared Tuesday.

"All I can say is this," Donald told the Democrat. "As of this date we plan on having the Fair this year, period."

On Tuesday, 2021 Arts and Crafts applications were posted on the Fair's Facebook page.

For the first time since four

runs during World War II, the Fair was cancelled last summer due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Fair was cancelled in 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945 and resumed in 1946, according to the Democrat's archives. The Fair would have celebrated its 131st year last year.

Donald said organizers plan to monitor the situation and offer updates, but as of now, the Fair is on and will run from July 23 through July 30.

Fair Manager Doug John-

son said that date has been in place for about three years.

His grounds crews are "working as hard as they can" towards holding the Fair this year. He said in some parts of the grounds they have close to two years of rain and weather to work against.

Donald said he knew many families missed an opportunity to see each other last year.

"The board knows that for many families this is the longest period of time they get to spend together and they

missed that last year," Donald said.

Donald said they hope to make regular updates on the progress of the Fair. He said the Fair would not be canceled unless something happens that the board could not foresee.

First on the agenda to get things moving is the stockholders meeting set for Tuesday, Feb. 16 at the conference room of the Community Development Partnership Building. There, stockholders will appoint a fair board and

set an agenda.

Johnson said organizers are looking at state and CDC guidelines as well as other safety concerns as they prepare the grounds.

Donald noted they are already distributing the applications for Arts and Crafts.

Laura Bryan, the pianist at the Fair's Late Night Sing for the last 50 years, was so overcome with grief last year she sat down at her piano and played all 90 songs that include standards such as "The

Yellow Rose of Texas," "My Buddy," and "When the Saints Go Marching In."

"I am so sad that we will not have the 2020 NCF," she said. "I understand why we can't have it, but that doesn't help the sadness I feel — not just for the Fair but for all who are suffering from COVID-19 or anything else."

The one thing she missed the most was the Sing. "When I heard the news last night, I went over to my piano and played all 90 songs!"



The Neshoba Central High School girls bowling team recently won the state championship and the boys team finished as runners-up. Neshoba Central bowling team members are, first row, from left: Connor Jimmie, William Anderson, Hayden Barrett, Preston Hill and Jacob Stovall. Second row, Jimmie Joyner, coach, Emely Randolph, Jaiden Sawyers, Ashton Luke, Sarah Lewis, Kathryn Dreifuss, Allie

Williams, Maggie Bradley, Madison Breazeale and Tricia Joyner, coach. In back are Joey Blount, coach, Caden Spence, Ainzley Moore, Landon Coward, Devin McCoy, Chris Chamberlin, Craig Taylor, Jacob Richardson, Noah Bates and Tommy Holland, athletic director.

## Neshoba bowling team wins state

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The Neshoba Central girls bowling team has repeated as the Class 2A state champions for the fifth year in a row, and for the sixth time in the past seven years.

The Neshoba Central boys bowling team was the state runner-up in its bracket.

The Mississippi High School Activities Association state bowling tournaments were held last week at Fannin Lanes in Brandon.

Bowling has three classifications with boys and girls divisions: Class I for 1A-2A-3A schools; Class II for 4A-5A schools and Class III

for 6A schools.

The top five bowlers in each bracket were named all-state.

Each bracket tournament started with eight teams entered. The teams would bowl three sets. The top two teams would move to the Baker Series. The team that wins that is crowned state champions.

In the Girls Class II bracket, the Neshoba Central girls finished first with 2,415 pins while Long Beach finished second with 2,138 pins. From there, Neshoba Central went on to win the Baker Series 3-0.

Allie Williams led the way with 555 pins while Ashton Luke came in second with 553 and

Sarah Lewis came in third with 538. These were the top bowlers in the bracket, which earned them all-state honors.

Emely Randolph, Jaiden Sawyers and Kathryn Dreifuss also bowled in the tournament, alternating throughout the match.

Other teams in the Girls Class II bracket and their team scores: Lafayette 1,986, Vancleave 1,976, Cleveland 1,939, Richland 1,732, Corinth 1,718 and North Pike 1,713.

"This was a big accomplishment for our girls team," Coach Joey Blount said. "I told them if they all bowled their averages, we would be one of the top two teams. We had a good day."

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**MUNICIPAL RACES**

## Election field set for party primaries

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**  
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Two Republicans have joined the race for mayor of Philadelphia in addition to three Democrats who had already qualified.

Robin Allen, Sr., and Leo Renaldo announced their candidacies last week as Republicans. They will meet in a primary election April 6 with the winner advancing to the June 8 General Election.

Three Democrats are in the running for mayor of Philadelphia. Incumbent Mayor James A. Young is being challenged by Ward 4 Alderman Cassie Henson Hickman and businessman James Gill.

The winner must have a majority of the votes. Runoffs, if needed, will be held two weeks after an election.

The deadline to file was last Friday.

Republican Justin Lewis Clearman is the lone candidate for the Ward 1 alderman. He will fill the seat held by retiring alderman Joe Tullos.

Meanwhile, Democrat Mangold Washington III will challenge incumbent Republican Jim Fulton in Ward 2.

In Ward 3, Democrats James Tatum and Darryl M. Young will face off in the primary election. The winner will face Republican Wright Griffiths in the General Election.

In Ward 4, four Democrats Ruthie Nash, Ajatha Nichols,

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**ELECTION COMMISSION**

## Whittle retires after decades of election work

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Martha Whittle recently completed her final term as Neshoba County Election commissioner, a position she held for just more than two decades.

"I loved the job," said Whittle, who last year decided not to seek another term. "I liked working with people and working the polls. My granddaughter, Jane Savell Rickles, liked to go to the polls with me on election day, and maybe she'll run for office one day as well."

Whittle said serving as election commissioner was the best

job she ever had.

Whittle graduated from Neshoba Central High School in 1965 and worked at Garan Manufacturing for five years and as a sales clerk for approximately 20 years at City Jewelry, which her family owned, before she decided to run for Neshoba County Election Commissioner.

She was elected to the office in 2000, defeating her friend Wendell Jackson of the Bond community. Since then she ran unopposed for every election.

Whittle said she was inspired to run for the office when the man serving as elec-

tion commissioner at the time was sick and someone needed to run for the seat. After talking with her husband and friends, Whittle said she was encouraged enough to give it a shot.

During her time in office, her fellow members on the Neshoba County Election Commission appointed her chairman of the election commission from 2010 to 2013, where she had to sign off to make sure all the ballots were in and on schedule during elections.

Now that she is retired, Whittle said she likes to make quilts and T-shirts in her spare

time, and she also loves to sew.

Whittle lives with her husband, Jim Whittle, and they have three grown children Deaneen Savell, Joe Whittle and Brian Whittle. They also have eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, with another great-grandchild coming in April.

Whittle said she loves to vacation with her family. Past vacations include trips to the mountains, the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and a cruise to Mexico she took in 2015 with her sister and daughters. She has also been on a mission trip to Hon-

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Martha Whittle poses with her daughter and granddaughter. Pictured, from left to right: Jade Savell Rickles, Whittle, and Deaneen Savell.



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Work is underway to replace the bridge on County Road 705. It is expected to be completed later this year.

# County road plan focuses on bridges

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Bridges will be the emphasis of Neshoba County's recently updated four-year Road and Bridge Plan.

Neshoba County in recent years has replaced bridges on county roads 561, 397, 624 and 628.

"The primary priority for the county is bridges," said Jeff Mayo, county administrator. "That's not to say that resealing roads isn't important. Bridges are playing a huge role federally, state and in the county."

"Right now, we have a bridge on County Road 705 that is in construction. That was our only other closed bridge before the most recent round of bridge inspections."

The county is using state Local System Bridge Program money to help fund the \$1,037,100 cost for the 705

project, which is located in the southeast part of the county.

Also, a bridge on County Road 834 is opened and due to be replaced with LSBP money. County Road 834 is located in the north central part of the county, north of Burnside.

The State Aid/Federal Aid Road Program is another source of money for bridge replacement.

The county plans to use this money to replace a bridge on County Road 739 at the cost of \$540,300. It is expected to be a box culvert and is being designed now. County Road 739 is in the eastern part of the county, south of Mississippi 16.

But these bridges aren't the biggest problem. A bridge on County Road 210, which overpasses the non-used Kansas City Southern railway connector running from Union to Sebastopol, must be replaced. It is expected to cost approximate-

ly \$2 million to replace to meet railroad overpass standards, even though the railroad isn't using it anymore and has no plans to do so.

"This has caused an 11-mile detour," Mayo said. "210 comes from Highway 492 west of Union to west to Highway 21 to below Dixon and north of Sebastopol."

"It is one of the main thoroughfares back from Union to western Neshoba County to Walnut Grove in Leake County. The bridge is currently closed. We are working to get it temporarily reopened."

Money doesn't grow on trees. As the Federal Aid Program funds have been and are being utilized to perform bridge inspections across Mississippi, no immediate future funding is anticipated from these funds. If funds become available Neshoba County will seek any available funding.

According to the plan, the primary emphasis on roads during the next four years will be to maintain the existing road system and re-surface as many miles of existing hard surface road as available funds will permit.

"We had 32.70 miles in the reseal program that we had previously programed," Mayo said. "But with the emphasis on the bridges, we are asking to use both LSBP funds and state aid funds of about \$1 million apiece to get the 210 bridge done."

It costs approximately \$40,000 to reseal 1 mile of county road. If you use state aid money, it will cost approximately \$50,000 because of the additional requirements.

"This will diminish our state aid reseal money this term by \$600,000, and we will do about \$1.1 million in resealing," Mayo said.

# Deputies arrest Union man with drug possession

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Sheriff's Deputies arrested a Union man on drug charges after they said they spotted him driving recklessly last week.

William Shannon Sciple, 35,

of 3775 Stratton Road, Union was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana in a motor vehicle and possession of paraphernalia.

Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark said that deputies made

the arrest after they encountered a reckless driver on Feb. 3, in the afternoon.

Clark said that deputies heard spinning tires before they saw Sciple, who was driving a black Chevrolet Impala.

He was stopped on County

Road 248 for reckless driving. Sciple was found to possess a controlled substance.

Sciple is being held in the Neshoba County Detention Center on a \$16,600 bond.

# Whittle

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duras in July 2005. She said she hopes to go on another cruise with her granddaughter soon.

Whittle recalled a lot of fun and exciting election nights during her time in office. She said a lot of election nights she and the other workers stayed at the polls as late as 2 a.m.

"We made sure elections were good and clean every time," she said. "As for memorable elections, all of them have been great. I really can't pick one that's more memorable than the other."

Whittle said what she will miss most about being in office is the people since those she

worked with were like family to her. She said all of the election commissioners were very close to one another and Patti Duncan Lee, Neshoba County Circuit Clerk.

"Martha has been such a major asset to us and has done so much for the community and the folks of District 2," Lee said. "When she's involved, she's involved all the way and will be there for you if you need her."

Lee said Whittle has also done a lot for the Election Commissioners Association, including making quilts for their auctions. She's also helped make masks and gowns for the Neshoba General Hospital.

"She's so special to me and the community," Lee said. "She's done a fine job and I



Former Neshoba County Election Commissioner Martha Whittle takes the Oath of Office in 2000 with Judge John Love.

think everyone appreciates it."

Harold Richardson, the current election commissioner for District 3, said he worked with Whittle for 12 years and enjoyed every minute of it.

"Martha was always busy and one of those people that could not sit down," Richardson said. "She was always doing something. She did an excellent job and was always very conscientious."

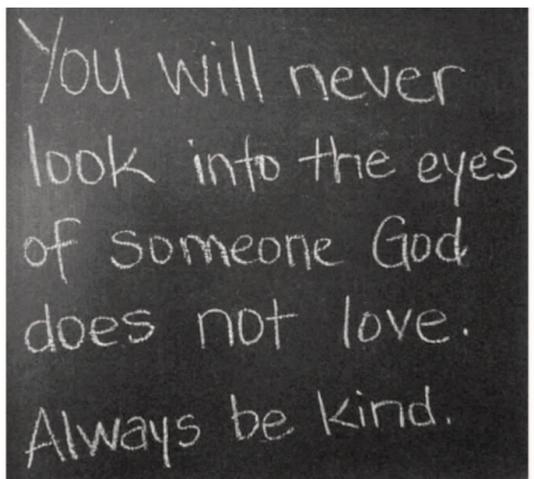
Whittle said elections, while fun, are also a lot of work. She recalled always making sure the boxes of ballots were canvassed after the election was over. Everything needs to be right. She said that it normally works out great, but people need to be prepared to put a lot of hours of work into making sure every vote is accounted for, including absentees, provisionals and

affidavits. At the end of the day, she said it was always a good experience for her all the way through.

"Your vote is sacred, and I've always made sure every vote counts," she said. "No one should know how you voted. You vote the way you want to vote."

Whittle's words of advice for anyone looking to run for office are to "be yourself and do your very best." She said that's what she did and she always did her absolute best when working.

"If you want something, go for it," she said. "You will never regret it. I've enjoyed my job, and I've made friends in every district. I'm really happy I was able to be of assistance to Neshoba County."



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# Election

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Rudolph Tatum and Shanayah Carter, will face off in the primary. The winner will advance to the General Election against independent candidate Shaun Seales.

Alderman-at-Large Leroy Clemons, a Democrat, faces the challenge of Republican James

Carson Waltman in the General Election.

Election commissioners were decided in last Tuesday's board of alderman meeting. Harold Richardson, Eva Tisdale and Janice Payne, who served in the 2017 election, were approved to serve again.

Four of the five polling places have been decided: Ward 1 Senior Citizens Building; Ward 2 not decided; Ward 3: The Depot; and, Ward 4 Westside.

# Police arrest man for break-ins

By **DUNCAN DENT**  
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Police said they expect more arrests to come after identifying one suspect involved in a break-in and vehicle theft last Wednesday.

Isaiah Frazier, 16, of 434 North Columbus Ave., Philadelphia was arrested and charged with one count of commercial burglary and one count of grand larceny. He also faces a charge by the Louisville Police Department of shooting into a dwelling.

Philadelphia Police Detective Bobby Pattillo said the arrest comes in connection with incidents reported on Wednesday, Feb. 3. That evening the Neshoba County Co-Op experi-

enced a break-in. A vehicle was also reported taken from nearby Edwards Electric, Pattillo said.

He said Frazier was identified by an anonymous tip.

"The Philadelphia Police Department would like to thank the public and everyone who offered tips that led to the apprehension of the suspect involved in the burglary at the Neshoba County Co-op and the theft of a vehicle from Edwards Electric," Pattillo said.

The Co-Op is located at 338 Main Street near the railroad. Edwards Electric has a location at 323 Main Street just up the hill from the Co-Op.

Frazier was identified through surveillance footage from the Co-Op that was circulated by law enforcement online

and in the media.

The vehicle was safely recovered. More arrests are pending as the case remains under investigation, Pattillo said.

Frazier remains in PPD custody in the Winston County Detention Center. Pattillo said that he faces a \$20,000 bond for his crimes committed in the city and jail records show a \$75,000 bond for the Louisville charge.

Pattillo said that Frazier was charged as an adult in the shooting into a dwelling charge and will be charged as an adult for any subsequent charges.

If anyone has any information about either incident, call the Philadelphia Police Department, 601-656-2131, or Crime Stoppers, 601-485-1860.



The Neshoba Central girls bowling team captured the Class 2A state championship last week for the sixth out of the past seven years. Members of the team pictured are, front row from left: Coach Tricia Joyner, Maggie Bradley, Madison Breazeale, Ainzley Moore, Jaiden Sawyers, Allie Williams, Ashton Luke, Sarah Lewis, Kathryn Dreifuss, Emely Randolph, second row from left, Coach Joey Blount and athletic director Tommy Holland.

## Champs

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The Neshoba Central boys finished as the runner-up in Class II boys with 2,631 pins. Lafayette finished with first 2,686 pins and went on to win the Baker Series, 3-0.

Devin McCoy led the

Rockets with 555 pins, followed by Chris Chamberlin 546, Landon Coward 528, Craig Taylor 518 and Jacob Richards 486.

"This was a total team effort," Blount said. "We did not have anyone make all-state and still we placed second overall."

The East Union boys (2,878 pins, 3-0 Baker Series)

won the Class I boys title while the Kossuth girls (2,440 pins, 2-1 Baker Series) won the Class I girls.

The Hancock boys (2,996 pins, 2-1 Baker Series) won the Class III boys title while the Hancock girls (2,589 pins, 3-0 Baker Series) won the Class III girls title.

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### EDITORIALS

## Drug liberalization

The war on drugs has been waged through the criminal justice system for 100 years and we've failed, some would argue.

There is a vibrant underground market causing violence in our streets, increasingly deadly substances causing overdose deaths to soar, and millions of incarcerated consumers causing families to be destroyed.

We're losing on every front, they claim — but are we?

While they generally do not celebrate, encourage, or trivialize drug use, there's a call to "core values" and legalization by some advocacy organizations.

The problem is those "core values" have significantly deteriorated over the last 50 years. They are not core values at all.

Has Western Civilization turned down the slope of permanent decline when the legalization of drugs is argued? Are we on the decadent and degenerate phase of the civilizational life cycle?

We should certainly focus on drug treatment, not always incarceration.

Two life sentences without the possibility of parole for possessing seven empty boxes of Sudafed? It's a true story.

Meanwhile, six children have grown up without their father, and Mississippi taxpayers will probably spend \$1 million to house and care for James Vardaman.

Supposedly, some European countries have had some success with legalization coupled with mandatory treatment — approaching the problem as a medical issue and not criminal if you are "caught" using and/or end up being a danger to yourself (overdosing) or others e.g. caught under the influence during some reckless activity etc.

The problem is that we're creating a culture of pathological tolerance very often in the name of Christianity, which in the past has stood for the idea of "go and sin no more" and self-control.

Human nature is such that anything you subsidize or go lenient on you will likely end up getting more of.

Do we have billions to spend on drug treatment?

Where is the balance between individual responsibility and social expectations to maintain a certain level of conduct versus addressing such a problem as a social ill that requires social policy and government expenditure? Good question.

We could end up spending billions on drug treatment for chronic users/abusers and bankrupt ourselves.

Do we end up with drug companies man-

ufacturing heroin or cocaine for people to legally purchase and use?

How does legalization work exactly and, as the old phrase goes, cui bono? Who really benefits from such a societal-wide change? Big pharma? Little "drug stores" run by boomer hippy mom and pop owners or drug tolerant millennials?

Drug legalization is yet another social ill that has exploded that will cost us in the end.

Do we have doctors prescribe recreational drugs or allow people to buy drugs legally off the street?

This is part of the mess created as liberalism exploded and has trickled down since the 1960s and free love.

Three strikes and James Vardaman is out. But does the punishment fit the crime?

Vardaman is serving two life sentences under Mississippi's habitual offender law for seven empty boxes of Sudafed, as told by the conservative think tank Empower Mississippi.

He's an offender convicted of a crime not ordinarily considered a crime of violence but is caught in the state's habitual offender law.

Vardaman had two previous offenses in 2000 for possession of meth and simple assault of a police officer. He was sentenced and served his time — 51 months — for those offenses.

He served his time and when he was released found a job as a welder and soon ended up with the seven empty boxes of Sudafed in Brandon one night and eventually received the two life sentences.

"I am not proud of my drug use," said Vardaman, 45, who currently lives in a prison in Marshall County.

"I've prayed for God to change my life and He has," Vardaman told Empower. "I have prayed for him to remove my desire to do drugs. I no longer have that desire. Even though I know there isn't much hope for me, I now realize how precious life is. I can't take the next heartbeat without Him."

The impact of Vardaman's incarceration reaches far beyond the four walls of his prison cell. His wife Christina lives in Texas with the youngest two of their six children.

"It's hard," she said. "I'm having to do it on my own. It's tough on our relationship and his relationship with our kids. I'm at my breaking point."

Reform and rehabilitation, yes, but a culture of pathological tolerance is dangerous when it comes to legalized drugs.

## FLASHBACKS

### FEBRUARY 14, 1941

G.B. Smith was elected President of the Arlington Boys' 4-H Club at a meeting. Other officers named were: Vice-President, Irby J. Pope; Secretary-Treasurer, Harris Agent; Reporter, Carol Nowell. After the election, the boys entered a dairy judging contest in a series in Hoard's Dairy Magazine. Assistant County Agent J.F. Buchanan was present at the meeting.

Kelly Patterson, retiring President of the Mississippi Rexall Club, being presented with a gavel by A.T. Carithers, Sec-Treas, of the Internal Association of Rexall Clubs.

### FEBRUARY 8, 1951

"Miss Rural Electrification 1951" is Peggy Anne Brent, 17-year-old Bogue Chitto High School girl, entry of the Miss. REA Associations in the national beauty contest held in Cleveland. Miss Brent is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brent, of Lincoln County, a member of the Magnolia Electric Power Association.

### FEBRUARY 9, 1961

Rct. Arthur C. Sharp, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sharp of the Spring Hill Community is in training with the 9th AA

Gun Bn. at Fort Bliss, Texas. Young Sharp had been employed with the W.W. Woolworth Store in Meridian for some time and was transferred to the new Woolworth Store in Mobile, Alabama as assistant manager for a short time before being called into service.

### FEBRUARY 11, 1971

Kathy Morris, Scott County's Junior Miss and a former resident of Philadelphia, was crowned the state's new Junior Miss. Miss Morris the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lovelle Morris. She is a senior at Forest High School, and after graduation she will attend Mississippi College where she plans to major in speech, one of her major interests.

Beth Pilgrim of Philadelphia, was named to the Dean's List at Clarke College, in Newton, Mississippi. To be named to the Dean's List at Clarke, a student must maintain a grade point average of 2.30-2.00. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. Herman Pilgrim of Philadelphia.

### FEBRUARY 5, 1981

Ted Pope, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Pope of Philadelphia, was named Mr.

East Central Junior College in elections held on ECJC campus. Vickie Hamrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hamrick of Hickory, was named Miss East Central.

### FEBRUARY 13, 1991

As the U.S. Army Military Affiliate Radio System contact in Vicksburg, Dot Hartzog helps servicemen and their families a little closer. Hartzog, an electronics technician at the Corps of Engineers' Vicksburg District, operates the MARS Center in addition to her regular work in the district radio room.

### FEBRUARY 14, 2001

The Neshoba Central Future Farmers of America dreed speaker recently won third place at the state contest. Accepting the award is Lacy Caples, and the advisor is Rusty Suttles.

### FEBRUARY 9, 2011

State Senator Giles Ward, was named the Conservation Legislator of the Year, while Jerry Smith, Neshoba County Soil and Water District Chairman, received the Outstanding District Commissioner of the Year Award.

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

## Of rioters, protesters, patriots

*When it comes to riots and revolutions, it all depends on who writes the narrative.*

To Parliament, in the London of George III, the Boston Massacre of 1770 and the Tea Party of 1773 were not seen in the same light as they were by the Sons of Liberty in the Massachusetts colony.

To Parliament, this was mob violence, and the shooting and killing at Lexington and Concord were acts of insurrection and treason.

But because we won the Revolution, those events are portrayed and remembered differently. For when it comes to riots and revolutions, all depends on who writes the narrative of history. It is the winners.

"Who controls the past controls the future: who controls the present controls the past," said George Orwell in his novel "1984."

To the media, the long hot summer of rioting, looting and arson that followed the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis was driven by "racial justice" protests against a "systemic racism" that permeates society.

The rioters were calling attention to injustices we Americans have failed to address, like police brutality. And almost all of these "peaceful protesters" were calling us to be a better people.

And did not the riots produce beneficial results?

Joe Biden and his party have responded by setting as a goal the replacement of "equality of rights" with "equity," an equality of results, where gaps in test scores, incarcerations, incomes and wealth between white and black are to be closed by government action.

However, as for the riot at the Capitol on Jan. 6 by Trumpists, to protest and perhaps change the outcome of the election, that was an act of insurrection, a treasonous attempt to overturn a democratic election and overthrow a democratic government.

Of all the riots in 2020 and 2021, that was the unforgivable one.

The proper response to that riot is not to heed its angry voices but to impeach the pres-

RICH LOWRY

## Are the classics racist?

*The study of classics has been instrumental to the invention of "whiteness," they say.*

It was only a matter of time before Cicero got canceled.

The New York Times the other day profiled Princeton classicist Dan-el Padilla Peralta, who wants to destroy the study of classics as a blow for racial justice.

The critique of classics as stultifying and privileged isn't new, but in the woke era this attack is more potent than ever and has a better chance of demolishing a foundation of Western education.

At a time when Abraham Lincoln doesn't pass muster in the progressive precincts of America, poor benighted Homer, whose chief subject was toxic masculinity, probably doesn't stand a chance.

In its report, The Times writes that the critics believe that the study of classics "has been instrumental to the invention of 'whiteness' and its continued domination." Or as Padilla himself puts it, "Systemic racism is foundational to those institutions that incubate classics and classics as a field itself."

It is rare to find other instances of scholars so consumed with hatred for their own disciplines that they literally want to destroy them within. Presumably if an ultra-progressive astrophysicist concludes that his field is desperately out of touch with social justice concerns, he simply goes and does something else for a living rather than agitating to have students stop learning about space.

One would think Padilla's own amazing personal journey would, in itself, make the case for the wonders of the classics. He came here as a child from the Dominican Republic, lived in a homeless shelter in New

York City, discovered a book on Ancient Greece and Rome — and with help from a mentor, got into a prep school and went on to get degrees from Princeton, Oxford and Stanford.

For him, evidently, the classics weren't very exclusionary, and indeed there's no reason that they should be.

The rigors of Greek and Latin, the timeless questions raised by Plato and Aristotle, the literary value of some of the most compelling poems, plays and tracts ever written, the insights of early historians Herodotus and Thucydides, the oratory of Pericles and Cicero, the awe-inspiring beauty of the architecture, sculpture and pottery — all of this is available to anyone of any race, ethnicity or creed.

To look at all these marvels and see only "whiteness" speaks to a reductive obsession with race that is destructive, self-defeating and, in the end, profoundly depressing.

The Times complains that, paraphrasing critics, "Enlightenment thinkers created a hierarchy with Greece and Rome, coded as white, on top, and everything else below."

There's quite a simple reason, though, that Greece and Rome have been subjects of study and fascination for so long — their cultural, political and legal contributions are so vast and enduring.

The Greeks gave us the

disconnecting itself from Europe and looking at democratic values as an existential threat."

In Turkey, demonstrations by staff and students erupted in January over the installation of an ally of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan as rector of Bogazici University, among the most acclaimed schools in the country. Hundreds have been arrested in clashes between protesters and police in one of the largest displays of civil unrest in Turkey in years.

In Myanmar, thousands took to the streets this weekend to protest a generals' coup that took over the country a week ago and ousted the elected civilian regime of Nobel Peace prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi.

The American media defended the Hong Kong protesters and tended to minimize, excuse or ignore its excesses and violence.

But in Moscow, Beijing, Istanbul and Myanmar, the protests are seen as insurgencies, as sappers of the state and regime, and the governments are predisposed to deal with them in every way — save capitulation. They see them as the work of "regime change" ideologues in the West.

In Western nations, protests and riots come largely from the left and rail against what is claimed to be indifference or resistance to the rights of minorities. And the natural tendency of the media is to sympathize with protesters, especially those bedeviling autocracies.

Again, all except the occupation of the Capitol on Jan. 6. That one was different. That one got the sympathy of no one because its premise was that an elite-backed establishment stole the election.

Such accusations against our elites are intolerable and immoral.

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example — flawed and incomplete to be sure — of democracy, and the Roman stamp is still discernible on our legal system and institutions.

Western thought and literature have proceeded throughout their history in dialogue with the classics, constantly interacting with the arguments, themes and characters of those long-ago forebears.

This isn't true of other ancient societies.

Of course, the Greeks and Romans were blinkered, exclusionary, repressive and violent, but who wasn't? Where in the ancient world did slavery not exist? What society afforded women equal status with men? Where did any ruler respect the dignity of all people?

A key difference between the Greeks and Romans and the rest was that their writers critiqued and lampooned their own societies. This willingness to engage in self-criticism became one of the hallmarks, and strengths, of Western culture.

The critics give the Greeks and the Romans the same treatment as the American project, ignoring what was exceptional about them for a monomaniacal focus on their failings, even if the failings were commonplace everywhere else.

They want to impoverish American college students and ultimately the Western mind in an act of ideological destruction. This is galling enough; it's even worse that they call it progress.

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

## BIBLE SELECTION

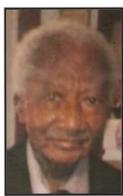
We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

— 2 Thessalonians 1:3 (ESV)

## OBITUARIES

### Joe Willie Stewart

Funeral services for Mr. Joe Willie Stewart were held on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 1 P.M. from the chapel of Beck Funeral Home with Rev. Dewayne Peebles officiating. Burial was at New Prospect M.B. Church Cemetery. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.



Joe Willie Stewart

Mr. Stewart, 89, of Philadelphia, passed away on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Neshoba General Nursing Home.

He is survived by his wife, Leona Bert Stewart of Philadelphia, MS, one brother, Bennie Stewart, his children, Tony C. Stewart, Clarissa Jernigan, Tim Stewart, Joann Johnson, Victor Stewart and Anthony Brand, eight grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, four step grandchildren and 14 step great grandchildren.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

### James D. "Gene" Howard

Graveside services for Mr. James D. "Gene" Howard was held at 11 AM Saturday, February 6, 2021 at Indian Springs Assembly of God Cemetery with Rev. Bryan Madison officiating. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Mr. James D. Howard, 72, passed away Monday, February 1, 2021 at his residence. He lived in Plattsburg most of his life. He was a U.S. Army Veteran, oil-field worker and a Mason. He was Pentecostal and enjoyed horses.

Preceded in death: Parents, Alvin Howard, Mertlean Jones Johnson and Stepfather, Jasper "Jack" Johnson; Daughter, Rosetta Howard; Granddaughter, Johanna Webster; nephew, Scooter Johnson.

Survivors: Stepdaughter, Felicia Momberger (Tom) and family of Gallatin, TN; Stepson, Wayne Gann and family of Gallatin, TN; Brother, Dwayne Howard (Arlie Faye) of Noxapater; Sisters, Jewel Clifton of Philadelphia, Diane Williams of Houston, MS; Nieces and nephews, Seleta Aldous, Denita and John Thomas, Larita and Isaac Goforth, and Tommy Dearing.

### Nolen Roby Gibson

Service for Mr. Nolen Roby Gibson will be held at 2 PM Saturday, February 13, 2021 at Bogue Chitto Community Cemetery with Kendall Wallace officiating. There will be no visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Mr. Gibson, 56, passed away on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian, MS. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roby Gibson and Helen Willis; sister, Flora Gibson.

He is survived by his sons, Jeremy Hickman, Joshua Hickman; brother, Stanley Gibson; special friend, Iva Steve; 17 grandchildren.

### Shirley Ann Thompson Benn

Graveside service for Ms. Shirley Ann Thompson Benn will be held at 2 PM Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at Holy Rosary Cemetery with Father Bob Goodyear officiating. There will be no visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Ms. Benn, 73, passed away on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at Golden Triangle Baptist memorial Hospital in Columbus, MS. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert C. Benn; parents, Willie Thompson and Kittie Willis; sister, Wanda Davidson.

Survivors include her daughters, Denise John and Melanie Benn; 5 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are James D. Willis, Gordon Willis, Jr., Michael Bell, William "Tank" Comby, Todd Bell, Kevin Willis, Randy Jim, Damion Williams.

### Timothy Richard John

Graveside service for Mr. Timothy Richard John will be held at 2 PM Monday, February 8, 2021 at Isaac Cemetery with Rev. Thomas Ben officiating. There will be no visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Mr. John, 42, passed away on Friday, January 15, 2021 in Dallas, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry Smith John and Mary Lee Sam.

Survivors include his daughters, Selena Jim, Summer John, Mary John, Leanna Bell; sons, Alexander John and Jacob John; sisters, Teresa Anderson, Stacy Goodin; 3 grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Eli Hickman, Clifton Thomas, Jimmy Tinge, Errol John, Cagney Edwards, Eddison Jefferson.

### James Wesley Nichols, Sr.

Graveside service for James Wesley Nichols, Sr. was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 5, 2021 at Spring Creek Cemetery with John E. Stephens officiating. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge of arrangements.

James Wesley Nichols, Sr. "Jimmy", 77, passed away on February 1, 2021 at Merit Health.

He lived in Holly Bluff, MS and Warren County most of his life. He served in the U.S. Army as a Staff Sergeant for 21 years and 8 months and served in the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Stevens Masonic Lodge and Eagle Lake Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents James Ellis Nichols and Helen Bevis Nichols and his brother Bobby Eugene Nichols.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years Judy Jenkins Nichols; son Wesley Nichols; daughter Jennifer Fuson; brothers Billy Nichols and Steve Nichols; sister Sandra Kerr; (2) grandchildren.

### Elzie Frank Stevens

Graveside services for Mr. Elzie Frank Stevens was held at 12 PM Thursday, February 4, 2021 at New Zion Baptist Cemetery in Leake County with Rev. John E. Stephens officiating. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Mr. Stevens, 70, passed away Monday, February 1, 2021 at his residence. He lived in Leake County most of his life. He was a farmer and Baptist. His favorite hobby was fishing.

Preceded in death: Parents, Algie Floyd Stevens and Bonnie Opal McGee Stevens; Wife, Adelene Webb Stevens; Infant brother.

Survivors: Sisters, Bonnie Keen, Lora Higginbotham (Doug), Tammie Steward, Judy Easterling (Robert), Pam Smith; Brothers, Joe Stevens (Janet), Wayne Stevens (Joeatta), Carl Stevens (Tanya); Host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers: Johnny Allen, George Allen, Michael James, Junior Watkins, Robert Watkins, Doug Wilhite and George Busby.

### Clifton Willis

Graveside service for Mr. Clifton Willis will be held at 2 PM Sunday, February 7, 2021 at Conehatta Community Cemetery with Rev. Thomas Ben and Deacon Curtis Willis officiating. There will be no visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Mr. Willis, 55, passed away on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at University Medical Center in Jackson, MS. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clifton Lewis and Catherine Willis; brother, Brainard Lewis.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria Thomas Willis; daughters, Kristen Crosby, Sharon Willis, Kravon Willis; sons, Clifton Ray Willis, Cliff Willis, Christopher Willis; sisters, Loretta Willis, Rachel Jackson, Cathleen Jordan; brothers, Raymond Wilson, Jr., Lance Wilson, Travis Wilson; 18 grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Gaylon Williams, Garth Charlie, Montel Jordan, Dedrick Jordan, Joshua Jordan, Dewitt Phillips, Dale Phillips, Jr., Dewayne Thomas.

### T. C. McWilliams

Graveside services for Mr. T. C. McWilliams will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at 11 A.M. from Donald Rest Cemetery with Rev. Frank Buck officiating. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. McWilliams, 84, of Jackson, passed away on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at his home.

He is survived by three children, Linda Buck of Jackson, MS, Kenneth McWilliams of Pawcatuck, CT, and Tommy McWilliams of Birmingham, AL, seven grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

### Everett Cox

Graveside services for Mr. Everett Cox were held on Saturday, February 6, 2021, at 1 P.M.

from Mt. Ary M.B. Church Cemetery with Rev. Lavoid Kelly officiating. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Cox, 87, of Loganville, GA, passed away on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Georgia Peal Cox of Loganville, GA, four children, Mary Parris, Tresena and Jeanette Cox, and Everett Cox, Jr., two sisters, Billie Carter and Jearlean Charley, seven grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

### Thomas Larry Stribling

Funeral services for Mr. Thomas Larry Stribling were held on Sunday, February 7, 2021, at 1 P.M. from the chapel of Beck Funeral Home with Rev. Harvey Olive officiating. Burial was at New Prospect M.B. Church Cemetery. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Stribling, 71, of Philadelphia, passed away on Monday, February 1, 2021 at Baptist Medical Center in Jackson, MS.

He is survived by his wife, Alma Jean Stribling of Philadelphia, MS, three children, Charles Stribling and John Stribling both of Walnut Grove, MS, and Valeria Stribling of Philadelphia, MS, one sister, Clara Faye Holder, three brothers, John Stribling, Travis Stribling and Larry Coleman, and eight grandchildren.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

### Annie L. Duett

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie L. Duett will be held at 10 AM Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Daniel Richardson and Rev. Bragston Miley officiating. Interment in Oak Ridge Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

Mrs. Duett, 82, passed away Sunday, February 7, 2021 at her residence in Brandon, MS. She has lived in Neshoba and Rankin Counties all of her life. She was an L.P.N. and member of Oak Ridge Church of God. Her hobbies include bowling, fishing and traveling.

Preceded in death: Parents, Oliver and Ruby Walters Ladd; Sisters, Sara Curry, Claudian Ogletree; Brothers, J.R. Ladd, Johnny Ladd, Lamar Ladd, Bud Ladd.

Survivors: Husband, Floyd Duett of Brandon, MS; Sons, Scott Duett of Brandon, MS and Mark Duett of Brandon, MS; (3) Grandchildren, Jennifer Fontan, Jake Duett and Cristopher Duett; (4) Great-Grandchildren.

### Mary Clytee Manning

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Clytee Manning were held Monday, February 8, 2021, at 1 p.m. from McClain-Hays Funeral Home with Dr. Jon Martin officiating. Burial followed in Mars Hill Cemetery in Winston County. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Manning, 87, of Philadelphia, died Friday, February 5, 2021.

She was a native of Winston County and a longtime resident of Philadelphia, MS. She formerly owned Jack & Jill Daycare and later worked as a housekeeper at Philadelphia Middle School until her retirement. Mrs. Manning was a member of North Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include daughter, Sandra Martin (Ricky) of Philadelphia; son, Rayford Manning, Jr. (Tammy) of Noxapater; grandchildren, Craig, Patrick and Jon Martin, Rayford III, Bruce and Andrew Manning; great-grandchildren, Meg, Will, Seth, Ty, Anna Kay, Riley and Mary

Hannah Martin, Rafe, Caroline, Julia Kate, Lena and Owen Manning; siblings, Jerry Drury, Douglas Drury, Linda Fortune, Mavis Smith and Sherry Clay.

Mrs. Manning was preceded in death by her husband, Rayford Manning, Sr.; parents, Henry and Nona Drury; granddaughter, Elizabeth Manning; great-granddaughter, Faith Martin; siblings, Bernice Sisson, Joe Mack Drury, Travis Drury, Patsy Drury, Shirley Drury and Infant Janice Drury.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Dr. Craig Martin, Patrick Martin, Dr. Jon Martin, Rayford Manning, III, Bruce Manning, and Andrew Manning.

Honorary Pallbearers were great-grandsons, Will Martin, Riley Martin, Ty Martin, Seth Martin, Rafe Manning, and Owen Manning.

### Virginia Ann Willis

Graveside Service for Ms. Virginia Ann Willis will be held at 2 PM Saturday, February 13, 2021 at Phillips Cemetery with Rev. Thomas Ben officiating. There will be no visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Ms. Willis, 62, passed away on Friday, February 5, 2021 at OCH Regional Medical Center in Starkville, MS. She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl Willis, Sr. and Susan Bell; brothers, Willie Ervin Willis and Richard Willis.

Survivors include daughter, Lucinda Willis; sons, Marcus D. Willis and Simeon Willis, Sr.; sisters, Mary Ann Jefferson, Linda Steve, Karen W. Thomas, Renata Willis; brothers, Earl Willis, Jr. and James K. Willis; 20 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Shaun Jefferson, Rian Willis, Billy Jack Lewis, Ricky Thompson, Jr., Travis Stephens, Jeremiah Tubby, Karady K. Chickaway, Marty Briscoe.

### Rev. Bobby Jack Henley

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth", (2 Timothy 2:15) "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17), "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way." (Psalm 37:23)

Funeral services were held for Bro. Bobby Jack Henley on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 2 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Ben McDaniel and Rev. Larry Savell officiating. Burial followed in Bethsaida Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Bro. Bobby Jack Henley, 88, of Philadelphia, died Friday, February 5, 2021 at Anderson's Hospital in Meridian due to heart valve issues.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Neshoba County. He graduated from Philadelphia High School in 1950. He graduated from Baylor University in Waco, TX, and then attended Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, TX. He preached a serv-

ice at Bethsaida Baptist Church and was invited home for lunch by John Lemuel Sharp where John's daughter Johnnie Lou caught his eye. Shortly after they met, he was drafted to the U.S. Army, where he served in active duty from 1958-1960 and was stationed in Germany much of his tenure. Upon his return to the U.S., he and Johnnie Lou married in 1961.

He pastored at numerous country churches in Neshoba and Attala Counties through the years, and at Meridale Baptist Church in Meridian. He was trivocational throughout much of his life. Besides pastoring and farming, he worked many years at U.S. Electrical Motors, then retired from the U.S. Postal Service. He loved sharing the gospel message, singing, gardening, reading, and occasionally writing poems.

Survivors include his daughter, Ginnie Barker (Cliff) of Philadelphia; son, Greg Henley (Flo) of Starkville; sister, Doris Murphy of Clinton; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Bro. Henley was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Johnnie Lou Sharp Henley in 2016; parents, Marvin (M.B.) and Elna Maye Smith Henley; and brother, James Paul Henley.

Pallbearers are Hank Burns, Brandon Jones, Brian Pace, Glenn Pogue, Kenny Pogue, William Savell, Tyler Spears, Tyler Tingle. Honorary pallbearers are Jim Henley, Alvis Apperson, Butch Harper, Benjamin Pace, Billy Sharp, Bobby Spears, and Deacons of Beatline Baptist Church.

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me." (John 14:6) "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

### Robin Gregory

Graveside Services were held for Robin Gregory on Thursday, February 4, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. from the Vernon Assembly of God Cemetery in Nanih Waiya with Rev. Scott Boatner officiating. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Gregory, 63, of Philadelphia, died Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

She was a native and longtime resident of Philadelphia and a resident of Nanih Waiya for several years. She worked as a nurse at Winston Medical Center. Ms. Gregory attended West Philadelphia Baptist Church.

Survivors include daughter, Ragan Coggin of Guntown; sons, Johnnie Gregory and Jessie Gregory, both of Nanih Waiya; two grandchildren; and sister, Brenda Hardy of Philadelphia.

Ms. Gregory was preceded in death by parents, Junior and Bobbie Jean Hardy; infant son, Toby Wade Gregory; husband, Gerald Gregory; and special cousin, Billy Hardy.

### John Marshall

A graveside service for John

Marshall was held Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 2 p.m. from Cook's Chapel Cemetery with Rev. Chris Gully officiating. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Marshall, 82, of Philadelphia, died Sunday, January 31, 2021 at his home.

He was a native of Kemper County and lived in Neshoba County for most of his life. He was a cattle farmer and a retired truck driver. Mr. Marshall was a member of Cook's Chapel United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lynda Fulton Marshall of Philadelphia; sons, Chuck Marshall (Sandy), Devon Marshall (Rita), and Wayne Marshall (Kandi), all of Philadelphia; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters, Martha Sue Hall and Lucille Myatt of Philadelphia; a host of nieces and nephews and their families.

Mr. Marshall was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Mary Marshall; sister, Mary Frances Johnson.

Pallbearers were Matt Marshall, Dalton Marshall, Judson Watson, Austin Thomas, John David Marshall, Logan Ezelle and Zack Bounds.

### Nathaniel Coleman, Sr.

Graveside services for Mr. Nathan Coleman, Sr. will be held on Friday, February 12, 2021, at 11 A.M. from Chamberlin Cemetery in Preston, with Rev. John Clark, Jr. officiating. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Coleman, of Dekalb, MS, passed away on Monday, February 8, 2021 at his home.

He is survived by five children, Nathan Coleman, Marcus Coleman, Kathryn Hill and Laura Coleman all of Dekalb, MS, and Lazell Coleman of Meridian, MS, 12 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Jeremiah Coleman, Jr., Jonathan Coleman, Shawnzell Coleman, Cordale McCallebb, Robert McCallebb and Kenneth Rush.



MR. RAPHAEL JAMES BILLY SR.  
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COMMUNITY CEM.

MR. ELZIE FRANK STEVENS  
12 PM THURS., FEB. 4, 2021  
GRAVESIDE  
NEW ZION BAPTIST  
CEMETERY

MR. JAMES WESLEY NICHOLS SR.  
11 AM FRI., FEB. 5, 2021  
GRAVESIDE  
SPRING CREEK  
CEMETERY

MR. GENE HOWARD  
11 AM SAT., FEB. 6, 2021  
GRAVESIDE  
INDIAN SPRINGS  
ASSEMBLY OF GOD CEM.

MR. CLIFTON WILLIS  
2 PM SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021  
GRAVESIDE  
CONEHATTA  
COMMUNITY CEMETERY

MR. TIMOTHY RICHARD JOHN  
2 PM MON., FEB. 8, 2021  
GRAVESIDE  
ISAAC CEMETERY

MS. SHIRLEY ANN THOMPSON BENN  
2 PM TUES., FEB. 9, 2021  
GRAVESIDE  
HOLY ROSARY  
CEMETERY

MRS. ANNIE L. DUETT  
10 AM WED., FEB. 10, 2021  
JOHN E. STEPHENS  
CHAPEL  
OAK RIDGE CEMETERY

MR. NOLAN GIBSON  
10 AM SAT., FEB. 13, 2021  
GRAVESIDE  
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Bible Study and Prayer Service

7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Children's Program

7:00 p.m.

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**Acts 3:11-16**

In this passage the apostle Peter delivers his second sermon. The setting is inside the temple complex at Solomon's portico, a beautiful structure with a high ceiling and plenty of room for a crowd to assemble. The porch was like an open air chapel. The occasion was an astonished crowd assembled in wonder at the miracle of a crippled man who had been healed instantly and completely.

The healed man is clinging to Peter and John, and the people are staring mystified at them. Peter is ready to give an answer to the crowd for what has happened and what is taking place. Peter tells them the miracle has not taken place because of his or John's power or piety (Verse 12). Rather it has come through faith in Jesus, whom God has glorified.

The miracle points to a new work God is doing. Christ Jesus has come into the world to make all things new. It is a new day, the year of the Lord's favor. The Bible speaks of Christ having two days. The first is when he came to accomplish salvation by his death and resurrection; along with the period of time when the Holy Spirit will apply his work, spreading the gospel throughout the world.

The second day is when he will come back from heaven to gather all his people and judge the world. The time we live in now is not yet that day. The world is full of tribulation and sorrow, but in Christ, God holds out the promise of reconciliation and life with God forever. And at Jesus's second day, he will make this promise permanent and perfect with no more corruption or death.

All that Christ does is according to the promise of God. Peter says in verse 13, "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus." The crowd would know God identified himself with the phrase, I am the God of...etc.... to Moses, to show he was going to keep his promise and deliver Israel from Egypt. And God did what he promised.

The word "servant" was often used in the prophets, especially Isaiah, of the coming Messiah who would bring salvation to the Jews and to the world. By using this word, Peter is saying that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Christ, and God has glorified him.

His audience would have understood this.

Before Peter tells the crowd what they must do for salvation, he reveals to them how sinful sin is, so they understand how great and necessary salvation is. He points them back to the death of Jesus. They cannot blame it on Pilate, who wanted to release Jesus. They preferred a murderer to Jesus, who Peter says is the Holy and Righteous One; the Author of Life (verse 14)

Peter is not only telling them they are without excuse. He is telling them (and us) how corrupt human nature is due to sin. Men would rid themselves of God if they could. Men love the darkness, and hate to leave their present condition and submit to the Lord of all. There are none righteous before God.

Man not only needs salvation, he needs God to come and convince him of his need, or he will remain insensitive to the misery he is in. This is what God is doing through Peter. Man has deserted God, belongs entirely to himself, and lives entirely for his sinful nature. Putting to death the Son of God demonstrates this. The Jews did what all men in sin would have done.

The wonder of salvation is that men are entirely guilty before God because of sin, and eternally incapable of making any payment with regard to their debt. Consequently, we are fully and eternally subject to God's curse, wrath, and condemnation. The Lord Jesus, however, intervened as our Mediator by taking upon himself all our sin and guilt, as well as the curse and punishment from our sins. To accomplish this, he died on the cross, fully satisfying the claims of the law on our behalf.

In making full payment with his blood, Christ purchased believers to become his property, a blessed state to come into, in which he frees us from the power of sin and the devil in this world, and promises us a certain hope and future with him forever, where righteousness abides.

Peter says, "the faith that is through Jesus has given this man perfect health (verse 16)." And this faith, in Christ, is what heals our souls. This is a good story to remember. Every believer needs to know something of what the lame man found out. Our condition is not beyond Christ's reach.

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**Leroy Clemons seeks re-election as Alderman-at-Large**



Leroy Clemons

I am pleased and honored to announce my candidacy for re-election as Alderman at Large for the City of Philadelphia, Mississippi, and to ask for your help. I am kicking off my re-election campaign by reaching out to you, my family, friends, and fellow Philadelphians, to ask for your support and vote.

A great city is measured by the quality of the lives of the people who live in it. I believe that a city is only as strong as its weakest neighborhood. Whatever the vantage point, whether its Westside, Popular Avenue, Cooks Quarter, Woodland Hills or Valley View, the view should be one of a city with safe, clean, thriving, energetic neighborhoods. I have been very deliberate in seeking to be one of the most public, public officials in this city. I shop locally, I coach baseball at Northside Park, I attend school and community events. I have had the opportunity to speak with many of you concerning issues in the city. I want you all to know that I have heard you, and I will continue to listen, and I am committed to continuing to work to make this city a place that we can all be proud to call home.

As your Alderman at Large for the past four years, I have worked to ensure no new tax increases and four years of balanced budgets by balancing fiscal responsibility with sound judgment. During my tenure on the Board, the city has produced four years of record sales tax revenues.

My highest priority has always been the safety of our people. Working with the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, we were able to provide our police officers, fire fighters and city employees with the training, equipment and pay to support them in becoming proficient in the latest technologies and methodologies to keep our city safe, clean, vibrant and thriving. I authored and passed a city-wide fireworks ordinance to limit the types of fireworks and the times that fireworks could be utilized in the city limits. Working in collaboration with the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Community Development Partnership, Board of Supervisors and East Central Community College, we were able to bring one of only six Diesel Mechanic Programs to Philadelphia along with a truck driving school, new restaurants, businesses and infrastructure improvements.

Philadelphia is my home. This is where I was born, reared and educated. I graduated from Philadelphia High School. I got married to my beautiful wife, Stephanie Beamon Clemons in Philadelphia. Both of our daughters, Jessica Clemons

Griffin and Erica Clemons Moore graduated from Philadelphia High School and are residents of Philadelphia. Both of my Son-n-Laws, Jonathan Moore and Johnathan Griffin are firefighters for the City of Philadelphia. My wife and daughter, Jessica, are public school teachers. We all attend Jerusalem Temple Church with my four grandchildren. Philadelphia is where I chose to live my life and continue my family's tradition of community-based public service. I know what this city is, I know what it has been, and I have a vision for what it will become if we continue to work together. I envision a city that is a safe appealing place to live, work and raise a family. A city that builds upon its assets. A city that fulfills its obligation to educate its youth, so that they are prepared for the future. A city that fosters growth and opportunity throughout all Wards. A city that is a role model for other cities in East Central Mississippi, not by chasing impossible dreams, but by dealing realistically with the challenges it faces.

If you can see the future in the way that I do, and if you also believe in a better Philadelphia for all, please join me in continuing to work to make the city of Philadelphia a safe, thriving, economically viable, sustainable city for all our families. I humbly ask for your vote and support, June 8, in re-electing Leroy Clemons, Alderman at Large for the city of Philadelphia.

Thank you and God bless you. God bless this great city.

**Philadelphia woman dies in boating accident on Reservoir**

By DUNCAN DENT  
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A Philadelphia woman died in a boating accident while fishing on the Ross Barnett Reservoir last week, the authorities said.

Reservoir Police Chief Trevell Dixon said the accident occurred at approximately 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2 on the water just north of Mississippi 43 in Rankin County.

He confirmed that Robin Gregory, 63, of Philadelphia was fatally injured in the accident. Another occupant of the boat, the driver, was unharmed.

Dixon said the accident happened when the driver of the boat hit a channel marker trying to avoid another craft in the water.

Dixon said the case remains under investigation and that investigators are still waiting on an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

She was a native and long-time resident of Philadelphia and a resident of Nanih Waiya for several years. She worked as a nurse at Winston Medical Center and attended West Philadelphia Baptist Church.

Graveside services were held Thursday at the Vernon Assembly of God Cemetery in Nanih Waiya with the Rev. Scott Boatner officiating.

"She was one of the sweetest people I could have ever had the pleasure of meeting, and I will forever cherish the memories we made with her!" Brooke Baker Morgan wrote on Gregory's Facebook page.

Lee Ann Burt Fulton said on the Democrat's page, "My boys were partly raised by her and she loved them so very much. I can't imagine this world without her. Such a blessing to so many of us. We must keep her three children and two grandchildren in our prayers as they face the difficult days ahead."

Gina Myers Moorehead said on the Democrat's page as well, "I was fortunate to teach each of Robin's boys in first grade. She was a devoted and doting mother to Johnnie and Jessie. I could always count on Robin. I was blessed that she considered me to be her friend and I always enjoyed running into her and catching up. She surely loved her family. Robin will be missed by so many."

**COUNTY JAIL DOCKET**

*Neshoba County Jail Docket from 2/1-2/8*

- Lawilliam Clemmons, 18, of 424 Hospital Rd; hold for investigations
- Chastity Lynette Delap, 46, of 10590 Rd 460; possession of marijuana-vehicle, driving under the influence other substance
- Patrick Tip Ellis, 27, of 1390 George Rd, Forest; failure to appear, possession of paraphernalia
- Cary Hickman, 63, of 122 Ball Park Cove; failure to appear, driving under the influence-1st offense
- Randall James Jenkins, 36, of 10660 Rd 2826; disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, petit larceny-less than \$1000.00
- Danan King, 37, of 1590 Mills Rd, Conehatta; failure to appear
- Darrell King, 32, of 230 Robinhood Cir; hold for other agency
- Frankie Eugene Pruitt, 40, of 100 Sistrunk Ave Lot 4; contempt of court
- Marquez Rush, 29, of 11311 Rd 747; no charges listed
- William Shannon Sciple, 45, of 3775 Stratton Rd, Union; possession of controlled substance, possession

- of marijuana-vehicle, possession of paraphernalia
- Sean Simmermaker, 50, of 10210 Rd 210; hold for other agency
- William Snow, 35, of 11917 Rd 717, Union; possession of paraphernalia, felony pursuit, grand larceny-more than \$1000.00
- Darrell Steele, 54, of 11070 Rd 632; bad check-felony (3rd or sub off or \$100 or more)
- William Andrew Stewart, 41, of 10420 Rd 387; disturbance of family
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- Rusty Burnham, 41, of 10961 Rd 616; domestic violence simple assault-1st
- Jackie Dunn, 39, of 10351 Rd 573; theft of utilities
- Dewarte Jamal Elston, 33, of 1185 Morrisville Rd, Anniston, AL; driving under the influence other substance, possession of marijuana-1st offense
- Janiya Laque Evans, 25, of 338 Little Rock Decatur Rd 7; possession of marijuana-1st offense, felony pursuit, driving under the influence-1st offense, speeding-more than

- 20 miles over limit
- Coleman Randolph Harrington, 38, of 10720 Rd 505, Union; driving under the influence other substance
- Dana Nicole Jones, 28, of 10041 Rd 371; driving under the influence-1st offense
- Steven Ray Moore, 37, of 40 Northwood Dr, Louisville; hold for investigations
- Troy Wilson Jr, 50, of 5761 Turkey Creek Rd, Decatur; driving under the influence-2nd offense

**Meet the Candidates**  
The Neshoba Democrat is authorized to announce the names of the following candidates:

**Mayor**  
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**Rental house fire under investigation**

By DUNCAN DENT  
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A fire at a rental house on Byrd Avenue last week remains under investigation.

No one was injured in a structure fire that engulfed the house on Byrd Avenue near Rea

Street Tuesday, Feb. 2, Deputy Philadelphia Fire Chief Deric Horne said.

Horne said no one was home at the time of the fire. He said they expect the house to be declared a total loss.

No cause or starting point has been determined as investi-

gators continue their assessment.

Horne said they received the call reporting the fire around 7 p.m. on the evening of Feb. 2 and were on scene for over an hour.

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The holiday season presents special challenges for those in recovery. For an individual facing recovery or for family members and loved ones supporting someone in recovery, it may be helpful to understand how individuals have maintained sobriety in the face of stress, anxiety and depression brought on by the holidays.

To name a few methods that may be helpful to maintain sobriety during the holidays would be working out regularly and eating healthy. Sobriety tactics and studies have confirmed that establishing and maintaining healthy habits can be a key component of a successful recovery from drugs or alcohol.

Prioritizing sleep, following safety guidelines to spend time with family and friends, meditating, and being strict with a budget were also helpful tactics.

**TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

Holidays can be stressful, difficult, and even dangerous, especially when it comes to drug and alcohol use. For a safe and happy holiday, it's important to be aware of the dangers, triggers, and strategies needed, to keep anxiety, depression, stress, and addiction under control. If it all gets to be too much, don't be afraid to ask for help.



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# Neshoba Central students earn OSHA certification

By **DEBBIE BURT MYERS**  
Special to the Democrat

Thirty-nine Neshoba Central High School students earned OSHA 10 certification in recent weeks, putting them “a step ahead” when they enter the workforce, administrators said.

The certification program provides students with basic and more advanced training about common safety and health hazards on the job. Students received OSHA 10 course completion cards at the end of the training.

The certification will be a major plus, administrators said, to help students secure future jobs in a number of industrial fields.

Dr. Lundy Brantley, superintendent of education, said OSHA 10 certification “is part of our vision to graduate kids with more than a diploma because credentialing is very

important to career success for these kids.

“When these students go to an employer who requires OSHA 10, that employer is saving time and money because they don’t have to be trained.”

The group included 25 engineering students and nine agriculture/FFA students. Engineering and agriculture along with digital media are three career technical programs offered at the high school.

Engineering teacher Sedera Anderson initiated the OSHA classes, which students took last semester while the school was on a hybrid schedule.

“Any kind of industry has to follow OSHA guidelines,” she said. “We did the general industry so it kind of covered all of them.”

The students, many of which aspire careers in such fields as engineering, architec-

ture, computer science and music production, underwent at least 10 hours of online training on 14 different levels.

“They had to complete each level and score 70 or above to move to the next,” Anderson said. “They had to pass the final exam which covered all levels with a 70 or above score.”

The levels included such things as fire hazards, ladder safety, hazardous materials, ergonomics, among others.

“It even talked about harassment in the work place,” Anderson said. “It basically covers any work hazards that may affect an industry.”

Engineering student Logan Flowers was eager to gain the certification. When asked his reasoning, he quickly replied: “Well, I’m not going to lie to you. It can increase my paycheck!”

Flowers hopes to pursue a career in computer engineer-

ing or computer science after college.

He said attaining the OSHA certification could have been difficult at times but “it was all about how much you applied yourself.”

He particularly enjoyed the class on the different types of hard hats.

Most of the other classes were things you were taught as a kid but not the hard hats, he said.

Flowers also liked the class on workplace violence, which addressed how to report harassment as well as how you would defuse an unexpected situation.

Agriculture instructor Derek Huffman said the certification is already paying off for some of his students who have part time jobs.

“From a vocational setting these days, having OSHA certification gives these students an advantage,” he said. “Some

businesses in our community have already offered some of our students a pay increase.

“If they go into a vocational workforce setting after school or college, they have to meet OSHA guidelines and the certification gives them that advantage.”

High School Assistant Principal Dana McLain noted that these students would have an advantage over other certified job seekers with the same qualifications.

McLain said the OSHA 10 certification program was “just another example of how our district is really investing in our students. We really want them to excel once they graduate from us.”

The Neshoba County School District paid for the students to go through the program.

“The district showed that we care enough to invest in our students’ success,” she

said. “Typically, the individual or the employer has to pay for this training. When our students present their cards which show their OSHA 10 certification, that gives them an advantage.”

High School Principal Jason Gentry said the certification gives the students “a leg up on the competition. We have always said when two people are neck-in-neck for a job, if one of them has this certification, it gives him or her an advantage in moving forward. That’s real important to us.”

Anderson agreed. “It taught them that they will have a voice in any industry they work in by being knowledgeable on OSHA. They will be involved because they see the hazard each day,” she said.

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Members of the Union High School girls basketball team are, front row left to right: Sydney Coward, Kataya Bishop, Keirra Russell, Kamyia Russell, Camenesha Holiday, Aamagine Taylor. Back row, from left: Georgia Cooper, Maddie Cook, Taniqua Hunter, Trinity Lambert, Ramaiyah McDonald, manager, Keshona Smoot, Madison Buckley, Morgan Shaw and Anna Shaw.



Members of the Union High School boys basketball team are: Kenyon Clay, Keon Hutchins, E.J. Campbell, Jamarcus Jones, Dylan Harrison, Troy Campbell, Cameron Pascal, Robert Craft and Bryce Young.

## Union battles through tough region slate

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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Both Union High School basketball teams are holding their own as they battle through their tough Region 6-2A schedule.

The Union boys split a pair of games last week. In their win over Philadelphia, the Yellowjackets scored 19 points in the second quarter to take a 24-18 halftime

lead. Union then outscored Philadelphia 23-8 in the third quarter to put the game away. Bryce Young scored 13 points to lead the Yellowjackets while Kenyon Clay and Jamarcus Jones both put in 12 points.

Union then dropped a 53-46 loss to Newton High School in the final regular season game. Clay and Jones both scored 10 points for Union.

The Yellowjacket teams are in competition with Philadelphia, Lake, Newton and Scott Central. The season standings set the schedule for the Region tournament which will be held the second week of February at Scott Central. The top three teams automatically qualify for the state tournament, The fourth and fifth place teams will have to go through a play-in game.

Coach Matt Wilbanks' Lady Yellowjacket team has been ranked among the top five Class 2A girls team in the state.

"We have been in a slump since the Christmas holidays," Wilbanks said. "We are playing good defense but we haven't been able to score. We played a lot better last Friday night so hopefully we are coming out of it."

Kamyia Russell starts at point guard while Keirra Russell is the No. 2 guard. Keshona Smoot plays the No. 3 guard while Madison Buckley starts at forward and Trinity Lambert is at center. Players also seeing action are Taniqua Hunter and Georgia Cooper.

The Union boys are holding their own in their division and are battling for second place behind Newton

High School.

"We are the type of team that plays good defense and finds a way to win," Coach John Darnell said. "We don't have a lot of depth right now but everyone is playing hard."

E.J. Campbell plays point guard. Bryce Young is the second guard while the forwards are Jamarcus Jones and Kenyon Clay. Dylan Harrison starts at center.

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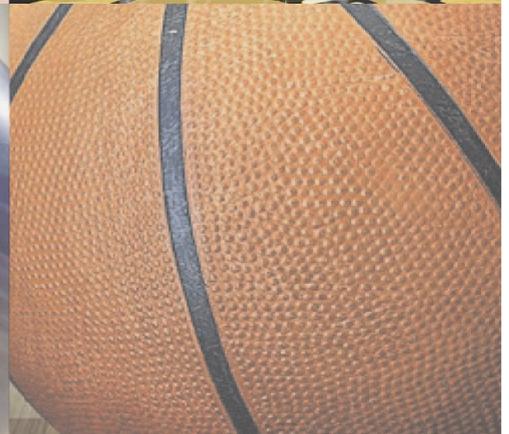
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# Mcbeath enjoys cooking for others

By SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS  
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**E**velyn Mcbeath grew up with a passion for cooking. Her mother, Clara Mae Seales Mcbeath, and late sister Annie Mae Mcbeath, taught her the ins and out of a kitchen. Mcbeath grew up in Philadelphia and graduated from Neshoba Central. Her mother and father, Paul Mcbeath, had her and six other daughters. Mcbeath was the youngest of the children. After high school, Mcbeath began working. She worked as a cook at Neshoba General for 14 years, taking the day shifts and at night worked for the county jail for 24 years. Mcbeath has two daughters and one son. She also is a grandmother of 10 and a great grandmother to one. As a family, the Mcbeaths like to go on trips to different states. The family also gets together on Sundays at Mcbeath's house, where they eat and enjoy each other's company. Mcbeath is passionate about spending time with her family and seeing them whenever she can.

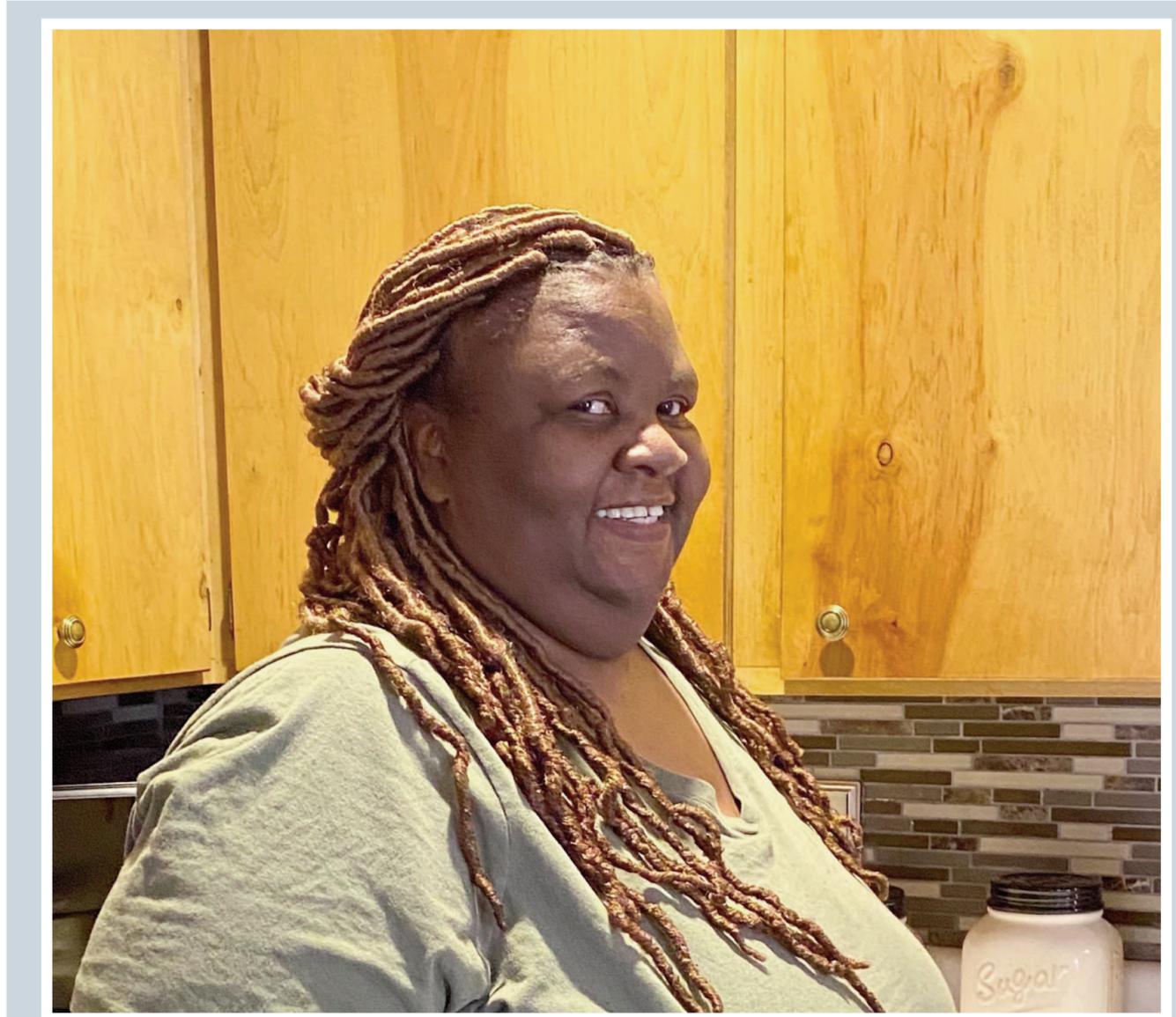
In December, Mcbeath retired. Since retiring, she has been enjoying her downtime and going down to Hattiesburg to visit her granddaughter and great-granddaughter. She is soon planning a trip to Las Vegas to see her nephew. Mcbeath likes spending her time in the kitchen. She enjoys cooking casseroles, pies, and cakes. She bakes and cooks for other people when they need it. If anyone ever needs her to cook something, she will. Mcbeath was able to bond with her fourth sister, Annie Mae Mcbeath, who was one of Mcbeath's biggest cooking influences in her life. One of Mcbeath and her sister's favorite thing to cook was a ground beef casserole. Mcbeath made this recipe this week and added potatoes.

Mcbeath's favorite part about cooking is hoping it comes out right and watching the enjoyment of people eating her food. Her least favorite cooking is the concern of burning something. All of her recipes besides the one she makes her family passes down to her. She also gets recipes from other sources from time to time.

## MILLION DOLLAR CHICKEN CASSEROLE

**Plain Chicken**  
**Yield: 6 people**  
**Prep Time 10 mins Cook Time 30 mins Total Time 40**  
**Ingredients:**  
4½ cups chopped cooked chicken  
4-oz cream cheese, softened  
1 cup cottage cheese  
½ cup sour cream  
1 (10.75-oz) can cream of chicken soup  
¼ tsp garlic powder  
¼ tsp dried onion powder  
1 sleeve Ritz crackers, crushed  
5 Tbsp butter, melted

**Instructions:**  
Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray a 9-inch baking dish with cooking spray



Evelyn Mcbeath

and set aside.

Combine chicken, cream cheese, cottage cheese, sour cream, garlic powder, onion powder, and cream of chicken soup. Spread into prepared pan.

Combine crushed crackers and butter, sprinkle over chicken mixture.

Bake uncovered 30 to 40 minutes.

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servings: 16  
**Ingredients**  
5 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes or Klondike Goldust potatoes  
2 cups mayonnaise (your favorite brand)  
1 cup refrigerated sweet pickle relish  
2 tablespoons yellow mustard, or 1 part yellow + 1 part dijon  
1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar  
1 tablespoon celery seeds  
1/2 teaspoon paprika  
4-5 hard boiled eggs,

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peeled and chopped  
3 celery stalks, diced  
1/2 cup sweet onion, diced  
1 tablespoon fresh chopped dill  
Salt and pepper

### Instructions

Cut the potatoes into quarters and place them in a large stockpot. Fill the pot with cold water until it is 1 inch over the top of the potatoes. Set the pot over high heat and bring to a boil. Once boiling, add 1 tablespoon salt and cook the potatoes for 13-15 minutes, until fork tender.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl mix the mayonnaise, sweet pickle relish including juices, mustard, apple cider vinegar, celery seeds, paprika, 1 teaspoon salt, and pepper to taste. Stir until smooth. Then chop the eggs, celery, onions, and dill.

Once the potatoes are very tender, drain off all the water. Remove the loose peels and chop the potatoes into 1/2-inch chunks. It's okay if they are soft and crumbly. Place the potatoes in a large bowl. Gently mix in the dressing until it coats

the potatoes well. Then stir in the eggs, celery, onions, and dill. Taste, then salt and pepper as needed. Garnish with fresh dill and paprika.

Cover the potato salad and refrigerate for at least 4 hours. If you have time to make it ahead, it tastes even better on day two! Keep refrigerated

## EVELYN'S MILLION DOLLAR POUND CAKE

**Ingredients**  
1 pound butter, softened  
3 cups sugar  
6 large eggs  
4 cups all-purpose flour  
3/4 cup milk  
1 teaspoon almond extract  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

### Directions

Step 1

Beat butter at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy. (The butter will become a lighter yellow color; this is an important step, as the job of the mixer is to incorporate air into the butter so the cake will rise. It will take 1 to 7 minutes, depending on the power of your mixer.) Gradually add sugar, beating at medium speed until light and fluffy. (Again, the times will vary, and butter will turn to a fluffy white.) Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating just until yellow yolk disappears.

### Step 2

Add flour to creamed mixture alternately with milk, beginning and ending with flour. Beat at low speed just until blended after each addition. (The batter should

be smooth and bits of flour should be well incorporated; to rid batter of lumps, stir gently with a rubber spatula.) Stir in extracts.

### Step 3

Pour into a greased and floured 10-inch tube pan. (Use vegetable shortening or butter to grease the pan, getting every nook and cranny covered. Sprinkle a light coating of flour over the greased surface.)

### Step 4

Bake at 300° for 1 hour and 40 minutes or until a long wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan on a wire rack 10 to 15 minutes. Remove from pan, and cool completely on a wire

## Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS  
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Philadelphia High School Tornado football player, Jatarian Hudson, signed with East Central Community College on National Signing Day, February 3. He will be a member of the Warrior team. Jatarian has been a valuable member of the Tornado team. His very proud parents are Michael and Jevoynus Hudson.

Joining Jatarian from Neshoba Central High School is Keaston Pearson who was an outstanding Rocket football player. He also signed with East Central Community College. His excited parents are Marvin and Pamela Pearson. Congratulations to these two young men.

A senior, Will Adams, from Copiah Academy with Philadelphia ties has signed to play tennis at Millsaps College in Jackson.

Not only did Will receive a tennis scholarship, but he also received the Presidential and Merit Scholars Program Scholarships, an honor given to very few students. Will has also been the recipient of

numerous awards and honors during his high school career. He is a member of the Class of 2021

His proud parents are Shannon and Lee Dansby Adams of Hazelhurst. Local grandparents are Laura Bryan and Bill and Joyce Dansby. He also has an Uncle Steve Dansby and Aunt Deena Dansby, and several cousins in Philadelphia who are very proud of him, too. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Lan Pickle and Pam Franklin who were married in Las Vegas, Nevada on January 30, 2020. The couple had a simple ceremony in the chapel at the Belagio. Lan is the son of the late Sarah McKay of Philadelphia and the nephew of the late Rachel Evens. His son, Alan Thomas Pickle, is a student at the University of Mississippi. Best wishes for much happiness.

One of Philadelphia's most charming ladies celebrated her 85th birthday on January 29. Dawn Mars was honored by her close family members on the occasion. She has been a very vital part of Philadelphia

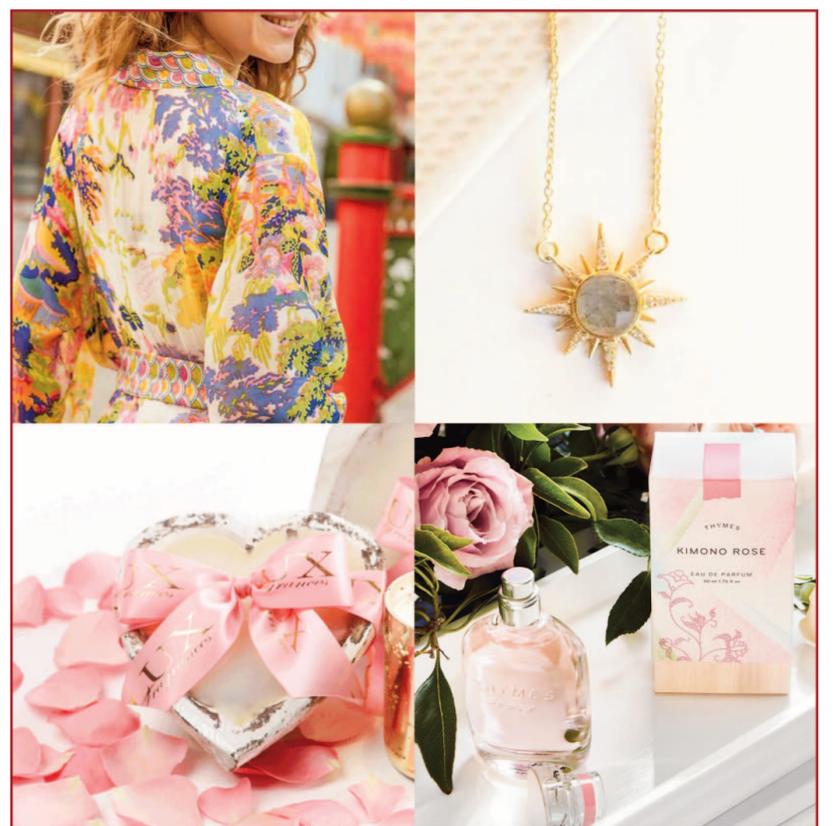
for many years and raised a family who also carries on her legacy. Happy Birthday!

2020 was another great year of Junior High Rodeo for Annie Kate White and her horse, Swirl. Riding Swirl, Annie Kate entered the Mississippi Junior Division Reined Cow Horse and Cutting competitions.

Annie Kate won the Reserved Champion Junior Reined Cow Horse Award and she and Swirl were in the top 5 Junior Cutting Horse competition.

Winning these awards is no easy task. It takes many hours of work and practice on horseback to perfect the essential skills to win. Annie Kate's proud parents are William and Leigh Ann Hatcher White. Congratulations to Annie Kate and Swirl!

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with children interested in joining need to call the Neshoba Extension Office at 601-656-4011 and/or email us at ca783@msstate.edu. When you get in touch with us, you will learn what is necessary to enroll in 4H as well as all the details associated with joining this particular club.

## 4H WOODWORKING CLUB

Neshoba County 4H is restarting its Woodworking Club for youth ages 10-14 who would like to learn the basics of woodworking.

Local volunteers are donating tools, time, and wisdom to safely teach our youth the joy and fulfillment of the craft. Participants will learn shop safety along with a wealth of other skills and woodworking techniques. The cost to join is only \$25. Parents of children interested in joining need to call the Neshoba County Extension Office to enroll. The class is limited to 8 participants, so it will be first come first serve. For questions or to enroll please contact Austin Ainsworth, Neshoba County Extension Agent, at 601-565-4011.



## Hunter signs with Auburn

Neshoba Central's Jarquez Hunter signed with the Auburn University to further his career in football as a War Eagle. Jarquez will be a 2021 graduate of Neshoba Central and he has been a four-year starter for the Rocket football team. He is the son of Kenshay Hunter and Kenyatta Ragsdale. Pictured are, front row from left, Kenshay Hunter, Jarquez Hunter and Kenyatta Ragsdale; second row from left, coaches Jacob Johnson, Kip Turner, Dareyl Carter, Brian Anderson, Shannon Ruffin, Head Coach Patrick Schoolar, Curtis Blackburn and David Huffman.



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## Hudson signs with East Mississippi

Philadelphia High School's Jatarian Hudson has signed to play football with East Mississippi Community College. Looking on as Hudson, center, signed were, from left, Angel Hudson (sister), Jevonious Hudson (mother), Michael Hudson (father), Robert-Henry Hudson and D'kota Hudson (sister).



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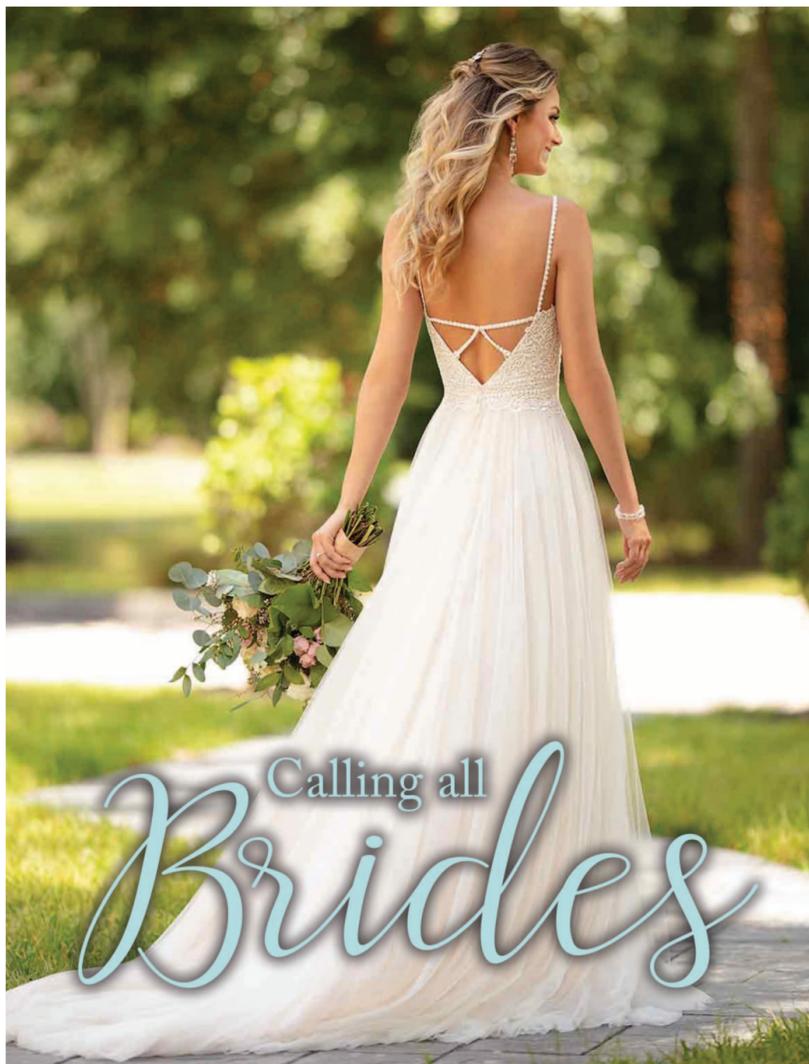
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## Pearson signs with East Central

Neshoba Central's Keaston Pearson signed with East Central Community College to further his career in football as a EC Warrior. He will be a 2021 graduate and has been a member of the Rocket football team for 4 years. He is the son of Marvin & Pamela Pearson. Pictured are, front row from left, Marvin Pearson, Keaston Pearson & Pamela Pearson; second row from left, coaches: David Huffman, Curtis Blackburn, Dareyl Carter, Head Coach Patrick Schoolar, Brian Anderson, Shannon Ruffin, Kip Fulton and Jacob Johnson.

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## LEGALS

### LEGALS

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI LINDSEY GARRARD PETITIONER VS. CAUSE NO. 2016-N0217 KENNETH MEASELL RESPONDENT RULE 81(d) SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: Kenneth Measell, whose current physical whereabouts are unknown after diligent search and inquiry you have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Lindsey Garrard for contempt and modification of child support and custody. You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition at 9:00 a.m. on the 5th day of March, 2021, in the courtroom of the Jasper County Chancery Courthouse in Bay Springs, 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 this Court, this the 28th day of January, 2021. George T. Hayes, Chancery Clerk Newton County, Mississippi BY: /s/Christie Buffington D.C. 52345

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS, on January 8, 2008, Depot Marketplace, LLC executed a Land Deed of Trust to Robert Thomas, Trustee for the benefit of The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, which Deed of Trust is filed for record in Book 2008 at Page 275 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi ("DOT 1"); and WHEREAS, on October 21, 2011, Depot Marketplace, LLC executed a Land Deed of Trust to Robert Thomas, Trustee for the benefit of The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, which Deed of Trust is filed for record in Book 2011 at Page 7670 in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk ("DOT 2"); and WHEREAS, on February 13, 2013, Depot Marketplace, LLC executed a Deed of Trust for the benefit of The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, which Deed of Trust is filed for record in Book 2013 at Page 2985 in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk ("DOT 3") (DOT 1, DOT 2, and DOT 3 and hereinafter referred to as the "Deeds of Trust"); and WHEREAS, The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia filed its Amended Verified Complaint ("Complaint") on September 6, 2018, in the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi ("the Chancery Court"), Civil Action No. 2018-211, requesting, among other things, foreclosure of the real property described in the Deeds of Trust; and WHEREAS, on or about June 12, 2018, in connection with its filing of the Complaint, The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia recorded a Lis Pendens Notice in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, in Book 30470 at Page 59; and WHEREAS, the Chancery Court entered its Default Judgment Against Depot Marketplace, LLC; et al in Civil

Action No. 2018-211 on December 17, 2020 (the "Default Judgment"), appointing Jeffrey R. Barber as Special Commissioner and directing and authorizing Jeffrey R. Barber, Special Commissioner, to proceed with foreclosure of the real property described in the Deeds of Trust, and the equipment, fixtures, and other articles of personal property attached or affixed to said real property; and WHEREAS, the Chancery Court entered its Agreed Judgment Under Miss. R. Civ. P. 54(b) in Civil Action No. 2018-211 on December 17, 2020 (the "Agreed Judgment"); and WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the terms and conditions of the Deeds of Trust, and the entire indebtedness secured thereby being due and payable pursuant to the terms of the Deeds of Trust, and the Chancery Court having directed and authorized the undersigned Special Commissioner so to do, I will, on the 26th day of February, 2021, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during legal hours, being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at the north door of the County Courthouse of Neshoba County in Philadelphia, Mississippi, for cash to the highest and best bidder, the following described land and property located at 257 West Beacon Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi (the "Property") lying and being situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Tract I: A parcel of land containing 4.00 acres and containing Block 123, 132, and 133 and parts of Lots 1 & 8 in Block 124, parts of Lots 1, 2 & 5 in Block 131, parts of Lots 1, 2, 3, & 4 in Block 134 and part of Lot 4 in Block 140, as shown on the plat of West Philadelphia, Mississippi as recorded in Plat Book No. 1 on page 2 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point located at the intersection of the Southern side of Block 123 of West Philadelphia and the Western side of the Kansas City Southern Railroad right-of-way, run North 30 degrees and 05 minutes East along said Western railroad right-of-way for 234.00 feet; thence continue along said right-of-way which begins a 2868.54 feet radius curve to the left for an arc distance of 543.88 feet (Chord bearing and distance is North 24 degrees and 40 minutes East for 543.06 feet); thence West for 417.05 feet to a point in the center of a ditch, thence South along the center of said ditch for 177.13 feet to a point on the Northern right-of-way of Beacon Street; thence East along the North right-of-way of Beacon Street for 41.22 feet to the Point of Beginning. DESCRIPTION OF ACCESS EASEMENT: A strip of land along the Eastern side of Block 141 of West Philadelphia, Mississippi, as recorded in Plat Book No. 1 on page 2

in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County and more particularly described as follows: From a point located at the intersection of the Southern side of Block 123 of West Philadelphia and the Western side of the Kansas City Southern Railroad right-of-way, run North 30 degrees 05 minutes East along said West railroad right-of-way for 234.00 feet; thence continue along said right-of-way which begins a 2868.54 feet radius curve to the left for an arc distance of 543.88 feet (Chord bearing and distance is North 24 degrees and 40 minutes East for 543.06 feet) to the Point of Beginning of the following described access easement. From said Point of Beginning run West for 20.00 feet; thence North 32 degrees 41 minutes East for 56.49 feet; thence North 92.15 feet to a point on the Southern side of Gum Street; thence South 76 degrees and 20 minutes East along the Southern side of Gum Street for 32.58 feet to a point on the Western side of said railroad right-of-way; thence South 17 degrees 43 minutes West along said railroad right-of-way for 138.57 feet to the Point of Beginning. Tract II: The West 75 feet of that 100 feet wide strip of land lying Westerly of the Main Track centerline of the Kansas City Southern Railroad Company in the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 11 East of the Choctaw Meridian, Neshoba County, Mississippi, bounded on the South by the North line of Beacon Street in Philadelphia, Mississippi; and bounded on the North by the South line of Gum Street in Philadelphia, Mississippi. This parcel is subject to a 20 feet wide easement for Spur Track No. 4 granted by the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company to the Gulf & Mississippi Railroad Corporation as referenced in deed dated June 27, 1985. FURTHER, in conjunction with the aforesaid sale of the Property located at 257 West Beacon Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, and at the same place and time as said sale, I will offer for sale at public outcry and sell for cash to the highest and best bidder, all equipment, fixtures, and other articles of personal property attached or affixed to the aforesaid Property. No representation is made as to the existence or condition of such equipment, fixtures, and other articles of personal property described above. All of such equipment, fixtures, and other articles of personal property described above will be sold as is and where is. There is no warranty relating to title, possession, quiet enjoyment, fitness, merchantability or the like in this sale and disposition of the collateral. For clarity, the sale will not include equipment or personal property owned by tenants of the Property. Foreclosure will be made subject to any unpaid ad valorem taxes for 2020. Pursuant to the Default Judgment and the Agreed Judgment entered by the Chancery Court, the sale will be conducted as follows: (1) Jeffrey R. Barber, Special Commis-

sioner, shall read the notice of sale. (2) The Property shall then be offered for sale. (3) The highest bid received shall control. (4) The sale shall be for cash payable by certified funds, cashier's check or wire transfer to Jeffrey R. Barber, Special Commissioner, unless The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia is the successful bidder in which case any bid amount shall be paid as a credit on the Default Judgment entered in Civil Action No. 2018-211 on December 17, 2020, due to The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia as set forth in the Default Judgment. All funds payable shall be delivered on the day of the sale. (5) Any funds received at the sale shall be deposited in the trust account of Jones Walker LLP and shall be held in such account pending further order of the Chancery Court. (6) After the sale, Jeffrey R. Barber, Special Commissioner, shall file with the Chancery Court his report of the sale together with the proposed form of the deed and the proposed disbursement of the sale proceeds. The report shall request that the Chancery Court authorize execution, delivery and recording of the deed and disbursement of the sale proceeds as set forth in the Default Judgment. (7) In the event the Chancery Court approves the report, the Special Commissioner's Deed shall convey the Property described above to the successful bidder without warranty of title. (8) The foreclosure sale will terminate and cut off the interests of all parties in and to the Property described above. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 29th day of January, 2021. /S/JEFFREY R. BARBER, SPECIAL COMMISSIONER JONES WALKER LLP Attorneys at Law P. O. Box 427 Jackson, Mississippi 39205(601) 949-4900 PUBLISH: February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2021 52346

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS. /S/ GUY NOWELL CLERK OF THE BOARD NESHOBA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 52359

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBA COUNTY THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MALCOLM ISAAC CHRISTOPHER TUBBY, PETITIONER CAUSE NO. 21-12 NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters of Administration having been granted on the 5 day of February, 2021, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Christopher Tubby, upon the estate of Malcolm Isaac, 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 5th day of February, 2021. Respectfully submitted, /S/ Christopher Tubby Christopher Tubby, Administrator TERRY L. JORDAN Attorney at Law, PLLC Post Office Drawer 459 Philadelphia, MS 39350 Phone: (601) 656-2451 Fax: (601) 656-2458 MS State Bar No. 3234 52362

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LAURA LUCILLE PARKER, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NO: 2020-161 WANDA WOODRUFF, 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 LAURA LUCILLE PARKER, deceased. You have been made a Respondent in the Motion to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Wanda Woodruff Petitioner, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-at-law of Laura Lucille Parker, deceased, as fully set out in the Motion on file in the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Motion to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 25th day of March, 2021, in the courtroom of Winston County in Louisville, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 25th day of January, 2021. /s/ Guy Nowell Guy Nowell, Chancery Court Clerk Neshoba County, Mississippi SEALBY: /s/ K. Greer, D.C. Steven D Settlementires Settlementires & Graham 410 East Beacon Street Philadelphia, MS 39350 601-656-9597 MSBN 9967452343

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# WINTER SPORTS



Members of the Choctaw Central girls basketball team are, front row left to right, Yuri Crosby, Kylie Williamson, Mattison Bell, Lyleonia Johnson, Shantashia John, Tyra Billy, (back) Meloney Thames, LaLiana Crosby, Sara Williams, Jocelyn Bell, Kyla Farmer, Carly Keats and Neera Bell.



Members of the Choctaw Central boys basketball team are, front row left to right, Manager D'vante Isaac, Billie Isom, Brayson Samuel, Elias Bell, Abram Cotton, Johnny Vaughn Jr., Ivan Thomas, (back) Head Coach Brent Farmer, Hayden Jones, Speedy Lewis, Thomas Tangle, Alan John Jr., Traiton Martin, Assistant Coach Jimmy Tangle.

## Goal remains the same for Lady Warriors

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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For the Choctaw Central Lady Warriors, the goal remains the same – win the state championship in girls basketball.

The Choctaw Central basketball teams closed out their regular season schedules with victories last week, and now

look forward to the playoffs.

The Choctaw Central boys picked up two wins as they knocked off Northeast Lauderdale 70-58 and Louisville 73-60.

The Choctaw Central girls earned three victories. They defeated West Lauderdale 81-33 in a makeup game. The Lady Warriors then beat Northeast

Lauderdale 79-66 and Louisville 65-42.

The Warrior teams will play in the Region 4-4A tournament this week at Louisville. The Warriors open against Louisville on Tuesday. The Lady Warriors, now 19-3, will play Thursday night at 5 p.m. against the winner of Leake Central and Kosciusko.

“We are still doing the same thing,” Coach Bill Smith said. “We are running a full-court press and getting the ball up the court.”

“The goal every year is to win the state championship and it is no different this year. We are looking forward to getting into the state playoffs and we’ll see how we do,”

Carly Keats, Meloney Thames and Shantashia John play the guard positions. Kyla Farmer plays the post and Lyleonia Johnson is the center.

Smith said the Lady Warriors are staying clear of the COVID-19.

“We have been clear during the last month, knock on wood,” Smith said. “We just

hope it stays that way.”

The Choctaw Central boys are going through a rebuilding year. So far, they stand at 6-12 overall and 2-4 in the region.

Brayson Samuel plays point guard for the Warriors. Speedy Lewis is the second guard while Elias Bell and Thomas Tangle are the forwards. Traiton Martin is the center.



Members of the Philadelphia High School girls basketball team are, front left to right, Niasia Moore, Pashae Roberson, Jaiden Burnside, Zharria Leflore, Markasia Dupree, Hailey Donald, Ariel Burnside (back) Shaytrece Mingo, Kacey Nickey, Jaenasha Clemons, Emma Taylor, Jada Gray, Ambriah Parker, Zariyah Jackson, and Nisha McCarty.



Members of the Philadelphia High School boys basketball team are, front left to right, Jarderious Stephens, Jahendrick Evans, Trey Hunter, Trekivas Bingham, Austin Donald, Haven Coburn, Laydric Carter (back) Jaylen Jackson, Jarden Sanders, Devontae Scott, Jordan Davis, Andrew Carter, Zykileous Moore, Jatarian Hudson and Jaelon Carter.

## Tornadoes getting ready for postseason play

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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With the Region 6-2A tournament here, both Philadelphia Tornado teams are gearing up for the upcoming state playoffs.

The region tournament is being held at Scott Central. The top three teams will have a place in the upcoming Class 2A state tournament. The fourth and fifth place teams will meet in a play-in game.

Both Philadelphia teams have new head

coaches. Robert Byrd coached the girls last year. This year, he is coaching the boys. Danielle Spurlock is coaching the girls team.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on Philadelphia basketball.

“We didn’t start playing until December,” Coach Danielle Spurlock “That gave us a lot of practice time so we will take the good with the bad. It has been different, having to go through all of the safety guidelines, making sure our kids are safe. They are very adaptive.”

Spurlock said the Lady Tornadoes are play-

ing a zone defense but will do some pressing as the season progresses.

Hailey Donald and Zhaire Leflore play the guard positions. The forwards of Markasia Dupree and Jaenasha Clemons, and Emma Taylor is at center.

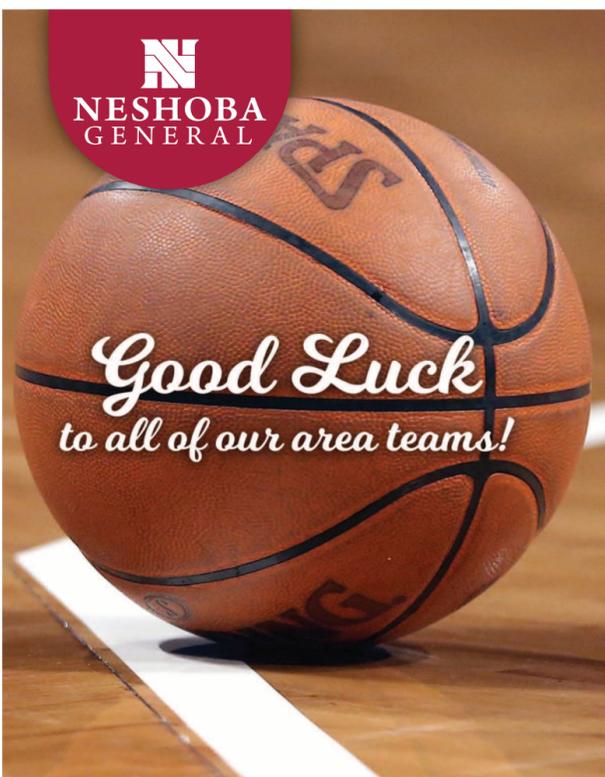
The Philadelphia boys have been competitive in region play and have already split with the always tough Newton Tigers.

The Philadelphia High School boys face the Union boys for the third time in as many weeks Thursday night when the two teams collide in

the Region 6-2A basketball tournament being held at Scott Central.

The matchup of area teams tips off at 8:30 p.m. The Union boys have won the previous two games, 50-47 in the first meeting and 57-42 last Tuesday.

The winner of this week’s game advances to the championship game on Friday night, starting at 8:30 p.m. They will play the winner of the matchup between top seeded Newton High School and the winner of a Tuesday play-in game between Scott Central and Lake.



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Members of the Neshoba Central boys basketball team are, front row left to right, Brighton Jimmie, DJ Cole, Carmello Whitfield, William Dreyfuss, Dexter Spencer, Bryce Spencer, Isaiah Ruffin, David Nash (Back) RJ Hudson, Xaiden Willis, Jarquez Hunter, Zae Gooden and Bo Holly.



Members of the Neshoba Central girls basketball team are, front row left to right, Rodezah Smith, Hama'ya Fielder, Onnahili Williams, Sanaa Merrell, Heaven Dixon, Jale-siya Jim, Shante Beaulieu (Back) Veronica Williams, Bailey Willis, Elleigh Willis, Mataeya Dixon, Shaylynn Hunter, Katelin Williams, Aaliyah Tahawah, Mahli Mitch\*, Denise Denson and Nalani Thompson.

# Lady Rockets zero in on region championship

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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Neshoba Central will be hosting the Region 3-5A basketball tournament this week.

Joining the Rockets in the region are Cleveland Central, Holmes County Central and Canton High School. Two games will be played each night as a COVID-19 precaution. The schedule is as follows:

- Monday's games: 6 p.m. – Holmes County vs. Cleveland girls; 7:30 p.m. – Holmes Central vs. Neshoba Central boys;
- Tuesday's games: 6 p.m. –

Canton vs. Neshoba Central girls; 7:30 p.m. – Cleveland Central vs. Canton boys.

- Thursday's games: 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Girls and boys consolation games;
- Friday's games: 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Girls and boys championship games.

The Neshoba Central girls entered the tournament with a 19-4 record after splitting a pair of games last week. The Lady Rockets defeated Noxubee County 80-53 and the dropped a 69-53 decision to Madison Central.

Against Noxubee County,

the Lady Rockets went up 25-13 at the end of the first quarter. Neshoba Central outscored the Lady Tigers 12-10 in the second quarter and led 37-23 at the half. Neshoba Central scored 26 points in the third quarter while holding the Lady Tigers to 14 points and that settled the issue.

Hama'ya Fielder scored 20 points to lead the Lady Rockets past Noxubee County. Jelesiya Jim put in 11 points.

Madison Central led 18-12 after the first quarter. The game evened up for the next two quarters with the Lady Jaguars holding a 43-38 lead going into the

final quarter. The Madison Central outpointed the Lady Rockets 26-15 in the final quarter to take the win.

Fielder led with 17 points and Jim scored 10. Shaylynn Hunter scored nine points.

The Neshoba Central boys went 2-0 last week. The Rockets defeated Noxubee County 49-48 and Madison Central 60-52. No other details were available.

"It's been a good year," said Coach Jason Broom who is in his first season as head coach with the Lady Rockets. "We lost a couple of early games but

since we have been playing some good basketball. Hopefully, this will carry over into the playoffs."

Shae Hunter is the point guard while Shante' Beaulieu plays the second guard and Hana'ya Fielder plays the third guard. Jelesiya Jim plays forward and Veronica Williams is the center.

The Neshoba Central boys are looking to turn things around in the region tournament. This so far has been a rebuilding year under first year coach Russell Cruise.

The Rockets will probably

enter the region tournament as the third or fourth place team. But, in a four-team tournament, they will have to be ready for all of the teams anyway.

"We are a young team in some areas," Cruise said. "But we have some talent. We are trying to put things together."

Elijah Ruffin is the point guard while Zae Goodin plays the second guard and Bryceton Jimmie is the strong guard. Bryceton Spencer plays forward and David Nash is the center. Also expected to see playing time will be Brighton Jimmie and Jarquez Hunter.

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Members of the Leake Academy basketball team are, front row left to right, John David Moore, Henry Dabbs, Seth Alford, Nic Sprayberry and Thomas Word Strength, (middle) Hagan Davis, Reed Young, Whitt Welch, Talon McCall, Aiden Watkins, and Parker Thomas, (back) Clay Kemp, Gunter Scott, Jackson Freeny, Andrew Le, Sam Evans, Garrett Dunn and Jarod Sims.



Members of the Leake Academy girls basketball team are, front row left to right, Morgan Freeny, Natalie Vaughn, manager Parker Woods, Grace Maxie and McKinley Peoples, (middle) Ramzy Beth Johnston, McKinley Allen, Emmi Harkins, Mabry Mayfield, Laura Katherine Clair, Alli Grace Perry, Laney Turner and Parks Chandler, (back) manager Caitlin McDonald, Miriam Prince, Kaleigh Wooten, Maggie Stevens, Kayte Jones, Emeri Warren, Allen Kaye Wilcox and manager Tori Pigg.

## Leake Lady Rebels ready for playoffs

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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The Leake Academy girls advanced to the North State Class 4A tournament as they captured the district championship Saturday night.

The Lady Rebels opened the tournament with a 58-21 win over Starkville. In the finals, the Lady Rebels defeated Lamar School 57-37.

Leake Academy now improves to 28-2. They were to play Washington School Tuesday. The winner advances to the semifinals of Friday. The finals will be played Saturday.

Emmi Harkins scored 18

points to lead the Lady Rebels past Starkville. Leake Academy led 28-17 at the half, and held the Lady Volunteers to only four points in the second half. Grace Maxey added 10 points while Laura Katherine Clair and Emeri Warren both scored eight.

Harkins scored 20 points and Miriam Prince put in 16 to lead the Lady Rebels over Lamar School in the finals. Leake Academy led 32-13 at the half and held on for the victory.

### Leake Academy boys

The Leake Academy boys made it to the finals of the district tournament before

falling to Heritage.

The Rebels defeated Winston 67-33 to open the tournament, and then beat Heritage 60-42. In the finals, Starkville defeated Leake Academy 56-40.

The Rebels entered the North State tournament Tuesday against host Pillow Academy.

Against Winston, the Rebels went up 41-16 at the half. Hagen Davis and Clay Kemp both led with 15 point each.

Kemp scored 22 points to lead the Rebels past Heritage. Leading 26-25 at the half, Leake Academy came on strong in the third quarter. The Rebels outscored the

Patriots 15-5 in the third quarter to carry a 41-30 lead into the final quarter. The Rebels would outscore Heritage 19-12 in the final stanza to take the win. Whitt Welch and Henry Dabbs both added 13 each to take the win.

In the finals, Starkville Academy took a 27-15 half-time lead and held on for the victory. Kemp scored 20 points and Garrett Dunn put in nine.

"The thing about this team is that all of our starters are good shooters," Coach Amanda Hatch said. "If someone is having an off night on offense, someone else will step up with a hot hand. And this group plays

very good defense."

Hatch added that her team has been able to stay well.

"Let's hope we can do it for five or six more weeks," Hatch said. "We have had a few cases of the COVID but it has been limited. We hope it stays that way."

Emmi Harkins is starting at point guard while Morgan Freeny and Miriam Prince playing at the other guards. Emeri Warren and Mabry Mayfield start at the forwards.

This has been a rebuilding year for the Leake Academy boys but longtime coach Phil Shepard says the team is showing improvement.

"Our scoring is improv-

ing," Shepard said. "We lost a couple of games last week that we had a chance to win."

"We just need to keep improving with the playoffs coming up. If we make it out of district and into the playoffs, anything can happen."

The Rebels stand at 7-12 overall and 4-5 in the district standings.

Clay Kemp starts at point guard with Hagen Davis at the two and Whitt Welch at the three, Garrett Dnnn starts at the four and Nic Sprayberry is at the five. Rotating in through a game will be Thomas Strength, Henry Dabbs, Gunner Scott, Reed Young and Parker Thomas.



Members of the Choctaw Central boys soccer team are, front row left to right, Rocky Steve, Kazden Henry, Aven Joe, Andre'as Jim, Aison Jim, Arral Frazier, and Kashton Grisham (Back) Kyler Jefferson (Manager), Christian Davis, Jaeon Johnson, Alarys Johnson, Kearson Grisham, Brannon Jim, and Coach Jackson. Not pictured: Aiden Alex, Tristen Henry, Gabe Anderson, Assistant Coach Cam



Members of the Choctaw Central girls soccer team are, front row left to right, Almera Charlie (Manager), Sierra Wallace, Jaiden Thomas, Leilani Charlie, Charlita Gibson, Syke Bell, Madison Wilson, Leia Phillips, and Zaiya Bell (Back) Lexi Rodriguez, Tayla Willis, Lakylee Martin, Hunter Farve, Raiyleigh Perry, Catherine Jim, Felicia Hickman, Emalayah King, and Assistant Coach Jackson. Not pictured: Yazzlyn Alex, Trishelle John, Ashanti Bell, and Coach Cam

## Warrior soccer goes through rebuilding season

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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The COVID-19 pandemic didn't give the Choctaw Central soccer teams very much time to prepare for the season and caused the cancellation of several games.

Cambree York was the new girls coach and Lester

Jackson was the boys coach. Each also served as each other's assistant coach as well.

Choctaw Central was able to play a mostly district schedule. The Lady Warriors finished with a 5-4 record while the Warriors went 2-7.

"Both teams lost a lot of players to graduation and we

were rebuilding this year," Coach York said. "Both teams showed improvement during the season and we should be stronger next season."

"We lost several games to COVID. We were able to get the team together, practice for a week, and then we were playing games."

York noted that the Lady Warriors lost their season opener 3-0 to Newton County. In the final game, they lost to Newton County in overtime.

Catherine Jim was the goalie and was named most improved on the team. Raiyleigh Perry, Jaiden Thomas and Hunter Farve

played the striker positions while the midfielders were Sierra Wallace, Madison Wilson and MVP Yazzlyn Alex. The defenders were Leilani Charlie, Charlita Gibson, Leia Phillips and Kylinn Bell.

Aison Jim played goalie for the boys team. The strikers were Kazden Henry,

Aven Joe and Aison Jim. While the midfielders were Kashton Grisham, Ira Anderson Christian Davis. The defenders are Brannon Jim, Kearson Grisham, and Gabe Anderson.

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Members of the Philadelphia High School girls soccer team are, front row left to right: Giselle Spurlock, Charmaine Manzano, Paris Hantzis, Rayleigh Parkison (keeper), Brooke Leader, Ruthie Storment, and Abby Peoples (Back) D'Kota Hudson, Lakyia Houston, Maggie Taylor, Carleigh Edwards, Elesha Frazier, Courtney Bounds (coach), Emma Creel, Zahrea Griffin, Jakatelyn McClendon, Tachaslan Greer, and Sarah Renee Richardson.



Members of the Philadelphia High School boys soccer team are, left to right: Brice Crockett, John Cross Beckham, Adrian Luke, Tristin Shannon, Cameron Goss, Connor Long, Lathan Johnson, Zachary Willis, Trey Posey, Kameron Tucker, and CJ Chaney.



Members of the Neshoba Central boys soccer team are, front row left to right: Evan Hallford, Carter Withers, Lucas Maxwell-McArthur, Colin Crenshaw, Dylan Spears, Jonathan Hancock, Isaac Pilgrim, Christian Collins, Jordan Kabore, Logan Collins (Middle) Kaden McDonald, Omar Williams, Cadan Jones, Thomas Saunders, Cobie Spencer, Cooper Evans, Addison Dees, Ethan Apperson, Hayden Burrage, Gunner Pitt, Parker Scott Moody (Back) Coach Jared Lee, Ayden Fortune, Christian Steve, Evan Boatner, Talbott Sistrunk, David Carter, Ethan Wright, Luke Wilborn, Ethan Dulay, Blake Sanders, Kody Tucker and Coach Kaitlyn Duke.

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Members of the Union High School boys basketball team are, front row left to right, Dorian Hunter, Troy Campbell, Bryce Young, Jada Russell, E.J. Campbell, Jamarcus Jones, Dylan Harrison, Robert Craft and Xavier Boler (Back), Keon Hutchins, Michael Gibson, Laz Williams, Cameron Pascal, Kenyon Clay, Cam Hickman, Jaylin Rogers, Matthew Lott and Dominique Harrison.

## Union battles through tough region slate

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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Both Union High School basketball teams are holding their own as they battle through their tough Region 6-2A schedule.

The Union boys split a pair of games last week. In their win over Philadelphia, the Yellowjackets scored 19 points in the second quarter to take a 24-18 halftime

lead. Union then outscored Philadelphia 23-8 in the third quarter to put the game away. Bryce Young scored 13 points to lead the Yellowjackets while Kenyon Clay and Jamarcus Jones both put in 12 points.

Union then dropped a 53-46 loss to Newton High School in the final regular season game. Clay and Jones both scored 10 points for Union.

The Yellowjacket teams are in competition with Philadelphia, Lake, Newton and Scott Central. The season standings set the schedule for the Region tournament which will be held the second week of February at Scott Central. The top three teams automatically qualify for the state tournament, The fourth and fifth place teams will have to go through a play-in game.

Coach Matt Wilbanks' Lady Yellowjacket team has been ranked among the top five Class 2A girls team in the state.

"We have been in a slump since the Christmas holidays," Wilbanks said. "We are playing good defense but we haven't been able to score. We played a lot better last Friday night so hopefully we are coming out of it."

Kamyia Russell starts at point guard while Keirra Russell is the No. 2 guard. Keshona Smoot plays the No. 3 guard while Madison Buckley starts at forward and Trinity Lambert is at center. Players also seeing action are Taniqua Hunter and Georgia Cooper.

The Union boys are holding their own in their division and are battling for second place behind Newton

High School.

"We are the type of team that plays good defense and finds a way to win," Coach John Darnell said. "We don't have a lot of depth right now but everyone is playing hard."

E.J. Campbell plays point guard. Bryce Young is the second guard while the forwards are Jamarcus Jones and Kenyon Clay. Dylan Harrison starts at center.

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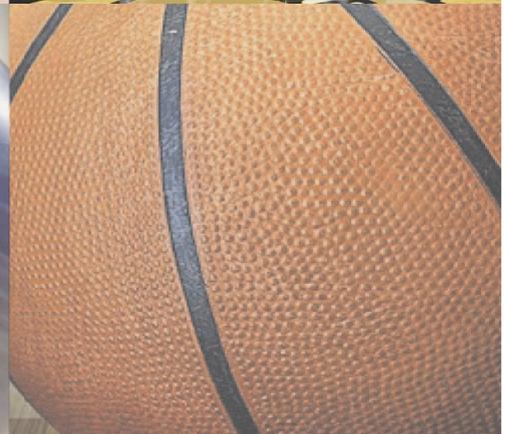
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