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NEW CASES CONTINUE TO DROP

State surpasses 1M vaccinations

By SCOTT HAWKINS scott@neshobademocrat.com

A million COVID-19 vaccinations had been administered as of Monday, Gov. Tate Reeves announced, and 7,066 were in Neshoba County, according to the Mississippi State Department of Health's Tuesday COVID-19 report.

That Neshoba County number was up 602 from last week. Although the shots were administered in Neshoba County the state does not designate in what

county the recipients reside.

Vaccinations are currently being administered in Neshoba County at the Coliseum, 12000 Mississippi 15 north, Philadelphia, Tuesday through Friday by appointment at covidvaccine.unc.edu or by calling 1-877-978-6453. The website is the best option, officials have said.

Selected Walmart pharmacies and local clinics and hospitals are now offering a limited number of COVID-19 vaccinations.

to https://msdh.ms.gov/c19appointment#local to check availability.

On Tuesday, Neshoba County recorded 25 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 over the past week for a total of 3,933 cases up from 3,908 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 students quarantined between March 4 and 12, the latest date for which

figures were available.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians reported four new COVID-19 cases in the past week for a total of 1,831 positive cases, up from 1,827 in last week's report.

The Tribe reported one new death from COVID-19 in the past week for a total of 113 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.

As of last Friday, Pearl River Resort moved to Phase 2 of their reopening that included increasing capacity on the casino gaming floors from 50% to 75% and easing smoking restrictions.

The decision to move into phase 2 came after consultation with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Tribal Government, Choctaw Gaming Commission and Choctaw Health Services.

Other changes include:
• Increasing capacity to 75% for restaurants, retail outlets,

meeting spaces and other Resort venues;

• Placing all slot machines and electronic table games back into service;

• Resumption of full service at the Spa at Silver Star.

Mississippi's total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases now stands at 186,527 with another 116,711 probable cases for a total of 303,238 COVID-19 cases and 4,841 confirmed deaths and 2,136 probable COVID-19 deaths since the pandemic began last March.



In front of the Tribe's new T-Rex ladder truck, one of the largest in the state, are firefighter Brett Shoemake, firefighter Dalen Wheeler, Sgt. Marco Patrick, firefighter/medic Barry Harrison, Sgt. Derek Partridge, and Sgt. Billy Wallace.

New ladder truck turns easier, driver says

By JOHN LEE john@neshobademocrat.com

Driving the Tribe's new \$1.5 million aerial ladder truck is much easier than a smaller truck they retired, says Sgt. Marco Patrick of the Choctaw Fire Department.

A Sebastopol native and a member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Patrick decided to become a firefighter while attending Sebastopol Attendance Center and began volunteering for the Sebastopol Volunteer Fire Department, which he still does.

When he is not firefighting, Patrick enjoys riding horses and takes part in competitions called ranch sorting throughout the Southeast. Ranch Sorting is an event that pits a team of two riders on horseback against the clock.

Much like firefighting, ranch sorting requires teamwork, a key with both riders working in harmony to cut out the correct cattle and drive them

to the pen while keeping the wrong numbered cattle back.

The new truck, a Rosenbauer T-Rex, is one of the state's largest and has a better turn radius and more advanced controls than the previous truck, said Patrick, who joined the department in 2016.

Driving the T-Rex can be intimidating at first due to the weight and water on the truck. Although he got the hang of driving the large truck fairly quickly, he still uses caution when making wide turns and quick stops.

"For me, getting to drive the T-Rex and protecting the people of this community is the best part of working for this department," he said. "Having it is such a great asset in case anything happens."

The department purchased the new truck in 2019 replacing a truck they'd got around the time the Golden Moon was built.

Phil Pickle, director of the Choctaw Fire Department, said the T-Rex is a bit unusual for a

mostly rural area, but they have the high rises at the Pearl River Resort.

Jackson, Meridian and cities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast have ladder trucks of comparable size. Philadelphia's ladder truck is comparable to the Tribe's old truck.

"Places that have multi-story hotels and different things that is where they would have to have them," Pickle said. "A lot different factors would go into it, gallons per minute and the length of the ladder."

The T-Rex, replaced a 1998 model E-ONE 105 HD ladder truck the Choctaw Fire Department purchased in 1999.

The T-Rex has more features, such as a telescopic boom, a 300-gallon water tank, hose bed and 115 feet of ground ladders, and it handles much better than the older truck, Patrick agreed.

The T-Rex has an articulate extension ladder that can go over trees and walls, a proximity sensor — See T-REX, page 8A

DUNN ROAD

3 armed men in pickup rob teen

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@neshobademocrat.com

The stickup of a juvenile walking on a rural Neshoba County road by three armed men in a pickup is under investigation.

Sheriff Eric Clark said they received a call that someone had been robbed on Road 1535 about 3:30 p.m. on Monday.

The victim, a teenager, was accosted by three men in a blue Chevrolet extended cab pickup truck, Clark said.

The passenger rolled down the window and demanded money while brandishing a firearm, he said.

The teenager threw a \$20 bill in the window and ran as the pickup sped off, the sheriff said.

"We had officers in the area quickly and stayed there for most of the afternoon," Clark said. "We could not find a vehicle that fit the description but we are looking."

The incident happened above Burnside off Road 573 or what is known as Dunn Road.

Clark said investigators have limited descriptions of the suspects as the window was only rolled down partway.

He said that the occupants of the vehicle have been described as three black males.

The driver was said to be thin and had dreadlocks and both passengers, including the one who accosted the victim, were of medium build.

Contact the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office at 601-656-1414 if you have information.

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

Baskets emerge out of foster care blessing

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY steve@neshobademocrat.com

An effort to provide Easter baskets for foster children in Neshoba County came together quickly with an overwhelming response, said the organizer, a foster parent who adopted a child who is now her daughter.

Andrea Moore, a member of Grace Baptist Church, came up with the idea as part of a nearly decade-long personal journey.

Moore and her husband Tim adopted Hannah seven years ago after initially receiving a call asking if they were interested in fostering her after she was born prematurely in the Neshoba County Jail.

Foster children are children who may be experiencing

stress and trauma from recent life changes and are placed in homes of individuals or couples who are licensed by the state to care for them.

Andrea said Hannah was involved in the Easter project and excited to be a part and giving back.

"Hannah was part of the inspiration to put this program together, since we know the struggles of what foster children go through," Andrea said. "She drove us to make it happen and she even put together a basket of her own for a foster child to receive."

The project was taken on by the children and youth of Grace Baptist Church. "It came together very quickly," Moore said. "We kind of rolled with it and the community wanted to help."

How quickly? The goal was to prepare 122 Easter baskets for the upcoming Easter weekend. Within a week and a half, they had 130-plus baskets and more were coming.

"The response was overwhelming," Moore said. "People brought baskets to me. Some brought items such as candy and toys. Some sent money. Some worked with their own children and packed baskets. It was a community effort."

Moore said the baskets were to be delivered Tuesday.

"I have an awesome God, awesome church family, and an awesome community!!" Moore posted on Facebook Sunday. "12 days ago God placed on my heart to collect these baskets for the children

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More than 120 foster children living in Neshoba County will receive Easter baskets inspired in part by Hannah Moore, above, and organized by her mother Andrea in an effort carried out by the children and youth of Grace Baptist Church.



SUBMIT YOUR NEWS

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There is no charge for engagement and wedding announcements. Submit them to weddings@neshobademocrat.com.

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The Democrat reserves the right to edit articles to fit space requirements and style.

News of parties relating to engagements or weddings can be submitted.

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Booker T work includes repairs to roof

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Work is expected to begin in the next couple of months on the renovation of the old Booker T. Washington gym.

A portion of the proceeds from a \$1.2 million bond issue that was passed last year will be used to replace the gym floor, do repairs to the roof, create an entrance on the west side of the building and redo the bathrooms, making them handicap assessable.

Currently, the Parks and Recreation Department uses the building for its youth basketball leagues.

Director Cody Bryan said there are 187 children involved in the program which runs from January to the end of March.

Headstart and the Multi-County Community Service Agency also use the facility.

The city has hired Waggoner Engineering to oversee the project.

Plans are for an architect to visit the building in the next week or so and draw up plans.

The plan along with the costs of the project will be brought



A rendering shows what the Booker T Washington gymnasium will look like on the west entrance once repairs are made.

back to aldermen for their approval.

The bond issue when first considered was to be for \$2.5 million with \$1 million going to Marty Stuart's Congress of Country Music project, but officials learned they couldn't expend monies that way.

The city dropped the borrowing to \$1.5 million. Later, the city decided to ask for \$1.2 million but maintained the

option to ask for the full amount if needed.

This bond issue was to cover big-ticket items that the city had not budgeted.

Included were repairs to the old U.S. Motors building which houses a La-z-Boy, roof repairs for the Wells-Lamont building and a Valley View ditch project.

The city has other projects on its wish list but most of the remaining monies will be used

for paving.

Alderman-at-Large Leroy Clemons announced the project Tuesday evening on his Facebook page.

"Tonight, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen approved the design for the upgrade to the Booker T. Washington Gym," Clemons said on his Facebook page. "This project will greatly benefit our entire County."

Surveillance footage shows man wanted in burglary

By DUNCAN DENT
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Police now have surveillance footage and are asking for the public's help identifying a suspect in a March 13 auto burglary at a downtown cafe and nightclub in which two purses were taken.

The surveillance footage shows the suspect breaking into

the driver's side of the vehicle parked on Center Avenue and taking two purses, said Philadelphia Police Det. Bobby Pattillo.

The purses have been recovered and some cash and credit cards were taken, he said of the Saturday, March 13, incident.



Unknown suspect

Police originally believed the burglary to have happened between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. The footage marks the burglary at 9:53 p.m.

The complainant was a patron of nearby Marty's Blues Cafe on Beacon Street. Pattillo said that when the vic-

tim left the bar, she noticed that her vehicle had been burglarized.

Pattillo added that no forced entry was noted.

"The case is currently under investigation," Pattillo said.

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).

Internet tax monies going toward city street repairs

By DUNCAN DENT
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Aldermen placed \$142,472 in the Street Department to reflect Internet tax receipts.

The Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Aldermen at its March 16 meeting agreed to use the Modernization Use Tax Act on streets.

The monies come from state sales tax collected on internet and out-of-state purchases and started coming in last year.

Philadelphia is putting the monies aside to build up for use

in future projects, officials said. The city receives the funds twice a year.

In other matters, the board: Approved the minutes to the previous meeting, and the claims docket;

Approved for the city to apply for a USDA Economic Development Strategic Plan grant which would work with the county and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; Waggoner Engineering will assist with the application;

Approved paying \$2,542 to NAFECO out of the fire pre-

vention Fund account;

Approved a request for Chief Eric Lyons to attend the Police Chief Conference June 15-18 in Biloxi. The city will cover travel and expenses;

Approved a request for Sgt. Brad Crockett and Sgt. Lindsey Kidd to attend FTO training at Camp Shelby March 30-April 1. The city will cover travel and expenses;

Accepted the resignation of Lucas Smith from the Police Department;

Approved the hiring of Paris Griffin as patrolman

2nd class;

Accepted the resignation of Anna Ard from the Fire Department;

Approved the hiring of Randy Savell as a probationary fireman;

Accepted the resignation of Randy Lewis from the Street Department; and

Approved an order to remove nine trees from Dewitt-DeWeese Park to allow for a walkway for the new Fallen Veterans Monument.

Miss Black Neshoba County resumes after 2 decades

After a nearly 20 year absence, the Miss Black Neshoba County Pageant is poised to make a return bringing new energy, a different format and high expectations, organizers say.

Young women will once again have the opportunity to compete in the Miss Black Neshoba County pageant this summer.

Organizers said they are

looking for young ladies ages 15-21 who are confident, personable, friendly, outgoing and most importantly role models for other young ladies.

The pageant is scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 19 at the Westside Community Center. The pageant will begin at 6 p.m. and is free to the public.

Contestants will compete in African attire, evening gown and on-stage question. The

theme for the pageant is "Making Our Ancestors Proud."

To be eligible to compete in the Miss Black Neshoba County pageant, young women must be 16 years of age by June 19, and not have reached their 22nd birthday by June 19, 2021.

All contestants must be residents of Neshoba County or have attended or graduated from a school located in Neshoba County.

Applications are available now by going online to www.missbnc.com or may be picked up at the Depot.

The deadline to enter the pageant is March 31, 2021. There is a \$50 registration fee.

For more information, visit www.missbnc.com or email Pageant Director Erica Clemons Moore at missblackneshobacounty@gmail.com.

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Tracking dogs brought in to help locate missing person

By DUNCAN DENT
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The search for a Kemper County man whose vehicle was found abandoned in Neshoba County in January was stepped up Sunday when tracking dogs were brought in.

Neshoba and Kemper law enforcement authorities are searching for clues in the disappearance of Zachary Bourrage.

The silver Honda Accord that he was driving was found approximately 7:30 p.m. Jan. 31 abandoned on Road 729 in Neshoba County.

This past Sunday morning, tracking dogs from Byhalia assisted in the search, said Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark.

Search Dogs South worked tracking Bourrage along Road 729 inching toward Kemper County.

"They are a pretty intense group of trackers," Clark said. "They came in and put a lot of effort into determining his direction of travel."

Clark said they have also talked to a witness who saw Bourrage that evening in January.

Clark said that his office is working closely with Kemper County Sheriff James Moore.

"Sheriff Moore is working really hard on this," Clark said. "We are working on this but there are still some pieces we can't seem to put together."

If you encountered Bourrage walking that night or have any information about his disappearance, call East Mississippi Crime Stoppers at 1-855-485-8477 (TIPS) or Neshoba County Sheriff's Office at 601-656-1414.

Easter

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in Foster Care in Neshoba County. Honestly, I wondered if it was possible to get 120 baskets in that short time."

Foster care is a highly rewarding ministry, said a Neshoba County mother of four who has been fostering children for years.

"I can honestly say it is both rewarding and challenging," said the mother. "Bringing another human into the family dynamic is an adjustment no matter how old your children are, no matter how many children you have."

"But it's an opportunity for families to be the hands and feet of Christ, and work together to help make a difference in the life of a child," she said.

So many people fear attachment and say they "would love to foster, but I just can't, because I would get too attached," she said people have told her.

"But we have to look beyond our feelings because that is putting our feelings before the actual needs of a child," she said.

As believers in Christ, she said her family asked the Lord to lead and for strength because he faithfully provides.

"Sometimes birth mothers will even form relationships

with the foster family so that the foster family continues to be a part of the child's life," she said.

There are currently about 400,000 kids in foster care in the US.

Neshoba County needs more good foster parents, she said. And if people don't feel led to foster, there are so many ways individuals can help foster parents by offer to babysit,

grocery shop, buy clothes or just simply asking, "What can I do?" she said.

Southern Christian Services in Jackson is one option to foster children, 601-354-0983, or scscy.org.

Individuals can also call the Neshoba County Department of Human Services, (601) 656-1231, to get the foster process started.



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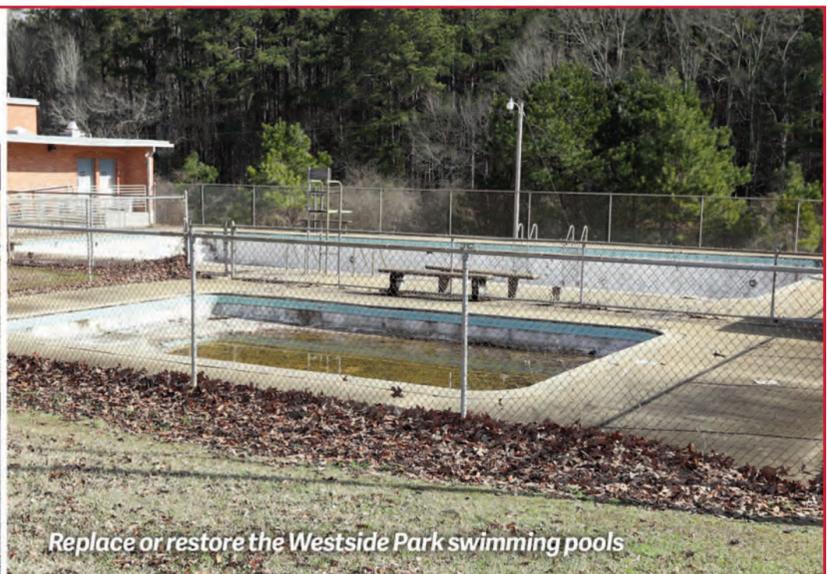
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Opinion

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Biden creating his own crises

Our mainstream media largely ignored it, the world media did not.

Ascending the stairs of Air Force One on Friday, to fly to Georgia, President Joe Biden slipped and stumbled. Getting up, he slipped again and then fell. The scene was jolting and disquieting.

Adversaries abroad will use it as a metaphor for the decline of the last superpower to emerge from the Cold War.

And while our major media may scoff at it, there is talk all over this town about what appears to be the visibly declining physical and mental capacity of this oldest of American presidents at 78.

Biden's press conference this coming Thursday — after the longest delay before a first full presidential press conference since Cal Coolidge — will be as closely monitored as Ronald Reagan's second debate in 1984, after he seemed to suffer a mental lapse in his first debate with Fritz Mondale.

But now, after his legislative triumph with the enactment of his \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan, Joe Biden has some new problems, all of his own making.

The COVID-19 pandemic he inherited, as Nixon inherited Vietnam in 1969. But Biden and the nation were fortunate in that, by the time he took the oath, two vaccines had been approved and the shots were being given to Americans at a rate of a million doses a day.

The new crisis on America's border, however, with record numbers of children, teenagers and families arriving and asking for asylum, is almost entirely Biden's doing.

By trashing Donald Trump's border controls as inhumane and promising a more compassionate policy, Biden sent word to Central and South America and the world that the U.S. borders were open again. The result is what we see nightly on TV: Migrants crossing over into the USA in record numbers, with no end in sight.

What Gov. Andrew Cuomo

Crisis on the border, with record numbers of children, teenagers and families arriving and asking for asylum, is almost entirely Biden's doing.

did to the nursing homes of New York — send COVID-positive patients back into them — Biden is doing to the USA.

Of the thousands of illegal immigrants entering our country daily, few are tested for COVID-19 before being moved into the American heartland, carrying the infection with them.

How do you control a pandemic when our 2,000-mile southern border is a crossing corridor for thousands of infected every single day?

Biden's people call this a "challenge." But for the country, which seemed to be pulling out of the pandemic, it is a medical and security emergency and a national crisis.

Yet, it is not only on the domestic front that Biden and his people have created for themselves new and unnecessary crises.

Biden is only two months into his presidency but already has brought U.S.-China relations to the lowest level since the Tiananmen Square massacre of 1989. And he has brought U.S.-Russian relations to the lowest level since Nikita Khrushchev blew up the Paris summit of May 1960 over President Eisenhower's refusal to apologize for the U-2 spy flight over Russia that the Soviets had shot down.

Biden is himself responsible for the poisoned relations with Russia, after telling ABC that, yes, Vladimir Putin is "a killer" whom he once told to his face that he had no "soul." In chilling relations with China, Secretary of State Antony Blinken has played the lead role.

Before taking office,

Blinken publicly charged the Chinese government with "genocide" in its treatment of the Uighurs. He then opened the two-day Anchorage meeting with a two-minute indictment of China for its actions in Xinjiang, Hong Kong and Taiwan — and got back a blistering 20-minute Chinese counterattack. The thrust of Beijing's response:

Xinjiang, Tibet and Hong Kong are Chinese national territories, and how we rule there is none of America's business. Nor do you Americans have any superior moral claim or right to sit in judgment on us, given your own record with indigenous peoples and Black Americans.

Nor do you have any right to impose your democracy or values on us, when we prefer our system and our values. As for your claim to define for the world the so-called rules-based international order, we reject that, too, and intend to erect an order based upon our interests and our values.

So, stop trying to impose your democracy on us or the rest of the world which may not want it. The U.S. delegation can speak for the United States. It does not speak for the world, much of which openly rejects it.

By calling Vladimir Putin a "killer," Biden seems to have aborted the kind of summitry with Moscow in which Presidents Eisenhower, Nixon, Reagan and Bush I engaged during the Cold War when the Soviet Union was a far more menacing and hostile power than Putin's Russia is today.

From Biden's behavior in his first 60 days, we already seem fated to endure years more of deepening Cold War with Russia and China.

To what end this Biden-Blinken in-your-face diplomacy?

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EDITORIALS

Dems undermine Iowa vote

House Democrats seem determined to overturn the results of a fair and free election that wasn't decided in their favor.

Last week, Iowa Democrat Rita Hart officially contested Iowa's Second Congressional District election, asking the U.S. House of Representatives to disregard the state's election officials and redo the ballot count.

Republican Mariannette Miller-Meeks narrowly won the contest — which was certified by the state last month — by six votes. Every ballot was counted in accordance with Iowa law, went into a recount and was approved unanimously by a bipartisan board.

Mrs. Hart argues there are "at least" 22 lawful ballots that were left out of the count and has requested a "hand recount of every ballot" overseen by the House of Representatives to prove her point and unseat Mrs. Miller-Meeks.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi — who is presiding over one of the slimmest House majorities in decades — was all too happy to oblige. This coming from a woman who slammed former President Donald J. Trump's lawsuits contesting election results in several states as trying to "overturn the will of millions of American voters."

The last time a seated House member was overturned by the House was in 1985 in Indiana's "bloody eighth." The time before that was in 1938 — in both instances Democrats were in control of the House.

In Iowa's case, Mrs. Hart is clearly trying to upend Iowa state election law. As Mrs. Miller-Meek's team has argued, Mrs. Hart could've contested the result in

December before a special Iowa court with the purpose of resolving contested elections but declined to. She waited until Mrs. Pelosi was in full control, to take her case directly to the partisan majority.

Last week, Democrats in the House sided with Mrs. Hart and suspended Mrs. Miller-Meek's move to dismiss. Mrs. Pelosi defended the decision over the weekend reiterating the House has the power to seat its members and that an investigation would proceed.

So now, Mrs. Pelosi — not the voters in Iowa — will be making the rules. Even though Mrs. Miller-Meeks is a legally elected representative, she will be forced to defend her position. Instead of being litigated by an Iowa court — which is fluent in Iowa's ballot signatures and seals — it will be partisan Democrats in Washington determining what votes are lawful or unlawful.

"States should rule their election, voters in that state should decide who represents them," Mrs. Miller-Meeks told Fox News on Friday. "This is a process where they want to go against the laws of our state, the election laws of our state, against the voters of our state, and to determine who they want to seat in Congress."

Democrats only care about defending "free and fair" elections when they win. This naked power play in Iowa demonstrates they have no reservations whatsoever in undermining state certified election results if it's in their political interest to do so.

The move will only ratchet up political divisiveness and further erode confidence in our electoral system.

— *The Washington Times*

FLASHBACKS

MARCH 28, 1941

Mrs. Walter L. Perry was re-elected President of the Philadelphia Parent-Teacher Association for next year at their most recent meeting. The other officers named are: Vice President, Mrs. Marshall Prince; Secretary, Mrs. Joab Langston; Treasurer, Mrs. L.G. Atkinson, and Reporter, Miss Margaret Gullledge.

Neshoba County members of the Future Farmers of America won several places in the Neshoba-Kemper Council District Contests at Mississippi State College. The awards are: Poultry Judging- Junior White and E.E. Hawkins of Zephyr Hill, First place; and Dairy Cattle Judging- Victor Carr, Cook May, and Paul Gray of Forest Dale, Second place.

MARCH 22, 1951

Recent winners in the State PressWomen's Annual Contest have been announced by the State President, Mrs. Velma Taylor of Charleston, Miss. First place winner, manuscripts have been sent to the National Contest Press Chairman to be judged for national honors. The winners are: Best Poem: first, Mrs. Duke Thornton, Neshoba Democrat, Philadelphia. Best Weekly Column: First, Mrs. Duke Thornton, Neshoba Democrat, Philadelphia.

MARCH 23, 1961

Charles Yates, who has been in the Navy for the past several months arrived home, after being released from the service, several days prior. Seaman Yates had been in Korea and was stationed at Pusan, flying from there to San Francisco, and then by plane to Jackson. The young man served for quite a while in the Navy during World War II.

MARCH 26, 1971

Pellon Morris, principal of the Belle Glade, Florida, High School and native of Neshoba County, has received the Distinguished Service Award of the Belle Glade Jaycees. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Morris. He has been in Belle Glade for 18 years. The award was given to Morris for his outstanding contributions to the community with his work on the Canal Hazards Safety Committee, the Beautification Committee, and many other organizations.

MARCH 19, 1981

Linda Johnson, a registered nurse at Choctaw Health Center, has been named 1981 Nurse of the Year by the District 19 Nurses Association. Mrs. Johnson is the outpatient/emergency room supervisor at the Center. She is a member of the American Nurses Association and the

Mississippi Nurses Association.

MARCH 27, 1991

Derick Donald caught this four and a half pound bass when fishing with his grandmother, Melba Donald, at a local pond. The fish was 18 1/2 inches long. Seven year old Derick is a second grader at Neshoba Central and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Donald.

MARCH 21, 2001

Guy Springer, son of Pam Chunn, placed third in the Individual Beef Grooming Contest, Brahman influenced division at the Southwest District Livestock Show.

MARCH 23, 2011

Neshoba Central High School baseball standouts recently signed letters of intent to continue their careers at East Central Community College in Decatur. The boys: Dustin Floyd, catcher; Robert Greer, pitcher/outfielder; and Caleb McKee, pitcher/first baseman. Brian Jones is the head baseball coach at Neshoba Central.

Terry Rivers of Union recently placed first in the mens' open division at the Mississippi Archery Association bow tournament in Columbia.

LETTERS

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BIBLE SELECTION

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

— **Ephesians 6:10-11 (ESV)**

The Tribe's new T-Rex ladder truck, one of the largest in the state, can be used to help fight structure fires or to aid in rescue situations.



T-Rex

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sor that lets operators know they're getting too close to an obstacle, a memory system that brings the platform back up to a previous position after bringing people to the ground and wind speed sensors.

"We are a pretty rural area, but any time you have multiple buildings that are several stories tall, the state rating bureau recommends you have a ladder truck," Pickle said. "They don't require you to have one, but it's good for your insurance and people's safety."

The T-Rex truck is designed to fight fires, rescue people in danger, or do both simultaneously. It needs at

least two men to operate. One person works at the ladder and the other stays at the fire controls. He noted that a team of at least four men is most optimal.

Before Philadelphia had its own ladder truck the, the Choctaw's old E-ONE helped save Philadelphia High School in March 2006.

They also rescued a man who became stranded when he was washing windows at the Golden Moon Casino in 2010.

The old E-ONE is for sale at the Bonaventure Fire and Safety Facility in Monticello for \$75,000, said Donnie Weeks, territorial manager for the company.

Weeks said the T-Rex is a top-notch state-of-the-art truck that will serve the Choctaws for the next two decades.

OBITUARIES

Janet Hickman

Graveside service for Ms. Janet Hickman will be held 2 PM Saturday, March 20, 2021 at Bogue Chitto Community Cemetery with Rev. Charles Doby Henry, and Deacon Kendall Wallace officiating. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Ms. Hickman, 34, passed away Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian, MS. She loved her family.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Louise Amos Hickman.

Survivors include her father, Willie J. Hickman; half-sisters, Jessica Hickman, and Elisha Amos; half-brother, Jonathan Hickman.

Pallbearers: Angus Mingo, Ricky Mingo, Demiyas Mingo, Jay Thompson, Orlando Dixon, Kinsey Henry.

Shirlen L. Thomas

Graveside service for Ms. Shirlen L. Thomas will be held 10 AM Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at Mt. Zion Methodist Cemetery. No visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

Ms. Thomas, 86, passed away Monday, March 22, 2021 at her home in Decatur, MS. She was a retired office administrator. She loved cats, flowers and being outside.

She was preceded in death by her spouse, W.R. "Bill" Thomas; parents, Malcolm Lee Watkins, and Jennie Louise Allsup Watkins; sister, Sally Griffin; brothers, Hamp, Terry, and Cary Watkins.

Survivors include, daughter, Tammie Thomas; sister, Sue Whatley; brothers, Malcolm Watkins Jr., Dennis Watkins; several nieces and nephews.

J.W. Parker

Graveside services for Mr. J.W. Parker were held on Saturday, March 20, 2021, at 3 P.M. from Donald Rest Cemetery, with Elder Don Huddleston officiating. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Parker, 67, of Decatur, GA, passed away on Monday, March 15, 2021 at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, GA.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Parker of Decatur, GA, two children, Davinna Davis of Chandler, AZ and Darrius Davis of Decatur, GA, two grandchildren, Dailyn and George Webb, III, three brothers, James, Michael and Charles Parker, and one sister, Juanita Parker.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

Virginia Ann Cox Jackson

Funeral services for Virginia Ann Cox Jackson will be held Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 2 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Ronnie Gomillion officiating. Burial will follow in North Bend Methodist Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Jackson, 61, of Philadelphia, died Saturday, March 20, 2021.

She was a native of Neshoba County and a longtime resident

of North Bend Community. She was currently employed by the Neshoba County School District in the elementary cafeteria and as a bus driver. She was a retired poultry farmer. Mrs. Jackson was an active member of North Bend United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband Bobby Jackson of Philadelphia; daughter, Ashley Jackson Eakes (Jay) of Philadelphia; sons, Joshua Jackson (Paige) of Philadelphia; Stevie Richardson (Ann) of Philadelphia; grandchildren; Marley Jay Eakes, Briggs Eakes, Posey Jackson, Paxtyn Jackson, Loganne Jackson, Tyler and Eli Richardson; mother, Elmarieen Cox of Philadelphia; brother, Jimmy Cox (Nancy) of Philadelphia; several nieces, nephews, and their families.

Mrs. Jackson was preceded in death by her father, Robert Cox; and brother, Robert Orman Cox.

Grace Richardson Ward

Grace Richardson Ward, 79, of Madison, passed away on March 2, 2021, in Jackson, Mississippi. Grace was born to Archie and Christine Richardson on July 5, 1941. She grew up in the Coy Community in Kemper County. She was a graduate of Linville High School.

She married Lawrence Ward on August 16, 1959 in Coy, Mississippi. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was an exceptional cook who found her greatest joy in taking care of her family, friends, and home, and working with her flowers.

She was a member of First Baptist Church, Madison, Mississippi.

Grace is survived by her husband of 62 years, Lawrence; son Greg (Amy); daughter Chris (Ken) Thigpen; brothers Bruce (June) Richardson, Johnny (Glenda) Richardson; grandchildren Ryan Ward, Brett Ward, Meagan Berry, Lyndsey Dill, Sloan Chesney, Wade Chesney, and three great-grandchildren. Grace is preceded in passing by her parents and her brother Bobby Richardson. Pallbearers were Ryan Ward, Barry Richardson, Lee Ward, Kip Gaines, Kyle Gaines, Michael Berry, Stephen Dill, and Wade Chesney.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 5, at Natchez Trace Funeral Home in Madison with Reverend Tommy Jarrett officiating.

Memorials can be made to First Baptist Church in Madison, Mississippi, MS.

Robert E. Alford

Funeral services for Robert E. Alford were Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 2 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Bro. Adrian Holley officiating. Burial followed in Sandtown Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Alford, 73, of Philadelphia, died Saturday, March 20, 2021.

He was born and raised in the Sandtown Community of Neshoba County. He was a construction/mechanic with Yates Construction and Neshoba Central School System and worked in the poultry industry. Mr. Alford was a member of Sandtown Methodist Church.

Survivors include wife, Tammy Alford; children, Patricia Alford Russell, James W. Alford, Patrick D. Alford, Wade Rushing and Robert E. Alford II; 26 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; sisters, Clara Sullivan, Threase Martin, Edna Simpson, Patsy Brown; and brother, Dale Alford.

Mr. Alford was preceded in death by parents, James and Lavurn Alford; one granddaughter; sister, Chelsea Alford; brothers, Franklin, Charles and Little Wayne Alford.

Mae Wright Brewer

A private family graveside service was held for Mae Wright Brewer on Friday, March 19, 2021, at Coy Community Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Brewer, 68, of Pheba, MS, died Monday, March 15, 2021.

A native of Kemper County, she was a graduate of Kemper County High School. After graduation she attended EMCC and Mississippi State University where she received her Master of Education degree. She served as the Superintendent of Education for West Clay Elementary School for 28 years until she retired. She was currently serving as an Election Commissioner for Clay County.

Survivors include two grandchildren; twin sister, Faye Wilson of DeKalb; sister, Jo Pigott of Meridian; and brother, Dee Luke Wright of Louisville.

Mrs. Brewer was preceded in death by husband, Walker Gene Brewer; stepson, Dean Brewer; parents, Virgil and Ercelle Wright; and sister, June Wright.

Cecil W. Davis

Funeral services for Cecil W. Davis were held Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Les Ferguson, Sr., officiating. Burial followed in Edinburg Community Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Davis 83, of Carthage, died Monday, March 15, 2021.

He was born in Texas and lived most of his life in Pasadena, TX. He worked as a lineman with Houston Utilities for 32 years before moving back to Mississippi in 1995. Mr. Davis

was a member of Kosciusko Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Lena P. Davis; daughter, Selena Spears; sons, Cecil Ray Davis and Mark W. Davis; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Davis was preceded in death by parents, Monroe and Myrtle Davis; sisters, Dorothy Bosak, Juanita Facenier and Betty Jo Shoemaker; brothers, Monroe Fletcher Davis, Jr., Elbert Lee Davis and Bobby Ray Davis.

Ray Mack Partridge

Funeral services for Ray Mack Partridge were Tuesday March 16, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Mark Cloys officiating. Burial followed in Cedarlawn Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Partridge, 97, of Philadelphia, died Saturday, March 13, 2021.

A native of Neshoba County, he moved to New Orleans in the 1950's and returned to Neshoba County in 1991. He served in the United States Army. Mr. Partridge was a member of East Philadelphia Baptist Church.

Survivors include wife, Lilly Partridge; daughter, April St. Germain; sons, Ray Michael Partridge, Stewart Wayne Partridge, Rickey Partridge, and Ronald Paul Partridge; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Partridge was preceded in death by son, Allan Partridge; parents, Andrew and Lula Belle Partridge; sister, Allie Jean Hartsfield; brothers, Wilber "Bebe", Fritz, Dewey, O.L. and James Partridge.

Joyce McLain

Graveside services for Joyce McLain were held Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 10 a.m. from McLain Chapel Cemetery with Rev. Shane Martin and Rev. Ron Thames officiating. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. McLain, 71, of Philadel-

phia, died Monday, March 15, 2021.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Neshoba County and a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. She received her Nursing degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and retired in 2020. Mrs. McLain was a member of McLain Chapel Church and also attended Pine Lake Church in Flowood.

To memorialize Joyce McLain is not an easy task. She was larger than life to many, and there just aren't enough words to honor her properly. First and foremost, Joyce was a caregiver at heart, and she spent her life loving and nurturing others. Joyce spent many years working as a RN at the University Medical Center in Jackson. Her coworkers described her as, "focused, generous, a motivator, having a contagious joy, thorough, and always had your back." Above all, her family was her life, and she loved them with a fierceness few have ever known. Her son and grandchildren were her entire world, and she cherished them dearly. She was a wonderful friend to many and loyal to a fault. Joyce had a passion for great food, travel, new experiences, fashion, and making others smile. If you ever needed to be uplifted, encouraged, or good laugh Joyce was your girl! One of her greatest contributions in society was her work with rescue animals. She provided a home, care, and love for countless injured and orphaned animals over the years. While the void caused by her passing can never be filled, we should remember her the way she would want to be remembered...full of joy, charm, wit, devotion, love, tenacity for life, and always ready to take on the world... as long as she had on her favorite shade of lipstick!

Survivors include her son, Scott McLain of Philadelphia; grandchildren, Emily McLain Cole (Brenton) and Gracy

McLain; great-grandchild, Cruze Cole; sisters, Johnnie Cile Thames (Ron) of Freeport FL, and Deborah "Cotton" McKinnion of Philadelphia; brother, Michael Keith McKinnion (Connie) of Noxapater; a host of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. McLain was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald "Jim" McLain.

Pallbearers were Brenton Cole, John Robert Irby, John Jackson, Drew Jackson, Gregg Turk, Leyton Turk, and David Turk.

Ella Mae Crocker

A Memorial Service for Mrs. Ella Mae Crocker will be held 2 PM Saturday, March 27, 2021 at Christian Life Tabernacle. Visitation will be 1-2 PM at the church. Mrs. Crocker, 66, passed away Saturday, March 20, 2021 at Specialty Hospital in Meridian, MS. Her hobbies were sewing and crocheting. She loved puppies. Preceded in death by, parents, Irvin King and Ruth Nation King; daughter, Suzette Crocker; several siblings. Survivors include, Spouse, Sonny Crocker; sons, Neal Crocker (Paula), Johnny Crocker (Gayle), Terry Crocker; (16) grandchildren, Numerous great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

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Acts 5:12-16/Rev. Chris Shelton

Kingdom of God set up in our hearts

The gospel is often set forth in that phrase, "the kingdom of God." The kingdom of God is set up in our hearts, the kingdom of the Spirit of grace where Christ prevails over us to set us free from the law of sin and death, the tyranny of the devil, and corruption of the world.

In this passage we see the blessedness of those who enter the kingdom of God. The power of the kingdom of God is displayed in the "signs and wonders" done by the hands of the apostles among the people (verse 12).

People are being healed from all manner of sickness and those afflicted with unclean spirits (verse 16). These Acts of the Apostles are in the context of men in this world suffering bodily and spiritual afflictions due to sin. Men are in need of what only God can do. The kingdom of God comes to us in the midst of our misery.

The miracles are signs that instruct us and direct us. These signs are meant to point us to the power of God for salvation. God is able to deliver us from sickness and death. In Christ, God delivers us from the root of all our misery; our estrangement from God.

The apostles are doing the same miracles that the Lord Jesus did in his ministry. And the now exalted Lord Jesus is behind these miracles. He is doing them through his apostles. Jesus did miracles and told people, "Come unto me." The apostles are doing miracles but not saying, "Come unto me." Rather, they are preaching the gospel, and saying "Come unto the Lord Jesus Christ."

The miracles emphasize our need of bodily and spiritual healing. Only Christ can grant this salvation, and so we must listen to him. The apostles didn't point to the miracles as an end in themselves, but taught the truth of Christ, of his person and work; the good news of the kingdom of God in connection to these things.

Miracles are not sufficient to prompt one to unite himself to Christ. We see some people were fearful of joining the believers, while others were being added to the church (verses 13-14). Those who dared not join the church nevertheless were

impressed (verse 13).

There were various reasons why the people were afraid to join the believers. They knew of the sudden deaths of Ananias and Sapphira. They were also aware of the threats the rulers had made to the apostles. Their refusal to join was a fear of losing their lives, not just fear of death, but their way of life. They chose to stay as they were.

Peter and the other apostles taught very plainly. They proclaimed Jesus of Nazareth as the promised Christ of the Old Testament prophets. He had been crucified according to the set plan and will of God. He was raised from the dead. He ascended to the throne of God. There is forgiveness of sins in his name and eternal life. But there is no salvation possible in any other way or any other name.

Jesus had also taught very clearly what was at stake in responding to his appeal to come to him. He had said it does a man no good to gain the whole world and lose his soul. He also said you must lose your life for his sake, and that whoever believed in him would have everlasting life. Those who refused would die in their sin and perish.

So it is obvious those who didn't come to him did not believe what he said or what his apostles said about him. They saw no worth in Christ or his words to come to him. They admired from a distance some of what he said, and the power of his miracles. They were almost Christians.

You can't be double-minded and come to Christ. What we love carries the soul where it goes. It will carry us to earth if we are earthly and to heaven if we are heavenly. We have sin and corruption in our being. Only Christ can cure that; without him, there is coming destruction.

He alone can give light to your soul, life from the dead, pardon of sin, peace with God, a robe of righteousness, joy of the Holy Spirit, adoption by God, a title to heaven, eternal life, and countless other riches of his grace. He came that we may have life. He is too good to refuse.

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Neshoba County Jail Docket from 3/15-2/22

- Douglas Clemons, 22, of 880 Valley View; resisting arrest, possession of marijuana-1st offense
- Issac Seth Cumberland, 18, of 1447 Rd 450, Union; careless driving, failure to yield to blue light/siren, false ID information
- Angela Kay Eldridge, 52, of 20 East Over Dr, Preston; simple assault, simple assault by threat
- Dustin Glenn, 38, of 11131 Rd 127; public drunk, indecent exposure
- Jami Lynn Holley, 32, of 105 North St, Union; contempt of court X2
- Nosikahokli Nita Melendez, 18, of 1335 Pine Bluff Rd, Walnut Grove; careless driving
- Megan Marie Morgan, 28, of 3752 Midway Rd, Carthage; possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia
- Dalton Petty, 23, of 535 Lamar Circle 3B; hold for other agency
- Jonathan Pilgrim, 35, of 844 Pilgrim Durant Rd, DeKalb; possession of controlled substance
- Antoine Derelle Smiley, 35, of 10301 Rd 4308, Union; court order
- Cortez Oneal Smith, 21, of 1603 Smith Rd, Walnut Grove; public drunk, malicious mischief under \$1000.00, disturbance of family
- Cecilia R Willis, 39, of 841 Decatur Conehatta Rd, Conehatta; bad check-1st or 2nd offense less than \$100.00
- Jerithan Willis, 38, of 145 York Rd; contempt of court X2, indictment
- Justus Davon Barfield, 26, of 10461 Rd 545; accessory after the fact
- Zacchaeus M Berry, 46, of 510 Ivy St; possession of mari-

juana-vehicle, driving under the influence/refusal to take test, suspended drivers license

- Tanner Boler, 19, of 270 North Lewis Ave; indictment
- Trinity N Byrd, 25, of 144 Rolling Hills Rd G64; serving sentence
- Luther Duckworth, 25, of 601 Burch St, Forest; hold for investigations, driving under the influence other substance
- Norman Junior Eakes, 41, of Hwy 482 E Lot 1; domestic violence simple assault-1st
- Anderson M Gray, 25, of 100971 Hwy 482; resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia
- Jerrion Dejuan Hickman, 26, of 1126 West Ave Lot 1; driving under the influence-2nd offense, possession of paraphernalia, window tint violation
- Vertisa R Lewis, 33, of 9683 Hwy 484; served fine off
- William Kendrick Monroe, 27, of 3113 17th St, Gulfport; driving under the influence-1st offense, possession of marijuana-vehicle, expired drivers license, expired license tag, no insurance
- Garronsen Sam, 38, of 528 Bogue Cir; driving under the influence-1st offense, no insurance
- Justin Ryan Sam, 32, of 130 Mills Rd; driving under the influence

Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 3/8-3/14

- Colton S Brown, 31, of 14 Cascilla Grenda Co Rd, Greenwood; possession of controlled substance, DUI-1st offense
- Levondrick Carter, 27, of 267 Bennett St; domestic violence-simple assault-1st or 2nd offense
- Brenda Cheeks, 41, of 536 Wicher Rd, Carthage; arrest report-warrant

- Timothy Eichelberger, 49, of 13459 Noxapater, Louisville; shoplifting, public drunk, trespass-after notice of non-permission, contempt of court-municipal court

- Gregory E Fitch, 51, of homeless; disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers

- Gregory E Fitch, 51, of homeless; trespass-failure to leave public place of business upon request

- Philip J Fuller, 43, of 3979 Attala Rd, Kosciusko; controlled substance-possession of paraphernalia

- Darayus M Harris, 33, of 276 Carver Ave; shoplifting
- Cordero Jackson, 40, of 10500 Rd 747; disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers

- Donald Johnson, 69, of 10261 Rd 725; public drunk
- Emily R Melton, 34, of 12110 Rd 610; child-contributing to the neglect or delinquency of a child

- Jeremy Q Peeples, 31, of 1066 West Liberty Rd, Collinsville; aggravated assault-use of deadly weapon
- Carey C Schuller, 24, of 415 Coleman St; complaint-general complaint report

- Brooklyn L Summerlin, 27, of 4660 CR, Kosciusko; possession of controlled substance, controlled substance-

possession of paraphernalia

- Claire Tillman, 24, of 93 Reese Rd, Newton; disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers, controlled substance-simple possession-synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less, possession contraband in prison

- Jesse Williamson, 41, of 10125 Rd 187; shoplifting

Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 3/15-3/21

- Kiara Baxstrum, 32, of 103 Linda Lou Lane; malicious mischief-misdemeanor value under \$1000

- Herman D Bobo, 30, of 410 Austin St; controlled substance-possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle, possession of controlled substance

- Colton S Brown, 31, of 14 Cascilla Grenda Co Rd, Greenwood; possession of controlled substance, DUI-1st offense
- Brenda G Cheek, 41, of 5130 Wilcer Rd, Carthage; hold-detainer for other agency
- Brenda G Cheek, 41, of

5130 Wilcer Rd, Carthage; arrest report - warrant

- Tayaasha Cotton, 18, of 224 Indian Rd, Louisville; hold-detainer for other agency

- Linda N Edmonds, 57, of 11047 Hwy 395, Noxapater; hold-detainer for other agency

- Timothy Eichelberger, 49, of 13458 Noxapater, Louisville; hold-detainer for other agency

- Timothy Eichelberger, 49, of 13458 Noxapater, Louisville; shoplifting, public drunk, trespass-after notice of non-permission, contempt of court-municipal court

- Gavin J Grady, 37, of 10520 Rd 747; malicious mischief - misdemeanor value under \$1000

- LaKaizo Harrington, 24, of 431 Coleman St; disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers, controlled substance-simple possession of marijuana-less than 30 grams

- Darayus M Harris, 33, of 276 Carver Ave; shoplifting
- Deonta Hawthorne, 28, of 23 Jack Hayes Rd, McCool; DUI-1st offense

- Donald Johnson, 69, of 10261 Rd 725; public drunk

- Aimee J Mason, 43, of 28 Eastover; contempt of court-municipal court, trespass-failure to leave public place of business upon request

- Troy S Payne, 35, of 25 Lee Anne St; hold-detainer for other agency

- Claire Tillman, 24, of 93 Reese Rd, Newton; disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers, controlled substance-simple possession-synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less, possession contraband in prison

- Shelia M Wallace, 41, of 10139 Rd 773; bench warrant-justice court X2

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No new leads in December shooting at Booker T gym

By **DUNCAN DENT**
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More witnesses were questioned last week in the Dec. 28 shooting death of 22-year-old Xenthrues Maxfield, Philadelphia Police said.

The case "is actively being investigated," Det. Bobby Pattillo told The Democrat on Monday.

Maxfield was in a crowd of about 20 people at the Booker T. Football field around 5:30 p.m. off Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive when he was shot.

Pattillo has said the case remains under investigation and said he has no new details.

"As far as the shooting from December more witnesses were questioned last week and the case is actively being investigated," Pattillo said.

Maxfield, known as Luh Bizzy, was transported by per-



Xenthrues "Luh Bizzy" Maxfield

sonal vehicle to Neshoba General where he was later pronounced dead.

When police arrived, the crowd scattered, sources with knowledge of the situation have told The Democrat.

Pattillo said that anyone with

any information is urged to contact Philadelphia Police at (601) 656-2131 or East Mississippi Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-855-485 TIPS (8477).

Crime Stoppers pays up to \$2,000 for tips that lead to an arrest.

St. Francis bridge replacement work begins

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**
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Drive bridge at Holland Avenue Monday.

The street has been closed from Holland Avenue east to the four-way stop at Valley

View Drive and Posey Avenue.

The bridge had been removed by Tuesday afternoon and Mayor James A. Young said workers are doing test pilings.

"They are trying to see how deep they are going to have to go," Young said. "It is going to be a precast bridge. Once we get the pilings done and things put in place, they will bring other sections in. I think they will be able to make the deadline (at the end of May)."

This is a time-sensitive project, Young said in an earlier story. The state is planning to start work to replace a bridge on Holland Avenue near Bumpers starting at the end of May. The St. Francis bridge project needs to be completed by then, he said.

The St. Francis bridge had been declared unsafe after an inspection found the rotten pilings. The weight limit on the bridge was lowered and only passenger cars have been able to use it requiring school buses to detour.

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Hardy planning to travel during retirement

By SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS
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Tommie Hardy is a Philadelphia native and grew up with her brother, sister, and parents, Cecil and Audrey Hembree.

"It was my responsibility while growing up always to cut the grass," Hardy said.

She attended Philadelphia High School, where she played basketball and ran track. Hardy then went to East Central after she graduated from Philadelphia High School, took a few courses and then got married to Jerry Hardy.

Hardy didn't know much about cooking until she got married. Her mother-in-law, Sadie Hardy, taught her how to cook gravy, butter beans, and other southern delicate foods. Jerry and Tommie Hardy have two sons Shane and Josh Hardy.

Both of her sons have moved away from Philadelphia. Shane Hardy works with International Paper in Columbus and Josh Hardy is a football coach in Florida. She has six granddaughters, and when she gets the chance, she visits her sons and granddaughters. Her granddaughters range from the age 11 to 19.

Tommie and Jerry Hardy have been married for 54 years and she recently retired after 43 years Yates Construction as the Corporate Accounting Manager.

"I have a camper ready to go when the time comes," said Hardy.

The couple loves to travel and even spent a week in Ireland. They plan to travel a lot more now that they are retired.

Hardy also recently got a new dog that she has fallen in love with and considers her the baby. The couple attends church at East Philadelphia where Hardy has played the piano for 50 years and her husband is a deacon. She also sings in the choirs.

When Hardy's sons were growing up, they both played ball. Sometimes the family found it easy to get a burger after the game.

"Both of my sons were picky eaters, one would want spaghetti, and the other would want chicken nuggets," Hardy said.

All these year later when COVID-19 hit, Hardy says she honed her cooking skills.

"If I've got a recipe, I'm going to cook it," said Hardy.

Whenever Hardy has leftovers, her husband will give them to his nieces, or the family will provide plates to their church family

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Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS
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March 14 was a perfect day for a baseball game. Plenty of sunshine, blue skies, and fans in the stands at Swayze Field in Oxford on the Ole Miss campus made it a great time for Ole Miss Rebel fans. Gene and Pam Tolbert were ready to enjoy watching their first game of the season. They had such a good time, as always, and are looking forward to more Rebel games.

Exciting news arrived for MaryGrace Rea recently. She was notified of her admittance into the Doctor of Occupational Therapy program in the School of Health Related Professions. She will enroll in the Summer 2021 semester at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. Her parents are John and Kim Kilpatrick Rea. Congratulations!

Don and Sharon Tingle McKay are always so happy when their daughter-in-law, Glynn McKay, works in Mississippi. Their grandsons, Fletcher and Isaac, come and stay with them. Glynn's job requires her to do some traveling occasionally, and when she works in Mississippi, she and the boys fly from Texas to spend time with their grandparents. They arrived on Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day, for a visit with their Philadelphia grandparents. What fun!

There was a large family gathering of the Dansby, Rhodes, Edmisson, Little, and Eakes families recently to celebrate the 87th birthday of Delores Edmisson. She is the

mother of Deena Dansby, Mickie Williams, Eric Edmisson, and Jackie Rhodes, a grandmother, and a great grandmother to the families. Mrs. Edmisson lives in Dickson, Tennessee, and it is always a treat for "Nanda" to visit her Mississippi family.

Her actual birthday was on March 18, so it was decided to celebrate it in Philadelphia while she was visiting. The family spent time together with many activities inside and out, with lots of snuggling and cuddling with Nanda for both big and little people. The family dined together at City Limits in a private dining room/They enjoyed a delicious dinner followed by a beautiful birthday cake and many thoughtful gifts which she enjoyed opening and thanking everyone.

Those enjoying the extended early Happy Birthday celebration were Eric, Kim, Kaylee, Noah, and Chase Edmisson from Tennessee; Jeff and Arrah Addison, Tanner, and Avery, also from Tennessee; Barrett and Kelly Dansby Little, Whitt, and Wyatt; TJ and Jill Dansby Rushing, Kaiser, and Hutt; Deena and Steve Dansby; Mickie and Sid Williams; Bo and Lindsey Williams Eakes, Lelly, Laura Frances, and Ace from Neshoba County, and Jackie Rhodes who is also from Tennessee.

Grace Baptist Church's children and youth departments organized a project to provide an Easter baskets for each of the 120 children in foster care in Neshoba County. Andrea Jay Moore requested anyone who wished to participate could do so by assembling

a basket for a child at home, buying a ready-made basket, or donating money or a gift card for her to purchase Easter treats to place in baskets.

The goal of the project is to show these children that they are special and loved during what can be a traumatic or trying time for each of them. No matter what the circumstances for placement are, they are children who might feel some joy from having an Easter basket especially for them. Contact Andrea Jay Moore if you wish to participate.

Lelly Jane Eakes celebrated her 5th birthday on March 14 with an impromptu party at her home. She wanted to have a party while her cousins from Tennessee were here to help celebrate.

Everyone enjoyed an amazing cake and ice cream among other goodies. Her little guests wore party hats and had a great time bouncing, jumping, and sliding on the colorful jumpy castle in the backyard. That evening, Lelly Jane had her first Spend the Party and she just loved it! Her smiles lighted up her pretty face. Lelly Jane was happy to have her Great Grandmother, Delores Edmisson, share in her birthday celebration. It was a busy birthday week! Her parents are Bo and Lindsey Williams Eakes who carried out the

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Lady Rockets enter week undefeated

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Neshoba Central Lady Rockets picked four victories last week in fast-pitch softball action and entered this week with a 10-0 record.

The Lady Rockets played in two tournaments. Friday in the Enterprise tournament, they defeated Southeast Lauderdale 7-1 and Northwest Rankin 6-4 in eight innings. Saturday in the Clarkdale Spring Fling, they defeated Hancock 13-1 and St. Benedict 14-4.

The Lady Rockets have a busy week coming up. They will host Southeast Lauderdale

on Monday, visit Morton on Tuesday and play in the South Jones tournament on Friday.

Lady Rockets 6 Northwest Rankin 4

The Lady Rockets scored two runs in the eighth and held on to defeat Northwest Rankin.

Neshoba Central scored one in the third, one in the fifth, one in the sixth, one in the seventh and two in the eighth. Northwest Rankin scored one in the fourth and three in the seventh.

Elleigh Willis was the winning pitcher. She went all eight innings and struck out three.

The Lady Rockets outthit

the Lady Rangers 10-9. Kyle Thompson hit a double and a single and knocked in two runs. Tenly Grisham hit a triple and a single. She scored one run and knocked in another. Charmayne Morris had two hits, scored one run and knocked in another. Hama'ya Fielder had one double. She scored a run and knocked in another.

Lady Rockets 7 SE Lauderdale 1

The Lady Rockets outthit Southeast Lauderdale 9-2 to take the win.

The Lady Rockets scored one in the third, four in the fourth, one in the fifth and one

in the sixth. Southeast Lauderdale scored one in the seventh.

Janayah Henry was the winning pitcher. She had six strike outs in five innings.

Grisham had two hits and knocked in two runs. Mauhree Jones had three hits. Morris had one hit and knocked in two runs. Thompson had two hits and scored two runs.

Lady Rockets 13 Hancock 1

Neshoba Central outthit Hancock 17-4.

The Lady Rockets scored five in the first, two in the third and six in the fifth. Hancock scored one in the first.

Mauhree Jones was the winning pitcher.

Henry slugged four doubles, scored one run and knocked in two more. Thompson hit a double and a single. She scored two runs and knocked in two more. Grisham had two hits and scored one run. Morris had two hits, scored two runs and knocked in another. Elleigh Willis had three hits, scored two runs and knocked in three more.

Lady Rockets 14 St. Benedict 4

Neshoba Central pounded out 14 hits as they defeated St. Benedict of Tennessee.

The Lady Rockets scored

three in the first, three in the second, two in the third, one in the fourth and five in the fifth. St. Benedict scored two in the first and two in the fifth.

Willis was the winning pitcher. She had five strike outs. She had three hits and knocked in another run.

Henry hit a double and two singles. She scored two runs and knocked in four more. Jones had two hits, scored and three runs.

Annaleigh Jones had three hits and knocked in four more. Grisham had two hits and scored two runs.

Rebels baseball team falls to 6-7

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The Leake Academy Rebels dropped a 12-5 decision to Choctaw County last Saturday in prep baseball action.

The Rebels fell to 6-7 on the season. They were to visit Starkville Academy for a dou-

ble header Tuesday. On Thursday, they were to host Starkville Academy for a single game.

Against Choctaw County, the Rebels scored all five of its runs in the fourth inning. Choctaw County scored three in the first, three in the third, three in the fourth and three in the

sixth.

Landon Walley took the pitching loss.

Will Martin hit a double, scored a run and knocked two in. Those also getting a hit were Rhett Atkinson, Riley Myers, Gunter Scott, Aiden Watkins and Whitt Welch.

Rockets baseball goes 2-2 over weekend

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The Neshoba Central Rocket baseball team went 2-2 over the weekend.

The Rockets started Friday with an 11-8 loss to Newton County and then dropped a 15-3 decision to Madison County. On Saturday, the Rockets blew out Morton 12-2 and then defeated Louisville 10-0.

Neshoba Central, now 9-6, will host Cleveland Central on Thursday and visit Ethel on Friday.

Azaylon Hickman hit a double and two singles to lead the Rockets at the plate.

Madison 15 Rockets 3

Madison Central took an early lead and outthit the Rockets 15-4 in their win.

The Jaguars scored four in the first, four in the second, two in the fifth and five in the seventh. Neshoba Central score one in the first and two in the fifth.

Ramey Harrison took the pitching loss. Cade Hall went 2-for-3 at the plate.

Neshoba Central 12 Morton 2

The Rockets bounced back Saturday with a win over Morton.

The Rockets scored five in the first, two in the second, two

in the third and three in the sixth. Morton scored one in the fourth and one in the sixth.

Jaress Goodin was the winning pitcher. Harrison pitched four innings.

Reid Hall, Ramie Harrison, Jacob Killens and Bryceton Spencer all hit a double to lead the Rockets at the plate.

Rockets 10 Louisville 0

The Rockets kept up a steady attack as they bested Louisville in five innings.

Neshoba Central scored three in the first, one in the second, one in the third, four in the fourth and one in the fifth.

Cade Hall was the winning pitcher. Hickmon and Harrison both had two hits to lead the Rockets.

Newton County 11 Rockets 8

The Newton County Cougars scored seven in the fifth inning and held on to beat the Rockets.

Reid Hall 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 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.

SPRING SING

Spring Singing at the Church at the Barn, Hwy 491, Collinsville, featuring The Reed Brothers from Louisville. April 17. Food and fellowship at 5 pm and singing will begin at 6. All are welcome and invited to attend. Info: 601-917-8870 questions/directions. Bring a chair.

Friends

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party plans. Sid and Mickie Edmisson Williams, her grandparents, helped out, too. Happy Birthday!

Dax Barrett, son of Kyle and Allison Barrett of Quitman, celebrated his first birthday on January 10, 2021, with a Rookie of the Year Baseball Party at his home with close friends and family. He recently enjoyed his birthday gift of a trip to the Mississippi Aquarium in Gulfport with grandparents, Dan and Stephanie Perry. He loved walking and looking at all the fish and other aquatic creatures. He especially enjoyed the dolphins and the otter. His Mom and Dad were glad they were allowed to go along with him and the grands. Happy Birthday, Dax!



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Meridian Children's Museum officially opens March 27

The day has come where we transition from a dream to a reality, as the Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian (MCM-Meridian) opens its doors to the public on Saturday, March 27.

The vision of creating a first-class museum for the children of East Mississippi has been a dream since 2015, after much hard work and perseverance, MCM-Meridian is excited to open its doors and spark creativity, imagination, discovery, and learning for all children who

visit.

MCM-Meridian wants children to achieve their potential through fun and engaging activities that promote learning. The 25,000 square-foot museum consists of 9,500 square feet of indoor experiences and an additional 25,000 square feet of outdoor experiences designed around our educational initiatives: STEAM, arts and literacy, health and nutrition, and Mississippi heritage.

"I'm excited and eager for the community to see how all of



their hard work and commitment and support has made this magical space a reality," said Liz Wilson, the museum's execu-

tive director.

MCM-Meridian invites guests to attend the public grand opening event on Saturday,

March 27, 2021 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. (closed for a cleaning break between 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.) and on Sunday, March 28 from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 per person (adults must be accompanied by a child) and must be purchased in advance to reserve your visit. Please visit mcmmeridian.org to buy timed tickets. Following the grand opening weekend, the museum will be open Tuesday-Sunday and offer Magic Mondays on holidays and during

school breaks.

In addition to daily admission, MCM-Meridian offers annual memberships, birthday parties and facility rentals, traveling exhibits and programs, field trips, professional development, and will soon offer seasonal camps. You can help MCM-Meridian dream big by joining MCM-Meridian Partners, sign up to volunteer, or contribute to the Inspire a Child annual fund.

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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 21 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 track; 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 NESHOBA 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 Nicolle Thompson DouganEDNA NICOLLE 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 & 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 RANDY 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 NESHOBA 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 NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AND THE NESHOBA COUNTY AMBULANCE ENTERPRISE

The NESHOBA 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: a. 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 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 NOWELLGUY NOWELL, CLERKBOARD OF SUPERVISORS-NESHOBA 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

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: 20211104 Bid documents are being made available via original paper copy or electronically. Planholders are required to log-in or register for an account at www.pryor-morrowplans.com to view and order Bid Documents. All planholders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. Electronic bids are not required; however, a submission of an electronic bid in lieu of a sealed bid shall be submitted at www.pryor-morrowplans.com. Questions regarding website registration, online orders electronic bidding please contact Plan House Printing at (662) 407-0193. Bid preparation will be in accordance with Section 00200 – Instructions to Bidders, bound in the Project Manual. BID GUARANTEE: Proposals shall be submitted with Proposal Security in the form of Certified Check or acceptable Bid Bond in an amount equal to at least five percent (5%) of the base bid; such security is to be forfeited as liquidated damages, not penalty, by any bidder who fails to carry out the terms of the proposal. The Bid Bond, if used, shall be payable to the Owner. Bonds on the project must be received on or before the period scheduled for the project and no bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the project. Bids must be firm for a period of forty-five (45) days after the scheduled time of opening. PERFORMANCE-PAYMENT BOND: A 100% Performance-Payment Bond issued by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Mississippi will be required within ten (10) days after the successful bidder has been notified of the award of the contract to him. CERTIFICATE OF RESPONSIBILITY: All bids submitted by a prime or subcontractor for public works or public projects where said bid is in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to perform contracts enumerated in Section 31-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall contain on the outside or exterior of the envelope or container of such bid the contractor's current certificate number. No bid shall be opened or considered unless such contractor's current certificate number appears on the outside or exterior of said envelope or container or unless there appears a statement on the outside or exterior of such envelope or container to the effect that the bid enclosed therewith does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). When bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of the bid envelope shall be deemed in compliance by including the same information as an attachment with the electronic bid submitted. 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

NESHOBA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXPENSE SUMMARY FOR: 3/15/2021

001-000 GENERAL COUN-	84888.43
010 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	3395.46
001-101 CHANCERY CLERK	1401.74
001-102 CIRCUIT CLERK	927.81
001-105 TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR	913.78
001-151 MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING/GROUND	19411.59
001-152 DATA PROCESSING	1255.35
001-153 REAPPRAISAL	1687.00
001-154 VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE	134.28
001-160 CHANCERY COURT	4150.09
001-161 CIRCUIT COURT	7863.75
001-164 JUVENILE DRUG COURT	69.17
001-165 LUNACY COURT	468.00
001-166 JUSTICE COURT	557.30
001-171 COURT ADMINISTRATOR	1697.92
001-180 ELECTIONS	22062.06
001-200 SHERIFF ADMINISTRATION	11051.76
001-220 CUSTODY OF	

PRISONERS	7090.99
232 MEDICAL SERVICE - PRISONERS	2166.64
001-260 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	1529.56
001-420 HEALTH CENTER	74.00
001-450 WELFARE ADMINISTRATION	668.90
001-452 COUNCIL ON AGING	412.06
001-540 RECREATION/COLISEUM	666.34
001-631 COUNTY EXTENSION	2014.39
001-265 COUNTY WIDE E-911	1927.39
001-890 CO WIDE E-911 - LEASE/PURCHASE	9757.79
001-251 COUNTY LINE VFD	400.33
106-254 LINWOOD VFD	600.41
106-255 DIXON VFD	53.75
106-257 FAIRVIEW VFD	158.22
106-260 STALLO VFD	61.64
110-265 EMS SERVICES	4633.46
116-201 PRE-TRIAL INTERVENTION	1231.00
130-540 COLISEUM EXPENSES	517.23
150-300 COUNTY UNIT ROAD	25793.19
150-890 CO UNIT RD - LEASE/PURCHASE	880.24
160-300 COUNTY WIDE BRIDGE & CULVERT	5886.68
170-300 STATE AID ROAD AND BRIDGE	36967.01
400-340 SOLID WASTE	6423.33
400-890 SOLID WASTE - LEASE/PURCHASE	5628.69
650-000 ASSESSMENTS	4020.00
681-000 PAYROLL CLEARING FUND	442.20
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	281940.93

THIS IS A SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR PERIOD ENDING MARCH 15, 2021 LISTING THE TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS BY EACH DEPARTMENT/FUND PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MISSISSIPPI CODE ANN. § 19-3-35. A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL EXPENDITURES REPRESENTING THESE TOTALS IS RECORDED IN THE DOCKET OF CLAIMS AND IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE CHANCERY CLERKS OFFICE OR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

/S/ GUY NOWELL CLERK OF THE BOARD NESHOBA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2001, Effie L. Latimer executed a Deed of Trust to Mary Ann Franklin, as Trustee for First American Bank, as Lender/Beneficiary, which is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, MS, in Book 574 at Page 105 as re-recorded in Book 574 at Page 509; WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was assigned to Trustmark National Bank in Book 574 at Page 118 as re-recorded in Book 574 at Page 524; WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, Trustmark National Bank substituted James Eldred Renfroe as Trustee in the aforementioned deed of trust with this re-recorded in Book 2020 at Page 971; WHEREAS, there being a default in the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust and entire debt secured having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with its terms, Trustmark National Bank, the holder of the debt has requested the Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property pursuant to its terms in order to raise the sums due, with attorney's and trustee's fees, and expenses of sale; NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Eldred Renfroe, Trustee for said Deed of Trust, will on April 15, 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 main door of the Neshoba County Courthouse in Philadelphia, MS, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Neshoba County, MS, to-wit: Beginning at the NE Corner of the W1/2 of Block 9, Donald Addition to the City of Philadelphia, Mississippi, and run West along the North line of said Block 60 feet, thence run South 96 feet, thence run East 60 feet, and thence run North 96 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a lot in the NE Corner of the W1/2 of Block 9, Donald Addition, City of Philadelphia, Mississippi. I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee, with no warranties. WITNESS my signature this 15th day of March, 2021. JAMES ELDRD RENFROE, Trustee James Eldred Renfroe, 648 Lakeland East Dr., Ste A, Flowood, MS 39232, Phone 601-932-1011 Publish: 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14 52463

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBA COUNTY STATE OF MISSISSIPPI BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, v. ROMA JEAN BARRETT, DEBBIE NARAGHI, WAYNE BECKHAM, DEBRA BECKHAM, JAMIE LADD SMITH, THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND ALL OTHERS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN 11650 ROAD 325, UNION CITY, MS 39365, BEING PARCEL NO. 11900-03-053-000, Defendants CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2020-116 AMENDED RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

To: All Others Claiming an Interest in 11650 Road 325, Union City MS 39365 You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Petitioner, seeking Petition for Quiet Title and Complaint for Declaratory Judgment regarding property located at 11650 ROAD 325 Union City, MS 39365. The Respondents other than you in this action are Debbie Naraghi, Wayne Beckham, Debra Beckham, Jamie Ladd Smith, and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Complaint filed against

you in this action at 9:00 A.M. on the 6th day of May, 2021 in the Courtroom of the Neshoba County Courthouse 401 East Beacon Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 39350. In case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire, however you must file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 15th day of March, 2021. /s/Guy NowellClerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi(Seal) By: /s/G. Tate, DC 52467

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE MINOR CHILD, D.L.W. CARRIE WARREN STACY AND SUSAN WARREN SHOFFNER PLAINTIFFS VS. CAUSE NO. 2020-366 AMANDA LYNN STOKES WATKINS FERGUSON AND DOUGLAS ALAN WATKINS DEFENDANTS NON-RESIDENT SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Douglas Alan Watkins, a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose mailing, post office and street addresses are unknown to the Plaintiffs after diligent search and inquiry by the Plaintiffs to ascertain same. You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court seeking a Complaint for Child Custody and Other Relief. Defendants other than you are Amanda Lynn Stokes Watkins Ferguson. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Complaint at 9:00 a.m. on the 6th day of May, 2021, in the courtroom of the Neshoba County Courthouse at 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 the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 17th day of March, 2021. /s/Guy NowellNESHOBA COUNTYCHANCERY CLERK /s/K. Greer, D.C. TAMMY C. SMITH, MSBN 9526P.O. BOX 624PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350601-389-5888 TELEPHONE601-389-5844 FACSIMILE 52468

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RUSSELL JAMES OWEN, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-17 KARRAH MICHELE OWEN PETITIONER SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The Unknown Heirs at Law of Russell James Owen, Deceased (whose identities and addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry) You have been made Respondents in the suit filed in the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, by Karrah Michele Owen petitioning for letters of administration, an adjudication of the statutory heirs at law of Russell James Owen, Deceased and authority to compromise an unliquidated claim of said Estate. You are summoned to appear before the Honorable Kiley Kirk, Chancellor of the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, State of Mississippi, on Tuesday, the 27th day of April, 2021, at the Courthouse thereof in Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi, in your capacity as an Heir at Law of Russell James Owen, Deceased, for a hearing in connection with the issuance of letters of administration, a determination and adjudication of the heirs at law of Russell James Owen, Deceased and the request for authority to compromise an unliquidated claim of the Estate of Russell James, Owen, Deceased. Said hearing will commence at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard. In case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for money or other 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 seal of the said Court, this 16th day of March, 2021. Guy Nowell, Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi /s/Guy Nowell By: /s/G. Tate, D.C. (seal) 52469

THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH MASSEY, DECEASED DONNY MASSEY, EXECUTOR NO. 2021-24-KK NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 18th day of March, 2021, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, Donny Massey, upon the Estate of Kenneth Massey, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred. This the 18th day of March, 2021. /s/Donny MasseyDONNY MASSEY, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH MASSEY, DECEASED ROBERT L. THOMAS, MSBN 8159AL-FORD, THOMAS & THOMAS, PLLC ATTORNEYS AT LAWPOST OFFICE BOX 96PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI 39350(601) 656-1871 52470

FELDER RUSHING

The yearly gamble of growing tomatoes

It's legal to gamble in the garden, which is good because I just threw money, effort, and hope at some tomato plants.

Yeah, though the horticulturist in me said hold off, it's early and we have until August to plant for a full fall harvest, my inner gardener couldn't help getting started. But then for years I wore a lapel pin that only half-jokingly proclaimed "Take my advice - I'm not using it."

I tried avoidance techniques like taking long walks to

admire spring flowering trees and watch neighbors mow their spring meadows. But I always back in my little raised bed garden, digging the dirt, savoring the petrichor - that sweet odor released from moist earth. I did whatever I could to put off actually planting summer vegs, herbs, and flowers.

Besides, I already have cool-season English peas climbing branchy bamboo stakes, and double rows of broccoli and cauliflower (the

latter for roasting and dipping like chicken wings). But there's room between those plants, and the warm soil is so alluring...

But - dare I admit this - I fall short of the pinnacle of gardening; in spite of being raised by a dad who grew bushels of them in just plain Delta topsoil and decades of working professionally with tomato growers, I can't grow decent tomatoes.

Tried it all. Planted by the moon in good garden dirt, in

raised bed blended dirt and compost, in big pots painted red for encouragement. Planted deep so they root along buried stems, staked and trussed-up vine-types and caged bush-types. Pinched out small suckers to leave just two or three strong stems, mulched with everything from bark to pine straw, watered deeply but not too often.

Fertilized with both commercial and organic nutrients and borderline-gimmicky Epsom salts, sprayed white-

flies and aphids, thumped big stinkbugs, plucked mini-dragon hornworms. Fought the various blights that cause plants to "fire up" with withered brown leaves, and prevented blossom-end rot with extra calcium.

Still, knowing I'll likely fail, I give it a go because they give me hope.

By the way, just as the "real mayo or Miracle Whip" debate will never be settled satisfactorily, no two gardeners can agree on the best variety to

grow. They all grow about the same, given decent soil, sunshine, nutrients, staking or caging to keep them from sprawling, and water. And luck - all my horticulture knowledge, and for me it's still a gamble.

Felder Rushing is a Mississippi author, columnist, and host of the "Gestalt Gardener" on MPB Think Radio. Email gardening questions to rushingfelder@yahoo.com.

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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.



For More Information contact the
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