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## Vaccine now available to all

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COVID-19 vaccinations are now available to all Mississippians age 16 and older after Gov. Tate Reeves relaxed restrictions effective Tuesday. “Starting tomorrow, ALL new appointments will be open to ALL Mississippians,” Reeves Tweeted on Monday. “Get your shots friends and let’s get back to normal!” Over the past week, 769

vaccinations were administered in Neshoba County for a total of 6,464 vaccinations administered in the county since the vaccines became available. That number is up from 5,699 the previous week, according to Tuesday’s Mississippi State Department of Health’s COVID-19 report. Statewide, about 10 percent of the population has been vaccinated, slightly lower than the national average.

Vaccinations are currently being administered in Neshoba County at the Coliseum, 12000 Mississippi 15 north, Philadelphia, Monday through Friday by appointment. Sign up online at covidvaccine.umc.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 vac-

inations. Go to <https://msdh.ms.gov/c19appointment#local> to check availability. Neshoba County recorded 47 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 over the past week for a total of 3,908 cases up from 3,861 cases the previous week, according to the MSDH report. Neshoba Central Middle School was the only Neshoba County school to report quarantined students with four stu-

dents quarantined between March 4 and 12, the latest date for which figures were available. The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians reported five new COVID-19 cases in the past week for a total of 1,827 positive cases, up from 1,822 in last week’s report. The Tribe reported one new death from COVID-19 in the past week for a total of 112 deaths from the virus, with one current hospitalization.

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 185,822 with another 115,428 probable cases for a total of 301,250 COVID-19 cases and 4,813 confirmed deaths and 2,116 probable COVID-19 deaths for a total of 6,929 COVID-19 deaths, since the pandemic began last March.



Philadelphia Elementary School’s Amanda Hattaway works with second grader Sam Ray who is the leading AR points reader in his class.

## Reading made fun at Philadelphia Elementary

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**  
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Teachers at Philadelphia Elementary School are looking for ways to make reading more fun in hopes of raising comprehension, fluency and test scores. It involves all grades. As students complete reading a book, they are tested and receive Accelerated Reading points. Those points add up and with it comes rewards and privileges. “We are building better readers,” said lead teacher Amanda Hattaway. “Students take a diag-

nostic test as part of our Renasant program. The score told us where they are in their reading ranges. And where we can pull up their levels. “We looked at our scores and said, ‘We have to get the students more excited about reading.’ The first step was the encouragement and why we created this program we have. It gave them the encouragement to want to read. We let them read what they want to read. So, they get to pick their books and what they are interested in. They know what kind of level they were on.” Teachers are telling students that reading a book is like taking a trip.

“We might not get out of Philadelphia very often,” Hattaway said. “They can take the books home. We tell them with these stories, they get to go wherever they want to go. It lets them go places they have been. The more reading they do, the more they comprehend.” In the last couple of weeks, learning has focused on Dr. Seuss books. “Last week, we had Dr. Dr. Seuss Week and had dress-up days,” said Hattaway. “They enjoyed it so much, we continued it

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**9 FELONIES**

## Willis out on \$1.1M bond in standoff

By **DUNCAN DENT**  
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A prominent family physician wounded in a shootout with law enforcement last month got out of the hospital last week, turned himself in on a string of charges that included six counts of assault on a police officer and is out on a \$1.1 million bond. Dr. Jeffrey Todd Willis turned himself in the afternoon of March 9 on nine charges related to the January standoff, said Sheriff Eric Clark.



Dr. Jeffrey Todd Willis

Willis, 59, of 13850 Road 602 in northwestern Neshoba County, was accompanied by his attorney. Willis made his initial appearance in Justice Court and went to the jail and went through the process of posting the \$1.1 million bond, Clark said. The felony charges and bonds are as follows:

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- Simple assault on a police officer — \$25,000.

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**CUSTOMERS WERE HER ‘CUP OF TEA’**

## Chaney retires after 52 years at Citizens

By **JOHN LEE**  
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Erdis Chaney started as a proof operator at The Citizens Bank 52 years ago, but working with customers was the best part of her long career. Chaney retired this month in funds management and was honored by the bank with a drive-by parade Thursday at her home. “Getting to see that parade was a huge surprise for me, and I was incredibly humbled because the people who made it happen poured in a lot of work,” said Chaney. “I’m going to miss my bank family.” Over the past five decades, Chaney said getting to interact with the community was by far her favorite part of work-

ing for the bank. “I’ve always been a people person, and I loved what I did at the bank because of that,” she said. “Getting to work and talk with people has always been my cup of tea.” Chaney, 83, was born to Clyde and Letha Kilpatrick and grew up in Newton County. She graduated from Beulah Hubbard High School in 1959. Chaney moved to Philadelphia 1968 because her now late husband Ken Chaney took a job as a maintenance worker for the 298th Maintenance Battalion of the Mississippi National Guard. They have two sons, Irvin and Pat. Irvin is retired in Philadelphia, and Pat works with Physicians and Surgeons Medical Clinic in Amory. Chaney has six grandchild-

dren and nine great-grandchildren. “I love being a granny,” she said. Jackie Hester, vice president and marketing officer at Citizens, is a very close friend to Chaney and worked with her for the entire 52 years she was there. “I was blessed to have the opportunity to work with Erdis for so many years,” Hester said. “I witnessed firsthand her devotion to her job and the other employees at the bank. She was a mentor to many young bankers and was always willing to help them be the best they could be.” Before she started work at Citizens, Chaney worked at the Newton County Bank in the early 1960s and worked for a year at the Bank of See **CHANAY**, page 3A



Erdis Chaney was honored last week with a drive-by retirement party after 52 years at The Citizens Bank. With her, from left, B.J. Morrow, great-granddaughter Hannah Morrow Kuntz, and granddaughter Shannon Chaney Morrow.



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# Students learn about manufacturing careers

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Representatives from local industries got a chance to meet members of their future workforce Friday during the third Neshoba County Manufacturing Day.

Conversely, the eighth-graders and juniors at Choctaw Central, Neshoba Central, Philadelphia and Union high schools were able to look ahead and consider where they might want to work one day.

Manufacturing Day put all pieces of the workplace puzzle under the same roof. The schools bused different groups of students in and out throughout the day.

Manufacturing representatives from Yates Construction, the Taylor Group, Weyerhaeuser, Wells Lamont, Choctaw Gloves, McLain Plumbing and Electric, and other companies were there to tell students about their companies, what they do and the job skills their workers needed.

East Central Community College was there to advise students about the training programs and certificates they could earn while attending school that would help them find a job.

"We are here, showing these students the different opportunities and what all of our programs have to offer," said East Central representative Jordan Robinson who teaches in the Automation and Control Tech-



Davis Taylor explains what it takes to produce a forklift at the Taylor Group Friday during the third Neshoba County Manufacturing Day, which was held at the Neshoba County Coliseum last Friday. Eighth-grade and 11th-grade students from Choctaw Central, Neshoba Central, Philadelphia and Union high schools learned about area manufacturers and the skills they would need to get a job.

nology program.

"Each one of our programs probably has a student working with these industries. I have a student working at Weyerhaeuser right now.

"It is an opportunity to share that we have students who leave our programs and are able to find jobs here with our manufacturers," Robinson said.

Davis Taylor, director of Sudden Services Inc. with the Taylor Group, said his company wants the students to be aware of what the company does and the careers they can find.

"The major thing is to tell kids what they have right here," Taylor said. "So many times, we

see as soon as seniors graduate, they move to other areas. They are trying to figure out what they need to do next.

"We are here today to give the students a jump start and show them what all we do. There are so many that come to us after they graduate and start their careers."

Dana McLain, assistant principal at Neshoba Central, said that was the purpose of Industry Day. She said approximately 840 students were expected to attend Manufacturing Day.

"This gives them the exposure of what our community has to offer," McLain said. "There are so many skills our students

can train for such as HVAC, plumbing, construction to name a few. They can learn skills they will use for the rest of their lives.

"That will make them more marketable and competitive when they get ready to apply for those jobs.

"Neshoba County is a unique place where we have such opportunities from these very successful business leaders. These students need to know what we have here in our very backyard, to help them to be successful and to keep that talent at home when they graduate."

# Drugs, stolen gun seized at weekend checkpoint

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Marijuana, cocaine and drunk driving charges, including a stolen firearm, are among the charges two Philadelphia residents face as the result of a safety checkpoint Saturday just north of Philadelphia.

John R. Veasley, 32, of 303 MLK Drive Lot 41, was arrested and charged with first-offense possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance believed to be cocaine, said Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark.

Bianca Graham, 21, of 513 Cumberland Avenue, was

arrested and charged with possession of a stolen firearm.

The arrests stem from an incident where Neshoba County Sheriff's deputies were conducting a safety checkpoint on Mississippi 19 north near the Fork Road.

Veasley was driving a Chevy Tahoe and found to be without a driver's license, Clark said. Jail records indicate that he was also intoxicated.



Bianca Graham



John R. Veasley

Clark said that he was in felony possession of marijuana and a controlled substance believed to be cocaine and about \$1,400 in cash.

The passenger in the vehicle, identified as Graham, was in possession of a stolen firearm and a small amount of marijuana.

"Neshoba County Sheriff's deputies are committed to fighting the war on drugs," Clark said.

The firearm was a Glock 9mm that was reported stolen on July 8, 2020, from Columbus.

Jail records show both also had a hold for an investigation.

Both Veasley and Graham were transported to Neshoba County Detention Center. Clark said that Veasley has been released on a \$35,000 bond and Graham on a \$5,000 bond.

Clark said that anyone with information concerning this or another crime is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at 601-656-1414 with any information concerning crimes in Neshoba County.

# Philadelphia Police to crack down on ATV use

By DUNCAN DENT  
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Philadelphia police officers said they are working to curtail the use of ATVs and non-street-legal vehicles in the city limits.

"We have had several reports

of ATV or side-by-sides driving on city streets," said Police Chief Eric Lyons. "Our patrol officers have encountered them as well."

Lyons said a friendly warning has worked so far but repeat offenders could expect to face

such penalties as tickets, fines, arrest or even having their vehicles towed.

"This is something we don't condone and are dealing with," Lyons said. "We encourage people not to drive these vehicles on the street because they are

not street-legal vehicles."

To report suspicious activity in your area call the Philadelphia Police Department non-emergency line at (601) 656-2131.

# Missing boater found safe on Pearl River Sunday

By DUNCAN DENT  
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A boater missing on the Pearl River south of Burnside was located early Sunday morning, authorities said.

The Neshoba County Sher-

iff's Office was notified about 4:30 a.m. that a boater had not returned from the river.

The boater had launched a jet ski and traveled downstream from Mississippi 19, authorities said.

The sheriff's office request-

ed assistance from local Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks officers in finding the missing boater who was not identified.

Wildlife officers located the missing boater uninjured on the Pearl River just south of the

Mississippi 19 boat ramp.

The boater was located and brought to safety.

"Thanks to MDWFP and our devout deputies!" Sheriff Eric Clark said in a Facebook post.

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# Auto burglary at nightclub, cafe still under investigation

By STAFF REPORTS

A weekend auto burglary at a downtown cafe and nightclub is under investigation. Police Detective Bobby Pattillo said that on Saturday, March 13 an auto burglary was reported that occurred on Center Avenue between the hours of 8 p.m. and 11 p.m.

The complainant was a patron of Marty's Blues Cafe on West Beacon Street. Pattillo said that when the victim left, she noticed that her vehicle had been burglarized. Pattillo added that no forced entry was noted. "(The) case is currently under investigation," Pattillo said. Several items were taken

from the vehicle. Pattillo said that he could not elaborate on what was taken at this point in the ongoing investigation. Anyone with information regarding this or any other crime is encouraged to call PPD at 601-656-2131 or Crime Stoppers at 601-355-TIPS (8477).

# Man allegedly steals \$300K of property

By STAFF REPORTS

A man suspected of stealing more than \$300,000 worth of property from Neshoba and at least seven other counties has been arrested in Scott County. Moses Jerome McLaurin was arrested at his Scott County home on New Subdivision Road after he fled from narcotics agents with the Scott County Sheriff's Office who were attempting to serve a felony arrest warrant for grand larceny on Thursday. McLaurin could be responsible for some of the past four-wheeler and lawnmower thefts

in Neshoba County, according to Neshoba County Sheriff's Deputy Gordon Adkins. He's possibly responsible for a very recent theft from a "super nice older gentleman in the Deemer community," he said. McLaurin fled on foot and was pursued by deputies and a K-9 that tracked him back to the front of his residence. A large amount of stolen property was located inside the residence and an adjacent shop and recovered. Some of the items have been verified as being stolen from Rankin, Webster, Carroll, Madison, Montgomery, Hinds,

and Smith counties as well. "We are still attempting to sort through the items and help get the property back to the rightful owners," Scott County officials said. He is suspected of fabricating false titles for some of the equipment such as tractors, side-by-sides, trailers and more. If anyone has recently purchased anything from McLaurin, contact the Scott County Sheriff's Office. They are offering a cash reward of \$1,000 to anyone who gives information that leads to more charges.

# Chaney

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Philadelphia (now Cadence Bank) in 1968 before starting at Citizens 1969.

"Working at a bank was something I felt I could function well in, and it mostly just requires common sense," Chaney said. "I didn't have any particular inspiration to work in this field."

Chaney said that while she enjoyed the opportunity she had to interact with the general public but sometimes working with finances can be a sensitive situation sometimes.

"You always have to be careful with money," she said.

Chaney said she was sad to leave her bank family behind, that she never looked forward to retirement and will miss the people she worked with dear-

ly.

Now that Chaney is retired, she is not sure what to do next since she does not have any immediate plans. She hopes she can go on a beach vacation with her family soon since beach trips are her ideal family vacation.

"I'm hoping that in the not-so-distant future we can do that again," she said.

Hester said Chaney loved the bank customers and always went the extra mile to help them with anything.

"She will be missed by her customers and employees alike," Hester said. "We all wish her the best and a very happy retirement."



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### EDITORIALS

## Dem's real war on women

It seems as though national Republicans never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity.

They're missing one now in the battle over the supposed "rights" of biological men who "identify" as "females" at the expense of real girls and women.

Remember when, not so long ago, Democrats accused Republicans of waging a "war on women"? It was a shamelessly phony charge, of course, but it was so effective that Democrats deployed it across several election cycles.

The opportunity that Republicans are missing is the chance to flip that script on Democrats, who are waging a real war on women.

Democrats are demonstrating a disturbing obeisance to the minuscule, but powerful, transgender lobby at the expense of real women — the ones with XX chromosomes. (The same Democrats who insist we follow the debatable science of climate change reject this until-now undisputed biological science.)

The Democrats' war on women involves forcing girls and women in high school and collegiate athletics to compete against these faux females, who have the unarguable advantage of male musculature and hormones, and the greater strength, speed and stamina that go with them.

You could ask Selina Soule, Alanna Smith, Chelsea Mitchell and an unidentified fourth plaintiff who filed a lawsuit, heard Feb. 26 in federal court in Connecticut, to force that state to end its policy of allowing trans "women" to compete in high school and collegiate sports against biological females.

The four have lost major track competitions and state championships to those make-believe "females," so for them, the

debate over transgenderism is neither abstract, nor hypothetical.

Yet, congressional Democrats are doubling down on this unfairness. The House of Representatives on Feb. 25 passed the so-called Equality Act, which in banning discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity would effectively codify into federal law discrimination against real girls and women.

H.R. 5 passed 224-206, with not a single Democrat opposed, and with three Republicans shamefully joining their war on (real) women. While most Republicans didn't vote for it, most also didn't speak out forcefully against it.

They should, however, because a new Morning Consult poll commissioned by Politico found strong opposition to allowing biological males to compete in girls and women's high school and collegiate sports.

The survey, released March 10, found that among 1,990 registered voters polled, 53% supported barring transgender "women" from female athletics, while just 32% were opposed.

On March 11, Mississippi became the second state, after Idaho, to enact such a ban when it was signed into law by Republican Gov. Tate Reeves. Meanwhile, in South Dakota, the Women's Fairness in Sports Act was sent March 10 to Republican Gov. Kristi Noem, who has promised to sign it into law.

The Equality Act is unlikely to become federal law because it surely will be filibustered in the Senate, but will Senate Republicans frame the debate as the Democrats' "war on women"? It's an opportunity to shrink the gender gap that they shouldn't miss.

— *The Washington Times*

### FLASHBACKS

#### MARCH 21, 1941

The Bond School boys' basketball team, first Neshoba County quintet ever to win its way to the state championship tournament, came out in third place in the play at Hattiesburg. The Bond five defeated Fulton in the consolation game.

#### MARCH 15, 1951

Jim Gardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gardner, of Philadelphia, left for Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, where he will be in training for several weeks. Pvt. Gardner volunteered for the Air Force. He is a graduate of Philadelphia High School, class of '50 and has made his home in Philadelphia for a number of years.

James Ratcliff, student at Hinds Junior College, Raymond, was named on the honor roll for the fourth (six weeks) term, he maintained an A-B average for the time. James, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Ratcliff Sr., of Philadelphia, is a graduate of the local high school.

#### MARCH 16, 1961

Miss Dora Lee Livingston, 19 year old student at MSCW of Yazoo City, who succeeds Miss Bety Denton of Tupelo as Mississippi's official "Miss Hospitality". Miss Livingston was chosen first alternate in a statewide "Miss Hospitality" contest sponsored by the Agricultural and Industrial Board at Biloxi.

#### MARCH 19, 1971

Alan W. Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion W. Perry of Philadelphia, is the winner of a scholarship medal given by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, it has been announced. The medal is given for the highest grades made by persons sitting for the uniform examination of candidates for the CPA certificate, the Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants.

#### MARCH 12, 1981

Diane Backstrum of Neshoba Central High School has been selected by the Clarion-Ledger Jackson Daily News as one of the five best basketball players in the state. She was selected first team all-state. Diane has received offers from numerous colleges and universities in the state, and some out of state.

Three Philadelphia Firemen, have been awarded certificates designating them as emergency medical technicians after successfully completing a training course. The people present are; City Fire Commissioner Harold Richardson, firefighter, Hubert Yates, Volunteer Firefighter, George Yates, firefighter, Kenneth Coleman and Chief W. G. Brunson.

#### MARCH 20, 1991

Lindsey Elizabeth Tillman was crowned Queen of Hearts in the three and four age division at Philadelphia High School. She is the three year old daughter of Jimmy and

Renee Tillman of Philadelphia. Her grandparents are Jerry and Lynn Martin of Philadelphia and Bob and Helen Tillman of Union.

#### MARCH 14, 2001

Bruce Tripplett, associate director of Veteran Affairs, presents a retirement plaque to Preston F. Isaac, for over 52 years of dedicated federal service culminating with over 10 years of police service in the Department of Veteran Affairs. Observing is Carjecter Johnson, Director VA Police Services.

#### MARCH 16, 2011

The Neshoba Education Foundation recently presented a check to the superintendent of the city and county school districts to purchase data paper for use by the schools. The people present are; County School Superintendent, George Shaw, Neshoba Education Foundation President, Dr. Joe Jordan, City School Superintendent Dr. Joseph White, Lee J. McKinney, Lashon Horne, Eric Prince, Tommy Williams, Allen Hardy, and David Vowell.

Mary Margaret Bailey, daughter of Dee Dee and David Bailey, was named 2012 Distinguished Young Woman of Neshoba County and Scholastic winner. Courtney Partridge, daughter of Tawana Partridge and James, Partridge, first alternate; Kate Timmons, daughter of Vickey and David Timms, second alternate.

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

## What killed George Floyd?

*How does one accurately describe a crowd that gathers outside a courthouse to demand, on the threat of a riot, a verdict of guilty?*

Friday, as the jury was being empaneled for the trial of fired police officer Derek Chauvin, the Minneapolis City Council voted 13-0 to approve a record \$27 million civil settlement with the family of George Floyd over his death in police custody.

The jury will not likely miss this message sent by the city fathers:

I.e., an atrocity was perpetrated by our police, and we are admitting our responsibility and doing our duty by offering these reparations for Floyd's cruel and unjustified death and the suffering visited on his family.

Most Americans who saw the nine-minute tape of Chauvin with his knee on the neck of George Floyd as he pleaded, "I can't breathe," will probably concur with the charge of criminal culpability of Chauvin.

Yet, over the months, new facts and factors have emerged.

George Floyd was not choked to death. He was not asphyxiated. He was not killed by Chauvin's knee on the side of his neck. An autopsy showed Floyd's neck muscles were not even bruised.

Floyd died when his heart stopped. Yet, he was already suffering from an enlarged heart with constricted arteries, one of five of which was 90% blocked and two others were 75% blocked.

An autopsy found heavy concentrations of fentanyl in Floyd's system and traces of methamphetamines. If Floyd had collapsed and died in the street while being wrested into the squad car, his death would have been attributed to a drug overdose and a bad heart.

Also, a videotape of the minutes prior to Floyd's being put on the pavement, his neck under Chauvin's knee, shows Floyd crying, repeatedly, "I can't breathe," while resisting the two rookie cops trying to put him in the patrol car.

Moreover, there is testimony from those with Floyd when he was stopped for pass-

ing an allegedly phony \$20 bill, that he had passed out in the car before the cops arrived. And the arresting cops claim he was foaming at the mouth before being restrained.

In short, Chauvin's defense attorneys will likely make a credible case, backed by evidence, that Floyd's death was not caused by the knee on his neck but by the battered condition of his heart, the near-lethal dose of fentanyl in his system, and his anxiety and panic at being arrested and fearing, as he wailed, that he was going to be shot.

The prosecution will counter-claim that Chauvin's knee on Floyd's neck, and the two other cops sitting on him, precipitated the stopping of his heart.

But the prosecution faces other questions.

How could Chauvin, who arrived late to the scene, know Floyd was a drug addict with a serious heart condition and a large amount of fentanyl in his system, before using the restraint technique of sitting on him and putting a knee on the side of his neck?

What was Chauvin trying to do when he arrived to see two rookie cops trying to cope with a powerfully built, six-foot-four-inch, 220-pound man violently resisting arrest?

Did Chauvin put his knee on Floyd's neck to kill him? To torture or injure him? Or did he use the technique to restrain him?

Prosecutors will contend that the knee on the neck was criminal assault, a felony that caused Floyd to black out and his heart to stop?

But that raises another question:

Is placing a knee on the side of the neck an outlawed or a prohibited procedure for police to use to restrain a suspect violently resisting arrest, as a chokehold is in some precincts?

Or is it a procedure some police use legally at times?

Chauvin was clearly familiar with the technique. Had he used it before without injury to a suspect?

In a motion to dismiss the charges he himself faces in the death of Floyd, former police officer Thomas Lane included 30 pages of Minneapolis PD training materials including information on the "maximal restraint technique." Lane included a photo of an officer with a knee on a suspect's neck, similar to the hold used by Chauvin.

In preparing for the trial of Chauvin, Minneapolis has fortified, with concrete barriers, fences and razor wire, the courthouse where it will be held. Understandably, for any acquittal of Chauvin, or conviction on a lesser charge than murder, could trigger a riot like those that plagued the city through the summer of 2020.

And if a mob does take to the streets in Minneapolis, as it did all last summer, the national reaction will be telling.

How does one accurately describe a crowd that gathers outside a courthouse to demand, on the threat of a riot, a verdict of guilty?

And should a riot occur — and violent protests in Louisville, Seattle and Portland over the weekend seem to point to another such long hot summer — may we expect our new national leaders (Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer) to denounce the mob and stand up unequivocally for the rule of law?

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

RICH LOWRY

## COVID relief bill bad policy, bad faith

Joe Biden has signed what may well end up being the biggest accomplishment of his presidency, an enormous \$1.9 trillion COVID relief bill.

With his other priorities likely to molder in the Senate, the spending will probably stand as a signature statement of Biden's approach to governance — and it should be a damning one.

The legislation is a misnomer; it is neither a COVID nor a relief bill. Only a tiny portion of the spending in the bill goes toward vaccinations and other priorities directly related to the pandemic.

Much of the rest of the spending is not well-suited, or even designed, to respond to current economic conditions, which are increasingly favorable.

Democrats are telling themselves that it's like 1933, when we were in the midst of a depression, whereas it's more like 1983, when we were coming out of a punishing recession.

Or to put it another way, the Biden bill is reacting to the wrong spring. It is no longer the cataclysmic spring of 2020, with the economy shuttered and nothing to fight the virus except social distancing and masks, but the much more hopeful spring of 2021, with the economy opening back up, COVID cases steeply declining and vaccinations ramping up massively.

Jobless claims have decreased, and personal incomes are higher than when the pandemic started. Both the Congressional Budget Office and Goldman Sachs are projecting rapid economic growth in 2021. As states open back up, nearly 20% of the U.S.

*\$86 billion is spent in Biden's bill bailing out union-negotiated multi-employer pension plans.*

population has received at least one vaccination shot.

This isn't to say that all is well. There is an estimated \$420 billion hole in the economy, although, as even center-left critics of the bill have noted, you don't need a \$1.9 trillion bill to fill it.

The latest bout of spending is spread around willy-nilly on Democratic priorities and constituencies.

Take public education, where Democratic-allied teacher unions dominate. It's not clear why any additional spending is necessary, given that tens of billions of education funding from prior COVID relief bills are still unspent, even as many districts have already begun to reopen for in-person instruction.

Nonetheless, the bill spends roughly another \$130 billion on K-12 education, which will be spread out over years. The CBO projects more spending for elementary and secondary education will occur in fiscal year 2026 than this fiscal year.

The \$350 billion in aid to states and localities comes despite state and local tax revenue being down only a tick through much of 2020 compared with the year before. According to widely cited Moody's economist Mark Zandi, the state and local funding gap will be roughly \$60 billion through fiscal

2022. Still, states and localities will be showered with money, after more than \$500 billion in aid to states and localities last year.

The bill spends \$86 billion bailing out union-negotiated multi-employer pension plans.

Transportation gets tens of billions of new spending, which by its nature doesn't happen quickly, and more than \$30 billion goes to expanding Obamacare, a long-term Democratic policy goal.

It's doubtful that the checks of \$1,400 to individuals are necessary; it is more supply — i.e., businesses being closed or supply chains disrupted — than demand that is hampering the economy now.

The continued elevated unemployment payments make unemployment more lucrative than employment for many people, and will discourage a return to work at the margins.

For all that, the bill is popular. From where Biden sits, why not spend as much as possible under the rubric of "COVID relief"? To paraphrase Rahm Emanuel, a pandemic is a terrible thing to waste.

Assuming the bill doesn't cause some disastrous unintended consequence, it will allow Biden to take credit for a roaring economic recovery that is already building.

This might be shrewd politics, but it is not evidence-based or bipartisan governance. It's getting while the getting is good, and assuming that no one will notice.

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### LETTERS

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### BIBLE SELECTION

let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Nazareth that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well.

— Acts 4:10,12 (ESV)

# County's Agriculture agent announces resignation, move to Tennessee

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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Neshoba County Agriculture Agent Austin Ainsworth informed the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors that he has turned in his resignation to the Mississippi State Extension Service.

Ainsworth made the announcement during Monday's board meeting. He has worked in Neshoba County since November 2018.

"My wife and I will be moving to the Nashville area," Ainsworth said. "Eventually, we want to become ag missionaries. She will be taking courses at Tennessee Tech that should work well with that."

Ainsworth said agricultural missionaries use the field of agriculture to advance the Gospel of Christ.

Supervisors had previously approved a 4-H agent position. Ainsworth said he would stay until that position is filled.

In another matter, supervisors were notified the county had received a Small Municipality Limited Population County Grant from the Mississippi Development Authority totaling \$100,000. The money will be to improve a portion of County Road 236 that runs off of Industrial Circle in Union and runs up to Road 2219 and services the Tyson Feed mill.

In other matters, supervisors voted to:

- Approve the quarterly budget for the sheriff's department at \$372,350.50; and for the jail operations at \$327,125.25;
- Approve three road bores for Central Water Association on roads 450 and 604 and a road crossing on Road 783;
- Approve the county engineer's request to pay Crowder

- Engineering \$21,012 and \$15,955 for engineering estimates;
- Approve the tax assessor/tax collector's quarterly budget for \$109,682;
- Approve paying Schneider Electric \$132,950 for a library air conditioning project

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## Books

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another week.

Today is PJ day. The students were so into it, we have

done more and more. We have brought excitement to reading. During the spring break week, we are sending reading logs home. AR points continue. You read, take the test and keep going."

Teachers are seeing results.

"Our fluency scores are improving," Hattaway said. "The benchmark scores are rolling in and our fluency is improving. AR points are increasing. Almost every child, has hit that 10 point mark. We were going for nine

weeks, but we have had students hit the 60 points club in a month. We will continue this through the end of the school year."

Reading is encouraged in other areas of the school. Classes compete for pizza parties, sponsored by the PTA. The library has a program where students receive tickets as they progress. Later, there will be a drawing for some nice, donated prizes such as a Kindle Fire tablet and headphones.

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## Willis

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- Simple assault on a police officer — \$25,000.
- domestic violence-aggravated assault — \$50,000.

The charges stem from an incident on Jan. 9, a Saturday.

"While on scene a standoff ensued between law enforcement and the armed assailant," Clark initially said in a Facebook post that Saturday night.

Leake County deputies were called in to assist in the standoff

that apparently lasted for some time before the shots were fired and Willis was taken to a Meridian hospital where he survived after surgery for bullet wounds to the chest.

The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation was notified immediately and took charge

Saturday, Clark said.

Road 602, commonly known as the River Road, runs parallel to the Pearl River in northwestern Neshoba County connecting Mississippi 19 north and Mississippi 427 just above Edinburg.

Willis, a well-known and

liked family physician at Neshoba General with no apparent criminal record, is known to be a gun enthusiast and had photos of weapons on his personal Facebook page.

Willis first came to Philadelphia in 1994 as a general practitioner. He is listed as practicing

family medicine at the Surgery Clinic of Philadelphia on Holland Avenue, which is part of the county-owned Neshoba General hospital, according to their website.

Clark said he expected Willis' next court appearance to be in early May.

## OBITUARIES

### Alvin Taylor

Funeral services for Mr. Alvin Lewis Taylor will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2021, at 11 A.M. from the chapel of Beck Funeral Home with Rev. Wayne Benn officiating. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Taylor, 83, of Preston, passed away on Friday, March 12, 2021 at his home.



Alvin Taylor

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Taylor of Preston, MS, his children, Phyllis Ticer, Betty Ticer, Margaret Stewart, Robert Ticer, Lynette Taylor, Alvin Taylor Jr, Brian Taylor, Mona Lowery, Anthony Laye, Warren Brookson, Sonny Perry, Charles Taylor, Rene Taylor, Malinda Taylor, Carnell Taylor and Carlisa Taylor, 31 grandchildren, 42 great grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Alvin Taylor, Stephen Taylor, Robert Ticer, Warren Brookson, Sonny Perry and Sydney Square.

### Betty Carol Boyette

Betty Carol Boyette, a resident of Loranger, LA, passed away on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at St. Tammany Parish Hospital in Covington, LA. She was born September 26, 1934 in Philadelphia, MS and was 86 years of age.



Betty Boyette

She is survived by her children, James Steve Boyette and wife Donna, Randy Boyette and wife Dorothy, Tammy Lee and husband Rodney and Kay Griffin and husband Barry; grandchildren, Michelle Hebert, Holly McAllister and husband Jim, Stephanie Bennett and husband Robert, Heather Civello and husband George, Haley Bain and husband Ryan, Sarah Dunn and husband Josh, Michael Boyette, Stephen Boyette, Jamie Delatte and husband Chase, Myles Miller and wife Robbyn, Blayne Griffin and wife Jocelyn, Kailyn Perret and husband Anthony, Karleigh Griffin; numerous great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by her husband, Stephen Everett Boyette; parents, Otha and Myrtle Spears; brother, James Wayne Spears; great-grandson, Hudson Williams.

Graveside Services will be held at Loranger Community Cemetery, Loranger, LA at 12:30PM Friday, March 19, 2021. Services conducted by Rev. Mike Hegwood. McKneely Funeral Home, Amite, in charge of arrangements.

For an online guestbook, visit <http://www.mckneelys.com>.

### Tasha Diane Sam

Graveside service for Ms. Tasha Diane Sam will be held at 2 PM Thursday, March 18, 2021 at Conehatta Community Cemetery with Rev. Charles Doby Henry officiating. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Ms. Sam, 48, passed away on Friday, March 12, 2021 at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian, MS. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward Sam and Lou Jane Lewis; sister, Sharon Sam.

Survivors include sisters, Karren Sam and Kathy Sam.

Pallbearers are Eric Billy, Roland Billy, Yunish Billy, Jaris Shoemake, Derald Isom, Gerald Isom, Jr., Vandall Vaughn, O.J. Thomas.

### Billy Glenn Rigsby

Funeral service for Mr. Billy Glenn Rigsby will be held 2:00 PM Thursday, March 18, 2021 at Pentecostals of House Church with Rev. Barry Fulton and Rev. Jason Martin officiating. Burial will be in church cemetery. Visitation will be 12-2 PM Thursday, March 18, 2021. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

Mr. Rigsby, 68, passed away, Saturday, March 13, 2021 at his home. He lived most of his life in Neshoba Co. He worked at U.S. Electrical Motors. Hobbies were camping and fishing. He was a member of Pentecostals of House.

Preceded in death by his parents, Tommie and Audie Lee Rigsby.

He was survived by, Spouse, Carolyn Rigsby; Sons, Tommy Rigsby (Amana), Bryan Rigsby (Megan); Sister, Judy Johnson (Richard); Brothers, Joe Breedlove (Eva), Roger Rigsby (Sandra); (3) grandchildren; several Nieces and Nephews.

Pallbearers; Jason Dearing, Kadden Goforth, Brian Vowell, Hoss Neese, Jason Bozeman, Jay Jayroe, James Parker, Nathan Shaw.

### Neil Blount

A memorial service for Mr. Neil Blount will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 28, 2021, at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. McClain-Hays Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

A native of New Orleans, LA, he graduated high school in Memphis, later attended Ole Miss, and received his master's degree from University of Memphis. He worked numerous years for 3M Company billboard division until his retirement. He served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War. Mr. Blount was a member of St. Francis Episcopal Church. He was an avid golfer.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Blount; daughter Beth Todd (Trey); and son Clay Blount (Toni); grandchildren, Ami Gillie and Alex Todd; great-grandchildren, Luca and Bo Gillie.

Mr. Blount was preceded in death by parents, Neil and Anne Blount; sister, Linda Roberts.

Memorials may be made to St. Francis Building Fund, or charity of choice.

### Barbara Ann Mowdy

Funeral services for Miss Barbara Ann Mowdy will be held Wednesday, March 10, 2021, with a visitation from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at McClain-Hays Funeral Home, and a graveside service at 1:30 p.m. at Bethsaida Baptist Church Cemetery with Reverend Mack Alford and Dr. Billy James officiating. McClain-Hays Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Miss Barbara Ann Mowdy departed this life on Sunday, March 7, 2021. She was born on March 2, 1943, and lived most of her life in Neshoba County.

Miss Mowdy graduated from Neshoba County Schools and went on to earn her bachelor's degree from The University of Southern Mississippi (formerly known as Mississippi Southern College). Upon graduation from USM, she obtained her master's degree from Mississippi State University. She began her career in education in 1965 in Long Beach, Mississippi, and spent the last twenty-three years of her career as a math instructor at Philadelphia High School where she retired in 1993. Miss Mowdy was also adjunct faculty for East Central Community College from 1991 until her final retirement in 2004.

Miss Mowdy truly had a love for teaching, whether at school in the classroom, or at home, assisting her multiple nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews with their math homework.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Avery Green Mowdy and Fannie Jewel Mowdy, her brothers Morrice Mowdy and Billie Mowdy, and her nephew, Gilbert Mowdy.

Miss Mowdy is survived by her nieces Gwen Ryals, Reba Fryery (Robert), Wanda Savell (Mel), Susie Strickland (Larry), and her nephew Chris Mowdy (Renee), as well as a host of great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Paulbearers are John Wilkerson, Stephen Hutcherson, Jeremy Fryery, Matt Brown, Ryan Savell, Micah Warren, Kenny Pierce, David Ray Hardy II, and Andrew Hardy

### Ina Isaac Solomon

Graveside service for Ms. Ina Isaac Solomon will be held at 10 AM Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at Holy Rosary Cemetery. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Ms. Solomon, 64, passed away on March 7, 2021 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian, MS. She was preceded in death by her husband, Chancellor Solomon; children, Clarissa Crowell and Stephen Isaac.

Survivors include children, Jackie Matthews of Conehatta, Mira Battiest of Bogue Chitto and Kyle Isaac (Blessing) of Pala, CA.; her grandchildren, Trevon Isaac, Georgina Matthews, Kyle Matthews, Aliyah King, Tyquantez Crowell, Allatik Mathews, Emmett Crowell, Tyqualan Crowell, Stephen Isaac, Kadence Isaac, Jax Isaac and Lincoln Isaac; her great grandchild Jaleigha Carter; and her brother Bo Davis. She is also survived by numerous

nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers are Glen Billie, Brian Billie, Jeremy Billie, Freeman John, Rodrick Sunivelle, Benji Davis, Brant Isaac, Terry Steve.

### Hazel Ann Ellingburg

Funeral services for Mrs. Hazel Ann Ellingburg was held 2 PM Sunday, March 14, 2021 at Christian Life Tabernacle Church. Rev. Tony Roberts, Rev. Heath Ellingburg, Rev. James Gowan officiated. Interment Pleasant Ridge Methodist Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

Mrs. Ellingburg, 88, passed away Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at Neshoba Nursing Home. She lived in Neshoba County since 1999. She was a cosmetologist, enjoyed church, working in her flowerbeds and cooking. She was a member of Christian Life Tabernacle. Preceded in death: Parents, Elmer Lee Dearman, Flora Bell Tribble Dearman; Stepmother, Ethel Mae Dearman; Sister, Nan Aiken; Brothers, W.L. Dearman, Curtis Elmer Dearman. Survivors: Husband, Charles L. Ellingburg; Daughter, Gina James (Michael); Son, Frankie Ellingburg (Lori); Sisters, Gayle Butler, Judy Bass (Curtis); (6) Grandchildren; (9) Great-Grandchildren; Several nieces, nephews. Pallbearers: Richard Lynn Whitehead, Lionel Wayne Whitehead, Christopher Burcham, Nathan Kirkland, Taylor Kirkland, Ben Thames, Caleb Thames, Rev. Heath Ellingburg, Brandon Stubblefield, Dakota Stubblefield, Paul Raymond.

### Walter Lavon "Butch" Smith

Funeral service for Mr. Walter Lavon "Butch" Smith was held 2:00 PM Saturday, March 13, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel. Rev. John E. Stephens and Bro. George Sciple officiated. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

Butch, 70, passed away Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at Laird Hospital. He lived in Kemper County all of his life. He was a business owner and enjoyed spending time with family, horse racing, fair and friends. He was Baptist.

Preceded in death: Parents, Otis Lavon Smith, Mavis Smith Tew; Best friend, Mavis Smith;

Brothers, James Harold Smith, Charlie Flint Smith.

Survivors: Daughters, Wendy Smith Moore (Larry), Kim Smith Page (Joe), Melinda Smith Gilmer (Kerry), Mallory Smith Moorehead (Garrett); Sons, Terry Smith (Wendy), Tyson Smith (Ashley); (13) Grandchildren; Fiance', Kailey Cahoon and children; Several nieces, nephews.

Pallbearers: Colby Horton, Cooper Smith, Walker Smith, Caleb Smith, Larry Moore, Joe Page, Kerry Gilmer, Garrett Moorehead, William Moorehead.

### Linda Lee Falls

Ms. Linda Lee Falls, 73, passed away Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian, MS. She is survived by a long term companion, Eddie Mayfield of Philadelphia. No services have been set at this time.

### Sanpella Jefferson

Graveside services for Mrs. Sanpella Jefferson will be held at 10 AM Monday, March 15, 2021 at Standing Pine Community Cemetery. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Mrs. Jefferson, 51, passed away on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at her home. She was preceded in death by her parents, John Fred Denson and Merdis Sockey.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Jefferson; sisters, Sindy Lewis and Helen Farmer; brothers, Dudley Denson, Sr. and Don Gibson; host of nieces and nephews.

### Maxine Cole-Lyon

Graveside services for Mrs. Maxine Lillie Cole-Lyon were held on Saturday, March 13, 2021, at 11 A.M. from Mt. Pleasant # 2 M.B. Church Cemetery in Noxapater, with Rev. Dr. Curtis Johnson officiating. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Lyon, 70, of Noxapater, passed away on Monday, March 8, 2021 at her home

She is survived by her husband, Dennis A. Lyon of Noxapater, MS, one son, Eric Lyon and one daughter, Latoya Sowe, one sister, Charlene Cole, one brother, Robert E. Cole, and seven grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Anthony Sowe, Tommie Hathorne, Jr., Sherrod Porter, Kenneth Spiva, Jr., Patrick Cole and Jeremiah Sowe.

ater, MS, one son, Eric Lyon and one daughter, Latoya Sowe, one sister, Charlene Cole, one brother, Robert E. Cole, and seven grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Anthony Sowe, Tommie Hathorne, Jr., Sherrod Porter, Kenneth Spiva, Jr., Patrick Cole and Jeremiah Sowe.

### Peyton Jayce Williams

Graveside services for Mr. Peyton Jayce Williams will be held at 3 PM Friday, March 12, 2021 at St. Catherine Catholic Cemetery. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Mr. Williams, 25, passed away on Monday, March 8, 2021 at his home.

Survivors include his parents, Jonathan Williams and Eugenia Joe Williams; son, Lawson Jayce Williams; sisters, Maleigha Joe, Maiya Joe, Ashleigh Thomas, Brooke Thomas; brothers, Eli Joe, Rodrick Thomas, Kenneth Thomas, Jr.; special companion, Lashundra Williams.



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*MRS. HAZEL ANN ELLINGBURG 2 PM SUN., MARCH 14, 2021 CHRISTIAN LIFE TABERNACLE CHURCH PLEASANT RIDGE METHODIST CEM.*

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*MS. INA ISAAC SOLOMON 10 AM TUES., MARCH 16, 2021 GRAVESIDE HOLY ROSARY CEMETERY*

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## COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

*Neshoba County Jail Docket from 3/8-3/15*

- Kenneth H Barnett, 60, of 10051 Rd 1509; disturbance of family, simple assault
- Charles Burton Bond, 55, of 10190 Rd 349, Union; sale of controlled substance
- Jeff Wayne Clark, 51, of 515 Gordon Rd, Union; possession of paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance
- Christopher Leon Cotton, 35, of 1841 Honnoll Mill Rd, Caledonia; possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia
- Neil Crocker, 59, of 11500 Hwy 482 Lot 17; no insurance, driving under the influence-1st offense
- Billy Wayne Flint, 62, of 574 Center Ave; contempt of court
- Jonathan Lee Ford, 47, of 15031 Hwy 488; possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia
- Jeremy Lynn Franklin, 38, of 13911 Rd 339; hold circuit court X2
- Cassie Hamilton, 42, of 10261 Rd 357, Union; hold for investigations, possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia
- Joey Joe, 55, of 130 Patrick Dr; driving under the influence-1st offense
- Bernard Eugene Johnson, 62, of 214 Johnson Ave; bad check-felony (3rd or sub offense or \$100 or more)
- Wesley Miles, 24, of 11631 Rd 383; disturbance of family, malicious mischief under \$1000.00
- Jonathan Pilgrim, 35, of 300 George Rd, DeKalb; hold for investigations, possession of controlled substance
- Mallonie Dorthia Ray, 52, of 10150 Rd 2608; contempt of court
- Austin Watkins, 28, of 11121 Rd 834; hold circuit

- court, serving sentence
- India Whittle, 29, of 13220 Rd 610; serving sentence X2
- Jeffrey Todd Willis, 59, of 13850 Rd 602, Carthage; aggravated assault on police, fire, school off with weapon X6, simple assault on a police officer X2, domestic violence aggravated assault
- Brias Jay Bell, 21, of 138 Tiak Osi Lane, Walnut Grove; failure to appear, suspended drivers license
- Christy Lane Bounds, 35, of 117 Bogue Chitto Dr; driving under the influence-1st offense
- Cleveland Chesser Jr, 43, of 225 Chesser St, Canton; public drunk
- Kala A Comby, 33, of 523 Lamar Cir; contempt of court, failure to appear
- Alexis Conner, 22, of 926 Cherry St; possession of controlled substance
- Lacrisa Lanette Dixon, 45, of 304 Bogue Chitto Cir; contempt of court
- Stacey Dixon, 31, of 107 Youth Court Cir; disorderly conduct
- Shannon Floyd, 50, of 10480 Rd 432; failure to appear X2
- Daniel Wayne Franklin, 43, of 10161 Rd 337, Union; failure to yield to blue light/siren
- Johnnie Frazier, 27, of 171 Tucker Cutoff Rd; failure to appear X2
- Bianca Graham, 21, of 513 Cumberland Ave; hold for investigations
- Deanrick Isom, 28, of 834 Mills Rd, Conehatta; indictment
- Leticia Johnson, 43, of 225 Chesser Rd, Canton; public drunk
- Dawn D Lawson, 42, of 10076 Rd 2418, Union; resisting arrest, disorderly conduct
- Wesley Miles, 24, of 11631 Rd 383; hold for investigations
- Carnes James Moore, 52, of 10281 Rd 1327; contempt of

- court
- Cannan Nickey, 19, of 370 Neshoba Kemper Rd; failure to appear
- Kendall Wayne Pilgrim, 56, of 12360 Hwy 486; possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia
- Chelesa M Ray, 26, of 562 Center Ave Apt 3B; failure to appear
- Shanna Renfro, 34, of 15721 Rd 505; failure to appear
- April Shannon, 39, of 10161 Rd 375; failure to pay
- Sharaya Shumake, 26, of 165 Pine Ridge Rd; contempt of court X2
- Demetrius Mondell Simmons, 40, of 1360 Woodward Rd, Birmingham, AL; possession of controlled substance
- Antoine Derelle Smiley, 35, of 10301 Rd 4308, Union; domestic violence simple assault-1st
- Wendy Smith, 41, of 3701 Hoperville Rd, Forest; serving sentence
- Nickayla Thomas, 25, of 268 Bouge Chitto Cir; failure to appear
- Ian Caleb Thompson, 25, of 13340 Hwy 488; serving sentence
- John R Veasley, 32, of 303 MLK Dr Lot 41; hold for investigations
- Joshua Williams, 38, of 13701 Hwy 491N; driving under the influence-2nd offense

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## OPIOID ADDICTIONS: THERE'S HOPE!

Opioid addiction is a serious problem facing millions of people. But there is HOPE. Opioid addiction can be treated and managed. Recovery is possible. Here is what you need to know about addiction, treatment and recovery.

- Opioid addiction is a chronic disease
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- Recovery takes more than medication
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- Recovery is a long-term process

### STAYING SOBER DURING THE HOLIDAYS

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

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

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

### TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

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



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# Tribe unveils COVID-19 Memorial as remembrance

A Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians COVID-19 memorial was unveiled Friday at Lake Pushmataha.

Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben, Choctaw Tribal Council Representatives, 2019-2021 Choctaw Indian Princess Elisah Monique Jimmie, first responders, Choctaw drummers and family members of individuals who passed away due to COVID-19 were present for the solemn occasion.

The event was livestreamed due to COVID restrictions preventing the public from attending the ceremony.

In his address, Ben spoke about the challenges and heart-breaking losses due to COVID-19, yet he also gave acknowledgment and words of praise to the frontline employees, first responders and countless others who have worked tirelessly to take care of the needs of the Choctaw people and those who have done their best to make sure essential services were not fully interrupted. He also encouraged everyone to continue the fight against COVID by following recommended safety guidelines.

Standing Pine Tribal Councilwoman Loriann Ahshapanek also spoke about the tragic circumstances that occurred for families who lost loved ones to the virus, and she also called for prayers for strength for each other.

Following the remarks, Ben, Tribal Council members and special guest Pamela Morrow unveiled the "hunky cross" as the central part of the newly built COVID-19 Memorial.

Morrow was the maker of the cross, and she donated it to the Tribe. Ben then signed a proclamation marking one year since the beginning of the State of Emergency on Tribal lands, to recognize March 12, 2021, as COVID-19 Pandemic Awareness Day, remembering those



Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Chief Cyrus Ben, right, and 2019-2021 Choctaw Indian Princess Elisah Monique Jimmie, left, stand in front of the Tribe's recently-unveiled COVID-19 Memorial at Lake Pushmataha.

who have passed, honoring frontline and essential workers, reemphasizing the need to follow recommended safety guidelines and setting an appeal before the Lord for comfort for grief and sorrow and for God's light to shine upon everyone affected by COVID-19.

Once the ceremony concluded, guests were offered the opportunity to visit the new memorial.

"Let us all keep each other in prayers for continued strength in the fight against COVID-19," the Tribe said.

Flags were flown at half-staff

at all Tribal buildings, grounds and enterprises beginning from sunrise on Friday, March 12 through sunset on Monday, March 15 in honor and memory of the lives of the MBCI Tribal Members and loved ones lost to the COVID-19 pandemic.



The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians unveiled a COVID-19 Memorial last Friday.

"A few years ago when visiting from California I was lost on Carver Avenue. A gentleman, Randy Gill, stepped out of his restaurant and helped me. Later, I went back to his restaurant for lunch. It has become a friendship so important to my wife and I we return at least every three years. As he stepped forward to help me he will step forward for Philadelphia."

— Thank you, Brian and Gloria Clifton.

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# Nicholson enjoys experimenting in the kitchen

By SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS  
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**W**indy Nicholson has many different hobbies, but making fresh treats is one of her favorites. She is in the learning phase of making fresh candy.

She started dating Jeffery Nicholson when she was 18 and they have been married now for two decades and a half and have three sons, Cody, Chase, and Cale.

Nicholson homeschools her children. Homeschooling started with her oldest son Cody, who has been in college for three semesters.

She now homeschools 17-year-old Chase and 12-year-old Cale. Her oldest son loves animals and a good conversation.

Nicholson's middle son takes after her husband and loves working on cars and plans to be a welder one day.

Her youngest son Cale loves to hang out with his buddies, plays video games and rides dirt bikes.

Nicholson was raised in Philadelphia. Her mother is Patricia Nowell Burton and her late father was Clif Burton.

After high school, Nicholson got a degree in social work from the University of Southern Mississippi. She worked as a social worker for a while but then started homeschooling her children.

Her husband works at B&G Equipment as the parts manager. Jeffery is her rock and her boys are her world.

Nicholson created a Facebook page called Windy's Sweet and Treats, where she sells cookies, caramel apples, fudge, and other sweets.

She also learned how to make fresh bread and includes different spices and herbs in her bread.

Growing up, Nicholson always watched her two grandmothers, Audrey Nowell and Ethel Mae Burton, cook. When she was a kid, she can remember going to her grandmother Nowell's home where she baked wedding cakes.

Nicholson even learned how to do a French knot when icing a cake. Nicholson's mother and her mother-in-law, Charlotte Nicholson, are also a big influence on her cooking.

The Nicholson family recently moved from the city to the country, where they have been enjoying their time being outside.

**SAUSAGE, SPINACH, ARTICHOKE DIP**  
1 lb Italian sausage  
1 teaspoon olive oil  
2 (14 oz) canned artichoke hearts (not in vine-



Windy Nicholson

gar), drained and chopped  
1 (10 oz) package frozen spinach, thawed and squeezed dry  
8 oz plain greek yogurt  
1 small onion, diced  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
1 1/2 cups mozzarella cheese, shredded  
3/4 cup parmesan cheese, grated  
3/4 cup skim milk  
3/4 cup asiago cheese, shredded  
1/3 cup mayo  
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 (8 oz) package cream cheese, cubed

Remove the sausage from the casings and discard the casings or buy ground Italian sausage. Heat the oil in a frypan over medium-high,

## COOK OF THE WEEK

and brown the sausage, breaking it up as it cooks. Once browned, place the sausage into your crock pot. Add the artichoke hearts, spinach, mayo, onion, garlic, parmesan, milk, asiago, mozzarella, greek yogurt, vinegar, pepper, and salt in the crock pot. Serve with crackers, tortilla chips, Hawaiian Bread or homemade bread.

### HOMEMADE TORTILLAS

2 1/2 c. All-purpose Flour  
2 1/2 tsp. Baking Powder  
1 tsp. Kosher Salt  
1/2 c. Lard or Vegetable Shortening

2 tbsp. (additional) Lard or Vegetable Shortening  
1 c. Hot Water  
Combine flour, baking powder and salt in a large wooden bowl. Stir together.

Add spoonfuls of lard or shortening (use 1/2 cup PLUS 2 tablespoons), then use a fork or pastry cutter to combine the ingredients. Cut mixture until it resembles coarse crumbs. Slowly pour in hot water, stirring to bring mixture together. Lightly knead dough 30 to 40 times, or until it becomes a cohesive ball of dough and is less sticky. Cover with a tea towel and allow dough to rest for at least an hour. Roll into ping pong size balls, place on a tray, cover with a tea towel, and allow to rest for another 20 to 30 min-

utes. When you're ready to make the tortillas, head a dark or cast-iron griddle to medium/medium-high heat. One by one, roll out balls of dough until very, very thin. Throw tortillas (one by one) onto the griddle. Cook on each side for 20 to 30 seconds, removing while tortillas are still soft but slightly brown in spots. Remove and stack tortillas, and cover with a towel to keep warm. Serve immediately or allow to cool before storing tortillas in a container. To warm, nuke tortillas in the microwave, or wrap in foil and warm in the oven.

**CHARLOTTE'S CHRISTMAS COOKIES**  
1/2 cup candied cherries

1/2 cup candied pineapples  
1- 8oz dates  
2 cups of pecans chopped  
1 1/2 cups of self rising flour  
1/4 cup of butter  
3/4 cup of sugar  
1 whole egg plus one egg yolk beaten well.  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 teaspoon lemon flavoring  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
Cream butter and sugar add eggs and the add flour. Slowly add all other ingredients. Spoon on a lined or sprayed baking sheet. Bake at 325 until brown around edges.  
Charlotte is her mother-in-law.

## Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS  
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A military pinning ceremony was held on Friday, March 4, at Thompson Field in Jackson, Mississippi, for Choctaw Tribal member, Ricky Alex of the United States Air Force. He was promoted to Chief Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

CMS Alex was joined at the ceremony by his family members and the Choctaw Tribal Chief, Cyrus Ben. Congratulations!

The Philadelphia Rotary Club honored Students of the Month during the March 8 meeting. The four seniors selected for this honor were Leilani Charlie, Tevia Smith, Kara Daly, and Teonna Gadson.

Leilani Charlie attends Choctaw Central High School where she was a member of the Beta Club, Top 10 in her senior class, Lady Warrior and Defense Player Awards as well as many other honors. She plans to attend Mississippi State University.

Tevia Smith from Neshoba Central High School is a member of the Big Blue Band and the Symphonic Band in which she plays the clarinet. Tevia has received numerous awards for academic excellence and is a member of the National Honor Society. She will be another Bulldog after graduation.

Kara Daly is a Philadelphia High School Tornado who was the top female archer, and set a high school archery record. She is a member of the Beta Club, Leadership Neshoba,

and received the Neshoba County Chamber of Commerce Recognition for Academic Excellence. She has received many other honors and awards during her school career. She plans to attend ECC and MSU.

Teonna Gadson is another Philadelphia High School senior. She is a member of the National Beta Club, FBPA, the National Society of High School Scholars and has been on both the Superintendent's List and the Principal's List. Teonna plans to attend MSU. Congratulations to each one of these students!

It's tulip time again at Quality Hospice Care! The bright red flowers are an annual spring tradition planted in honor or memory of patients that Quality is currently serving or has served during such a delicate time in their lives. The staff feels it is such an honor and a privilege to serve this population.

Although the ice storm tried to interfere with the tulips' blooming, they proved to be resilient and impervious to the difficult growing conditions. According to Jo Ann Tinsley Rounsaville, the tulips are like the staff, "beautiful, tender, but can handle any situation with God's guidance." The tulip garden is a perfect picture setting for anyone who wishes to take advantage of this beautiful spot. Mac Burt has painted and placed two little wrought-iron settees for pictures. The tulips are planted at the old office, 340 Byrd Avenue and everyone is welcome!

The Leake Academy Girls

Basketball Team won the 2020-21 Overall Girls' Basketball Championship on March 9. They are the District Champs, North Half Champs, State Champs, and Overall Champs. The Lady Rebels coach is Amanda Gully Hatch.

Sophomore, Miriam Prince, won a Gold Ball for her outstanding performance on the court and her sportsmanship. She is the daughter of Prince Phillip and Valeria Prince. Congratulations to each one of the team members!

Tyler Jordan Greer, a graduate of Philadelphia High School and William Carey University, recently auditioned for acceptance into graduate school in the music department and was accepted by the University of Kentucky, Alabama, and Southern Mississippi. He plans to earn a Masters Degree in Performance which has long been his dream. Tyler will decide where he will pursue his graduate studies in the near future.

He is a very talented musician and has received many honors for his bassoon performances. He teaches Low Bass in the music department at Petal High School in Petal, Mississippi. How very exciting!

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## Conservation Carnival

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic the Neshoba County Soil & Water Conservation District found a way to host their 25th Annual Conservation Carnival virtually last month. Just over 200 fifth grade students from Neshoba Central Elementary School took part in this year's 4-day carnival. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality's Jennifer Milner and Lynn Bradshaw presented on Proper disposal, recycling and composting. Chaz Ingram presented on Soils. MSU's Mississippi Bug Blues Museum's Beverly Keasler presented on Bugs. Mississippi Forestry Department's Orlando Ellerby and Kevin Craft presented on Forestry.



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# Engagements

## Amanda Lorraine Rich to wed Jason Kyle Jones March 27

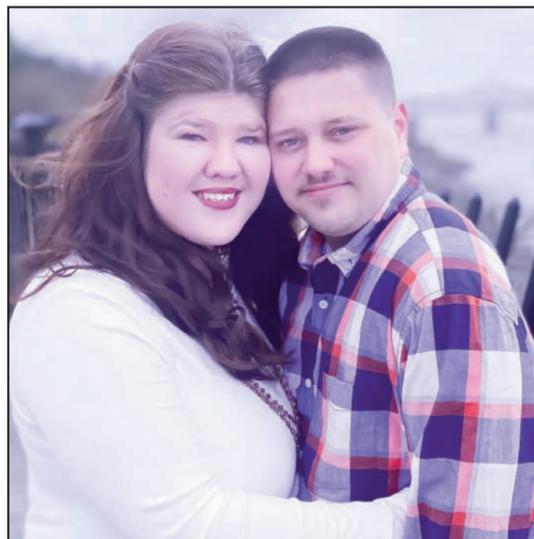
Lillie and Mike Reid of Baxterville and James Rich of Saucier, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Amanda Lorraine Rich to Jason Kyle Jones, son of Shana and Luke Higginbotham of Union, and Jason and Robin Jones of Summit.

The bride-to-be is a 2016 graduate of Purvis High School and attended Pearl River Community College. She is employed with Croft Metals in Magnolia.

The groom-to-be is a 2017 graduate of Youth Challenge Academy in Camp Shelby. He is employed at Croft Metals in Magnolia.

A small, intimate ceremony will be held on March 27, at 2 p.m., in Summit, Miss., at the Jones' residence. A reception will immediately follow.

The happy couple plans to reside in McComb.



Amanda Lorraine Rich and Jason Kyle Jones

## Lady Rockets improve to 6-0

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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The Neshoba Central Lady Rockets picked up two victories in the West Harrison softball tournament last week and improved to 6-0.

The Lady Rockets defeated South Panola 6-5 in a game that went eight innings. They also stopped East Central 9-2.

Elleigh Willis pitched eight

innings to pick up the win over South Panola. Willis helped her cause by nailing two hits while scoring one run while knocking in another.

Tenly Grisham had three hits, scored two runs and knocked in two runs. Lanayah Henry had two hits.

The Lady Rockets had 14 hits in their win over East Central. Charmayne Morris, Machrie Jones, Annaleigh Jones

and Lanayah Henry all hit a double.

The Lady Rockets have four games this weekend. On Friday, they play Southeast Lauderdale and Northwest Rankin in the Enterprise tournament. Saturday, they play St. Benedict (Tenn.) and Southeast Lauderdale in the Clarkdale SpringFling tournament.

## Rockets baseball split games last week

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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The Neshoba Central baseball team entered the week with a 7-4 record after going 2-2 last week.

The Rockets defeated Scott Central 10-0, lost to Ridgeland 7-6, defeated Eupora 9-0 and lost 6-0 to Madison Central.

The Rockets have three games set for this weekend. They host Newton County on Friday. Later, they will take on Madison Central. On Saturday, the Rockets host Morton.

Neshoba Central banged out 11 hits and did not allow a hit against Scott Central. The Rockets scored two in the first,

five in the third, two in the fourth and one in the fifth.

Reid Hall was the winning pitcher. He helped his cause by hitting a double.

Dagan Martin hit a double and a single. He scored two runs and knocked in another hit. Bryceton Spencer hit a double. Ramey Harrison scored two runs and knocked in another. Cade Hall hit a single and scored two runs.

Ridgeland took the lead in the top of the fifth and held on to defeat the Rockets. Neshoba Central scored two in the second, three in the third and one in the sixth. Ridgeland scored three in the second, one in the third, two in the fourth and one

in the fifth. Harrison hit two singles and scored a run to lead the Rockets.

Cade Hall hit a home run to lead the Rockets past Eupora. The Rockets scored three in the first, two in the second, one in the fourth and three in the sixth.

Hall added a single. He scored four runs and knocked in another. Dagan Martin hit a single, scored a run and knocked in another. Reid Hall was the winning pitcher.

Neshoba Central went hitless in its loss to Madison Central. Madison scored five in the fourth and one in the sixth. Martin took the pitching loss.

# Of Local Interest

### PRE-K PROGRAM SCREENING

If you or someone you know has a 4 year-old child that you would like to have tested for possible placement in the Philadelphia Pre-Kindergarten Program, please call the Elementary Office at 601-656-2000 to set up an appointment on February 26, 2021. Parents may call between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The Pre-Kindergarten Program will be housed at Philadelphia Elementary School. Children will be screened for enrollment with a pre-kindergarten skills

assessment. The children with the greatest academic need will have priority in placement.

The Pre-K class will adhere to the regular schedule of Philadelphia Public Schools. Pre-K students will be offered breakfasts and lunches by the Philadelphia Public School District Food Services. Applicants may start turning applications in on February 26, 2021. Applicants must be toilet-trained. Students residing outside the Philadelphia Public School District are not eligible for the Pre-K program at Philadelphia Elementary.

Pre-K students residing within the Philadelphia City Limits may be eligible for transportation.

In order to have a child tested for possible placement, parents must bring the following items to the testing appointment:

Two (2) proofs of residency in the Philadelphia Public School District

A certified birth certificate (child must be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2021)

The child's social security card

The child's immunization record

### HOMESTEAD DEADLINE

April 1, 2021 is the deadline to file homestead exemptions. If you have a change in status, such as obtaining a new home, buying or selling land, death of a spouse, turning 65 years old, becoming disabled or getting married or divorced, a new homestead needs to be filed.

If you have any questions concerning your homestead exemption please contact the Neshoba County Tax Office at 601-656-4541.

### MARS HILL CEMETERY CLEANUP

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# LEGALS

## LEGALS

### SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2006, Undeon Hardy and Mary Key Hardy, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common executed a certain deed of trust to Arnold M. Weiss, attorney at law, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as beneficiary, as nominee for, GMAC Mortgage Corporation d/b/a Ditech.com, its successors and assigns which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, State of Mississippi in Book 2006 at Page 4955 and re-recorded in Book 2006 at Page 6178; and WHEREAS, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-RZ3 has heretofore substituted Shapiro & Brown, LLC as Trustee by instrument dated January 19, 2021 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 2021 Page 1030; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-RZ3, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale. NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shapiro & Brown, LLC, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on April 6, 2021 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the North Door of the County Courthouse of Neshoba County, located at 401 East Beacon Street, Philadelphia, MS 39350, to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds the following described property situated in Neshoba County, State of Mississippi, to-wit: Being in Neshoba County, Mississippi, City of Philadelphia, Herrods Survey, Block 1, in SW 1/4, Section 30, Township 11 North, Range 12 East; beginning at the Northeast Corner Block 1; thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes West 152.9 feet; thence South 13 degrees 15 minutes West 88.5 feet; thence North 88 degrees 30 minutes East 147.9 feet; thence North 18 degrees 00 minutes East 85 feet to the point of beginning. I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this 22nd day of February, 2021. Tammy Scott, Officer Shapiro & Brown, LLC SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE LOGS Legal Group LLP 1080 River Oaks Drive, Suite B-202 Floodwood, MS 39232 (601) 981-9299 414 Crockett Ave Philadelphia, MS 39350 20-026654 Publication Dates: March 10, March 17, March 24 and March 31, 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 or non 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 judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 12th day of February 2021. /s/Jennilee 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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### SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

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

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### TITLE OF ABANDONMENT MOTOR VEHICLE

Deanco Auction 1042 Holland Ave Philadelphia, MS 39350 MAKE: 2006 GMC Sierra Pickup VIN: 1GTEC14V46E143215 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 LEINHOLDER: N/A

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Deanco Auction 1042 Holland Ave Philadelphia, MS 39350 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 LEINHOLDER: N/A

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### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI NESHOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, AND PAYZLEE GRACE FRANKLIN, ZOY 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 PRAEEL 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 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

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### SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2016, L.A. Gardner 2, LLC, a Mississippi limited liability company, by Lee A. Gardner, Member, executed a Deed of Trust to Granville Tate, Jr., Trustee for the benefit of Trustmark National Bank, as recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, in Book 2016 at Page 5686; and, WHEREAS, Trustmark National Bank, the holder of said Deed of Trust and the Note secured thereby, substituted J. Mark Franklin, III, as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument dated January 12, 2021, and recorded in Book 2021 at Page 591, in the office of the Chancery Clerk aforesaid; and, WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the Trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney fees, Substituted Trustee's fees and expenses of sale; NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned J. Mark Franklin, III, being the Substituted Trustee, do hereby give notice that on April 14, 2021, between 11:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m., being the legal hours of sale, I will proceed to sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, at the North Front Door of the Neshoba County Courthouse in Philadelphia, State of Mississippi, the following real property described and conveyed in said Deed of Trust, lying and being situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: PARCEL I: SEARS BUILDING: From the SW corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, run East for 351.00'; thence run North 29 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds East for 1817.40' to an iron pin on the east right-of-way of the G. M. & O. Railroad, said point being 25.00' easterly and at a right angle to the centerline of the main track; then run along the east right-of-way of said track along a curve left for 133.15' to a mag nail set in concrete for the point of beginning (curve data: delta = 2 degrees 33 minutes 56 seconds, radius = 2973'79', cord bearing = North 11 degrees 15 minutes 25 seconds East, chord distance = 133.14'). Then run South 70 degrees 39 minutes 00 seconds East for 130.17' to a mag nail set in concrete on the west right-of-way of Front Street; then run along said right-of-way North 19 degrees 41 minutes 09 seconds East for 101.00'; then run along said right-of-way along a curve left for 77.66' (curve data: delta = 47 degrees 46 minutes 05 seconds, radius = 93.15', chord bearing = North 11 degrees 09 minutes 53 seconds West, chord distance = 75.43'); then run along said right-of-way North 33 degrees 50 minutes 54 seconds West 93.03'; thence run along said right-of-way North 20 degrees 14 minutes 25 seconds West for 18.45' to the intersection with the south right-of-way of Gum Street; then run North 74 degrees 35 minutes 28 seconds West for 12.98' along the

south right-of-way of Gum Street to a point on the east right-of-way of the G. M. & O. Railroad, said point being 25.00' easterly and at a right angle to the centerline of the main tract; then run along said railroad right-of-way along a curve right for 235.20' to the point of beginning (curve data: delta 4 degrees 31 minutes 54 seconds, radius = 2973.70', chord bearing = S 17 degrees 42 minutes 31 seconds West, chord distance = 235.14'). This parcel contains 0.56 acre, more or less, and is situated in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi. SEARS EASEMENT DESCRIPTION: From the SW corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, run East for 1234.44'; then run North 1595.61' to a Mag Nail set in concrete for the point of beginning. Then run S 73°43'39" E for 130.40' to a Mag Nail set in asphalt on the west right-of-way of Front Street, then run along the west right-of-way of Front Street S 19° 41' 09" W for 76.53'; then run along the west right-of-way of Front Street along a curve left for 62.16' to a Mag Nail set in concrete (curve data: delta = 3 degrees 01 minutes 09 seconds, radius = 1179.67', chord bearing = South 17 degrees 02 minutes 16 seconds West, chord distance = 62.16'); then run N 66°56'08" W for 136.77' to a point. Then run along the east right-of-way of said tract along a curve left for 122.85' to a Mag Nail set in concrete and the point of beginning (curve data: delta = 2°22'01", radius = 2973.79', chord bearing = N 21°17'34" E, chord distance = 122.85'); This parcel contains 0.41 acre, more or less, and is situated in the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 & NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, all being in Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi. EASEMENT LESS AND EXCEPT the following: From the SW corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 25, T 11 N, R 11 E, Neshoba County, MS., run East for 1191.83'; then run North for 1481.15' to a point on the east right-of-way of the G. M. & O. Railroad, said point being 25.00' easterly and at a right angle to the centerline of the main track for the point of beginning, and being the edge of a concrete slab; then run N 22°23'22" E for 9.00'; then run S 70°01'09" E for 7.79' to a concrete wall, then run along said wall S 23°03'52" W for 9.42' to the building; then run N 66°56'08" W for 7.68' along the north side of said building to the point of beginning. This parcel contains 71.2 square ft., more or less, and is situated in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 25, T 11 N, R 11 E, City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, MS. PARCEL II: From the SW corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, run East for 1234.44'; then run North 1595.61' to a Mag Nail set in concrete for the point of beginning. Then run S 73°43'39" E for 130.40' to a Mag Nail set in asphalt on the west right-of-way of Front Street, then run N 70°39'02" W for 130.12' to a Mag Nail set in concrete (being the original Southwest corner of said lot), then run S 20°02'30" W for 7.00' to a Mag Nail set in concrete and the point of beginning (being the new Southwest corner of said lot). This parcel contains 455.4 square feet more or less, and is situated in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 & NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 25, T 11 N, R 11 E, City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, MS. I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 1st day of March, 2021. /s/ J. Mark Franklin J. MARK FRANKLIN, III SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE J. Mark Franklin, III MCKAY LAWLER FRANKLIN & FOREMAN, PLLC Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 2488 Ridgeland, Mississippi 39158-2488 (601) 572-8778 POSTED: March 8, 2021 PUBLISHED: March 17, 2021, March 24, 2021, March 31, 2021 and April 7, 2021

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### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF EDNA E. THOMPSON CAUSE NO.: 21-CV-00019-JK NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, on the Estate of Edna E. Thompson, Deceased, on the 23rd day of February, 2021, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said Estate to have their claims probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, and that failure to probate and register their claims with the Clerk within that time will forever bar the claim. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the 25th day of February, 2021. /s/Edna Niccole Thompson DouganEDNA NICCOLE THOMPSON DOUGANCO-EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF EDNA E. THOMPSON /s/ Bernard D. ThompsonBERNARD D. THOMPSONCO-EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF EDNA E. THOMPSON /s/Larry D. Thompson, ILLARRY D. THOMPSON, IICO-EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF EDNA E. THOMPSON Prepared by:DOUGLAS J. GRAHAM-SETTLEMIRE'S & GRAHAM, PLLC410 East Beacon StreetPhiladelphia, MS 39350(601)656-9597MSBN: 101965 52419

### CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RANDY RUDY YORK, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2020-24 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO:

The heirs at law of RANDY RUDY YORK, deceased, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of RAN-

DY RUDY YORK, deceased, whose post office and street addresses are unknown to the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law. You have been made a Respondent in a Petition for Determination of Heirship filed in this court by the Petitioner Ryan York, Administrator of the Estate of RANDY RUDY YORK, deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 A.M. on the 14th day of April, 2021, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court at Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 3rd day of March, 2021. /s/ Jennilee Young-TRIBAL COURT CLERK 52422

### CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF AGNES E. YORK, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2020-22 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO:

The heirs at law of AGNES E. YORK, deceased, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of AGNES E. YORK, deceased, whose post office and street addresses are unknown to the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law. You have been made a Respondent in a Petition for Determination of Heirship filed in this court by the Petitioner Ryan York, Administrator of the Estate of AGNES E. YORK, deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 A.M. on the 14th day of April, 2021, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court at Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 3rd day of March, 2021. /s/ Jennilee Young-TRIBAL COURT CLERK 52421

### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACK CHEATHAM EDWARD CHEATHAM, PETITIONER CAUSE NO. 2020-240 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO:

All Unknown Heirs-at-Law of JACK CHEATHAM YOU HAVE BEEN MADE A DEFENDANT IN THE SUIT FILED IN THIS COURT BY EDWARD CHEATHAM, PETITIONER, SEEKING A DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP OF JACK CHEATHAM. 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 27th day of April, 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 10th day of March, 2021. Guy NowellChancery Clerk of Neshoba Co., MS By K Greer D.C. Dates of Publication: March 17, March 24, and March 31, 2021 Submitted by:TERRY L. JORDAN MS Bar # 3234Attorney at LawPost Office Drawer 459Philadelphia, MS 39350Phone: (601) 656-2451 52445

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AND THE NESHOPA COUNTY AMBULANCE ENTERPRISE

The NESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS will receive competitive Reverse Auction Bids to be submitted electronically via the Neshoba County website at www.neshobacounty.net with said Reverse Auction occurring via invitation on a date and during a time to be specified from qualified vendors in response to this solicitation for acquiring the following equipment: Two (2) or more, new, 2021 chassis year model, Type III, Class One (4 x 2), Configuration A ambulance(s) for the use and benefit of Neshoba County and the Neshoba County Ambulance Enterprise. Detailed specifications for the above described equipment and bid forms may be obtained from the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors office at the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 201, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350, by calling 601-656-6281 or on Neshoba County's website at www.neshobacounty.net. Neshoba County, Mississippi and/or the Neshoba County Ambulance Enterprise will determine if compliance with the specifications exist before accepting any bid. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS: All responses to the solicitation for said ambulance shall be returned, with detailed proposals included therewith, less the fixed price amount to be bid, in a single PDF document, and submitted electronically at www.neshobacounty.net under the correct bid solicitation, by 12:00 PM, local time, on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 or alternatively the detailed proposal should be placed in a sealed envelope marked "2021 Ambulance Bid" along with the date and time of said proposal opening, and filed with the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors C/O Chancery Clerk Guy Nowell, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 107, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 by the same date and time. It shall be incumbent upon each bidder to understand the

specifications as listed herein and to obtain clarification when necessary. It is not the intent of these specifications to limit the bidding to any particular make or manufacturer of equipment or provider of services, but rather to select such emergency equipment or services to provide for specific needs and specific tasks. Any reference to name-brand materials or equipment is intended to establish the minimum necessary standards only and bids submitted on materials and equipment equal there to, at the sole discretion and determination of Neshoba County, shall be considered. Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi on the 1st day of February 2021. /s/GUY NOWELL GUY NOWELL, CLERK-BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI Publication dates: March 17th and March 24th, 2021 52448

### CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS IN THE INTEREST OF LEVI MYLES ROBINSON, A MINOR CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2021-54 LEVI MYLES ROBINSON, A MINOR PETITIONER BY AND THROUGH HIS MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND, KRISTAL ROBINSON VS. MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, VITAL RECORDS DEFENDANT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: ALL UNKNOWN CHILDREN AND HEIRS OF ANTONIO XAVIER HERNANDEZ. You have been made a Respondent in a Petition to Establish Paternity and Amend Birth Certificate filed in this court by Petitioner. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 1:00 o'clock P.M. on the 4th day of May, 2021, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court located at the Smith-John Justice Center in Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 9th day of March, 2021. /s/Jennilee YoungChoctaw Tribal Court Clerk (SEAL) 52449

Poll Worker Training Training will be offered Monday, March 22, 2021 and Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at the Neshoba County Courthouse for poll workers in the upcoming municipal elections beginning at 5:30 each night. Information presented will be the same both nights please plan to attend one of the two dates. 52451

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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 15, 2021, for: Neshoba Central HVAC, Restrooms, Doors, and Windows Replacement (PHASE I) Neshoba County School District (Philadelphia, Mississippi) P & M Project Number: 2021104 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.pyrormorrowplans.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.pyrormorrowplans.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 17, 2021 Wednesday, March 24, 2021 52450

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# Rebelettes capture Overall title

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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The Leake Academy Rebelettes captured their sixth Overall State Championship in school history as they defeated Hartfield Academy 39-36 Tuesday night in a game that was in doubt until the final buzzer.

"This was an incredibly special victory," said Rebelettes Coach Amanda Hatch. "And the way we did it, playing down to the final buzzer. It shows the mental toughness of this group and how badly they wanted it."

"This (winning the Overall) is all the girls have talked about since last year when we exited the state tournament in the first round. I have never seen a group work so hard outside of practice on their game so they would be ready for a game like this. It was awesome."

This is the fourth time the Rebelettes have defeated Hartfield this season. It was just last week they had defeated the Lady Hawks in the Mid-South Association of Independent Schools Class 4A girls championship by the score of 82-45.

But this was a different game. For one thing, the Overall tournament was played at Hartfield and the Lady Hawks had home-court advantage.

And, it wasn't Leake Acad-



The Leake Academy Rebelettes celebrate winning the 2020-2021 Overall Girls Basketball Tournament.

emy's best shooting game of the season. The Rebelettes were 12-of-49 (24%) from two-point range and 7-of-32 (22%) from three-point range.

"We never got frustrated though we didn't shoot very well," Hatch said. "Hartfield did a great job of extending their zone and affecting our shooters. We didn't get any good looks. We did what we had to do the entire game."

"I always preach about playing defense. If you guard and play defense, you are going to have a chance to win every game, no matter what is

happening on offense. We covered well and we got some big rebounds."

Hartfield took the early edge, going up by seven points - 12-5 - with 2:11 left in the first quarter. Leake Academy battled back. Emmi Harkins hit a three-point shot with seconds left in the period and Leake Academy trailed 13-11 at the break.

The second quarter was tighter with the Rebelettes outscoring Hartfield 4-2. The score was tied a 15-15 at the half.

Twice during the third quar-

ter, the Rebelettes tried to pull away but Hartfield would come back. Leake Academy led 30-24 at the end of the third quarter.

The Rebelettes held the ball for three minutes of the fourth quarter. Leake Academy led 34-27 with 1:49 left.

Hartfield cut it to one - 34-33 - 51 seconds left on a field goal and a free throw. The Rebelettes picked up two free throws to make it 36-33 with 47 seconds left. Then Hartfield sank a three-point shot to tie the game at 36-36 with 33 seconds left.

"We lost the shooter on that play," Hatch said. "Then the post player stepped out, scored three and tied it up."

"I said that was OK. I didn't want everybody to panic. We were fine. It was a tie game and we had time. It was our ball,

We protected the ball. We were fouled."

Harkins sank a free throw with 22 seconds left and Leake Academy led 37-36.

Leake Academy went down and defended. There were a couple of tie-balls and the Rebelettes gained possession.

Hartfield was forced to foul and Morgan Freeny sank two free throws to put the Rebelettes up by three. The Rebelettes held on for the victory.

"We went down and defended," Hatch said. "We got the ball and they had to foul us. Then we made two free throws and that was huge."

"We did what we had to do at every moment, whether it was make a free throw, get a rebound or get to the rim and score. Just getting the stop, protecting the basketball and hitting those free throws was an incredible series of events," Hatch said. "She really took over. When we needed a basket, she got it. Credit Hartfield. They guarded (Miriam) Prince. She did the intangibles like guarding well, handling the ball and distributing it well. But they were all over her. It is a lot of fun to win it when it goes down to the buzzer; a lot more special. More exciting."

The Rebelettes finished the season with a 37-2 record. The last time Leake Academy won the Overall was in 2009.

It was Hatch's first Overall championship as the head coach but she also won one as a player.

"In 1999, we won it my junior year," Hatch said. "We finished 46-0 that year."

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### HELP WANTED

New Choctaw Baptist Association Job Announcement/Full Time Position: Association Mission Director/Mission Administrator Employer Name: New Choctaw Baptist Association Supervisor: Mission Personnel Committee Place of Employment: Baptist Indian Center Pay Rate: Unspecified Opening Date: March 15, 2021 Closing Date: March 31, 2021 or Until Filled Role of a Mission Director: A Missions Director has a single, three-dimensional role. This role is to lead the association to fulfill its mission more faithfully, effectively, efficiently, and lovingly. The three dimensions are mission strategist, minister to the church-

es and church leaders, and general leader of the association. Qualifications:1. Mission Director shall express a definite call for the missionary service.2. Possession of a seminary of college degree preferred.3. Mission Director must be fluent in English and Choctaw Language.4. Possession of any ordained service ministry experience for a minimum of three (3) years preferred. Responsibilities:1. Work with pastors.2. Work with Churches.3. Strengthen relationships among churches.4. Work with the association's organizational leaders.5. Provide missionary leadership.6. Assist and have good relationships with other Denominational.7. Provide general leadership and administration.8. Manage the office and business affairs of the Baptist Indian Center.9. Fulfill other responsibilities appropriate to the particular situation. For more information, please contact Rev. Charles D. Henry at (601)656-2161 or (601)416-2775.--

New Choctaw Baptist Association Job Announcement/Part-Time Position: Baptist Indian Center Secretary/Receptionist Employer Name: New Choctaw Baptist Association Supervisor: Association Mission Director/Mission Administrator Place of Employment: Baptist Indian Center Pay Rate: Unspecified Opening Date: March 15, 2021 Closing Date: March 31, 2021 or Until Filled Responsibilities:1. Work with Association Mission Director/Mission Administrator.2. Main-

tains monthly reports and turn it into Association Mission Director.3. Strengthen relationships among association's organizational leaders.4. Manage the office and business affairs of the Baptist Indian Center.5. Fulfill other responsibilities appropriate to the particular situation.6. Performs secretarial duties, including the preparation of correspondence, reports, answering the telephone, handle incoming and outgoing mails, and filing for Association Mission Director.7. Maintains an inventory of equipment, supplies, and other materials necessary for Baptist Indian Center.8. Oversee the Baptist Center in absent of the Association Mission Director.9. Holidays will be given as designated and observed.10. Two weeks vacation will be given each, with one week becoming available after three months.11. When the person feels that he or she cannot fill an obligation to abide by these guidelines they will be expected to resign.12. Serves as a primary contact and assist visitors upon arrival at the Baptist Indian Center.13. Performs other related duties as assigned by Association Mission Director. Qualifications:1. The person must be a Christian and be an active member in a Baptist Church.2. The person's character on and away from the job is expected to be in accord with Christian principles.3. The Association Mission Director will evaluate the person after three months

probation period.4. The person must have the ability to work well with all diversity of people.5. Work 5 days a week, 4 hours a day. The hours from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.6. The person must be able to do daily housekeeping. For more information, please contact Rev. Charles D. Henry at (601)656-2161 or (601)416-2775.--

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Speech/Language Pathologist

**Qualifications:** Possess a valid Education License issued by the Mississippi State Department of Education with appropriate Speech Therapist endorsement.

Teacher, Pre-Kindergarten  
**Qualifications:** Possess a valid Mississippi Educator License issued by the Mississippi State Department of Education with appropriate endorsement and emphasis on grade level and/or subject area being taught. Knowledge of and familiarity with the Choctaw communities.

Choral Music Instructor  
**Qualifications:** Possess a valid Mississippi Educator License issued by the Mississippi State Department of Education with appropriate endorsement and emphasis on grade level and/or subject area being taught. Must be willing to learn Choctaw Music.

**CONEHATTA/STANDING PINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Special Education Specialist/Case Manager

**Qualifications:** Possess a valid Class 'A' for 'AA' Teacher License issued by the Mississippi State Department of Education with Special Education endorsement. B.S. or M.Ed., in Education.

**RED WATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/C.C.M.S**  
Special Education Specialist/Case Manager

**Qualifications:** Possess a valid Class 'A' for 'AA' Teacher License issued by the Mississippi State Department of Education with Special Education endorsement. B.S. or M.Ed., in Education.

**PEARL RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Speech/Language Pathologist

**Qualifications:** Possess a valid Mississippi Educator License issued by the Mississippi State Department of Education with appropriate Speech Therapist endorsement. Certification of Clinical Competence (CCC) is preferred.

**CHOCTAW TRIBAL SCHOOLS**  
Carpentry Instructor

**Qualifications:** Applicant must have earned a two-year college degree (associate degree) or higher from an accredited institution of higher learning in the course being taught.

**CHOCTAW TRIBAL SCHOOLS**  
Teacher of the Blind/Visually Impaired, 1 Position

**Qualifications:** Hold a Mississippi State Educator License or Endorsement in Visually Impaired K-12. Bachelor's Degree required; Master's Degree preferred. Working knowledge of Braille (Grade 1 and 2) and knowledge of how to teach Braille, knowledge of abacus (and ability to teach multiple methods), knowledge of electronic devices including; Braille and other specialized note takers (Pac mate, Braille Note, etc.), comfort and skill in teaching functional daily living experiences, familiarity with low vision tools, and knowledge of the Expanded Core Curriculum.

Ability to work in a rural school system with bilingual students. Complete a criminal background check on county, state and national levels. Any record or conviction of criminal or child abuse charges will result in immediate termination. Employee in this position is subject to random drug testing. Must possess a valid Mississippi Driver's License, adequate transportation and personal automobile liability insurance.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE REQUESTED OR SUBMITTED TO:  
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians  
Attention: Human Resources  
P.O. Box 6033, Choctaw Branch  
Choctaw, Mississippi 39350

**CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY**  
\$545 + Costs  
**CHAPTER 13 BANKRUPTCY**  
Court Fees Up Front

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