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CO-OP TO STALLO

Deputies led on 25-mile pursuit

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@neshobademocrat.com

A woman suspected of being intoxicated led Sheriff's deputies on a 25-mile pursuit from the Co-Op all the way to Stallo before daylight Monday morning.

Olivia Massey, 33, of 12580 County Road 759, was arrested and charged with felony fleeing, failure to yield to blue lights, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and driving under the influence first offense.

The pursuit, which began near the Neshoba County Co-Op on Main Street during a traffic stop, ended just a quarter-mile short of the Winston County line with Massey zig-zagging down county roads in and around Burnside, Dunn Road and points north.

Massey has been denied bond on the felony fleeing charge and has a hold for another agency, officials said. The other charges have a total of \$3,100 in bond.

Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark said deputies pulled

Massey over in front of the Co-op at approximately 5:15 a.m. Monday, March 1.

Massey was driving a black Cadillac SRX SUV and was spotted driving erratically and stopping in the roadway.

Clark said he talked to Massey after she led deputies on the 25-mile chase and said



Olivia Massey

she seemed impaired to him at that time as well.

Clark said deputies had pulled Massey over and were running her driver's license. They had the door open and were trying to remove her keys when she decided to flee.

Clark said his deputies were able to get out of the way but one was reaching into the car at the time she sped off.

Clark said deputies followed the Cadillac east on Main Street, disregarding several traffic lights, before turning north on Pecan Avenue.

Meanwhile, Clark said she was passing other vehicles on the road in a dangerous manner.

The suspect then got onto Mississippi 15 north and proceeded toward Stallo.

Clark said she led deputies around Burnside before taking a left on County Road 571 crisscrossing a number of county roads.

"At one point I think she turned around and started heading toward deputies," Clark said.

Eventually, she would get

back onto Mississippi 15 before turning onto Road 832 headed for the Winston County line.

At this time, Clark said Massey lost control of her vehicle and went off the road into an embankment between a quarter-mile and a half-mile from the Winston County line.

"My guys did a really good job," Clark said.

"She was obviously impaired and they did a good job of getting her off the road. She put a lot of other people in danger."

state champions



Photo by Robbie Robertson

The Leake Academy girls celebrate winning the Class AAAA state championship on Saturday at Hillcrest Christian. The team is now competing in the MAIS Overall Tournament on a mission to win that title. — See story, 4B.

ESCAPES JAIL

Inmate flees for birthday supper

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@neshobademocrat.com

A Neshoba County jail inmate escaped custody while being booked last Thursday to enjoy a birthday dinner at his mother's home near Dixon.

Jacob Ryan Dove, 29, of 10720 Road 149 has been brought back into custody after he escaped from the Neshoba County jail Thursday afternoon and ended up on the Fork Road in a ditch.

Sheriff Eric Clark said they brought Dove back into custody later that evening without incident at his mother's home on Road 2412 near Dixon.

He is charged with felony escape, three counts of credit card fraud and a hold for the Sheriff's Department in Orange County, Texas.

Clark said that they want him in Texas on possession of a controlled substance charge.

Dove remains in the Neshoba County Detention Center on a \$110,000 bond, \$50,000 of which is for the escape charge and \$20,000 for each fraud charge.

Dove was arrested last Thursday, Feb. 25, his birthday. Clark said law enforcement's interaction with Dove began that morning when deputies investigated a suspicious vehicle parked on Road 339 in the Dixon community. Clark said they found Dove passed out in the driver's seat.

At that time deputies discovered See ESCAPE, page 2A

TRAINING SEEN AS CRITICAL

New Police Chief Lyons once held bass fishing record

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY steve@neshobademocrat.com

Newly-minted Police Chief Eric Lyons loves to hunt and fish in his spare time and even held a local fishing record once.

"I love bass fishing," said Lyons, Philadelphia's new police chief.

There is a 12-pound bass mounted on his wall at home he caught at Neshoba Lake in March 2009 that was the record at the time.

"I don't think that record still stands, but it was then," he said.

Lyons, named chief of police unanimously on Feb. 23 by the Mayor and Board of Alderman, is not new to Philadelphia or to the police force.

Lyons was born, raised and educated in Philadelphia, having graduated from Philadelphia High School in 2004.

After graduating, Lyons worked a couple of years before deciding to become a police officer and joining the Philadelphia Police Department where he has served for more than 14 years, first as a patrolman and later as a DUI officer and commander.

During his spare time Lyons said he likes to be with his wife Jamie and their six children, Logan, Erica, Candace, Jadalyne, McKenzie and McKinley, at their home in Philadelphia.

Lyons has a pond where he likes to fish. And in addition to fishing, Lyons said he also likes deer hunting and said he took his share of deer this past

season but that it was nothing to brag about.

The new chief said other area law enforcement officers have a hunting camp around the House community on 800 acres rented for deer hunting.

For the past couple of months, Lyons served as the interim police chief after Julian Greer retired Jan. 1.

"I know all of the officers personally," Lyons said of his new role. "I know problems the officers have. The officers want to see change in this department. Being an officer myself, I want to see change. I wanted this job. I have some ideas. I believe can turn this department around administratively and make a difference."

During his time on the force, Lyons said he worked

under four different police chiefs.

"I have seen how different chiefs handled different situations," Lyons said. "I have seen what has worked and what didn't work. There are some things we can bring back that I think would improve things."

Lyons said he thinks the department is in good shape but could use improvement.

"Not that this department is in trouble," Lyons said. "Policing isn't what it was 14 years ago. Laws change, technology changes and people change. Over the last few years, the public's perception of law enforcement has diminished. We want to build back the trust."

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Police Chief Eric Lyons shown with the 12-pound bass he caught at Neshoba Lake that was a record.

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Contest brings life to Civil Rights studies

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Philadelphia High School teachers used a Black History Month project as part of their curriculum, giving students hands-on experience with the courses.

The project was a door decorating contest for first-period classes in the middle and high school.

Each teacher picked a subject related to Black History Month, which was celebrated throughout February, and decorated their doors.

"We were not able to have a program because of COVID-19," principal Steve Eiland said. "This was a way in which we could acknowledge and celebrate Black History."

"And it was very educational because our students really participated and were motivated."

There was 100% participation. The winning classes received a free dress pass for a day.

Outside judges were brought in, and there was a tie. Jennifer Johnson's life sci-



The first-period classes of Mary Kate Collins Hollingsworth, left, and Jennifer Johnson tied for first in Philadelphia High School's Civil Rights door decoration contest.

ence class and Mary Kate Collins Hollingsworth's Mississippi history class tied for first place.

"It wasn't just a lecture or something to read," Hollingsworth said. "Our students were actually able to see pictures of what people did or read stories about the past and the present influencers of

Black history.

"We had just started studying the Civil Rights Movement so it really worked well with the timing," Hollingsworth said. "With our project, we covered one side (of the door) with pictures of influencers from the past and the other side had people our current influencers. In the cen-

ter, there was the fist with the names of people who have died because of their support for Civil Rights."

Johnson's botany class focused their door on Dr. George Washington Carver and his research work on peanuts.

"This is a botany class and Dr. Carver was a botanist," Johnson said. "He was born a slave. He became a botanist and he really changed the world in the South. He invented 300 peanut products."

"The door centers on a peanut plant and around it are all the things he invented from peanuts. From makeup to ink to feed. He came up with all of these products to encourage the poor farmers in the South to grow peanuts which enrich the soil with nitrogen."

Both teachers praised the class participation.

"My entire class participated, whether it was doing research or cutting out pictures or names," Hollingsworth said. "The entire class joined in the discussion while preparing the door."

Aldermen discuss ordinance to clean up junk

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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People who have junk on their properties in Philadelphia may soon be forced to clean it up or face paying a fine.

The Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Alderman briefly discussed during a Monday meeting ordinances that are in place in other communities and put teeth into enforcement measures when it comes to holding prop-

erty owners responsible for unclean properties.

Mayor James A. Young said the proposal has financial penalties for people who do not bring their property into compliance including the writing tickets.

"This is contingent on us approving this," said Alderman Joe Tullos. "This is totally a new law."

Tullos did not say where he stood on the matter but promised to carefully review it.

Young said it could come up in Tuesday's board meeting.

In other matters, aldermen voted to:

- Approve the minutes of the previous meeting, and the claims docket;
- Approve to use either the Baptist Center or the Vo-tech building as the polling place for Ward 2 votes in the upcoming municipal elections;
- Approve on a 5-0 vote for Eric Lyons to become Philadel-

phia's next police chief;

- Approve the signing of an agreement with Waggoner Engineering to do the renovation project with the old Booker T. Gym. The city is also considering whether to apply for a \$150,000 grant which could lead to comprehensive planning for the city, according to the MSDH.

Man denied bond after leading high-speed chase

By DUNCAN DENT
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A Neshoba County man was arrested late last Tuesday afternoon and was denied bond after he led six deputies on a high-speed chase in which gunshots were fired.

James Michael Franklin, 25, 10491 Mississippi 21 north, has been arrested and charged with two grand larceny counts, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and felony fleeing.

Franklin received \$150,000 in bond, \$50,000 for three of his charges. He was denied bond for one of the grand larceny charges.

"I am thankful that we have a

group of well-trained deputies that pride themselves in protecting Neshoba County," Sheriff Eric Clark said last week.

Clark said Franklin's arrest came after a call the sheriff's office received on Tuesday, Feb. 23, from someone who stated that Franklin had stolen his blue Nissan Versa.

The caller described the car thief as dangerous and said he was armed with a stolen .9mm pistol. That call led to a chase that occurred between 4:30 and 5 p.m., Clark said.

Neshoba County sheriff's deputies immediately began patrolling in search of the stolen car.

Clark said Deputy Gordon

Adkins spotted the vehicle near the intersection of Range Avenue and Hospital Road.

Adkins initiated blue lights and siren in pursuit of the vehicle and then the driver fled at high speeds trying to elude capture.

The chase led deputies down Mississippi 19 south, making multiple turns that took them through the Deemer community.

Clark said that at one point in the chase, near David Wayne's Small Engine Repair, the stolen car passed another car while discharging the handgun into the air.

The chase soon ended on County Road 444 when the blue

Nissan Versa stalled in the roadway.

Deputies performed a felony takedown on the vehicle and the driver was taken into custody without incident.

Clark said that Franklin has a history with the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office.

"This is the third vehicle that he has stolen in Neshoba County since May of last year," Clark said.

According to Clark, the last incident ended with a stolen truck from the Good Hope community and Franklin being found in Louisiana.

Escape

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ered there were multiple warrants out for Dove's arrest for credit card fraud.

Clark said that while Dove was being processed at the jail he was able to find a door that had not properly latched. He

then scaled a fence and went over the razor wire.

In the process, he injured himself and lost his jail-issued flip flops, leaving him barefoot in a black t-shirt with black pants.

"He hit the woods on us," Clark said.

Clark said that they then chased Dove. They know he went to the northeast and was

last spotted near the south end of the airport runway before an unsuspecting Good Samaritan picked him up on Road 383 or Fork Road.

Clark said a passing vehicle saw him in the ditch and Dove told the driver that he had had a wreck on his dirt bike in the woods and needed a ride to his friend's house. Clark said the driver took him to a friend's

house in the Linwood community.

Clark said that they would then catch up with Dove again near Dixon around 9 p.m. at his mother's home.

Clark said Dove surrendered without incident and was treated for wounds suffered while scaling the fence at the jail and running around barefoot.

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2 charged following break-in at Brown's Discount Drugs

By DUNCAN DENT
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A Philadelphia man and a juvenile from Meridian are in custody in connection with a pair of break-ins over the weekend.

Austin Dempsey, 22, of Philadelphia was arrested and charged along with a 17-year-old juvenile from Meridian on Saturday, Feb. 27.

Both men face charges on two counts of business burglary, said Philadelphia Police Det. Bobby Pattillo.

Pattillo said the juvenile's case will be handled in Youth Court and the adult suspect's case will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for consideration by the next grand jury.

At 12:50 a.m. Saturday, PPD officers received an alarm activation at Brown's Discount Drugs on east Main Street. Responding officers and investigators discovered the business had been burglarized, Pattillo said.

Later that morning at approximately 3 a.m. officers

received an alarm activation call from Bobby's Jewelry on west Beacon Street and discovered the front door had been shattered, but not broken.

Pattillo said investigators determined that no entry had been made into the business.

Based on evidence obtained from both crime scenes, the two suspects were later taken into custody and identified as Dempsey and the juvenile.

Bobbie Kay Waddell, who owns the jewelry store with her father, Bobby M. Smith, said she is thankful for the timely response from the police.

"We are just thankful and blessed," Waddell said. "The police officers did an awesome job and got right on it. I was amazed how quickly they had it all wrapped up."

Waddell said they tried to make entry through their side door on the Byrd Avenue side of the business. She said they hit the door with a brick or rock that left a "shatter spot" but did not break the door. She said the



Austin Dempsey

impact did trigger their alarm.

By Monday, Waddell said the door had been fixed.

Waddell said their camera system captured both suspects and gave police information they could use. Waddell thanked Sgt. Lindsey Kidd, Officer Joshua Odom and Officer Lucas Smith specifically.

"I cannot thank these officers enough for everything they did," Waddell said. "I know they cannot solve every case this quickly but I do know that anytime we ever call them they respond quickly and are always so professional. From experience, I know that law enforcement is often criticized and not praised enough for the job that they do."

Her husband, former Neshoba County Sheriff Tommy Waddell, retired in 2019 with 36 years of service in the law enforcement field.

Motocross event planned at Coliseum

By STAFF REPORTS

A championship motocross event is set for Saturday at the Neshoba County Coliseum.

Tickets are available online for \$15 at midsoutharenacross.com and can be purchased at the gate for

\$20.

Children 10 years old and younger get in free with one paid general admission. Each paid admission will include a chance to win a free SSR Motorsports Pit Bike.

Saturday's event, hosted by MidSouth ArenaCross, will fea-

ture the championship round following up from last week's motocross event featuring freestyle show contestants such as Cowboy Kenny Bertram and Matt Buyton.

Doors open at 5 p.m. Saturday and the show begins at 7 p.m.

Chief

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Training is critical, Lyons said, adding he may create a training officer position to ensure officers are aware of and follow the city's policies and procedures.

He wants to change the perception of the department's role in the community, and he said that would take time.

"Interacting with the public will become part of our train-

ing," Lyons said. "We will help prepare officers by putting them in different scenarios. That gives them a chance to see themselves in different situations."

"We are here to protect and serve," Lyons said. "We will do that in part by working on our customer service. When police interact with the general public, if the officer has a helpful attitude, that can make a lot of difference and have a more positive outcome."

Most importantly, Lyons said he has to get the department up to full staff.

"We have six openings right now," Lyons said, out of a 26 officers. "Turnover is always a problem. People leave for different reasons, often for better pay and other reasons. We will get out and try to recruit good, experienced officers."

Lyons said he is encouraged by the support he has received from his fellow officers.

"They are behind me and supportive," Lyons said. "Now I am ready to move forward."



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EDITORIALS

The Donald reboots

President Biden has only needed a month or so to cancel Donald Trump's four-year campaign to "make America first." Before six weeks had passed, Mr. Trump was back, harkening to a crowd of admirers chanting, "Four more years!" Predictions are for soothsayers and weathermen, but it would be no stranger than a slowing septuagenarian winning the presidency from his basement for Americans to opt for a once and future president.

Mr. Trump made his return from post-impeachment isolation to the spotlight Sunday at "America Uncanceled" — the 2021 gathering of political activists put on by the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC). With its customary venue across the Potomac River from the nation's capital off-limits owing to the pandemic, the four-day conference unfolded in Orlando, Florida, "an oasis of freedom," in the words of Gov. Ron DeSantis, up the interstate from the Trump home at Mar-a-Lago.

With a 90-minute speech to hundreds assembled, and likely millions livestreaming, Mr. Trump led what resembled the first political rally of the 2024 campaign. Pledging to join party faithful in working to reclaim both the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate from Democrats in 2022, he intoned, "And then a Republican president will make a triumphant return to the White House. And I wonder who that will be?" Who, who, who will that be?" Canceled he is not.

In the meantime, Mr. Trump is free to remind Americans of the "disastrous" Biden policies that have effectively put

America last: returning to the Obama-era immigration rules that entice illegals by the hundreds of thousands to flood the southern border, rejoining deficient international agreements on climate change and Iran's nuclear program, and crippling American energy independence with the cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline.

Perhaps most unfair is Mr. Biden's refusal to credit Team Trump with the success of "Operation Warp Speed" in creating multiple coronavirus vaccines in record time, or even to manage a hat-tip for his own disease-defeating inoculation.

Mr. Trump is the clear favorite for the Republican nomination in 2024, according to The Washington Times/CPAC straw poll. He garnered 55% of the vote, while home-state hero Mr. DeSantis was runner-up with 21%, and South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem was a distant third with 4%.

Asked whether the former president should run, 68% replied in the affirmative.

If anything, Democrats' two impeachment trials — including the acquitted charge of leading an insurrection against the U.S. government — have galvanized the view among many Americans that only Mr. Trump, flaws and all, has the fortitude to cancel the leftward surge that Mr. Biden leads.

In the annals of presidential history, Grover Cleveland alone has managed to win the White House, lose it and win it back four years later. That timespan is an eternity in politics, and no one is master of his own fate. Still, a presidential past could be prologue for Donald Trump.

— *The Washington Times*

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Is Biden reenlisting in war?

Thursday, in its first military action, the Biden Pentagon sent two U.S. F-15Es to strike targets of Kataib Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed Iraqi militia just inside the eastern border of Syria.

The U.S. strikes were in retaliation for a missile attack on a U.S. base in Irbil, capital of Iraqi Kurdistan, which killed a contractor and wounded a U.S. soldier.

"We're confident that the target was being used by the same Shia militia that conducted the strikes," said Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin.

But Democratic Sens. Tim Kaine and Chris Murphy want to know where President Joe Biden got his authority to launch attacks in Syria, where there was no clear or present danger to any U.S. troops.

Days before the U.S. strike, Kataib Hezbollah issued a statement denying any complicity in the Irbil attack: "We absolutely did not target Erbil or the Green Zone and have no knowledge of the group that did."

Iran has also denied any involvement in the missile attack on the Americans. On a visit to Baghdad, Iran's Foreign Minister Javad Zarif called for an investigation as to who is initiating the attacks inside Iraq.

"We emphasize the need for the Iraqi government to find the perpetrators of these incidents," said Zarif.

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Russian forces in Syria got only four or five minutes' notice that U.S. planes were on their way to a strike.

Bottom line: Those conducting these attacks on U.S. bases and troops in Iraq, provoking American counter-strikes, seek to ignite a conflict between the U.S. and Iran, and its proxies in Iraq and Syria.

And they are succeeding. Biden broke with former President Donald Trump on the latter's decision to pull out of the Iran nuclear deal and

No clear or present danger to any U.S. troops, yet Biden orders military strike.

impose "maximum pressure" sanctions to compel Iran to negotiate a more restrictive deal. But Biden has yet to reveal his own strategy or goals in dealing with Tehran.

Is he willing to accept a return to the nuclear deal the U.S., U.K., France, Germany, China and Russia negotiated with Iran in 2015? And if that deal is now no longer adequate, how does Biden propose to get Iran to negotiate and agree to a tougher deal?

The leverage we have are the sanctions Trump imposed. If Biden lifts those in return for Iran returning to the terms of the 2015 deal, he surrenders all of his leverage for a new deal covering Tehran's missile development and aid to Shia militias in Yemen, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon.

But if Biden refuses to lift the Trump sanctions, Iran is likely to revive its nuclear enrichment program, give up on the U.S. and elect a hard-line regime this year that could adopt a policy of attacking U.S. interests and personnel across the region until the Americans go home.

Six weeks into his administration, Biden seems in danger of being drawn back indefinitely into the forever wars of the Middle East.

In Afghanistan, under the terms of the peace deal negotiated with the Taliban in 2020, all U.S. troops are to be out of the country by May 1.

Under that deal, not a single U.S. soldier has been lost in combat in the last year.

If the U.S. announces, as some believe is likely, that we are not going to withdraw all forces by May 1, the Taliban, who control half the country, are likely to begin targeting the remaining American troops in the country.

Biden could then be pre-

sented with this Hobbesian choice: Flee Afghanistan under fire, or send more U.S. troops to protect those we left behind. Writes William Ruger, a veteran of the war and Trump's nominee to be ambassador to Afghanistan:

"Keeping our troops in Afghanistan beyond the promised deadline is pushing them back in the Taliban's cross hairs and indefinitely continuing an ... unwinnable war, which has already cost more than \$2 trillion and more than 2,400 American lives ...

"Anything less than a full drawdown means that Afghanistan will become President Biden's war. He will have to own the predictably terrible consequences of continuing a war that can't be won."

Looking at our 20 years of military intervention in the Middle East, since Osama bin Laden drew us in by bringing down the twin towers and hitting the Pentagon, what is on the asset side of our balance sheet?

Two decades of fighting in Afghanistan, yet the Taliban enemy we ousted in 2001 seems today destined to retake power when we depart.

Pro-Iranian Shia militia dominate the Iraq that we sent an army to liberate from Saddam Hussein. In Yemen and Syria, we bear major moral responsibility for two of the worst humanitarian disasters of the 21st century, and we are facing strategic defeats in both theaters.

In Libya, whose regime we helped to overthrow, Turks and Russians are fighting for control.

And China, which stayed out of all these wars we started — or into which we plunged — has prospered in these 20 years as few other nations in modern history.

Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of "Nixon's White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever."

FLASHBACKS

MARCH 7, 1941

The seniors of Arlington High School will present a three-act farce, "Hope, Faith, and Flarity". Itaska Hodgins, Faye Coghlan, and Marsette Tally will play the leading roles of the ever hopeful Hope, faithful Faith, and the Irish Mick Flarity, respectively. They are supported by a well-balanced cast.

Miss Elizabeth DeWeese, daughter of Mrs. Albert DeWeese of Philadelphia, was recently named to the Presidency of Kappa Delta, social sorority on the campus of Louisiana State University. Miss DeWeese, a junior in the college of arts and sciences, is a transfer to the University from Ward Belmont University from Ward Belmont College. She is a graduate of the local high school.

MARCH 1, 1951

Members of the Neshoba County Military Man Power Committee were honored by Captain George W. Bennett, who presented them Certificates of Membership as an award for their splendid services during the past months. The award was made by Captain Bennett who was representing Lieutenant General John R. Hodge.

Mrs. R.W. Evans of Philadelphia, has received a letter from her son, Willie Ray Evans, PN3, who has been stationed in the Pacific Waters with the U.S. navy, telling of his recent honor bestowed on him by his Command Officer for his splendid services aboard the USS Norris. He has received a citation and recom-

mended for the Commendation Ribbon, for meritorious service for the period of August 23, 1950 to February, 1950, while serving as personnel man on the USS Norris.

MARCH 2, 1961

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Miss Jessie May Stewart of Philadelphia has been initiated into Delta Sigma Chi, honorary business fraternity at the University of Mississippi, selection of membership in this fraternity is based on scholarship, leadership, character, and personality. Jessie May is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Stewart is a senior in the school of Commerce and Business Administration at Ole Miss.

MARCH 5, 1971

Stan Yates (21) of the Philadelphia Tornadoes fires a shot in semifinals against Corinth in the State Coliseum in the Boys AA Tournament. Corinth defeated the tornadoes 70-64, but lost in the finals to Gulfport, 70-45.

FEBRUARY 26, 1981

Bryan Collins has been selected as a Spirit of America XI Honoree. He is the 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collins of Vicksburg. He is

also the grandson of Mrs. Sarah Richardson and the late Alfred Richardson of Philadelphia. He was selected all conference nose guard and most valuable defensive lineman of South Central A. Academy his sophomore year.

MARCH 6, 1991

Sheila Luquire, a 19 year old Louisiana State University student, is the new Miss Philadelphia. Miss Luquire will represent Philadelphia in the Miss Mississippi pageant in Vicksburg. She is the daughter of Wayne and Judy Luquire of Meridian. Angie Hardin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hardin, was named first alternate.

FEBRUARY 28, 2001

Choctaw Central High School's Chantay Frazier (20) battles for a rebound against Hazelhurst in the semifinal of MHSAA Girls 3A South State Tournament. CCHS lost to Hazelhurst, but beat Forest to earn third place and advance to the state tournament. Choctaw Central won its first-round game in the state tournament by a score of 84-50 over Independence.

MARCH 2, 2011

Neshoba Central students Rebekah Watson and Joseph Willis scored a perfect score on the state mandated Algebra I subject area test. Passing this test is a graduation requirement. Neshoba Central Algebra I teachers are Carla Vanderpoorten and Caleb Thompson.

RICH LOWRY

Alzheimer's be not proud

There are a hundred things I could tell you about my late mother that are more important than the disease that caught her in its grip the last few years of her life.

I could tell you about her relationship with my older brother, who has autism, and her deep, lifelong friendship with him.

I could tell you how she took her experience fighting the schools to educate and treat my brother decently and went into social work as a career, helping countless other disabled and mentally ill people.

I could tell you about her accomplished painting, her love of cats, or her civic involvement.

After losing her last week, though, I want to share something about the worst, about the end, about the Alzheimer's disease that took this vibrant woman, who made friends and plans wherever she went, and confined her to a wheelchair and rendered her nearly mute and inert.

Because I've come to believe that this crushing disease does not, during almost all its progression, achieve as complete a victory as it might seem.

It takes away so much. The ability to live independently. The ability to talk. And in the end, the ability, or will, to eat. There are no heartening stories of Alzheimer's survivors.

But our personhood is so strong that the disease, even in its late stages, can't fully extinguish the human personality. No, the spark is still there, flickering, very difficult to detect at times, but there.

I acknowledge that some

No matter how bad it got, you'd see grace notes in the incredible love showered on her and others by the staff of the facility caring for her.

families have worse experiences than mine, wrenching though it was, and Alzheimer's forces you constantly to ratchet your expectations downward. First, you're glad of conversation, even if it doesn't make much sense. Then, you're glad of any words. Finally, you are glad of, well, anything.

Still, there are little gems of surprises. Once, I was wheeling my mom from the cafeteria area in her nursing home, hoping to get her from Point A to Point B without incident, when she reached out and got a death grip on the chair of another resident.

This other resident was a notably stately woman. "Hello, gorgeous!" said my Mom. Where did *that* come from?

Toward the end, when things were bleakest, my Mom would still shine through the shroud of the disease. If she talked, it was always incoherently, but I could see her making points the way she always had. She might chuckle softly at a mention of my brother. Even when I couldn't get anything else out of her, she'd hum, to patriotic songs, to hymns, to "Ode to Joy."

No matter how bad it got, you'd see grace notes in the

incredible love showered on her and others by the staff of the facility caring for her. Or another resident would do something amusing or touching.

I remember an otherwise despairing visit, when another lady sat down randomly besides us. I said I liked the stuffed dog she had in a basket on her walker. She said he was a good boy, began to pet him, and then kissed him a couple times lovingly on the snout. It was so sweet, I was moved to tears.

The last time I visited my Mom, days before she took to her death bed, I badgered her, as I often did, to try to get a reaction out of her: "Do you love me? Do you love me? Do you love me?"

Sometimes she wouldn't say anything. Sometimes you might notice her trying to reply. This time, she got out an unmistakable, "yep."

I played the "1812 Overture" on my phone, loud. Again, to get a reaction, I swung my arms in exaggerated, mock conductor movements, especially toward the finale, with Tchaikovsky's chimes ringing and the cannons firing in a crashing crescendo of victory and resolve.

And right at the end, my Mom briefly raised and twisted her hand in a conductor motion of her own.

Take that, you merciless, godawful disease.

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BIBLE SELECTION

Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

— **Psalm 37:1-2**

Mask order lifted but encouraged

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Neshoba County recorded 71 new confirmed COVID-19 cases and three new COVID-19 deaths over the past week, according to statistics released Tuesday by the Mississippi State Department of Health.

Gov. Tate Reeves on Tuesday lifted mask orders effective 5 p.m. today (Wednesday, March 3) but encouraged facial coverings, but left them in effect for K-12 schools.

Mississippians are encouraged, though not ordered, to wear a face covering and practice social distancing, he said.

K-12 schools, however, will still require a mask where social distancing is not possible.

Seating for K-12 extracurricular activities at outdoor venues

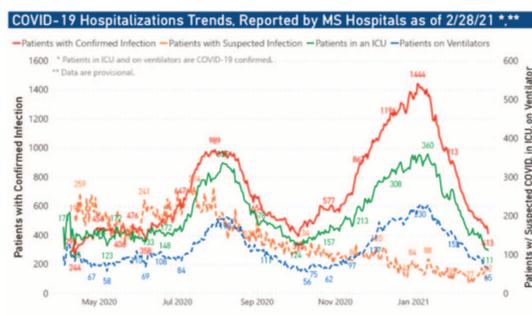
is now set at 50% capacity and 25% maximum seating capacity inside. Seating capacity for indoor bowl and arena seating is now increased to 50%.

Neshoba County's confirmed COVID-19 cases now total 3,817 up from last week's total of 3,746, and the death toll is now 169 since the pandemic began last March.

The numbers show an increase in cases and deaths over last week's report, which could have been hampered by winter storms the week before.

In last week's MSDH report Neshoba County recorded only 34 confirmed new COVID-19 cases and one new death.

This week's schools COVID-19 report showed six students quarantined and between one and five students testing positive for COVID-19 at Neshoba Cen-



Statewide, COVID-19 cases and deaths are on the decline.

tral Middle School from Neshoba County's combined public and private schools between Feb. 22 and 26.

During the past week, 1,315 people were vaccinated for COVID-19 in Neshoba County for a total of 5,061 total vaccina-

tions administered in the county, according to the MSDH.

The state, however, does not designate in what county the recipients reside, and the Democrat has numerous reports of residents from other counties coming here for the vaccination.

The state of Mississippi is currently giving COVID-19 immunizations for the following:

- All healthcare workers and EMT/paramedics
- Persons age 65 or older or those with pre-existing conditions.
- Teachers, first-responders

Vaccinations are currently being administered in Neshoba County at the Coliseum, 12000 Mississippi 15 north, Philadelphia.

Sign up online at covidvaccine.unc.edu or call 1-877-978-6453. The website is the best option, officials have said.

Selected Walmart pharmacies and local clinics and hospitals are now offering a limited number of COVID-19 vaccinations. Go to <https://msdh.ms.gov/c19appointment/#local> to check availability.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians reported 19 new COVID-19 cases in the past week for a total of 1,808 positive cases, up from 1,789 in last week's report.

The Tribe reported two new deaths from COVID-19 in the past week for a total of 109 deaths from the virus, with six current hospitalizations.

Some Tribal deaths may also be included in the Neshoba death total, but officials make no distinction.

Mississippi's total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases now stands at 183,206 with another 112,131 probable cases for a total of 295,295 COVID-19 cases and 4,698 confirmed deaths and 2,026 probable COVID-19 deaths for a total of 6,724 COVID-19 deaths, since the pandemic began last March.

OBITUARIES

Sammy Breland

Funeral services for Sammy Breland were held on Sunday, February 28, 2021, at 3 p.m. from Linwood Baptist Church with Dr. Wayne Hill and Rev. Mike Skinner officiating. Burial followed in Linwood Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Breland, 58, of Collinsville, MS, died Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

He was a native of Linwood Community of Neshoba County and a resident for the past 20 years of the Martin Community of Lauderdale County. He was a former owner/operator of Breland Construction Company and also worked in pipeline construction. Mr. Breland attended Pine Forest Baptist Church in Martin.

Survivors include his wife, Marlena Breland of Martin; daughter, Emily McCary (Justin) of Meridian; sons, Brooks Breland of Collinsville and Hunter Breland of Martin; grandchildren, Dylan and Jaxon McCary and expected arrival, Lyla Rae; sisters, Pam Singleton (Billy); Terri Eaves (Ken) and Toni Breland all of Philadelphia; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and their families.

Mr. Breland was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Helen Breland; brother, Jeffrey Breland.

Pallbearers were Andy Breland, Drew Breland, Alex Goforth, Tim Blackburn, Tab Blackburn, and Glen Sistrunk. Honorary pallbearers were Greg Tynes, Scott Tynes, Scott Matthews, and Bailey Mayatt.

Mildred Jenkins Kirkland

Funeral services for Mildred Jenkins Kirkland were held Saturday, February 27, 2021, at 2 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Cliff Barker officiating. Burial followed in Vardaman Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mildred Jenkins Kirkland, 85, passed away at her home on February 24, 2021. She was a member of Vardaman Baptist Church in Kemper County. Mildred worked as a seamstress at Wells-Lamont Glove Factory for 43 years.

In 2018, Mildred was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Rodney Kirkland; parents; sisters: Helen Jenkins Burkes and Judy Jenkins Pullin; brothers: Herman Jenkins, Robert Hollie Jenkins, and Charles Jenkins; and infant sister, Mary Isabel Jenkins.

She is survived by her daughter Tammy Shumaker of Philadelphia; one grandson; one granddaughter; and twin brother, Milton Jenkins of Ocean Springs.

Mr. Buster H. Moss

Mr. Moss was a native of Attala County. He had worked in the poultry industry for several years.

A graveside service for Buster Harold Moss was held Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. from Shady Grove Cemetery with Rev. Robert Hallman officiating. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Moss, 67, of Philadelphia, died Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

Survivors include children, Cathy Moss of Scott County, Angela Rodriguez of Leake County, and Joyce Jones of Scott County; stepchildren, Melissa Roberts of Carthage, Christy Roberts, Amanda Manning of Philadelphia and Timothy Roberts of Philadelphia; brother, William Moss of Magee; sister, Joyce Harlos of Attala County and Kathy Kyzar; 21 grandchild-

ren; 14 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Moss was preceded in death by wife, Lola J. Moss; mother, Estelle Barnes; and father, Lonnie Harold Moss.

Helen Virginia Long

Funeral services for Ms. Helen Virginia Long was held 2 PM Sunday, February 28, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Matt Hitt and Rev. Don Savell officiating. Interment in Henry's Chapel Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Ms. Long, 92, passed away Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at Anderson Regional Medical Center. She lived in Neshoba and Newton Counties most of her life. She was retired from Witco Battery Plant, a member of Bunco Club and Duffee Baptist Church. Her hobbies include reading, watching the news and riding horses.

Preceded in death: Parents, Jonas Jackson Parker and Ruth Parker; Husband, Franklin Long; Sons, Rick Long, Steve Long and Clarence Long; Several brothers.

Survivors: Daughter, Laquita Long; Son, Rev. Jack Long (Charlotte); (3) Grandchildren; (5) Great-Grandchildren; Several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers: Dave Miller, Clay Wall, Joe Alexander, Anthony Hasenmueller, Pete Hines and Josh Westbrook.

Nancy Grimes Stephens

Ms. Nancy Grimes Stephens, 73, passed away Friday, February 26, 2021 at her residence. She was a registered nurse and enjoyed gardening. She was baptist by faith.

Preceded in death: Father, Reuben Chisholm; Mother and stepfather, Ruth and Frank Blackwell.

Survivors: Daughters, Elizabeth Kron of Philadelphia and Robin Grimes of CA; Sons, Allen Kron of Jackson and Nathan Grimes (Leslie) of Philadelphia; (8) Grandchildren; (4) Great-Grandchildren. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Curtis Dale Martin

Graveside services for Mr. Curtis Dale Martin will be held at 3 PM Monday, March 1, 2021 at Simon Isaac Cemetery. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Mr. Martin, 56, passed away on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at University Medical Center in Jackson, MS. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Robert Martin and Zella Tubby Martin; daughter, Keshia Wallace.

Survivors include his wife, Addie Wallace Martin; daughters, Lavonda Vargas, Cadenza Martin, Latonya Martin, Lydia Martin, Kristen Wallace; sons, Kendall Wallace, Kendril Wallace, Tyler Wallace; sisters, Delores Martin, Jennifer Martin Bell, Roxanna Martin; brothers, Robert Dean Martin, Kenneth Martin; aunt, Voncille Bull; 31 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild.

Nancy Huff

Funeral services for Ms. Nancy Huff will be held 9 AM Saturday, February 27, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. John E. Stephens officiating. Burial will be in Lodebar United Methodist Cemetery. Visitation will be 8 AM until time for service at John E. Stephens Chapel. Ms. Huff, 72, passed away Friday, February 26, 2021 at Neshoba General Nursing

Home, in Philadelphia, Ms. She lived most of her life in Newton Co. Preceded in death: Spouse, L. E. Huff; Parents, Monroe Smith and Docia Dee Cole Smith; Brother, Mike Smith Survivors: Brothers, Steve Smith, Ike Smith (Bobbie), Colen Smith (Saramae).

Sharon Rose Martin

Graveside services for Mrs. Sharon Rose Martin will be held at 10 AM Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at Old Mt. Zion Cemetery in Carthage, MS. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Mrs. Martin, 52, passed away on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian, MS. She was preceded in death by her parents, Gene Autry Dixon and Susie Sam; sister, Velma Sam; brother, Jerry Sam.

Survivors include her husband, Glenn Martin, Sr.; special son, Jacob Comby; sister, Eva Sam; brother, Robert Sam; nieces, Valerie Sutton, Camryn Vivians, Andrea Sam; nephew, Matthew Sam.

Freeman Frazier, Sr.

Graveside services for Mr. Freeman Frazier, Sr. will be held at 3 PM Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at Conehatta Community Cemetery. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Mr. Frazier, 56, passed away on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 in Neshoba County. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sally Ann Jim Frazier; parents, Luke Frazier and Freddie Willis; daughters, Ingrid Johnson, Susie Mae Frazier; son, Freeman Frazier, Jr.; step-son, DeAnthony Frazier; sister, Veronica Thomas.

Survivors include her daughter, Crystal Frazier Williams; son, Rodney Frazier; sisters, Shirley Shoemake, Tenalyea Russell, Theresa Sockey; brothers, Timothy "OJ" Thomas, James Frazier, Kendell Frazier, Lucas Frazier, Christopher Stoli-by; 6 grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Lee Earl Shumake, Jr., James Ben, Brennan Ben, Devin Solomon, Darris Isaac, Todd Jim, Thomas Jim, Sr., Gregory Shoemake.

Jania Clemons

Graveside services for Ms. Jania Keshyra Clemons were held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 1 P.M. from St. Paul M.B. Church Cemetery with Rev. O.J. Hudson officiating. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Clemons, 20, of Philadelphia, passed away on Monday, February 15, 2021 in Neshoba County, MS.

She is survived by her son, Zayden M. Clemons of Philadelphia, MS, her mother, Shirdees Spivey of Philadelphia, MS, four sisters, Justice Clemons, Markayla Spivey, Natasha Spivey, Lakaitlyn Spivey, two

brothers, Dytarious Clemons and John O'Neil, and her grandmother, Minnie Hudson.

Pallbearers were Dytarious Clemons, John O'Neil, Scotty Stewart, James Carter, Justin Clemons and Tristan Seales.

Cedrick Clay Gibson

Graveside services for Mr. Cedrick Clay Gibson will be held at 2 PM Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at Old Mt. Zion Cemetery. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Mr. Gibson, 35, passed away on Monday, February 22, 2021 at his home. He was preceded in death by his mother, Tamara Gibson; sister, Krista Gibson; brother, Robert Gibson.

Survivors include sisters, Tasha Wishork, Lawrencia Laird, Hether Pevey; brothers, Richard Laird, Jr., Stephen Gibson.

Clifton Chapman

Graveside services for Mr. Clifton Chapman will be held at 2 PM Saturday, February 27, 2021 at Bogue Homa Community Cemetery. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Mr. Chapman, 74, passed away on Monday, February 15, 2021 at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg, MS. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Asa Chapman and Mary McMillan; sisters, Theresa Chapman Willis, Mary Jane Chapman Vaughn, Rosie Mae Chapman Sorrells; brother, John Mingo.

Survivors include sisters, Betty Chapman Sutton, Shirley Chapman Briscoe, Trudy Chapman, Annie Chapman Jalalzadeh, Norma Chapman Davis; brothers, Gene Ray Chapman, Claude Chapman.

Joe Frank Rushing

Graveside services for Mr. Joe Frank Rushing will begin at 2:00 pm Thursday, February 25, 2021 at Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Mike Boles officiating. Interment will follow graveside rites. Robert Barham Family Funeral Home is honored to be entrusted with the arrangements.

Mr. Rushing, 59, of Laurel, passed away Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at South Central Regional Medical Center of Laurel.

Mr. Joe was a Maintenance Manager of Peco Foods in Bay Springs. He was highly respected by his co-workers and friends. He loved to fish in his spare time. Joe was a proud veteran having served in the Army National Guard; he was very patriotic and had a deep love for his country. Mr. Rushing will be remembered as a loving father, grandfather,

brother, and friend to many.

Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at robertbarhamfh.com.

Margaret Dyanne Rigby

On February 25, 2021, Margaret Dyanne Rigby, 74, went home to be with her Savior and Lord. Funeral services was held at 11:00 a.m. on February 27, 2021, at First Baptist Church of Louisville, Mississippi. Dr. Don Boone, Rev. Heath Hillman, and Brad Rigby officiating. Interment will be at Memorial Park Cemetery of Louisville. Porter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Dyanne was born on January 23, 1947, in Neshoba County to Victor and Jewell Fulton. She graduated from Neshoba Central High in 1964, attended East Central Junior College in 1965, and graduated from Mississippi State University in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in business education. In the fall of 1968, she began her forty-three year career with the State Department of Human Services as a case worker in Attala County; in 2011, she retired as a program investigator in Winston County. Until failing health hindered her attendance, Dyanne was an active member of First Baptist Church of Louisville. For several years, she served as a Sunday School Teacher to teenage girls and later to adult ladies' group, but her greatest love was working with the church and associational Bible Drills for more than twenty-five years.

She was a member of several Bible study groups including the Bible Study Precepts Class at Good Hope Baptist Church and Truth Bible Study at First Baptist Church. Despite her health problems and Covid-19 restrictions, she remained active with her close friends in 2020, creating masks and bibs at her dining room table. She strongly supported the missionary efforts of Samaritan's Purse Ministries and Disciple Makers Multiplied (DM2).

Dyanne enjoyed shopping with her sisters, traveling to foreign countries, and being a good listener to others that needed to voice their problems and con-

cerns. The laughs and good times she shared at game nights with all of her friends was a highlight of her later years. She also enjoyed her frequent outings traveling to Starkville, Ackerman, Philadelphia and French Camp to eat with her friends as well as her Birthday Group meetings.

Dyanne is survived by her husband of 54 years, Ferrell Rigby of Louisville; two sons, Brett Farrell of Union, Mississippi and Bradford Lee of Cordele, Georgia. Her greatest pleasure was following the pursuits of grandson, Parker Fulton, his wife Natalie Rae, and granddaughter Ansley Suzanne. She was affectionately called "Gran" by Parker, Natalie and Ansley, who never found her without the best instructions for them. She is survived by siblings; Shirley Faye Cumberland (Ray) of Pearl, Mississippi, James Keith Fulton (Mary Ann) of Philadelphia, Mississippi, and Linda Charlene Thompson (Gary) of Huntsville, Alabama. She also leaves a host of nieces and nephews.

The Pallbearers will be her grandson Parker Rigby, and her nephews: Michael Fulton, Mitchell Fulton, Marty Fulton, Phil Cumberland, and Chris Thompson.

Memorials may be given to Disciple Makers Multiplied (DM2), P.O. Box 1614, Livingston, Texas and First Baptist Church of Louisville. Memorials and condolences may be shared with family by signing the guest register at www.porterfuneralhome.net.

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GETTING THE MESSAGE/Rev. Chris Shelton

Acts 4:23-31

This passage begins with Peter and John giving a report to the church of what the chief priests and elders had said to them (verse 23). They had been given an unlawful command accompanied with threats for non-compliance: "you are not to speak in the name of Jesus (verse 18)."

The church responds by proclaiming the sovereignty of God over creation and providence. God is the ruler with absolute power. He made all things; he is not the work of man's hands, nor a god of man's imaginations.

We find the phrase (verse 24), "Sovereign Lord, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them," throughout the Scriptures. In Psalm 146 it is used to make a distinction between those who look to the Lord and those who put their hope in the rulers of men. In Revelation 10 it is a mandate to the church to be faithful in proclaiming God's word in tribulation.

Facing the threats of men, the church looks to the power and majesty of the Sovereign Lord. It is an argument from the greater to the lesser. If God made all things, then he is able to do whatever he wills. He will ultimately prevail, so as his people we focus on his will and leave the temporary consequences to him.

The church moves from God's creative power to his prophetic word. They quote Psalm 2, which depicts the foolishness of kings and rulers on earth being opposed to the Lord's anointed Savior and King, which the church identifies as the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is a lot at stake. The Psalm warns people they must "Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you perish in the way." But, "blessed are those who take refuge in him." Therefore the wisdom of the church is the wisdom the Lord Jesus taught: "Do not fear men who can only kill the body but not the soul; rather fear God who can destroy both body and soul in hell."

There is a natural animosity in men toward the truth of Christ. It stems from the absence of love toward God, and therefore the angry resistance to being confronted with his divine word and judgments against our wickedness.

There is no negative to embracing

Christ and being delivered from sin and death. But men love sin and idols. This passage instructs you to take careful inventory of your thoughts of God and of Christ whom he sent to save. He is the only way of salvation. God does not make idle threats. Neither does he fail to keep his promises. You must choose between sin and the Lord. Our lives here are short and uncertain; this world is not worth losing your soul. And the Lord is full of mercy to those who call on him.

In verses 27-28, the church applies Psalm 2 to what took place when Jesus was unjustly put to death by Herod, Pilate, and all the people. It was all written of through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit long before it happened.

The Lord didn't just foreknow what was going to happen, but in verse 28 we see that men putting Christ to death was what God's "hand and plan had predestined to take place." God does not cause men to sin, but he sovereignly brings good out of it. The death of Christ is the prime example of this. We must remember, though, sin is no less evil because God brings good out of it.

The wonder of the gospel is that men who put Christ to death are offered life in his name. Murder is an awful thing; to murder the holy, only begotten Son of God, all the more. There are none who can justly say they are innocent of it. If God numbers our sin, not one of us can stand. Remarkably, if you "kiss the Son," whom you crucified, all your sins are sponged away. Such is the grace of God.

We see the request of the church to the Lord in the face of the threats they have received. They ask for boldness to continue to proclaim Christ to the world (verse 29). What is striking is they do not ask for the threat to be removed or for their oppressors to be judged. They are walking in their Savior's steps, who prayed on the cross for those persecuting him. Some of the rulers will come to faith (Chapter 6). Vengeance for those who remain in unbelief will come in due time. Until then, grace is offered in Christ. His church is to maintain faithfulness and diligence it proclaiming his word to the world.

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I am the former Owner and Director of Nichols Nursery/Daycare, which was State certified and licensed for



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I can serve the people because I know the people. If elected, I will continue to move forward into a bigger and better community.

Supervisors pass states of emergency

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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Two state of emergency declarations were ratified by the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors on Monday during their regular board meeting.

The supervisors voted to ratify a Local Emergency for Severe Winter Storms that board President Kevin Cumberland declared during last month's winter storms. And supervisors continued the emergency declaration for the COVID-19 Pandemic until March 15.

In other action, supervisors voted to:

- Approve a raise for Julian Willis, Choctaw language coordinator for the Sheriff's Department. Supervisors also approved the deletion of two cameras from the sheriff department's inventory list;
- Approved the hiring of David Johnson for the jail;
- Approve a request for supplemental salary for assistant district attorney Mitch Thomas

in the amount of \$6,000;

- Approve a school bus turnaround for the Neshoba County School District at 10219 County Road 646;

- Approve a request from the Union Public Schools for assistance with demolition and disposal on 16th Section Land.

- Approve the transfer of Emergency Management Vehicle to Ambulance Enterprise;
- Declare a 2007 Dodge Ram 3500 Truck belonging to the Road Department a total loss;

- Approve the acquisition of a new 2021 Ram 3500 Cab & Chassis Truck costing \$35,010 from Griffis Motors;

- Approve a refund request of \$100 for the multi-purpose room rental at the Neshoba County Coliseum;

- Approve \$17,500 for 2021-2022 Election Systems & Software Support & Maintenance agreement;

- Approve paying Wade White \$139,750 for acquisition of real property;

- Accept the 2021 Commercial Rubbish Annual Report to

MDEQ for Neshoba County Rubbish Landfill;

- Approve payment of Solid Waste Disposal Fee for FY2020 — \$1,936.25 and the authority to invoice city of Philadelphia for same;

- Ratify the hiring of Pritchard Engineering for site planning, boundary survey and mapping, a Phase I environmental, geotechnical investigation, civil site design, foundation design and testing for new spec building in the Industrial Park; and,

- Approve hiring PryorMorrow for Architectural and Engineering Services for new spec building in Industrial Park.

- Supervisors received a letter from the Mississippi Department of Archives & History, notifying them that Booker T. Washington School will be considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places during a Mississippi National Review Board Meeting on March 18.

Crews continue to clean up after ice

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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City and county workers are well into the cleanup process from the February ice storms that brought down powerlines, trees and other debris all over Neshoba County two weeks ago.

"Our plan is to chip as much as we can chip," said Jeff Mayo, county administrator of disposal of downed trees and limbs. "We will probably be renting another chipper. We will just take the large stuff to the landfill."

Philadelphia Mayor James Young said the city is working to clear what has fallen on the

streets and is pulling it to the side. The second part will be picking up what residents are hauling out to their streets from their yards.

"It is going to be a challenge," Young said. "We have done it before. We are asking people to be careful and to be patient during this time."

COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 2/19-2/22

- Joseph N Barnett, 28, of 14573 Hwy 21 S; contempt of court

- Angela Bell, 48, of 128 Ball Park CV; serving sentence
- Kevin L Greer, 31, of 12081 Rd 482; hold for other agency

- Olivia Massey, 33, of 12620 Hwy 15; failure to appear, resisting arrest
- Christopher McNeil, 47, of 1725 Pineview Cir, Union; hold for investigations, possession of paraphernalia

- Bjorn Williams, 42, of 186 Goat Ranch Rd; failure to appear
- Larry C Burrage, 34, of 406 West Jackson Rd; failure to appear

- Cynthia Marie Gleaton, 35, of 10271 Rd 553; disturbance of family
- Vertisa R Lewis, 33, of 9683 Hwy 484, Conehatta; serving sentence

- Christian Barefoot, 20, of 217 Robinhood Cir; obstruction of justice, resisting arrest
- Colton Scott Brown, 31, of 10421 CR 343, Union; hold for investigations

- Tyler Bufkin, 33, of 100 Sistrunk Ave Lot #18; failure to appear
- Gregory Anton Clemons, 26, of 3197 Luke Rd, Preston; hold-circuit court

- Jamie Mike Cumberland, 49, of 12370 Hwy 15 N; possession of controlled substance
- Richard Chad Cumberland, 32, of 10121 Rd 2826; failure to appear

- Jeffery Dooley, 34, of 10211 Rd 2210, Union; failure to appear X4
- Jerry Mike Dooley, 51, of 1719 Hwy 19 N Apt L95, Meridian; possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia

- Jacob Ryan Dove, 29, of 10720 Rd 149; fraud X4
- Jacob Ryan Dove, 29, of 10720 Rd 149; escape-felony, credit card-intent to defraud-felony(more than 250.00) X3

- James Ficklin, 31, of 45 Trail Rd, Lena; hold-circuit court
- James Franklin, 25, of 10491 Hwy 21 N; grand larceny-more than \$1000.00 X2, felony pursuit, possession of firearm by convicted felon

- Alicia Deanne Frazier, 33, of 101 Indian Rd; contempt of court
- Michael Goforth, 66, 1013 Golf Course Rd; bad check-1st or 2nd offense less than \$100.00

- Cary Hickman, 63, of 122 Ballpark Cove; public drunk
- David Rand Johnson, 48, of 10032 Rd 1347; public drunk, resisting arrest, simple assault on a police officer

- Vertisa Lorene Lewis, 33, of 935 Hugh Mitchell Rd, Conehatta; sentenced to time served, failure to appear
- Edwin Chris Malone, 46, of 14951 Hwy 19 S; contempt of court

- Johnathan D Perry, 21, of 10090 Rd 1535; contempt of court
- William Elliot Sharpe, 35, of 434 Carrollton Ave, Lexington; no charges listed

- Roger D Stokes, 38, of Walnut Grove; failure to appear
- Ashli Marie Whatley, 29, of 10361 Rd 2826; hold for investigations, possession of paraphernalia

- Jack Peden Adams, 42, of 10140 Rd 1519; failure to appear
- Joshua Andrews, 28, of 721 Majure Rd; hold for investigations

- Paula Barnett, 52, of 11061 Rd 834; hold for investigations
- Frankie Lee Bingham Jr., 42, of 14900 Rd 339; driving under the influence-1st offense

- Marcus C Boteler, 24, of 1435 Old Piney Woods Rd, Jasper, AL; carry concealed weapon-gun
- Kevin L Crapps, 39, of

10201 Rd, Union; no charges listed

- Kevin Lee Crapps, 39, of 10591 Hwy 16 W; simple assault, petit larceny-less than \$1000.00
- Sarah Lynn Gardner, 56, of 545 Valley View Dr; failure to pay

- Brandie Holley, 36, of 14131 Hwy 15 S, Union; suspended drivers license
- Pacrite Lyons Jr., 30, of 10671 Rd 1361; driving under the influence-1st offense, no insurance

- Olivia Massey, 33, of 12580 Rd 759; hold for investigations, fleeing arrest, failure to yield to blue light/siren, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, driving under the influence-1st offense
- Reginal Rentra Miller, 34, of 230 Robinhood Cir; no charges listed

- Dustin Morris, 37, of 13580 Hwy 491 N; possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia
- James Norris, 38, of 3473 Laurel Hill Rd, Carthage; failure to appear

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Neshoba Central adds \$1.5M in technology

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

A chalkboard was a classroom staple when Neshoba Central Elementary School teacher Angie Coward began her teaching career. Now more than 21 years later, chalkboards and subsequent dry erase boards have been replaced with Promethean boards.

The interactive whiteboard allows teachers to project an image from a laptop or computer. They can also interact with the board through touch or specialized pens.

Promethean boards and other new devices are now in most classrooms across the Neshoba County School District, as part of more than \$1.5 million in new technology, funded mostly through the first phase of the Mississippi Connects digital learning plan.

The Mississippi Legislature allocated \$200 million for Mississippi Connects for schools statewide through two laws, the Equity in Distance Learning Act (SB 3044) and the Mississippi Pandemic Response Broadband Availability Act (HB 1788). The goal is for every student to receive the technology needed to learn at school and at home. These tools will enable students to continue making academic progress.

Districts statewide placed orders to purchase over 325,000 computer devices through the state Department of Education. Neshoba County Superintendent of Education Lundy Brantley said the EDLA grant required a 20 percent match from the school district.

"We spent just over \$200,000," he said.

Under EDLA, Neshoba purchased 1,155 Chromebooks, 327 student laptops, 167 teacher laptops, 30 iPads, 18 MacBooks and 22 amplification systems.

Through the Broadband Availability Act, Neshoba purchased 753 internet hotspot devices.

Neshoba's overall technology project included an additional 22 hotspot devices, 65 amplification systems, 30 student device charging carts and 80 Promethean boards made possible through Elementary and

Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds.

All those funds were made possible through the CARES Act.

Funds from other Federal Programs, such as Title I, Part A and School Improvement, were utilized to purchase an additional 26 student device charging carts, 21 Promethean boards and 62 document cameras.

While the Neshoba County School District's Chromebook initiative to provide one device for every student was progressing forward, the additional funding brought the initiative to fruition, Brantley said.

"One of the neat things is that our high school hardly had any Promethean boards at all," he said. "Now, they are in line with the other two schools as far as that technology."

Coward uses her board throughout the day in her second grade classroom.

"I love it," she said. "I really like all the capabilities it gives the students to interact."

Coward said the board frees up more time for instruction as it is paired with her computer and subsequent lesson plans.

"I have power point links throughout my lesson plans, which are put on the board for student interaction. You can also pair their Chromebooks to the board for interaction."

Amplification systems a 'game changer'

Dr. Brantley was also excited about the addition of amplification systems.

"They are a really good addition," he said. "Through this overall project, we were able to do some things that we didn't anticipate doing on our own, such as the amplification systems."

Kelly Spence, high school speech pathologist, said the amplification systems deliver highly intelligible speech from teachers to students in class and at home during distance learning.

"It improves the quality of sound for each child," she said. "The learner outcome is better with the amplification."

Deirdre Manning, director of federal programs for the school district, said the amplification



Second grader Charleigh Kate Ridout answers a question on her class's new Promethean board at the direction of teacher Angie Coward, at right. Promethean boards and other new devices are now in most classrooms across the Neshoba County School District as part of more than \$1.5 million in new technology, funded mostly through the first phase of the Mississippi Connects digital learning plan.

systems have proven to be a very useful tool in the classroom, especially while under a mask mandate.

During quarantines and while the high school was on hybrid schedule last semester, most teachers delivered online instruction whether live, recorded, or via an internet-based learning system.

Students could hear the teacher from anywhere in the classroom as opposed to the teacher providing instruction directly in front of the computer, even when teaching online through Zoom or other video-conferencing applications.

"The amplification system is needed to project the teacher's voice clearly," Manning said.

Coward utilizes her new amplification system daily.

"I love it in general but even more so this year because of the masks," she said. "It's a complete game changer. I wish I had one during all my years of teaching."

Another new device in her second grade classroom is a document camera.

"I use it a lot," Coward said. "It's like a digital copy machine. It's awesome!"

Principals laud new technology

High School Principal Jason

Gentry was pleased that the district has reached its Chromebook Initiative.

"Through the efforts of many dedicated people, we are thankful to have upgraded the technology at NCHS so our students have the same opportunities and technological advances that the top high schools in our state currently possess," he said.

"With the addition of over 700 Chromebooks with carts, we have finally reached our goal of all classrooms being equipped with devices for one-

to-one student use. That, along with Promethean interactive panels that were installed in all classrooms, allowed our teachers to broaden the learning scope with interactive details that enhance and enrich the learning experiences for our students. Overall, it is our mission to promote learning experiences that will lead to successes for our students beyond high school."

Middle School Principal Cody Killen said the increase in access to educational technol-

ogy "is providing alternate ways for teachers to deliver instruction to our students."

Killen said his school has seen a "quick rebound in the achievement gap experienced by the onset of the pandemic and access to equitable resources for all students has certainly helped our mission in making this year successful."

Neshoba Central Elementary Principal Tiffany Plott said the new technology ensured that students in kindergarten through fifth grades have their own devices while at school.

"One of the hottest trends right now is teaching digital citizenship," Plott said. "It's the newest buzz word out there. Digital citizenship is where a person develops skills and knowledge to effectively use the internet and other digital technology in order to participate responsibly in the world."

"We are teaching our kids to function in a world where most everything is online. Like most of us, we do online banking, we're ordering our groceries online these days, etc. It's teaching them to thrive and succeed in an age where technology is the key to everything we do."

Plott said students take pride in their own personal Chromebooks.

"They are able to personalize them, make their own screen saver, etc. They take ownership of it. It's good to let the kids have that kind of ownership."

Sheriff makes drug bust heading to funeral

By **DUNCAN DENT**
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On his way to a funeral Sunday afternoon, Sheriff Eric Clark made a felony drug arrest in the Good Hope community.

Joshua Andrews, 29, 721 Majure Road, Walnut Grove, was arrested and charged with no tag, driving under a suspended license, misdemeanor marijuana possession, possession of a felony amount of meth and several pieces of paraphernalia.

Jail records also show that Andrews is being held on a hold for an investigation. Clark said that in the early

afternoon Sunday, Feb. 28 he was headed to a funeral and got the call regarding a suspicious vehicle in the area.

"I got the call just as I was leaving my house and figured I could kill two birds with one stone while I was out," Clark said.

He located the vehicle near the intersection of Mississippi 15 and Road 2426 in the Good Hope community.

He said he immediately made a traffic stop, resulting in the arrest of Andrews.

"This issue is something our guys do every day," Clark said. Clark said that they have wit-

nessed a recent uptick in criminal arrests.

"I don't know if it is the first of the month or the full moon or what, but things have been kind of crazy as of late," Clark said. "Maybe people feel they have some catching up to do after they were snowed in a few weeks back."

Clark said that anyone who has information that could lead to an arrest is encouraged to call the Neshoba County Sheriff's Department at 601-656-1414 or Crime Stoppers at 601-355-TIPS (8477).

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- Recovery is a long-term process

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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.

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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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Winstead's influence comes from grandmothers

By SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS
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Brooke Winstead graduated from Philadelphia High School and furthered her education as an undergrad at Ole Miss and is now in medical school.

She became a licensed pharmacist but has returned to school at UMMC.

This year is her first in medical school. One of the things that drew Winstead to the medical profession is a mission trip to Peru, where she helped hand out medical supplies and spread the Gospel.

Winstead hopes to go back one day on a mission trip. After school, Winstead is planning on working with diseases and eventually becoming a pediatrician.

Before attending UMMC, Winstead got her pharmacy tech license during her senior year of high school and worked at Walgreens for over seven years.

While she was in pharmacy school, she went to Peru, and it changed the way she looked at medicine and helping others.

They went to Peru for 10 days, and it was also through the pharmacy school. The group got to set up medicine tents to help the people of Peru.

"We set up clinics every day, and we traveled through the mountains where they didn't have medical care," said Winstead.

Winstead attends Bethsadia Baptist Church in Philadelphia with her husband, Tanner Winstead.

Both of Winstead's parents, Chris Long and Taneil Roberts, live in Philadelphia, including step-mom Amanda Long on her father's side. Winstead grew up with her sister Shayla Long, who is 21.

Winstead's husband, Tanner Winstead, works with his father's logging company in Philadelphia, and they have one fur baby named Ace.

She and Tanner have been married since July of last year.

Winstead loves to bake. She's the dessert person in her friend group.

Winstead also likes to renovate old furniture. Winstead is passionate about medicine. She loves learning more about it, and hopefully, one day working on giving back to the community. Winstead and her husband have prominent families, and she is passionate about visiting with them.

"We used to get together for Sunday lunch, but since COVID, it hasn't happened as much," Winstead said.

Winstead's cooking influ-



Brooke and Tanner Winstead

ence is her two grandmothers. Her least favorite part of cooking is going to the grocery store, and her favorite thing to cook is anything sweet.

MAMAW ANN'S PEANUT BUTTER ICE CREAM

4 eggs
2 cups sugar
2 tsp vanilla
1 can PET milk
1 can sweeten condensed milk
½ gallon milk
2 Tbls chocolate syrup
2-3 Tbls of crunchy

COOK OF THE WEEK

peanut butter
½ tsp salt
Mix together and put in 5-quart freezer and freeze

MAMAW LA'S VIETNAMESE SPRING ROLLS

Mamaw La's Vietnamese Spring Rolls
10 ounce pork tenderloin
1 pound of shrimp
1 head of lettuce
1 cucumber

1 package of rice vermicelli noodles
1 package rice paper

Slice pork tenderloin as thinly as you can. Boil pork tenderloin and shrimp with a pinch of salt. Cook rice vermicelli noodles according to package peel and slice cucumber into smaller pieces cut lettuce into smaller pieces set up workstation of meat, veggies, noodles, and rice paper briefly dip one rice paper wrapper into plate with water to wet it just enough to make it pliable and lay flat layer pork

shrimp lettuce noodles and cucumber on top of we rice paper wrapper. Add additional herbs such as peppermint or cilantro as desired. Roll the rice paper up away from you serve immediately with nuoc cham dipping sauce or soy sauce!

Dipping Sauce:

Nuoc Cham:
This is a Vietnamese Traditional dipping sauce which contains fish sauce, lime juice, vinegar, red chili, pepper, and sugar.

LUCILLE'S SUGAR COOKIES
1 cup sugar

1 egg
1 stick of butter
½ cup of cooking oil
Cream this with mixer. Sift and add.

2 ½ cups of plain flour
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon of baking soda

1 tsp of vanilla
Mix and pinch off little pieces of dough. Roll into small ball and press onto lightly greased cookie sheet. Mash flat with glass dipped in sugar. Sprinkle with sprinkles. Bake at 330 degrees

Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS
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Jenna Daly, the daughter of Dr. Shay and Ann Daly, was recently inducted into the Jackson Academy Chapter of the National Honor Society. Membership in this national organization is highly valued by high school students throughout the United States and outlying U.S. territories. Membership is based on scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Philadelphia grandparents are Pat and Jo Helen Daly. Congratulations!

A three-day weekend trip to Arlington, Texas, to celebrate Isaac McKay's second birthday with family turned into nine days for Don and Sharon McKay! They were stranded in the iconic ice storm which affected so much of the country. Mollie Clair McKay Johnson, Samuel, and Susan McKay were fortunate to get a flight out on Tuesday, but since Sharon and Don had driven, they were icebound.

Of course, Don and Sharon had a blast spending time with their family. Fletcher and Isaac helped Sharon make lots of biscuits and tea cakes. Fletcher is the original biscuit boy in the family who likes to roll, cut out, and eat biscuit dough with his grandmother, Sharon.

The highways cleared enough so the McKays could return to Philadelphia on the 21st of February. It was such a memorable trip!

The Neshoba Central Kindergarten classes recognized Class Favorites for the 2020-2021 school year. These students were selected by their

homeroom classmates. There are 11 kindergarten classes at Neshoba Central

These students and their teachers are as follows: Mrs. Lovern's Frogs-Madaly King & Jasper Commans; Mrs. Fowler's Bears-Harper Stovall & Jake Cole Prewitt; Mrs. Vowell's Caterpillars-Elin Cumberland & Caleb Pullin; Mrs. Barrett's Giraffes-Sarah Spears & Jase Stovall; Mrs. Posey's Friendly Frogs- Miles Owen & Kellan Posey; Mrs. Cole's Lions-Ashlynn King & Jace Pankey; Mrs. Hill's Tigers-Ali Boyd & Jace Giles; Mrs. Griffin's Flamingos-Kysn Williams & Ethan Adams; Mrs. Neese's Zebras-Heidi May & Jennings Darbonne; Mrs. Fortenberry's Owls-Lake-lynn Boler & Jesse Bond; Mrs. Ridout's Alligators-Maddie Blackburn & Reid Thames. A picture of the entire group will appear in the Rockets year-book.

During last Monday night's Rockets basketball game, Mrs. Robin McClellan's fifth grade students performed the National Anthem in sign language for the fascinated audience. Her daughter, Burgin McClellan, a student at Ole Miss, has been signing during sports events on campus for the past two years. She taught her mother and some of her students to sign. They were excellent students and learned it quickly. American Sign Language is a nationally recognized method of communication for the deaf and hard of hearing who have learned its signs.

The Diamond Elite Black 11 U youth baseball team played in their first tournament

recently in Magee It was the Snowball Classic and a beautiful day for baseball.

The Diamond Elite team won! Hutt Rushing received the game ball for Hitting and his best buddy and teammate, Jacob Isaac, received one for Pitching! It was a great beginning to the season which begins soon. Congratulations! Hutt's parents are TJ and Jill Dansby Rushing. His proud Philadelphia grandparents are Steve and Deena Dansby.

Strange Brew Coffeehouse in Starkville recently received the 2020 R. Clay Simmons Exemplary Enterprise Award. Owned and operated by Shane Reed and his wife, Kaitlyn Reed, the award "recognizes a business that has made outstanding contributions to the community through civic involvement, educational advancement, and has demonstrated superior business practices."

A second Strange Brew Coffeehouse opened last year in Tupelo which seems to be doing very well. Shane is a graduate of Philadelphia High School and Mississippi State University. He and his wife are the parents of two daughters, Brighton and Miriam who love to visit Strange Brew for its tasty pastries and hot chocolate. Shane is the son of Woody and Lisa Reed of Philadelphia. Congratulations!

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Lady Warriors playing for 8th title

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Choctaw Central Lady Warriors are in the Mississippi High School Activities Association's Class 4A championship game.

They will be going for the eighth state championship in school history when they play Pontotoc Thursday at 5 p.m. at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson.

"Winning the state championship. That's always the goal," Coach Bill Smith said. "We are playing well right now. We have one more game to go."

The Lady Warriors have won state championships in 1996, 1997, 1999, 2004, 2005,

2017 and 2018. If they win this week, they will have won the state championship in three different classifications – 2A, 3A and 4A.

The Lady Warriors improved to 25-3 following their crushing 72-49 victory over Pass Christian in the semifinals at the Coliseum Monday. Pontotoc advanced to the finals by defeating Moss Point 37-21.

Senior Meloney Thames scored 30 points to lead the Lady Warriors. Choctaw Central went up 25-10 at the end of the first quarter. They outscored Pass Christian 21-9 in the second quarter and led 46-19 at the half.

The Lady Warriors went up by as much as 30 points in the

third quarter. But then Pass Christian battled back to cut the lead to 17. At that point, Thames hit a three-point shot, then stole a pass and scored, and then hit another three-pointer to stop that comeback. The Lady Warriors carried a 62-35 lead into the final quarter and held on for the win.

Carly Keats added 16 points while Lyleonia Johnson scored 10 points.

Because of last month's ice storm, the tournament dates were pushed back and teams had to play three games last week with the girls taking the court Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Choctaw Central started last week with a 56-40 victory over Ripley. They then defeat-

ed South Pontotoc 68-32 on Wednesday.

Against South Pontotoc, the Lady Warriors went up 25-5 at the end of the first quarter. Choctaw Central outscored the Lady Cougars 19-15 in the second quarter and led 39-20 at the half. The Lady Warriors had a 24-12 scoring edge in the second half. Thames led with 22 points while Shantashia John scored 14 and Kyla Farmer put in nine.

Last Friday, the Lady Warriors took on Tishomingo County in a game that might have been for the state championship if the brackets were drawn differently. Tishomingo County defeated both Choctaw Central and Pontotoc earlier in the season and was the top-ranked team through most of the regular season. But Choctaw Central traveled to Iuka and dispatched them 73-50.

On the road, the Lady Warriors went up 19-15 at the end of the first quarter. Choctaw Central outscored the Lady Braves 16-10 in the second quarter and led 35-25 at the half. Tishomingo County battled back in the third quarter but Choctaw Central outscored them 19-17 to carry a 54-42



Choctaw Central's Shantashia John (13) drives the baseline against Pass Christian at the MHSAA State Basketball Tournament semifinals on Monday, March 1, 2021, at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson, Miss.

lead into the final stanza. The Lady Warriors put in 19 points in the final quarter while holding the Lady Braves to nine points.

Carly Keats fired in 21

points to lead the Lady Warriors while Thames added 17 points. Johnson scored 15 and John scored nine.

Lady Rockets land in Jackson for playoffs

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Neshoba Central Lady Rockets picked up three victories last week in the Mississippi High School Activities Association's Class 5A girls state tournament.

That landed the Lady Rockets in Jackson Tuesday where they were to battle Laurel in the semifinal round at the Mississippi Coliseum. The winner will advance to the Class 5A girls championship game on Friday against the winner of Holmes County Central and Brookhaven. Tipoff will be at 5 p.m.

Because of last month's ice storm, the tournament dates were pushed back and teams had to play three games last week with the girls taking the court on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The Lady Rockets opened the week with a 59-25 victory over Grenada. They advanced to defeat Vicksburg on the road 73-66, and then closed out the week with a 52-48 victory over Cleveland Central.

Neshoba Central along with Holmes and Cleveland all played in Region 3-5A. Two are in the semifinals and Neshoba eliminated Cleveland in the

third round.

"We knew we played in a tough region and I think this proves it," Coach Jason Broom said. "Laurel and Brookhaven are in the same region, too. Just two regions had two teams to make it to state."

Against Grenada, the Lady Rockets jumped out to a 19-3 lead at the end of the first quarter. They would outscore Grenada 15-8 in the second quarter and carried a 34-11 lead into the halftime. The Lady Rockets outscored Grenada 12-3 in the third quarter and led 46-14 heading into the fourth quarter. Neshoba Central outpointed Grenada 13-11 in the final eight minutes of play.

Hama'ya Fielder and Jeleisya Jim both scored 12 points to lead Neshoba Central while Veronica Williams added nine points.

The third quarter made the difference for the Lady Rockets in their victory over the Missy Gators.

The score was tied a 18-18 after the first quarter. The Missy Gators outpointed Neshoba Central 17-15 in the second round and led 35-33 at the half. The Lady Rockets took a lead in the third quarter. Outpointing the Missy Gators 23-16, the Lady Rockets took a 56-51 lead

into the fourth quarter. They outscored Vicksburg 17-15 in the final eight minutes of play to take the victory.

Fielder led with 22 points while Shanta Beaulieu added eight points. Jim and Onnahali Williams both scored seven points.

The Cleveland girls jumped out to a 21-9 lead in the first quarter. The Lady Rockets battled back, chipping away at the Lady Wolves lead.

Neshoba Central outpointed Cleveland 12-5 in the second quarter and trailed 26-21 at the half. Neshoba Central then outscored Cleveland 12-7 in the third quarter and the game was tied at 33-33 going into the final quarter. There, the Lady Rockets outscored Cleveland 19-14 and took the victory.

Cleveland took a one point lead with 20 seconds left in the fourth quarter but the Neshoba Central scored and scored again to take the victory.

"Cleveland got off to a fast start," Coach Broom said. "But we knew they had been on three long road trips this week. So, we kept the pressure on them and wore them down."

Fielder led with 15 points while Sha Hunter scored 14 and Veronica Williams put in nine points.

Season comes to an end for the Tornadoes

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Philadelphia Lady Tornadoes were eliminated from the Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 2A girls state basketball tournament in a 61-40 loss to Bay Springs.

The Lady Tornadoes had opened the tournament with a 44-34 win over Wesson.

"We had a very productive season this year," coach Danielle Spurlock said. "We had ups and downs, went

through a rough patch of losing close games. But my girls kept working and getting better each and every game.

"We entered the district tournament as the bottom seed (No. 5), beat the No. 1 seed (Newton) and finished as number two in our district. We made a run in the playoffs to the second round, and it came to an end with a loss to Bay Springs," Spurlock said.

"We will be graduating three seniors. We will be a young team coming back with lots of hope. It was a pleasure coaching

these young ladies this year, and I can't wait to see their potential in full bloom next year," Spurlock said.

Zharia Leflore led the Lady Tornadoes with 26 points against Bay Springs.

Tornadoes The Philadelphia Tornadoes made it to the second round of the Class 2A boys tournament before being eliminated.

The Tornadoes won their first round game over Loyd Star 73-45. They then dropped a 60-43 decision to St. Patrick.

Neshoba fast pitch starts year off with 2 wins

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Neshoba Central Lady Rockets softball team got started last week with two victories over Newton County in fast-pitch action.

Neshoba Central won the first game 9-8 and then took the second game 13-4.

Lanayah Henry doubled in the winning run in the first game. Neshoba Central scored two in the first, one in the sec-

ond, four in the third, one in the fourth and one in the sixth. Newton County scored three in the first, one in the third, two in the fourth and two in the sixth.

Henry had two doubles and four RBIs. Charmayne Morris hit a triple and knocked in a run. Mauhree Jones had two doubles and a RBI and was tabbed the winning pitcher.

In the second game, the Lady Rockets pounded out 17 hits to defeat Newton County.

Morris connected on three singles and a double while scoring a run and knocking in two. Tenly Grisham hit a double and a single and scored three runs, Annaleigh Jones had two hits, scored one run and knocked in another. Kylie Posey all hit a double.

Jones was the winning pitcher.



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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOB COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIE C. MOORE, DECEASED NICOLE MOORE MORRISON, EXECUTRIX NO. 2020-290 KK NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 4th day of January, 2021, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, Nicole Moore Morrison, upon the Estate of Willie C. Moore, 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 of the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred. This the 6th day of January, 2021. /s/Nicole Moore NICOLE MOORE MORRISON, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIE C. MOORE, DECEASED ROBERT L. THOMAS, MSBN 8159ALFORD, THOMAS & THOMAS, PLLC ATTORNEYS AT LAW POST OFFICE BOX 96 PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI 39350(601) 656-1871 52371

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOB COUNTY THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRENDA J. SISON TERRY L. JORDAN, PETITIONER CAUSE NO. 2021-20 NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 11th day of February, 2021, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned TERRY L. JORDAN, upon the estate of BRENDA J. SISON, 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 11th day of February, 2021. Respectfully submitted, /s/ Terry L. Jordan TERRY L. JORDAN, Executor 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 52375

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOB COUNTY THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEROY YATES HARLEY RICHARD BEEBE, PETITIONER, CAUSE NO. 2020-295 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: All Unknown Heirs-at-Law of LEROY YATES YOU HAVE BEEN MADE A DEFENDANT IN THE SUIT FILED IN THIS COURT BY HARLEY RICHARD BEEBE, PETITIONER, SEEKING A DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP OF LEROY YATES. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 23rd day of March, 2021, before the Honorable Kiley Kirk, Chancery Judge of the Neshoba County Chancery Court located in Philadelphia, 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 this petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT, this the 11th day of February, 2021. Chancery Clerk of Neshoba Co., MS By: /s/W. Savell, D.C. Dates of Publication: 3 times Submitted by: TERRY L. JORDAN MS Bar # 3234 Attorney at Law Post Office Drawer 459 Philadelphia, MS 39350 Phone: (601) 656-2451 52376

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOB COUNTY THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY P. MCKEE TABITHA M. WINSTEAD, PETITIONER CAUSE NO. 2020-206 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: All Unknown Heirs-at-Law of SHIRLEY P. MCKEE YOU HAVE BEEN MADE A DEFENDANT IN THE SUIT FILED IN THIS COURT BY TABITHA M. WINSTEAD, PETITIONER, SEEKING A DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP OF SHIRLEY P. MCKEE. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 23rd day of March, 2021, before the Honorable Kiley Kirk, Chancery Judge of the Neshoba County Chancery Court located in Philadelphia, 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 this petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT, this the 11th day of February, 2021. Chancery Clerk of Neshoba Co., MS By: /s/W. Savell, D.C. Dates of Publication: 3 times Submitted by: TERRY L. JORDAN MS Bar # 3234 Attorney at Law Post Office Drawer 459 Philadelphia, MS 39350 Phone: (601) 656-2451 52377

PUBLIC NOTICE SIXTEENTH SECTION LAND RECLASSIFICATION The Board of Trustees of the Neshoba County School District hereby gives notice of the reclassification of the following Sixteenth Section Public School Trust Land from Agricultural to Forestry classification. Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 11 East. All that part of the E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and all that part of the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 lying and being North and West of Road 385 and all that part of the

South 11 acres of the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 lying and being West of Road 385 in Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Less and except: Beginning at a point where the Northwest right-of-way of Road 385 crosses the South line of the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and run Northeastly along the Northwest right-of-way of said road a distance of 528.00 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning; thence run Northeastly along the Northwest right-of-way of said road a distance of 924.00 feet more or less; thence run West 231.00 feet more or less; thence run Southwestly parallel to said right-of-way a distance of 924.00 feet more or less; thence run East 231.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 5.0 acres more or less, being situated in the E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 lying and being North and West of Road 385; less and except: 1.83 acres described as starting at a point where Road 385 intersects the West right-of-way of Road 383 in the Northeast corner of the S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 and run in a Southwestly direction along said right-of-way of Road 385 a distance of 300.00 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning of this 1.83 acres; thence run South 45 degrees West a distance of 250.00 feet more or less; thence run South parallel to Road 385 a distance of 320.00 feet more or less; thence run North 45 degrees East a distance of 250.00 feet more or less to the West side of Road 385; thence run Northeastly along said right-of-way a distance of 320.00 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning. Less and except: the following 4.0 acres described as starting at a point where the South line of the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 intersects the West side of Road 385 and run Southwestly along the West side of Road 385 a distance of 250.00 feet more or less; thence run North-easterly perpendicular to Road 385 a distance of 250.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run Northwesterly perpendicular to Road 385 a distance of 417.00 feet more or less; thence run Southwestly parallel to Road 385 a distance of 417.00 feet more or less; thence run Northeastly parallel to Road 385 a distance of 417.00 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning, being 4 acres in the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4: Less and except: Commence at a point where the West right-of-way of County Road 385 intersects the South line of the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 this being the Point of Beginning; thence run West 188.0 feet more or less; thence run North 556.0 feet more or less; thence run East 335.0 feet more or less; thence run Southeastly perpendicular to County Road 385 a distance of 285.0 feet more or less to the West right-of-way of said Road 385; thence run Southwestly along said right-of-way a distance of 538.0 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning being 5.0 acres more or less in the E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4; Agricultural acreage containing 19.77 acres more or less described herein. Further described as Parcel 20.01 on Map 50 of the Neshoba County Tax Assessor plat maps. Any interested party desiring to object to this reclassification must submit such objection in writing to the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County on or before 5:00 p.m. on the 9th day of April, 2021. Neshoba County School District Lundy Brantley, Superintendent Publish 3 times: February 24, 2021 and March 3 and 10, 2021 52378

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS, on March 5, 2010, East Gate Properties of Philadelphia, Inc., a Mississippi corporation (the "Borrower") executed that certain Land Deed of Trust (the "Original Deed of Trust") to Robert Thomas, as trustee (the "Original Trustee"), for the use and benefit of The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, a Mississippi banking corporation (the "Beneficiary"), which instrument was recorded in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi (the "Recording Office") on March 17, 2010, at Deed of Trust Book 2010, Page 1851; and, WHEREAS, on August 12, 2014, Borrower and Beneficiary entered into that certain Modification to Deed of Trust (the "2014 Amendment"), thereby modifying and amending the Original Deed of Trust, which 2014 Amendment was recorded in the Recording Office on August 13, 2014, at Deed of Trust Book 2014, Page 6927; and WHEREAS, on December 22, 2015, Borrower and Beneficiary entered into that certain Modification to Deed of Trust (the "2016 Amendment"), thereby modifying and amending the Original Deed of Trust, which 2016 Amendment was recorded in the Recording Office on January 5, 2016, at Deed of Trust Book 2016, Page 179; and WHEREAS, on March 16, 2017, Borrower and Beneficiary entered into that certain Modification to Deed of Trust (the "2017 Amendment") and together with the 2014 Amendment, the 2016 Amendment and the Original Deed of Trust, collectively, the "Deed of Trust"), thereby modifying and amending the Original Deed of Trust, which 2017 Amendment was recorded in the Recording Office on March 27, 2017, at Deed of Trust Book 2017, Page 2151; and WHEREAS, as of February 8, 2021, pursuant to that certain Substitution of Trustee (the "Trustee Substitution"), Beneficiary substituted Alan Lee Smith (the "Substituted Trustee") as trustee of the Deed of Trust, in the place and stead of the Original Trustee and of any other substituted trustee, which Trustee Substitution was recorded in the Recording Office on February 8, 2021 at Book 2021, Page 1069, and thereafter spread upon the land records maintained by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby (the "Indebtedness") having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, Beneficiary has called upon the Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and make foreclosure thereof according to the terms of said Deed of Trust and applicable Mississippi law, for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, with the proceeds thereof to be applied in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust and related loan documents. NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alan Lee Smith, acting solely in my capacity as Substituted Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me pursuant to the

Deed of Trust and applicable Mississippi law, do hereby give notice that I will, between the legal hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, offer for sale at public outcry at the north door of the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 E. Beacon Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described real property situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to-wit: REAL PROPERTY TRACT I: From an iron pin on the Northwest corner of the South 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, run South for 294.54 feet; thence run West for 1,938.73 feet to an iron pin located on the South right-of-way line (15 feet South of the centerline) of Myrtle Street, which is the Point of Beginning; thence run South for 566.10 feet to an iron pin located on the North right-of-way line (30 feet North of the centerline) of Mississippi Highway No. 16; thence run South 89 degrees 30 minutes West along said North right-of-way line for 100.0 feet to an iron pin, being the Southeast corner of Cecil George's property; thence run North for 576.0, feet to an iron pin located on said South right-of-way line of Myrtle Street, being the Northeast corner of Cecil George's property; thence run South 84 degrees 50 minutes East along said South right-of-way line for 100.41 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 1.31 acres, more or less, and being situated in the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Parcel #06329C-00A-025.000 TRACT II: From an iron pin on the Northwest corner of the South 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, run South for 309.85 feet; thence run West for 1,642.89 feet to an iron pin located on the South right-of-way line (15 feet South of the centerline) of Myrtle Street; thence run North 88 degrees 04 minutes West along said South right-of-way line of Myrtle Street for 207.45 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 84 degrees 38 minutes West along said South right-of-way line of Myrtle Street for 88.9 feet to an iron pin which is the Northeast corner of the property owned by Dale Price; thence run South for 300.0 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run South for 266.10 feet to the North right-of-way line (30 feet North of the centerline) of Mississippi Highway No. 16, said point also being the Southeast corner of the Dale Price property; thence run North 89 degrees 28 minutes East along said North right-of-way line for 276.9 feet to an iron pin which is located on an old fence line; thence run North 2 degrees 50 minutes along said old fence line for 216.55 feet; thence run North 1 degree 29 minutes East along said old fence line for 50.0 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 28 minutes West for 288.9 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 1.73 acres, more or less, and being situated in the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Parcel #06329C-00A-025.000 TRACT III: Commence at the NW corner of S 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, and run South 309.85 feet; thence run West 1,642.89 feet to a point on the South line of Myrtle Street for the Point of Beginning; thence run North 88 degrees 04 minutes West 207.4 feet along the South line of said Myrtle Street; thence continue North 84 degrees 38 minutes West 88.9 feet along the South line of Myrtle Street to an iron pin; thence run South 300 feet; thence run North 89 degrees 28 minutes East 288.9 feet to a point; thence run North 01 degree 29 minutes East 279.2 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 1.93 acres, more or less, and being located in the S 1/2 of SW 1/4, Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Parcel #06329C-00A-025.000 AND ALSO, a 30 foot right-of-way easement for the purpose of egress, ingress and regress more particularly described as commence at the NW corner of S 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, and run South 309.85 feet; thence run West 1,642.89 feet to a point of the South line of Myrtle Street; thence run North 88 degrees 04 minutes West 207.4 feet along the South line of Myrtle Street; thence continue North 84 degrees 38 minutes West 88.9 feet along the South line of Myrtle Street; thence run South 300 feet; thence run North 89 degrees 28 minutes East 60 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence run South 266.10 feet to the North right-of-way line of State Highway No. 16; thence run North 89 degrees 28 minutes East 30 feet along the North right-of-way line of Highway No. 16; thence run North 266.10 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 28 minutes West 30 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.18 acre, more or less, and being in the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Parcel #06329C-00A-025.000 LESS AND EXCEPT #1: (Parcel #06329C-00A-025.001) From an iron pin on the NW corner of the S 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, run South 285.50 feet; thence run West for 2,038.73 feet to an iron pin of the South right-of-way (15 feet South of the centerline) of Myrtle Street at the NE Corner of the Kenneth & Janet Hillman property; then run South along the East line of the Hillman property for 351.0 feet to the South edge of a block wall for the point of beginning; then run South along the East line of the Hillman property for 203.4 feet to the North right-of-way of Mississippi State Highway No. 16; then run North 88 degrees 13 minutes East along said right-of-way for 70.0 feet; then run North for 203.8 feet to the South edge of a block wall; then run along the South edge of the block wall South 87 degrees 52 minutes West for 70.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. This parcel contains 0.33 acres, more or less, and is situated in the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. LESS AND EXCEPT #2: (MS Highway 16 Road ROW) Begin at a point on the present Northerly right-of-way line of Mississippi Highway No. 16 as shown on the plats for State Project No.

79-0024-04-001-10, said point also being the Southwest corner of Grantors property; from said Point of Beginning run thence North 01 degree 26 minutes West along the Westerly line of Grantors property a distance of 10.0 feet; thence North 88 degrees 44 minutes East a distance of 377.6 feet to the Easterly line of Grantors property; thence South 02 degrees 15 minutes West along said Easterly property line a distance of 13.7 feet to a point on the said present Northerly right-of-way line; thence run South 85 degrees 52 minutes West along said present Northerly right-of-way line a distance of 25.6 feet; thence South 88 degrees 44 minutes West along said present Northerly right-of-way line a distance of 100.0 feet; thence North 88 degrees 25 minutes West along said present Northerly right-of-way line a distance of 100.0 feet; thence South 88 degrees 44 minutes West along said present Northerly right-of-way line a distance of 151.1 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.11 acres, more or less, and being situated in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi. LESS AND EXCEPT #3: (Parcel #06329C-00A-025.002) From an iron pipe marking the SW corner of the SW 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, run North for 768.44 feet; then run East for 690.77 feet to a point on the North right of way of Mississippi Highway No. 16 for the Point of Beginning. Then run North for 207. 62 feet; then run North 88° 56' 42" East for 131. 34 feet; then run South for 209.12 feet to a point on the North right of way of Mississippi Highway No. 16; then run along said right of way South 89 ° 35' 58" West for 131.32 feet to the Point of Beginning. This parcel contains 0.63 acre, more or less, and is situated in the SW 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. TRACT IV: - Intentionally Omitted TRACT V: - Intentionally Omitted TRACT VI: Starting at the NE Corner of Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, run East 30 feet; thence run South 3 degrees 20 minutes East 105 feet for a point of beginning; run South 3 degrees 20 minutes East 225 feet; thence West 739.39 feet; thence South 219 feet; thence West 325 feet; thence North 14 degrees 58 minutes West 459 feet; thence West 1170 feet, more or less, containing 7.5 acres, more or less, located in the N 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 11 East and in the NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, Section 30, Township 11 North, Range 12 East. Parcel Number 05225A-00A-017.001. TRACT VII: - Intentionally Omitted TRACT VIII: From an iron pin on the NW Corner of the S 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, run South for 280.06 feet; thence run West for 2,138.73 feet to an iron pin on the South right-of-way (15 feet South of the center line) of Myrtle Street which is the Point of Beginning; thence run South for 291 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 16 minutes West for 100.0 feet; thence run North for 295.8 feet to an iron pin on the said South right-of-way of Myrtle Street, being the NE Corner of C & D Building Supply; thence run South 85 degrees 14 minutes East for 100.34 feet along the said South right-of-way of Myrtle Street to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.68 acre, more or less, and being situated in the W 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Parcel number 06329C-00A-023.001. TRACT IX: A parcel of land containing 0.42 acre situated in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 11 East in the City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi, and more particularly described as follows: From the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, run North 75 degrees 51 minutes and 6 seconds East for 1236.57 feet to a point where Kentawka Creek crosses the Southeastern side of the right-of-way for Mississippi Highway 15, 16 & 21 Bypass; thence run North 45 degrees and 13 minutes East along said right-of-way for 484.71 feet; thence South 44 degrees and 47 minutes East for 30.00 feet to the Point of Beginning of the following described parcel of land. From said Point of Beginning, run North 45 degrees and 13 minutes East for 165.00 feet; thence South 55 degrees and 22 minutes East for 81.00 feet; thence South 34 degrees and 38 minutes West for 162.19 feet; thence South 45 degrees and 38 minutes West for 25 feet; thence North 55 degrees and 9 minutes 28 seconds West for 115.9 feet; thence North 45 degrees 13 minutes East for 25 feet to the Point of Beginning. Parcel Number 05200-35-008.008 TRACT X: Begin at the SW corner of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 24, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, run East 217.8 feet; thence run North 266 feet to the South line of a street; thence run South 43 degrees 46 minutes West 303 feet along the Southern line of said street; thence run South 21 degrees 15 minutes East 56 feet along the Eastern line of said street to the North line of Fork Public Road; thence run East 19 feet to the point of beginning; containing (0.75) 3/4 acre more or less and being in the SW corner of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 24, and also in the SE corner of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 23, all in Township 11 North, Range 11 East, City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Parcel Number 05124C-00E-030.000. The foregoing real property, together with all improvements and appurtenances erected thereon, and all fixtures of any and every description attached to said real property (collectively, the "Property") shall be sold together on an "As Is, Where Is" basis without warranty or recourse, express or implied, as to title, possession, use and/or enjoyment, and subject to the following: 1. Any unpaid taxes against the Property; 2. Any recorded easements, conditions, covenants, rights-of-way or subdivision plats affecting the Property; 3. Any dedication of roads affecting the Property and any governmental zoning and subdivision ordinances or regulations in effect; and, 4. Any prior or superior liens, judgments, deeds of trust, or other interests of record and/or existing as a matter of law regarding the Property. I shall convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 12th day of February, 2021. /s/ Alan Lee Smith ALAN LEE SMITH, acting solely in my capacity as Substituted Trustee Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C. Attn: Alan Lee Smith, Esq., P.O. Box 14167 Jackson, Mississippi 39236(601) 351-8932 Property Name and Physical Address: Tracts I, II and III: East Gate Plaza Shopping Center 120 & 1122 East Main Street Philadelphia, Mississippi Tax: 06329C-00A-025.000 (PPIN: 6819) Tract VI: Vacant Land behind Ronnie's Steakhouse Pecan Avenue Philadelphia, Mississippi Tax: 05225A-00A-017.001 (PPIN: 17675) Tract VIII: Warehouses on Myrtle Street 1207 Myrtle Street Philadelphia, Mississippi Tax: 06329C-00A-023.001 (PPIN: 6817) Tract IX: Krystal Restaurant 10 Canal Place Philadelphia, Mississippi Tax: 05200-35-008.008 (PPIN: 17257) Tract X: Warehouse on Carter Avenue 907 Carter Avenue Philadelphia, Mississippi Tax: 05124C-00E-030.000 (PPIN: 3822) Publication Dates: February 17, 2021; February 24, 2021; March 3, 2021; and March 10, 2021

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOB COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI NESHOB COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, AND CAELYN BREEZE HOLLINGER, SHALYN GRACE HOLLINGER AND TERRANCE EDWARD HOLLINGER, II, A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH THEIR NEXT FRIEND, MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, PETITIONERS VS. CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. 2021-9 FELICIA GAIL SHARRAH AKA HOLLINGER AND TERRANCE EDWARD HOLLINGER, RESPONDENTS COUNTY COURT SUMMONS-STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: Felicia Gail Sharrah AKA Hollinger, who is not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose post office address is not known to the Petitioner after diligent inquiry. You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by the Neshoba County Department of Child Protection Services, by Marcus D. Davenport and Caelyn Breeze Hollinger, Shalyn Grace Hollinger and Terrance Edward Hollinger, II, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minors and demanding that the full custody, control, and authority to act on behalf of said minor be placed with the Neshoba County Department of Child Protection Services. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 14th day of April, 2021, in the courtroom of the Neshoba County Chancery Court Courthouse at 401 East Beacon St, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a Judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 12th day of February, 2021. GUY NOWELL CLERK NESHOB COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI 39350 BY: K. Greer DC Deputy Clerk Office of the Attorney General Post Office Box 220 Jackson, Mississippi 39205 Telephone No. (601) 359-4248 Duran.Davis@ago.ms.gov

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOB COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF ESTATE OF ALATHA FRANCES SMITH BRADLEY, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NO. 20-328-JK JOHNNIE LEE BRADLEY, JR. EXECUTOR NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 11th day of February, 2021, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, in civil action number 20-328-JK to the undersigned upon the Estate of Alatha Frances Smith Bradley, and the Executor, having filed an AFFIDAVIT with the Clerk confirming his reasonably diligent efforts to identify persons having claims against said estate and finding none, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred. This the 17th day of February, 2021. JOHNNIE LEE BRADLEY, JR., Executor of the ESTATE OF ALATHA FRANCES SMITH BRADLEY Prepared by: John G. Compton MSB #6433 Witherspoon & Compton, LLC P.O. Box 845 Meridian, MS 39302-0845 Telephone: 601/693-6466 Email: jcompton@witherspooncompton.com

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Northside Storage [br /] 1350 N Pecan Ave [br /] Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 [br /] Willie Jackson, Co-Owner [br /]

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, March 5, 2021, 10:00 am, Northside Storage, LLC, owned by O. D. Jackson, located at 1350 N Pecan Ave, Philadelphia, Mississippi, the undersigned, Northside Storage, will sell at public sale, by competitive bidding the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by Northside Storage having the right to reject any and all bids. #233. Jalen Davis

Philadelphia, MS 52385

NOTICE TO BIDDERS [br /] [br /] Sealed bids will be received in the Neshoba County School District office, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 39350 until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2021, for: Gymnasium Floor Repair at Neshoba Central High School Neshoba County School District (Philadelphia, Mississippi) P & M Project Number: 2021103 Bid documents are being made available via original paper copy or electronically. Planholders are required to log-in or register for an account at www.pryor-morrowplans.com to view and order Bid Documents. All planholders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. Electronic bids are not required; however, a submission of an electronic bid in lieu of a sealed bid shall be submitted at www.pryor-morrowplans.com. Questions regarding website registration, online orders electronic bidding please contact Plan House Printing at (662) 407-0193.

Bid preparation will be in accordance with Section 00200 – Instructions to Bidders, bound in the Project Manual. BID GUARANTEE: Proposals shall be submitted with Proposal Security in the form of Certified Check or acceptable Bid Bond in an amount equal to at least five percent (5%) of the base bid; such security is to be forfeited as liquidated damages, not penalty, by any bidder who fails to carry out the terms of the proposal. The Bid Bond, if used, shall be payable to the Owner. Bonds on the project must be received on or before the period scheduled for the project and no bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the project. Bids must be firm for a period of forty-five (45) days after the scheduled time of opening. PERFORMANCE-PAYMENT BOND: A 100% Performance-Payment Bond issued by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Mississippi will be required within ten (10) days after the successful bidder has been notified of the award of the contract to him. CERTIFICATE OF RESPONSIBILITY: All bids submitted by a prime or subcontractor for public works or public projects where said bid is in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to perform contracts enumerated in Section 31-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall contain on the outside or exterior of the envelope or container of such bid the contractor's current certificate number. No bid shall be opened or considered unless such contractor's current certificate number appears on the outside or exterior of said envelope or container or unless there appears a statement on the outside or exterior of such envelope or container to the effect that the bid enclosed therewith does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). When bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of the bid envelope shall be deemed in compliance by including the same information as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities. Publish: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 Wednesday, March 10, 2021

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IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT- MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF KIMBALL NELSON WILLIS, DECEASED- CAUSE NO.2020-388 DEANNA JOHN PETITIONER SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, whether resident/nr resident of the state of Mississippi, claiming any right, title or interest as heirs of Kimball Nelson Willis, deceased. You have been made a Respondent in the Petition to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Deanna John, Petitioner, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-at-law of Kimball Nelson Willis, deceased, as fully set out in the Petition/Motion on file in the Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 10:30 o'clock A.M. on the 7th day of April, 2021, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Court in the Smith John Justice Complex located on the Pearl River Reservation, Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 12th day of February 2021. /s/ Jenni-leen Young TRIBAL COURT CLERK Prepared by: Douglas J Graham Settlements & Graham, PLLC 410 East Beacon Street Philadelphia, MS 39350 601-656-9597 MSBN: 101965

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Public Notice Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board P.O. Box 2261 Jackson, Mississippi 39225 Telephone No. (601)961-5171 March 3, 2021 Superior Asphalt, Inc. Neshoba County Plant #1 at Highway 15 Bypass, Philadelphia, MS 39350 has applied to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality for modification under MDEQ's Multimedia Hot Mix Asphalt Facility General Permit MSR70 to construct, modify and operate an asphalt plant. Such construction and operation may involve the clearing, grading, and excavation of land, and will involve the discharge of storm water and the operation of new air emission equipment during the operation of the facility. General Permit MSR70 has been developed to ensure compliance with all State and Federal regulations. Facilities granted coverage under this permit and adhering to the conditions contained therein should operate within State and Federal environmental laws and standards concerning storm water discharges and the operation of air emissions equipment. The staff of the Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board is soliciting all relative information pertaining to the proposed facility, including public comment, to ensure that the above referenced facility meets the eligibility requirements of the general permit. An important element of staff evaluation is public review and comment. The staff recommendation to the Board, as well as the Board decision, will be made only after a thorough consideration of all public comments. Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed determinations are invited to submit comment in writing to Chief, Environmental Permits Division at the above Permit Board address no later than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. All comments received by that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. A public hearing will be held if the Permit Board finds a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit. The Permit Board is limited in the scope of its analysis to environmental impact. Any comments relative to zoning or economic and social impacts are within the jurisdiction of local zoning and planning authorities and should be addressed to those authorities.

Rebelettes claim 21st state crown

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Leake Academy Rebelettes made short work of Hartfield Academy to take an 82-45 victory Saturday in the Mid-South Association of Independent Schools Class 4A girls championship game.

It was the school's 21st state championship for the girls basketball program. The Rebelettes have also won 33 North/South state championships, five overall state championships and 19 straight district championships.

The Rebelettes had to win three games against top opponents to win the state title. They opened with a 70-48 victory over Simpson Academy. They then had to battle past tournament host Hillcrest Christian 52-49 to make it to the finals. Hartfield outsize the Rebelettes but Leake Academy brought its "A" game as they put the Lady Hawks away 82-45.

"Hartfield outsize in every position except one," coach Amanda Hatch said. "We came out firing. I couldn't have drawn up our defense any better. We took an early lead because our defense was so good and our offense was



The Leake Academy Rebelettes won their 21st state basketball title on Saturday with a decisive victory over Hartfield Academy.

clicking. We were up 42-17 at the half. It was a total team effort, everyone worked well."

Against Simpson, the Rebelettes trailed 14-12 after the first quarter. But they came back to outscore the Lady Cougars 22-6 in the second quarter and led 34-18. The Rebelettes outpointed Simpson 36-28 in the second half.

Emeri Warren led with 18 points while Morgan Freeny put in 16 points. Emmi Harkins scored 15 points and pulled down seven rebounds. Miriam Prince scored 11.

Hillcrest gave the Rebelettes a run for their money before Leake Academy pulled it out.

Leake Academy went up 17-8 after the first quarter. The Rebelettes outscored Hillcrest 13-12 in the second quarter and led 30-20 at the half.

Hillcrest took control of the game in the third quarter when they outpointed the Rebelettes 19-5.

"Hillcrest pushed us," Hatch said. "They were super athletic and aggressive. They made it hard for us to score, to

their credit. They made it hard to get shots off."

Hillcrest carried a 39-35 lead into the final quarter. Leake Academy responded to the challenge, outscoring Hillcrest 17-12 in the final eight minutes and pulled out the win.

"They were up by seven on us in the fourth quarter," Hatch said. "It was tough, a struggle."

Harkins scored 26 points and Prince scored 17.

That win put Leake Academy in the state for finals

against Hartfield. The Rebelettes led 15-4 at the end of the first quarter. Then they outscored Hartfield 27-13 in the second quarter and led 42-17 at the half.

The Rebelettes widened the divide in the third quarter as they outscored Hartfield 27-13 in the third quarter and carried a 69-30 lead into the fourth quarter. Hartfield battled back in the final quarter with Leake almost matching them point-per-point.

Prince led with 21 points while Harkins added 18 points.

Warren and Maybrey Mayfield both scored 12 points and Freeny scored 10 points.

Overall State

The 2020-2021 Rebelettes still have some business to attend to this week before they slip into legend.

In the past, the Overall State tournament has been played at Mississippi College. This year, the first and second rounds are being played at the schools while the semifinals and finals will be played next Monday and Tuesday at Hartfield Academy.

Leake Academy drew a first-round bye. They will host the winner between Bowling Green and Jackson Prep Friday night.

The winner will play in the semifinals Monday at 1:30 p.m. The championship game tips off at 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

"Winning the state is always our goal," Hatch said. "But this year, we have had our eye on the gold ball. This year, we have everything we need to win it. There will be a disappointment if we don't. If we play like we did Saturday and have a little luck on our side, we'll have a good shot at it."

Lady Yellowjackets in 2A state basketball semifinals

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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What a week for the Union Lady Yellowjackets basketball team.

In five days, the Lady Yellowjackets won three games in the Mississippi High School Activities Association Class

2A state tournament. They have advanced to the semifinals where they were to play defending champion Calhoun City on Tuesday morning in the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson. This is the first time since 1993 Union has made it to Jackson.

"Calhoun City is the

defending champions," said Coach Matt Wilbanks. "They press and one of their girls will be playing in the Mississippi-Alabama all-star game. She can really play."

"Calhoun City will be tough. But we have made it this far. I will take my team any day."

Because of last month's ice storm, the tournament dates were pushed back and teams had to play three games last week with the girls taking the court on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Union started the week with a 46-43 win over Bogue Chitto and a 61-31 victory over Puck-

ett. They then defeated West Lincoln 35-32 in the third round.

The winner of the Union-Calhoun City game advances to the championship game Friday at 1 p.m. with the winner between Region 6-A rival Newton High School and New Site joining them.

Union enters the week with a 28-6 record.

Season ends for Union boys

The Union boys made it to the second round of the playoffs where they were eliminated by Bay Springs, 54-48.

Legals

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A copy of the general permit is available on the MDEQ's website at www.deq.state.ms.us/MDEQ.nsf/page/epd_epdgeneral or by writing or calling the above Permit Board address and telephone number. The general permit is also available for review at the following location(s) during normal business hours. Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Office of Pollution Control 515 East Amite Street Jackson, Mississippi 39201 Neshoba County Library 230 W Beacon St Philadelphia, MS 39350 Please bring the foregoing to the attention of person who you know will be interested.

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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S [br /] NOTICE OF SALE [br /] WHEREAS, on the 3rd day of February, 2006, LAWANA G. LOFTON a/k/a LAWANA G. WORINGTON executed a Deed of Trust to Robert Thomas, Trustee, in the principal amount of TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN AND 82/100 DOLLARS (\$29,597.82), same being payable in sixty (60) regular payments of Three Hundred Nineteen and No/100 Dollars (\$319.00), with the first payment being due on March 5, 2006 and continuing on the 5th day of each month thereafter, with a final payment due on February 5, 2011; or until paid in full as set out in the Deed of Trust aforesaid, which is of record in Trust Book 2006, Page 1000 in the Chancery Clerk's Office of Neshoba County, Mississippi; said Deed of Trust was modified in Trust Book 2011, Page 4182; Trust Book 2013, Page 5221; Trust Book 2015, Page 4726; Trust Book 2017, Page 6262; and WHEREAS, on the February 4, 2021, THE CITIZENS BANK OF PHILADELPHIA, did execute a Substitution of Trustee, naming ZACHARY A. MADISON as Substituted Trustee, which substitution is recorded in Book 2021, Page 1375, in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, default has been made in

the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and THE CITIZENS BANK OF PHILADELPHIA, being the owner and holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, I will on the 24th day of March, 2021, offer for sale and will sell within legal hours (between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Courthouse in Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the highest bidder in cash, at public outcry, the following described property located and being situated in the County of Neshoba, State of Mississippi, to-wit: Beginning at the NW corner of the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 7, Township 10 North, Range 12 East, and run South 862 feet to the SW corner of lands owned by Leroy Beckham and wife, which point is the point of beginning of land herein described; thence run South for a distance of 312 feet to a point 146 feet North of the South line of said forty; thence run East for a distance of approximately 20 feet to the West right of way line of the public road; thence run in a Northeasterly direction along the West right of way line of said public road for a distance of 320 feet or to the SE corner of the aforesaid Beckham land; thence run West along the South line of said Beckham land for a distance of 157 feet back to the point of beginning, containing 0.63 acres, more or less, and being situated West of public road in the SW part of the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 7, Township 10 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, being the same land that was acquired from Arnell Jenkins and wife, Myrtle W. Jenkins, by deed dated May 18, 1971, and recorded in Deed Book A-82, Page 369, among the land records of Neshoba County, Mississippi. Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will sell only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 22nd day of February, 2021. /s/Zachary A. Madison Zachary A. Madison, Substituted Trustee THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY: ZACH-

ARY A. MADISON, MSB #104363 Fair & Mayo, PLLC P. O. Box 509 Louisville, MS 39339 Telephone No. 662-773-3455 PUBLISH: Neshoba County Democrat 3/3, 3/10, 3/17

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TITLE OF ABANDONMENT [br /] MOTOR VEHICLE [br /] Deanco Auction [br /] 1042 Holland Ave [br /] Philadelphia, MS 39350 [br /] MAKE: 2006 GMC Sierra Pickup VIN: 1GTGEC14V46E143215 PLACE OF SALE: Deanco Auction at 1042 Holland Ave, Philadelphia, MS 39350 SALE DATE: 03/24/2021 OWNED BY: Henry Brand III, 10504 Woods Dr, Meridian, MS 39307 LEINHOLDERS: N/A

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TITLE OF ABANDONMENT [br /] MOTOR VEHICLE [br /] Deanco Auction [br /] 1042 Holland Ave [br /] Philadelphia, MS 39350 [br /] MAKE: 1984 International S1900 Van-body Truck VIN: 1HTLDUXP9EHA61034 PLACE OF SALE: Deanco Auction at 1042 Holland Ave, Philadelphia, MS 39350 SALE DATE: 03/24/2021 OWNED BY: Henry Brand III, 10504 Woods Dr, Meridian, MS 39307 LEINHOLDERS: N/A

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES [br /] The City of Philadelphia, Mississippi is issuing a Request for Qualifications to provide professional services for the City. The City of Philadelphia intends to apply for funding assistance and, if funded successfully, to have a qualified consultant perform planning services to update the City's Comprehensive Plan. Qualified firms - including planning and architectural/engineering firms - with experience in community and economic development planning are invited to submit proposals, in accordance with this request, to the City of Philadelphia, 525 Main Street, Phila-

delphia, MS 39350, not later than 5pm local time on March 16, 2021. Those desiring consideration should submit proposals by the time and date above stated and must include the following: 1. Qualifications - List of qualifications of each staff person to be assigned to project. 2. Experience - Information regarding the experience of the firm. This information should include types of project activities undertaken. 3. Capacity for Performance - Identify the number and title of staff available to be assigned to provideservices.

All proposals will be rated on the following system to determine the best offeror: Description and Maximum Points: Qualifications - 40, Experience - 40, Capacity - 20; Total 100 points. Proposals will be reviewed by the Selection Committee using the above selection criteria. Each member of the Committee will assign points to each selection criterion based on the content of the proposal. Those desiring consideration should submit eight (8) copies of their proposal by the above indicated deadline. Subject to funding award(s), the City of Philadelphia will award the applicable contract to the qualified firm whose proposal has the highest number of cumulative points issued by the selection committee and determined to be the most advantageous to the city, all factors considered. The contract will include scope and extent of work and other essential requirements. The City of Philadelphia reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, and to waive any irregularities in the proposals or the submission process. The City of Philadelphia is an Equal Opportunity Employer, M/F/H.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI [br /] NESHOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, AND PAYZLEE GRACE FRANKLIN, ZOYEN BROOKE FRANKLIN AND ZAYGEN JAMES WILLIAMSON, MINORS, BY

AND THROUGH THEIR NEXT FRIEND, MARCUS D. DAVENPORT PETITIONERS VS. CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. 20-157 SANTANA PRESLEE WILLIAMSON, JAMES MICHAEL FRANKLIN AND UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER RESPONDENTS COUNTY COURT SUMMONS STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: Unknown Putative Father, who is not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose post office address is not known to the Petitioner after diligent inquiry. You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by the Neshoba County Department of Child Protection Services, by Marcus D. Davenport and Payzlee Grace Franklin, Zoey Brooke Franklin, and Zaygen James Williamson, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minors and demanding that the full custody, control, and authority to act on behalf of said minor be placed with the Neshoba County Department of Child Protection Services. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 27th day of April, 2021, in the courtroom of the Neshoba County Chancery Court Courthouse at 401 Beacon St, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a Judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 26th day of February, 2021. GUY NOWELL, CLERK NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI 39350 BY: K. Greer, D.C. Deputy Clerk Office of the Attorney General Post Office Box 220 Jackson, Mississippi 39205 Telephone No. (601) 359-4248 Duran.Davis@ago.ms.gov Duran Davis, MSB #105756

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI [br /] NESHOPA COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, AND CHASE JAXON FORTENBERRY, A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HIS NEXT FRIEND, MARCUS D. DAVENPORT PETITIONERS VS. CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. 19-373 SAMANTHA JOANN FORTENBERRY AKA ANTHONY, BENJAMIN COOPER, AND UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER RESPONDENTS COUNTY COURT SUMMONS STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: Unknown Putative Father, who is not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose post office address is not known to the Petitioner after diligent inquiry. You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by the Neshoba County Department of Child Protection Services, by Marcus D. Davenport and Chase Jaxon Fortenberry, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minors and demanding that the full custody, control, and authority to act on behalf of said minor be placed with the Neshoba County Department of Child Protection Services. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 27th day of April, 2021, in the courtroom of the Neshoba County Chancery Court Courthouse at 401 Beacon St, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a Judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 26th day of February, 2021. GUY NOWELL, CLERK NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI 39350 BY: K. Greer, D.C. Deputy Clerk Office of the Attorney General Post Office Box 220 Jackson, Mississippi 39205 Telephone No. (601) 359-4248 Duran.Davis@ago.ms.gov Duran Davis, MSB #105756

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