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**MAN ARRESTED FOR HIT-AND-RUN**

## 2-year-old who died was 'lively'

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Nolan Riley Norris, described by family friends as a lively, vivacious 2-year-old, died Thursday night in a hit-and-run accident near Union on Highway 492 in Neshoba County, according to the authorities and multiple public social media posts.

A man charged in connection with the accident about 15 min-

utes after it happened had initially gone back to the scene but fled, according to the Mississippi Highway Patrol.

The man, Andrew Graham Winstead, 25, 12371 Road 383, also known as the Fork Road, was arrested and charged with leaving the scene of the 8:49 p.m. accident, according to the Mississippi Highway Patrol.

Preliminary reports indicate that Winstead was traveling west on Mississippi 492 in a

maroon 2017 Chevrolet Silverado when the toddler ran out into the highway and was struck, the authorities said. "The Silverado collided with a toddler that had run into the road," said Sgt. Jameka D. Moore of the



Nolan Riley Norris



Andrew Winstead

Mississippi Highway Patrol.

Winstead returned to the scene of the crash, but "after realizing that he had struck a child he left the scene," Moore said. "This crash is currently under investigation by the Mis-

issippi Highway Patrol and charges are pending," he said.

Winstead was apprehended a short time later on Mississippi 19 south of Philadelphia by a Neshoba County Sheriff's deputy.

Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark said Union Police took the initial call and that Neshoba County dispatchers received a description of Winstead's vehicle at 9:01 p.m.

Winstead on Sunday was let

out of the Neshoba County Detention Center on a \$75,000 bond.

Funeral arrangements for Nolan Riley Norris were incomplete.

Nolan was born January 9, 2019, according to his obituary on the Milling Funeral Home website. His parents are Madison and Jacob Norris of Union, according to Milling.

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## science fair winners



Tucker Elementary School had 15 students who competed in the Regional Science Fair that was held virtually by Mississippi State University in Starkville. Tucker had six first-place winners, three second-place winners, four-third place winners, one fourth-place winner and one fifth-place winner. Tucker Elementary School students who placed in the recent Regional Science Fair are as follows: front row from left, James Polk (Earth & Environmental Science, First place), Kaleb Farmer (Physics & Astronomy, Third place), Lai'Lee Wallace (Earth & Environmental Science, Third place), Keilani Gibson (Plant Science, Second place), middle row from left, Dominic Willis (Physics

and Astronomy, Third place), Mamie Sam (Inorganic Chemistry, Third place), A'Ria McMillan (Plant Science, Second place), Mylah Gibson (Inorganic Chemistry, First place), Jacaius Willis (Earth & Environmental Science, Third place), Faithlyn Mingo (Biochemistry, First place); third row from left, Karahdee Dan (Math and Systems Software, First place), Zachary Polk (Plant Science, Fifth place), Lazethan Billy (Math and Systems Software, First Place), Cameron Gibson (Earth and Environmental Science, Fourth place), and Xanaeya Chapman (Biochemistry, First place).

**METH**

## Tip leads to arrest of alleged dealer

By **DUNCAN DENT**  
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A tip ended a two-month search for a suspected meth dealer last week, the authorities said.

Charles Ellis Fanning, 47, of 16211 Road 505, was arrested and charged Wednesday afternoon on a bench warrant issued March 1 by a Neshoba County Circuit Court judge. He was also wanted for a second-offense sale of methamphetamine charge.

Clark said Fanning was indicted on the meth charge by a grand jury in March after the bench warrant was issued.

While serving that warrant on the tip, Clark said they arrested and charged a Kristin Brooke Burgence, 36, 10050 Road 167, for aiding and abetting Fanning in avoiding law enforcement.

"She had helped keep him from getting picked up previously," Clark said. "She had helped conceal him."

The Sheriff's Office's search ended on Wednesday, April 28 in the afternoon when the tip submitted through Crime Stoppers led deputies to 10050 County Road 167 where Fanning was arrested.

"We got a call from Crime Stoppers in Meridian because that address is on the Carthage postal route and they were not sure who needed to take the call," Clark said. "We acted on the tip and sure

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Charles Fanning

**COVID RECOVERY**

## Restaurateur began by serving others

By **JOHN LEE**  
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As a teenager, Tammy Neese Spears was washing dishes and working beside her mother, a life-long restaurant server.

Spears credits her mother with her success today as owner of Our Hometown Philadelphia coming out of the pandemic on the one-year anniversary as the owner.

"I was washing dishes and working with my mom as early as 13 years old," Spears said. "It's because of her that I have a strong restaurant background. She was a server her entire life, and I learned a lot from not only working along with her but also watching her."

Since those early begin-

nings, Spears has gone from washing dishes to serving people and owning her own restaurant as the COVID-19 pandemic began a year ago.

She has served food from Texas to Delaware and two decades ago her life's journey brought her back home to Neshoba County.

Spears recalled spending summers with her two sisters and her brother selling peanuts and rolling down hills while helping tend the garden of her grandparents, Vivian "Bill" Lee Neese and Katherine Bethany Neese, in the Linwood community.

Spears attended Neshoba Central High School until she was 17 and moved to Texas to seek treatment for a health condition where she took her first job as a server at the Inter-

national House of Pancakes in Oak Cliff, Texas.

While in Texas she met and married her first husband, a man who also had a restaurant background. They moved to Delaware and managed a seasonal restaurant The Avenue at Rehoboth Beach until 1995.

That's when they moved to Philadelphia to open the Philadelphia House of Pancakes in what used to be an old Ward's Hamburgers on Holland.

In February of 1999, they moved into what is now the Dickey's Barbecue location in the Canal Place Shopping Center since they needed more space.

Then they moved to The Depot in May 2010 and divorced later that year. He See **SPEARS**, page 3A



Tammy Spears sits with husband Kenneth, along with former and current employees of Our Hometown Philadelphia. Pictured, from left: Roger Pearson, Shannon Floyd, Lailah Jaafar, Kenneth Spears, Zack Shaw, Katelyn Barnett, Jordan Issac, Destiny Dill, Tammy Spears, Mackenzie Johnson, Alesha Pauley, Carla Walton, Briana Huddleston and Cedric Smith.

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# Crisis Pregnancy Center preps for annual fundraiser at restaurants

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The Crisis Pregnancy Center's annual fundraiser comes at a different time this go around but they haven't missed a year.

CPC Executive Director Pauline Karcher said this is the 12th year they have held the event. She knows from how many shirts she has from past events.

"We are hoping for a great night for the center and a great night for the restaurants," Karcher said.

Every year the center assembles teams of volunteers who work a night at several local restaurants. Usually, they work as servers but Carol Kilpatrick said they will do whatever needs to be done including washing dishes. The tips collected by CPC volunteers go to

the center.

The event is usually tied to Valentine's Day date night but had to be pushed back this year. Organizers decided Mother's Day would be an appropriate occasion to move their event to.

Karcher said the center usually raises between \$15,000 and \$20,000 over the course of the evening.

The fundraiser will be from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at five local restaurants — Bloomo Diner, City Limits, Laredo Grill, McAlister's Deli and Ronnie's Steak N Grill.

Kilpatrick is currently a CPC board member but has been involved with the organization for much of its 30-year history. She has not missed a fundraiser since it started.

"It has been very successful," Kilpatrick said. "I know for a lot of restaurants Thursday

can be a slow night so we usually bring some extra people in. It is a good cooperation."

This year Kilpatrick will lead the team at McAlister's Deli. Her team has been together for a while and includes Pastor Wayne Hill of Beacon Street Baptist Church and Pastor Jeff Brewer of East Philadelphia Baptist.

An aspect of the event Kilpatrick said she looks forward to every year is the friendly competitive spirit that has sprouted up around the event. For example, teams try to out-earn other teams, restaurants try to outdo their competitors and churches try to send the most diners out to eat. Kilpatrick said the competition brings a high sense of energy to the evening.

"It is always hectic, but it is such a good night," Kilpatrick said.

The center is entirely funded by local churches and this one yearly fundraiser.

"I think something that makes this group really remarkable is that we are almost entirely church funded and are supported by local churches of many denominations," Karcher said.

The CPC has a far-ranging mission. Kilpatrick said women and families from surrounding counties routinely attend their classes and inquire about their services.

"We really want to encourage people to come out because this is a great ministry that helps people in our county and the surrounding counties," Kilpatrick said.

To contact the CPC call 601-656-9712.

# Nash defeats Nichols in Ward 4 alderman runoff

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**  
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Ruthie Nash defeated Ajathi Nichols by eight votes in April 27 runoff election for the Democrat nomination for the Ward 4 alderman post, according to unofficial returns.

Nash received 104 votes or 52% of the vote. Nichols

received 96 votes or 48% of the vote that officials said Monday had not yet been certified.

In the April 6 primary election, Nash and



Ruthie Nash



Ajathi Nichols

Nichols garnered enough votes to advance to the runoff election for the Ward 4 seat being vacated by Cassie Henson who mounted an

unsuccessful bid for the mayoral nomination.

Nichols received 129 votes, or 31.62%, of the total 408 votes cast in that race, and Nash got 100 votes, or 24.51%, of the total in that race.

Nash will face independent candidate Shaun Seales in the June 8 general election.

# Supervisors purchase new \$50K radio system for sheriff

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**  
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The Neshoba County Sheriff's Department will be going to the MSWIN radio system that Sheriff Eric Clark said will vastly improve communications.

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors voted to purchase 22 portable and 20 mobile MSWIN compatible radios during Monday's board meeting.

Shanks Communications of Jackson had the low bid at \$49,680.

That price was half of what Sheriff Clark had originally thought it would be.

"It came in way under my initial estimate," Clark said. "The quote I got last year was slightly under \$100,000. We reached out. There was a company here that was doing a lot of

work on the Reservation. They had some pretty good pricing and offered us the same pricing (as the Reservation). It brought the numbers down."

Clark hopes to be using MSWIN within the next month.

Supervisors also approved the purchase of a dispatch radio for the 911 Emergency Management Center. It and licensing cost \$11,032. The sheriff's radios will be paid for with money out of the county's General Fund while the dispatch radio will be paid for from 911 funds.

"The order is being placed today," said Jeff Mayo, county administrator. "They will have to order everything and we will have talk groups assigned by the Wireless Commission."

According to the Mississippi Wireless Communication Commission, MSWIN serves the

state by providing reliable redundant communications for our state's first responders.

MSWIN is a P-25 700 MHz LMR public safety communication system that is designed to provide 97% mobile area coverage statewide via multiple sites.

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This type of system offers the following benefits:

- The ability to coordinate communications with other agencies or jurisdictions;
- The ability to purchase radios from more than one vendor; and
- The ability to share

resources to enhance communications and control costs.

Clark said other law enforcement agencies in East Mississippi have already gone to the MSWIN radios. The city of Philadelphia's fire department and police department are also in the process of moving to MSWIN.

"I plan to sign a memorandum of understandings with all sheriff's departments whose counties border ours," Clark said. "As far as being able to communicate with other agencies, this is something we had to do. Most of our surrounding counties have transitioned to MSWIN radios and this was the next step for us. I am sure in the future, you will see more of our counties transitioning to MSWIN."

# Man arrested for alleged April assault at Western Motel

By **DUNCAN DENT**  
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A man who allegedly assaulted another man at a Philadelphia motel last week has been arrested.

Cortez D. Cole, 25, 1125 West Avenue, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault on Thursday, April 29.

He remains in the Winston County Detention Center on a \$25,000 bond.

Philadelphia Police Det. Bobby Pattillo said Cole was located at the Super Inn & Suites, 1526 Mississippi 16 W, through information provided by a tipster.

Pattillo said the charge stems from an incident reported on the previous Sunday, April 25 at the Western Motel, 1011 Holland Ave.



Cortez Cole

Cole allegedly assaulted Marshon Cobbins at the motel that evening.

"Cobbins suffered a broken nose and also had to receive 18 staples due to being struck multiple times with a blunt object wielded by Cole," Pattillo said.

Authorities said more charges could be pending as an investigation continues.

A PPD social media post on April 30 said the arrest came from information provided by an anonymous tip.

"Philadelphia Police Department would like to thank the public and everyone who offered tips," a statement said.

The case has been forwarded to the District Attorney for consideration by the next grand jury. Cole was indicted in 2015 on two counts of burglary of a dwelling.

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# Governor lifts most COVID restrictions as infections fall

By STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

As more people are getting vaccinated and COVID-19 infection and death rates fall, Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves last Friday erased most restrictions he had set to try to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Reeves left one restriction in place — a mandate for students who are 6 or older to wear masks in schools for the rest of the current academic year. The school year ends within the next few weeks in most parts of the state.

The governor's new executive order removes capacity restrictions for sports events. Previously, indoor arenas could only fill two-thirds of their seats to allow for social distancing. School sporting events and other extracurricular activities were limited to 50% capacity for both indoor and outdoor events.

Reeves had already removed mask requirements in public

spaces and all capacity restrictions for restaurants, bars and other businesses.

Neshoba County's total COVID-19 cases since the pandemic began is now 4,028 which is four more than last week and the death toll remains at 176 where it has been for at least three weeks, according to the Mississippi State Department of Health's Tuesday COVID-19 report.

Meanwhile, 17% of Neshoba County's population is fully vaccinated as of Monday, according to MSDH and 20% of the county's population has received one of the 10,503 total doses of COVID-19 vaccines administered in the county.

Vaccinations are being administered Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Coliseum, 12000 Hwy 15 North, Philadelphia and are available to all Mississippians 16 and older.

Neshoba County Schools reported between one and five new cases of COVID-19 among students with four stu-

dents quarantined at Neshoba Central High School between April 19 and 23.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has reported four new positive cases of COVID-19 over the past week as of May 3, putting the total number of positive cases for the Tribe at 1,837 with 114 deaths.

The state's total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases now stands at 191,117 with 121,491 probable cases for a total of 312,608 cases as of Tuesday and 4,976 confirmed COVID-19 deaths and another 2,245 probable COVID-19 deaths for a total of 7,221 deaths since the pandemic began in March 2020.

The governor said he still encourages people to wear face coverings, maintain social distance and wash their hands while around other people. He said people who feel sick or have symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend social events.

*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*

## Spears

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bought the restaurant in 2013 and then last year she bought him out and changed the name.

In the meantime, she married her high school sweetheart, Kenneth Spears. She rebranded the restaurant Our Hometown Philadelphia because Philadelphia is their home and reflects their long and now closer relationship.

She celebrated her first anniversary with the restaurant last month after a year of COVID-19 pandemic shutdowns and restrictions.

Spears has worked hard to re-establishing the business, earning trust back from customers and keeping business going while being understaffed.

"We added employees little by little over time, but right after opening in April, there were only two employees doing everything," she said.

"We did curbside-only deliveries for around three months, and then started doing 25% capacity in the restaurant

under the mask mandate."

She said the hardest part of keeping the business going through the past year during the pandemic was keeping employees and staying staffed.

"At one point I was working 12-16 hours a day and had to give myself a break," she said. "However, we were able to pull through. The townspeople have been great, the response has been wonderful, and they know that I'll take care of them here."

She said that luckily no one in the restaurant had or has come down with COVID-19.

"My goal of opening Our Hometown Philadelphia is to let people know that I'm back and that I'm continuing my

restaurant legacy here," she said.

In her spare time, she and Kenneth enjoy spending time with her daughters in Hattiesburg and his here.

They enjoy vacationing in Wiggins at the Flint Creek Water Park. She also enjoys tending to her garden and flowers.

She has eight college-age children — five daughters and a son — from her first marriage and two step-daughters with Kenneth, along with two step-grandchildren here.

Spears intends to keep on keeping on with the restaurant and looks forward to serving others as things return to normal.



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### EDITORIALS

## The racism problem

Sen. Tim Scott, a black conservative from South Carolina whose family in one lifetime went from picking cotton to the United States Senate, declared last week responding to President Biden's State of the Union Address that "America is not a racist country."

It's important to be honest about our country's racist past, he said, something we know a lot about here in Neshoba County and have worked hard to reconcile and advance together.

A liberal Jackson blog by Monday was lampooning Gov. Tate Reeves for agreeing with Scott that systemic racism does not exist, citing loose statistics such as 64% of incarcerated people in Mississippi are black, despite only making up 38% of the state's total population while ignoring the reality of who is committing the crime or seeking real, meaningful solutions such as better education.

Scott is one of the GOP's rising superstars because of his conservative principles and his willingness to push back against liberal Democrats who quickly and shamefully labeled him an "Uncle Tim" after his State of the Union response. (See **Sen. Scott's remarks in full at right.**)

What scares Democrats is that Tim Scott speaks for many black Americans when he tells us that his own personal experience demonstrates systemic racism does not exist in America.

We believe Sen. Scott when he says systemic racism does not exist in America, yet we know that he and many of our black and Native American friends have been victims of racism. Racism still exists, yet Sen. Scott gave the nation a prescription.

Race is not a political weapon to settle every issue the way Democrats want, he said. It's too important, as we know here.

"Our best future won't come from Washington schemes or socialist dreams," Scott said in his address. "It will come from you — the American people. Black, Hispanic,

white and Asian. Republican and Democrat. Brave police officers and Black neighborhoods. We are not adversaries. We are family! We are all in this together."

Sen. Scott went on to say, "I am standing here because my mom has prayed me through some very tough times. I believe our nation has succeeded the same way. Because generations of Americans, in their own ways, have asked for grace — and God has supplied it."

And Sen. Scott mentioned the national conversation on race many in our community have been a part of for going on six decades because young James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner were murdered here in a state that practically invented systemic racism, ginned up hatred, committed murders yet in more recent years has turned to repentance and reconciliation.

"I'm an African-American who has voted in the South all my life," Scott said. "I take voting rights personally. Republicans support making it easier to vote and harder to cheat. And so do voters! Big majorities of Americans support early voting, and big majorities support Voter I.D. — including African-Americans and Hispanics. Common sense makes common ground.

"But today, this conversation has collapsed. The state of Georgia passed a law that expands early voting; preserves no-excuse mail-in voting; and, despite what the President claimed, did not reduce Election Day hours. If you actually read this law, it's mainstream. It will be easier to vote early in Georgia than in Democrat-run New York. But the left doesn't want you to know that. They want people to virtue-signal by yelling about a law they haven't even read."

The national conversation on race has collapsed, but Sen. Scott's words and his passion give hope that we can overcome this wretched politicization of race in America.

Indeed, we are not adversaries. We are Americans! We are all in this together.

### STATE OF THE UNION RESPONSE

## 'I'm Senator Tim Scott'

*Text of speech by Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., the Republican response to President Joe Biden's address to Congress, as provided by the office of the Senate minority leader:*

Good evening, I'm Senator Tim Scott from the great state of South Carolina.

We just heard President Biden's first address to Congress. Our President seems like a good man. His speech was full of good words. But President Biden promised you a specific kind of leadership. He promised to unite a nation. To lower the temperature. To govern for all Americans, no matter how we voted. That was the pitch. You just heard it again.

But our nation is starving for more than empty platitudes. We need policies and progress that bring us closer together. But three months in, the actions of the President and his party are pulling us further apart.

I won't waste your time tonight with finger-pointing or partisan bickering. You can get that on T.V. any time you want. I want to have an honest conversation. About common sense and common ground. About this feeling that our nation is sliding off its shared foundation, and how we move forward together.

Growing up, I never dreamed I'd be standing here tonight. When I was a kid, my parents divorced. My mother, my brother, and I moved in with my grandparents. Three of us, sharing one bedroom. I was disillusioned and angry, and I nearly failed out of school. But I was blessed.

First, with a praying momma. Then with a mentor, a Chick-Fil-A operator named John Moniz. Finally, with a string of opportunities that are only possible here in America.

This past year, I've watched COVID attack every rung of the ladder that helped me up. So many families have lost parents and grandparents too early. So many small businesses have gone under. Becoming a Christian transformed my life — but for months, too many churches were shut down.

Most of all, I am saddened that millions of kids have lost a year of learning when they could not afford to lose a day. Locking vulnerable kids out of the classroom is locking adults out of their future.

Our public schools should have reopened months ago. Other countries' did. Private and religious schools did. Science has shown for months that schools are safe. But too often, powerful grown-ups set science aside. And kids like me were left behind. The clearest case for school choice in our lifetimes.

Last year, under Republican leadership, we passed five bipartisan COVID packages. Congress supported our hospitals, saved our economy, and funded Operation Warp Speed, delivering vaccines in record time. All five bills got 90 or more votes in the Senate. Common sense found common ground.

In February, Republicans told President Biden we wanted to keep working together to win this fight. But Democrats wanted to go it alone. They spent almost \$2 trillion on a partisan bill that the White House bragged was the most liberal bill in American history! Only 1% went to vaccinations. No requirement to re-open schools promptly. COVID brought Congress together five times. This Administration pushed us apart.

Another issue that should unite us is infrastructure. Republicans support everything you think of when you think of 'infrastructure.' Roads, bridges, ports, airports, waterways, high-speed broadband — we're all in! But again, Democrats want a partisan wish list. They won't even build bridges... to build bridges!

Less than 6% of the President's plan goes to roads and bridges. It's a liberal wish-list of Big Government waste... plus the biggest job-killing tax hikes in a generation. Experts say, when all is said and done, it would lower Americans' wages and shrink our economy.

Tonight we also heard about

a so-called "Family Plan." Even more taxing, even more spending, to put Washington even more in the middle of your life — from the cradle, to college. The beauty of the American Dream is that families get to define it for themselves. We should be expanding options and opportunities for all families — not throwing money at certain issues because Democrats think they know best.

"Infrastructure" spending that shrinks our economy is not common sense. Weakening our southern border and creating a crisis is not compassionate.

The President is abandoning principles he held for decades. Now, he says your tax dollars should fund abortions. He's laying groundwork to pack the Supreme Court. This is not common ground.

Nowhere do we need common ground more desperately than in our discussions of race. I have experienced the pain of discrimination. I know what it feels like to be pulled over for no reason. To be followed around a store while I'm shopping. I remember, every morning, at the kitchen table, my grandfather would have the newspaper in his hands. Later, I realized he had never learned to read it. He just wanted to set the right example.

I've also experienced a different kind of intolerance. I get called "Uncle Tom" and the N-word — by 'progressives'! By liberals! Just last week, a national newspaper suggested my family's poverty was actually privilege because a relative owned land generations before my time. Believe me, I know our healing is not finished.

In 2015, after the shooting of Walter Scott, I wrote a bill to fund body cameras. Last year, after the deaths of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd, I built an even bigger police reform proposal. But my Democratic colleagues blocked it. I extended an olive branch. I offered them amendments. But Democrats used the filibuster to block the debate from even happening. My friends across the aisle seemed to want the issue more than they wanted a solution. But I'm still working. I'm still hopeful.

When America comes together, we've made tremendous progress. But powerful forces want to pull us apart. A hundred years ago, kids in classrooms were taught the color of their skin was their most important characteristic — and if they looked a certain way, they were inferior. Today, kids again are being taught that the color of their skin defines them — and if they look a certain way, they're an oppressor.

From colleges to corporations to our culture, people are making money and gaining power by pretending we haven't made any progress. By doubling down on the divisions we've worked so hard to heal.

You know this stuff is wrong. Hear me clearly: America is not a racist country. It's backwards to fight discrimination with different discrimination. And it's wrong to try to use our painful past to dishonestly shut down debates in the present.

I'm an African-American who has voted in the South all my life. I take voting rights personally. Republicans support making it easier to vote and harder to cheat. And so do voters! Big majorities of Americans support early voting, and big majorities support Voter I.D. — including African-Americans and Hispanics. Common sense makes common ground.

But today, this conversation has collapsed. The state of Georgia passed a law that expands early voting; preserves no-excuse mail-in voting; and, despite what the President claimed, did not reduce Election Day hours. If you actually read this law, it's mainstream. It will be easier to vote early in Georgia than in Democrat-run New York. But the left doesn't want you to know that. They want people to virtue-signal by yelling about a law they haven't even read.

Fact-checkers have called

out the White House for mis-statements. The President absurdly claims this is worse than Jim Crow. What is going on here? I'll tell you. A Washington power grab.

This misplaced outrage is supposed to justify Democrats' sweeping bill that would take over elections for all 50 states; send public funds to political campaigns you disagree with; and make the bipartisan Federal Elections Commission... partisan! This is not about civil rights or our racial past. It's about rigging elections in the future.

And, no — the same filibuster that President Obama and President Biden praised when they were Senators, that Democrats used just last year, has not suddenly become a racist relic just because the shoe is on the other foot.

Race is not a political weapon to settle every issue the way one side wants. It's too important.

This should be a joyful springtime for our nation. This Administration inherited a tide that had already turned. The coronavirus is on the run! Thanks to Operation Warp Speed and the Trump Administration, our country is flooded with safe and effective vaccines. Thanks to our bipartisan work last year, job openings are rebounding.

So why do we feel so divided and anxious? A nation with so much cause for hope should not feel so heavy-laden. A President who promised to bring us together should not push agendas that tear us apart. The American family deserves better. And we know what better looks like!

Just before COVID, we had the most inclusive economy in my lifetime. The lowest unemployment ever recorded for African-Americans, Hispanics, and Asian-Americans. The lowest for women in nearly 70 years. Wages were growing faster for the bottom 25% than the top 25%. That happened because Republicans focused on expanding opportunity for all Americans.

We passed Opportunity Zones, criminal justice reform, and permanent funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities for the first time ever. We fought the drug epidemic, rebuilt our military, and cut taxes for working families and single moms like mine.

Our best future won't come from Washington schemes or socialist dreams. It will come from you — the American people. Black, Hispanic, white and Asian. Republican and Democrat. Brave police officers and Black neighborhoods. We are not adversaries. We are family! We are all in this together.

And we get to live in the greatest country on Earth. The country where my grandfather, in his 94 years, saw his family go from cotton to Congress in one lifetime.

So I am more than hopeful — I am confident — that our finest hour is yet to come. Original sin is never the end of the story. Not in our souls, and not for our nation. The real story is always redemption.

I am standing here because my mom has prayed me through some very tough times. I believe our nation has succeeded the same way. Because generations of Americans, in their own ways, have asked for grace — and God has supplied it.

So I will close with a word from a worship song that helped me through this past year. The music is new, but the words draw from Scripture.

(May) the Lord bless you and keep you,

Make His face shine upon you

And be gracious to you...

May His presence go before you,

And behind you, and beside you...

In your weeping and rejoicing,

He is with you...

May His favor be upon (our nation), for a thousand generations

And your family... and your children...

And their children.  
Good night, and God bless.

### FLASHBACKS

#### MAY 9, 1941

Mr. P.E. Walker has accepted a road position with The Cole Bros. Co., wholesale grocers of Philadelphia. He will succeed Mr. Clyde Everett. Mr. Walker, wife, and daughter, will move here from Morton.

Several visitors were present at the Rotary Club including Rev. C.C. Morris and Dr. W.F. Dean, both of Ada, Oklahoma. Rev. Morris closed a series of special serves at the Baptist Church here. Dr. Dean led several Rotary songs, as well as a solo. Rev. Morris made a short talk.

#### MAY 3, 1951

Little Miss Joyce Anne Tingle, only child of Mrs. Hillman Tingle has the honor of selling the first Buddy Poppy to the city's mayor, Jimmy Haddock. Mrs. Tingle is President of the Ladies Auxiliary to Carson Bounds Post 4396, and the members will have charge of selling Poppies.

Pvt. James Orville Kea, is stationed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana on the 7th of February of this year. He is with the Reg. hg. Co. 112. Pvt. Kea is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Kea of Edinburg.

#### MAY 4, 1961

Pvt. James H. Cox, who has been in service for some time, is stationed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. He is the son of Mrs. Kate Cox, who

resides in Union.

#### MAY 7, 1971

Paul Wilkerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger H. Wilkerson, has been selected to receive a Presidential Tuition scholarship from Spring Hill College. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkerson are former residents of Shady Grove Community of Neshoba County, but now live in Prichard, Alabama. Ranked 3rd in Vigor High School's graduating class of 421, Wilkerson has maintained a 3.81 point average throughout the last four years.

#### APRIL 30, 1981

Jill Jones, a third grader, won the bicycle for raising the most money in the field events to help the Mississippi Lung Association. The events were sponsored by the Neshoba Central and Philadelphia Elementary School and the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Valerie Black came in second in a two mile run at Mississippi State University sponsored by Housing and Residence Life. More than 80 MSU students, male and female, competed in the event. Miss Black is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rod Black.

#### MAY 8, 1991

Alcorn State University sophomore, Patsy Collier, won the 100 and 200 meter runs at a recent track and field

meet on the campus of Arkansas Pine-Bluff at the UAPB/Sunbeam relays. Collier won the 100 in a time of 12:40 and the 200 in the time of 25:08. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Collier of the Dixon Community and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Collier of Philadelphia.

#### MAY 2, 2001

Skyshell Brown entered the National Federation of Music Club Hymn Playing event and earned a superior award. She is the daughter of Mrs. Betty Hudson and the granddaughter of Mrs. Skyshell Brown Carlene Hill. She is a member of the Philadelphia Music Club Juniors, a member of the Beta Club and attends Jerusalem Temple Church. She is in Mrs. Sanders Sixth grade room at Philadelphia Elementary School.

#### MAY 4, 2011

Grenada High School All-Star senior softball player, Taylor Holland recently signed a letter of Intent to play at Delta State University next season. In 25 games last season, Holland hit .425 with extra base hits. She struck out only twice in 82 at bats. The people present for when she signed are; Rose Kallsak, Mike Montgomery, Bob Holland, Kim Holland, Leslie Lancaster, and Ashleigh Hicks.

### LETTERS

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### BIBLE SELECTION

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

— Romans 12:12 (ESV)

# Work on St. Francis bridge progressing

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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The St. Francis Drive bridge project is moving along and city officials are expecting it will be completed later this month.

The pylons and the pre-cast bridge installation work is complete. Workers are expected to start building the approach ramps on each side this week.

"They will go out about 15 to 20 feet and dig down about three or four feet," Mayor James Young said. "Then they will build the foundation and build the road up. Then they will pave it."

"After that, they will begin to do the cleanup work. They will install the rails and concrete barriers."

Work started in March. Joe Magee Construction of Lake got the job with a bid price of \$356,331. Young said there were expected additional expenses

such as the cost for moving utility lines while the project was being done.

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

The 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.

The Mississippi Legislature appropriated \$500,000 for the project.

"We would never have been able to have gotten this project done as quickly without the help of our local legislators," Young said. "We didn't have the money in our budget for a project like this. This project took everyone working together to get it done."



The prefab bridge has been installed on St. Francis Drive. Mayor James Young reports the project could be finished by the middle of the month.

# Supervisors approve purchase of 2 new ambulances

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Neshoba County will be getting two new Type III box ambulances after the Board of Supervisors approved the purchases during Monday's meeting.

The two Crestline Ambulances will cost \$156,114, each making the total cost \$312,228. Emergency Equipment Professionals was the low bidder.

"This is going to be a complement to the existing fleet of seven ambulances," said Jeff Mayo,

county administrator. "They will be delivered within 120 days. At that time, one of the existing units will be taken out of service."

Mayo said the county did not purchase an ambulance last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Current plans going forward are for the county to purchase two new ambulances every two years when possible.

In other matters during Monday's meeting, supervisors voted to:

- Approve an annual software

maintenance agreement with PTS Solutions for the sheriff's department at a cost of \$9,300;

- Approve the retirement of Harvey Hickmon from the jail;

• Approve status changes for two jail employees. Supervisors also approved an FMLA leave request for an employee;

- Approve a road crossing request on County Road 341 for Central Water Association;

• Approve the continuation of local emergency declarations for the winter storm and for the COVID-19 pandemic;

• Approve 50 cent per hour pay increases for six employees in the Emergency Management department;

• Approve the reappointment of Jerry Greenlee to the Arlington Fire Protection District's board of commissioners;

• Accept the audit for Ambulance Enterprise for Fiscal Year 2020, ending September 30, 2020;

• Approve a request for help with the group putting on the Memorial Day program May 31 at DeWeese Park. The county

will provide the stage and chairs from the Neshoba Coliseum for the program;

• Approve a request for a refund of \$100 from a reservation for the multipurpose room at the Coliseum;

• Approve the county employee payroll ending April 18 and totaling \$232,792;

• Approve the elected officials' payroll ending May 1 and totaling \$31,296;

• Approve the claims docket and the out of claims docket. Supervisors also accepted the

purchase clerk's report for April;

• Approve creating a new account for the American Rescue Plan Funds;

• Approve paying invoices for pre-construction work for the new spec building in the industrial park. That included payments to Pritchard Engineering — topographic mapping — \$2,800, civil site design (40%) — \$3,600, expanded survey & mapping — \$1,370; Pryor Morrow, design and construction documents — \$15,375 (75%).

## OBITUARIES

### Robert L. Rogers

Robert L. Rogers passed away on May 2, 2021 at Anderson Hospital in Meridian at age 80. He was born on August 9, 1940 in Neshoba County as the only child of Floyd and Mattie Rogers. He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Martha Rogers, son Wayne Rogers (Tammy) of Philadelphia, daughter Shelia Chalk (Barry) of Puckett, son Ricky Rogers of Philadelphia, daughter Amy Lindsey (Tony) of Brandon. Grandchildren Justin Chalk, Victoria Chalk, Ike Rogers, Rachel Rogers, Lacy Johnson, Alexis Lindsey, Kalem Rogers, and Cody Rogers, three great grandchildren with two on the way.



Robert L. Rogers

Pallbearers - Justin Chalk, Ike Rogers, Rachel Rogers, Victoria Chalk, Alexis Lindsey, Kalem Rogers, Cody Rogers, and Lacy Johnson

His favorite hobbies were fishing and telling jokes that made people laugh.

Work career: He started at Gareen, then started Nemanco and then PGI Oil Exploration. He was a Borden milkman. He then started Mineral Research. He worked at McDaniel Timber Company. He built chicken houses and had lots of cows. He retired at 75 years old. This is just some of the many accomplishments from a very fulfilled life. He was a devoted family-man and Very Honorable Man.

John E. Stephens Chapel was in charge of the funeral at Rocky Hill Church of God on May 4, 2021.

### Marilyn Teresa Peebles

Funeral service for Ms. Marilyn Teresa Peebles was held 10 AM Saturday, May 1, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. John E. Stephens officiating. Burial was in Mars Hill Cemetery Winston Co. Visitation was held 5-7 PM Friday, April 30, 2021 at John E. Stephens

Chapel Funeral Services.

Ms. Peebles, 68, passed away Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham, AL. She lived most of her life in Neshoba Co. and Birmingham, AL. She was a College Professor at Miles College in Birmingham, AL. Her hobbies included cooking, needlepoint, and traveling, but she was most passionate about teaching and learning.

She is preceded in death by, parents; Claude (Jack) Peebles Jr., and Inez Hamilton Peebles; sisters, Donna Peebles Williams, Patti Peebles.

Survivors include, sister, Claudette Peebles McMichael; nieces, Susie-Hannah Williams, Aimee McMichael and Tiffany McMichael Teta.

### Joseph Ceal Tucker

Funeral service for Mr. Joseph Ceal Tucker was held 3 PM Saturday, May 1, 2021 at Remus Baptist Church with Bro. Eddie Pilgrims officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Visitation was 2-3 PM Saturday, May 1, 2021 at Remus Baptist Church. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

Mr. Tucker, 66, passed away Friday, April 30, 2021 at UMCC in Jackson, MS. He lived most of his life in Leake Co. He was a member of Remus Baptist Church. His hobby was gardening.

He is preceded in death by, parents, Troy Obrient Tucker and Hazel Geneva Sullivan Tucker; brother, George Tucker.

Survivors include, wife, Anita L. Tucker; sister, Betty Ellingburg (David); several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers: Mike Ellingburg, Tim Ellingburg, David Ellingburg, Glen Ellingburg, Ricky Adcock, Randy Tucker.

### Charles Wayne McDaniel

Services for Charles Wayne McDaniel was held Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Mike Skinner officiating. Visitation was held Wednesday, April 28, 2021, from 5:00 p.m.

until 8:00 p.m. at McClain-Hays Funeral Home. Burial followed in Herbert Cemetery in Neshoba County. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. McDaniel, 74, of Philadelphia, died Monday, April 26, 2021.

He was a native of the Chisholm College Community in Neshoba County and longtime resident of the Center Hill Community. Mr. McDaniel was a member of Herbert Baptist Church.

Survivors include wife, Shirley McDaniel; son, Tommy Wayne McDaniel; daughter, Misti Lynne McDaniel; four grandchildren; sisters, Mavis Fagan, Nan Cavin, and Kathy Ridout, and Faye Warren of Clinton; brothers, Johnny McDaniel and Jimmy McDaniel; numerous nieces, nephews, and their families.

### William Riley Pigg

A graveside service was held for Riley Pigg on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. from Laurel Hill Cemetery in Neshoba County with Bro. Daniel Winstead officiating. Visitation was held at Laurel Hill Baptist Church from 2:00 p.m. until time of service. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Pigg, 66, of Philadelphia, died Sunday, April 25, 2021.

He was a longtime resident of the Laurel Hill Community in Neshoba County. He was a retired carpenter and electrician. Mr. Pigg served in the U. S. Army during the Vietnam Era.

Survivors include four children, Jason Pigg, Misty Thornton, Josh Pigg, Jenna Pigg; eight grandchildren; sister, Angela Fitzhugh; brother, Ray Pigg.

Mr. Pigg was preceded in death by grandmother, Lucille Pigg; and his parents.

Pallbearers are Chuck Pigg, Greg Pigg, Eric Pigg, Brad Pigg, Brett Walton, Rusty Thornton, Shelton Divine. Honorary pallbearer is Dewayne Clair.

### Ruby Warrell

A graveside service for Ruby Warrell will be held Wednesday,

April 28, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. from Hester Cemetery with Rev. Lin Chesney officiating. McClain-Hays Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Warrell, 84, of Raleigh, died Saturday, April 24, 2021, at Mississippi Care Center of Raleigh.

She was a native of the House Community in Neshoba County and a former resident of Smith County. She was a retired Certified Nursing Assistant and home health worker. Mrs. Warrell was Church of God by faith.

Survivors include daughter, Brenda King of Lawrence, MS; son, Joseph Warrell of Braxton, MS; nine grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Warrell was preceded in death by husband, Whit Warrell; daughter, Teresa Lee; and nine brothers and sisters.

### Ivy Holmes, Jr.

Graveside services for Mr. Ivy Holmes, Jr. were held on Saturday, May 1, 2021, at 1:30 P.M. from St. Mark United Methodist Church Cemetery, with Rev. Dexter Ball officiating. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Holmes, 73, of Philadelphia, passed away on Saturday, April 24, 2020 at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson.

He is survived by his wife, Versia Hathorn-Holmes of Philadelphia, MS, his children,

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Shanta Lawrence of Starkville, MS, Perry Young of Noxapater, MS, Tony Holmes of Houston, TX, and Chadez Holmes of Atlanta, GA, four siblings, Patricia Holmes, Mary Kitchen, Amanda Shoumaker and Phillip Holmes, and six grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Curtis Yarbrough, Jim Dawkins, Roger Young, Wendell Holmes, Curtis McDonald and S.J. Baxstrom.

### Rachel Sue Whatley

Memorial service for Ms. Rachel Sue Whatley will be held 10 AM Thursday, May 6, 2021 at Mars Hill Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. John E. Stephens officiating. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

Ms. Whatley, 75, passed away Saturday, May 1, 2021 at



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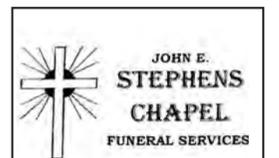


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her residence. She lived in Neshoba Co. most of her life. Her hobby was reading, and her special interest were flowers and her animals.

Preceded in death by her husband, James C. Whatley; parents, Malcolm Lee Watkins and Jennie Louise Allsup Watkins; sisters, Sally Griffin, Shirlen Thomas; brothers, Hamp Watkins, Cary Watkins, Terry Watkins.

Survivors, daughter, Melissa Odom (Ralph); brothers, Malcolm Watkins Jr., Dennis Watkins; (3) grandchildren, Aleasha Odom, Kimberly White, Chastity McDill; (5) great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.



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**Stephen is on trial for his life**

The context of this verse is Stephen on trial for his teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ. He is before the council of Jewish leaders, and witnesses have been brought who have accused Stephen of speaking against the temple and the customs of Moses (verse 14). The charge is blasphemy, so Stephen is on trial for his life.

After the council hears the charges and the details from the witnesses, all eyes turn toward Stephen for his response. In verse 15 we read: "And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel."

His face being altered noticeably indicates the favor of God is upon him. In Exodus 34, we see that the face of Moses shone with glory after his conversing with God. He was God's prophet to deliver the word of God to men. The word of God depicts the glory of God.

In Matthew 17, we see something similar in the transfiguration of Jesus. As he is praying, his face is altered so that it shone like the sun. Moses and Elijah appear with him and talk about his departure (Luke 9). Their ministries served to point to Christ and glorify him. God directs us to him: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him."

Stephen's face reflects the glory of Christ, who is exalted after fulfilling the word of God found in Moses and the prophets. Stephen is an example of love to the unseen Christ. Peter writes to Christians, "Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory (1st Peter 1:8)."

Love to Christ will engage all the other affections of his people; if he has their love, their desires will be chiefly after him; their hopes and expectations will be in him. It was love from his soul that engaged Stephen for Christ, and it was reflected in his face. His will was oriented to exalt Christ. How do we attain such love to Christ as we see in Stephen?

First, we must understand that the love of Christians unto Christ is a grace put into their hearts by the Holy Spirit. We cannot attain it on our own. There is no seed of it in our nature. We are dependent upon the Spirit to plant this in our soul.

Love to Christ is a divine spark that comes from above. The Lord Jesus teaches us to pray for the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13).

The foundation of this love the Spirit gives is the discovery of Christ as a suitable object for love; that he is excellent and matchless (Colossians 1:15-23); there is treasure in him and an abundance of all graces. Without this, there will be no going forth of the heart unto love for him.

The pattern in the gospels is those who sought Christ out had a need only he could satisfy or cure: lepers calling on him, an afflicted woman sneaking through the crowd to touch his garment, a tax collector climbing a tree to gaze upon him, and many other such cases. We too have a desperate need that only Christ can meet.

Stephen loved Christ because he was the Son of God, who clothed himself with our flesh like a servant, died the cursed death on the cross like a criminal, and all for our sakes. His name is Jesus, which means "to save," because he saves his people from their sins. He rose from the dead for our justification, and he sits at the right hand of God. He is a worthy object of love and thanksgiving.

Stephen was on trial for his life, but his eyes were upon Christ. The communion he had with Christ raised him above this present world. It is the nature of love to desire to be close to the object beloved. We like to be close to those we dearly love. Stephen's rest and repose for his soul was in Christ. His face was a glow with affection; the desire to honor the Lord Jesus.

We also see in Stephen the model of Christian love to Christ is a yielding and dedication of themselves to his will and service. Stephen was full of faith. He was a deacon, who served tables, and testified to others of the Lord. He gave himself to the one he loved, to be wholly at his disposal.

We should ask for the Spirit, and study the glory and grace of Christ. He humbled himself in order to take away our corruptness, and give us the light and life of knowing God.

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# Radiology director named 'Outstanding Student'

## By SCHOOL REPORTS

Jason Holland of Philadelphia is Mississippi State University-Meridian's Outstanding Undergraduate Student for the Division of Business for the Spring 2021 semester.

He was to be recognized at MSU-Meridian's 2021 Spring Commencement on Monday at the MSU Riley Center.

A business administration major with a concentration in healthcare administration, Holland returned to school to advance his career. Less than a year after he began taking classes at MSU-Meridian, he was offered a job in his hometown as director of radiology at Neshoba General Hospital where he oversees 23 full- and part-time employees.

"I was 39 and working in radiology in Meridian when I started my undergraduate degree



Jason Holland was recently named MSU-Meridian's Outstanding Undergraduate Student for the Division of Business for the 2021 Spring semester.

at MSU's Meridian Campus," he said. "The position required a bachelor's degree, and since I

was already enrolled at the university, I was offered the job provided I completed my degree

within their designated time frame."

For Holland, the timing was

perfect.

"Being in school at the same time I assumed my new administrative role, although challenging, was helpful as well," he said. "Before I started the job, I never really had much experience in a management position or human resources, and so the information I was learning in many of my classes I incorporated into my day-to-day responsibilities."

Although three years ago Holland thought the road ahead of him appeared long, now that he is near graduation, he said it seems to have passed by more quickly than he anticipated.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed my time at MSU-Meridian," he said. "To me, the professors were hands-on and available and were always open to answer questions or give advice, help or direction where needed. It was also very well structured for a nontraditional student like me to juggle

work, school and family life and to be able to excel."

The support of Misty, his wife of 16 years and his 13-year-old daughter, Avery Kate, Holland noted, were also crucial to his success.

"My family, especially my wife, sacrificed as much if not more than I did over the past three years," he said. "Many nights she was basically a single parent; she cooked, cleaned and helped our daughter with her homework while I was in the bedroom studying or writing papers. It wasn't just about her picking up the slack—it was her picking me up and encouraging me to keep going and finish strong."

And now that Holland has made that advancement in his career, he's confident his degree will propel him to keep growing.

# Police cite teen after reckless driving results in loss of electricity at Northside

## By DUNCAN DENT

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Police have charged a teen in connection with a motor vehicle accident that damaged a transformer box at the Northside Park soccer fields last Thursday afternoon.

Philadelphia Police Det. Bobby Pattillo said that Isaiah

Frazier, 17, was ticketed for the incident in which eyewitnesses said he was cutting doughnuts in his vehicle when he lost control and hit a transformer box that feeds the concession stand and field lights.

Frazier then fled the scene, according to authorities.

Frazier was cited for leaving the scene of an accident, no

proof of liability insurance and no driver's license, Pattillo said.

A social media post on the Northside Park Facebook page said that the incident happened around 12:20 p.m. on Thursday, April 29. The post reports thousands of dollars in estimated damages. Total damages have not been reported yet.

"Please know when you

come to the parks acting stupid, it will be consequences to the fullest extent allowed," the post read.

The post said that police were able to locate and catch the suspect, who would later be identified as Frazier, due to eyewitness accounts of the incident.

Philadelphia Utilities responded to the scene to restore

power. The Philadelphia Police Department and the Philadel-

phia Fire Department also responded to the scene.

## COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 4/26-5/3

• James Harold Barnett III, 29, of 4527 Hwy 39 N C11, Meridian; no drivers license, no insurance, simple possession

• Marlon Vershonn Boyd, 18, of 10324 RD 1127; murder-capital

• Kirstin Brooke Burrage, 36, of 10050 RD 167, Carthage; hold for investigations, bond jumping

• Perry Thomas Carter, 35, of 11854 Hwy 16 W; serving sentence

• Kimberly Michelle Crocker, 35, of 416 South Decatur St, Union; disturbance of family

• William Anthony Dunn, 54, of 158 Union Square Apt, Union; possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia

• Charles Ellis Fanning, 47, of 16211 RD 505; failure to appear, indictment, hold for other agency, possession of controlled substance, possession of firearm by convicted felon

• Bobby Groves, 36, of 245 Davis St; no charges listed

• Tyrone Groves, 36, of 603 Walnut St; possession of controlled substance X2

• Thermon Johnson Jr, 47, of 122 Thermon Johnson Rd, Preston; possession of controlled substance X2, possession of firearm by convicted felon, possession of paraphernalia

• Zachary W Keen, 19, of 405 North St, Union; possession of controlled substance, possession of marijuana-vehicle, possession of paraphernalia

• Brandi Lynn King, 32, of 257 Goat Ranch Rd, Choctaw; failure to appear, child neglect X2

• Ashley Michelle Long, 36, of 10951 RD 539; disturbing the peace, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct

• Dustin Trent Malone, 36, of 11590 Hwy 482 Lot #14; possession of controlled substance

• Cynthia Nicole Pientowski, 38, of 416 South Decatur St, Union; disturbance of family

• Don J Rhynes, 36, of 309 CR 50326, Newton; suspended drivers license

• Lemarks Sanders, 34, of 2927 Boomfield, Preston; disorderly conduct

• Ashley Harrell Scott, 33, of 11243 Hwy 491 N; contributing/delinquency/minor

• Raymanuel Tadise Seales, 42, of 401 Austin St; hold for other agency X2, failure to appear

• Brenda Sue Shaffer, 66, of 2466 West Roane Ave, Eupora; failure to appear

• Jacorie Davon Smith, 25, of 3806 A Place, Meridian; hold for other agency

• Trajan Tanksley, 22, of 6199 New Hope Rd, DeKalb; failure to appear

• Sherry Townsend, 59, of 10051 RD 1145; contempt of court X2

• Randy White, 36, of 11581 RD 266; hold for investigations

• John Micheal Wingorni, 64, of 10360 RD 234, Union; public drunk

• Andrew Graham Winstead, 25, of 12371 RD 383; hold for investigations, leaving the scene-with injuries

• Da'von Lee Cole, 19, of 11590 RD 383; public drunk, alcoholic beverage possession under 21

• Jaeden Doka, 21, of 150 Tapasha Hina Fluta Rd; failure to appear

• Jerrion Dejuan Hickman, 26, of 1126 West Ave Lot 1; served fine off

• Cully Owen Hilyer, 20, of 15401 Hwy 19 S; public drunk, alcoholic beverage possession under 21

• Logan Holley, 19, of 14131 Hwy 15 S, Union; disturbance of family, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace

• Brandon Heath McMillan, 31, of 688 Blackjack Rd; public drunk, failure to appear X2

• Cindy Riddle, 49, of 100 Sistrunk Ave Lot 15; contempt of court

• Thomas Sistrunk, 34, of 10120 RD 571; domestic violence simple assault-1st

• Emily Trehern, 20, of 183 Apowog Rd, Kosiusko; public drunk, alcoholic beverage possession under 21, possession of paraphernalia

• Daniel Ray Tyree, 40, of 100 Pine St, Enterprise; failure to appear X2

Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 4/26-5/2

• Victoria Boyd, 19, of 10091 RD 1537; simple assault-causing bodily injury

• Surgio R Calloway, 41, of 11271 RD 747; telephone/electronic communication use of profane, indecent, harassing etc. language-1st offense

• Brexler Chapman, 25, of 119 Mashula Lane; contempt of court-municipal court

• Karla R Clemons, 32, of 10131 RD 1525; contempt of court-municipal court

• Cortez D Cole, 25, of 1125 West Avenue; aggravated assault-use of deadly weapon or other

• Adream L Farmer, 35, of 100 Red Oak Dr. Apt 2; controlled substance-possession of schedule I or II - 10-30 grams or 20-40 dosage units, controlled substance-possession of paraphernalia, hold for MDOC

• Charlie D Hemphill, 32, of 331 N Church Ave, Louisville; possession of controlled substance, controlled substance-possession of paraphernalia, hold-detainer for other agency

• Gregory M Huddleston, 40, of 417 Austin St; MV-no insurance, DUI-1st offense, MV-reckless driving, MV-no drivers license, seatbelt violation

• Sebastian S Jenkins, 49, of 15977 Hwy 18 E, DeKalb; MV-careless driving, disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers, DUI-test refusal

• Jerme D Lowery, 30, of 159 Smith Circle, Louisville; possession of controlled substance, controlled substance-possession of paraphernalia, license-driving while revoked or suspended

• Emmite D McGee, 42, of 18401 Hwy 21 S; contempt of court-municipal court

• Frankie E Pruitt, 41, of

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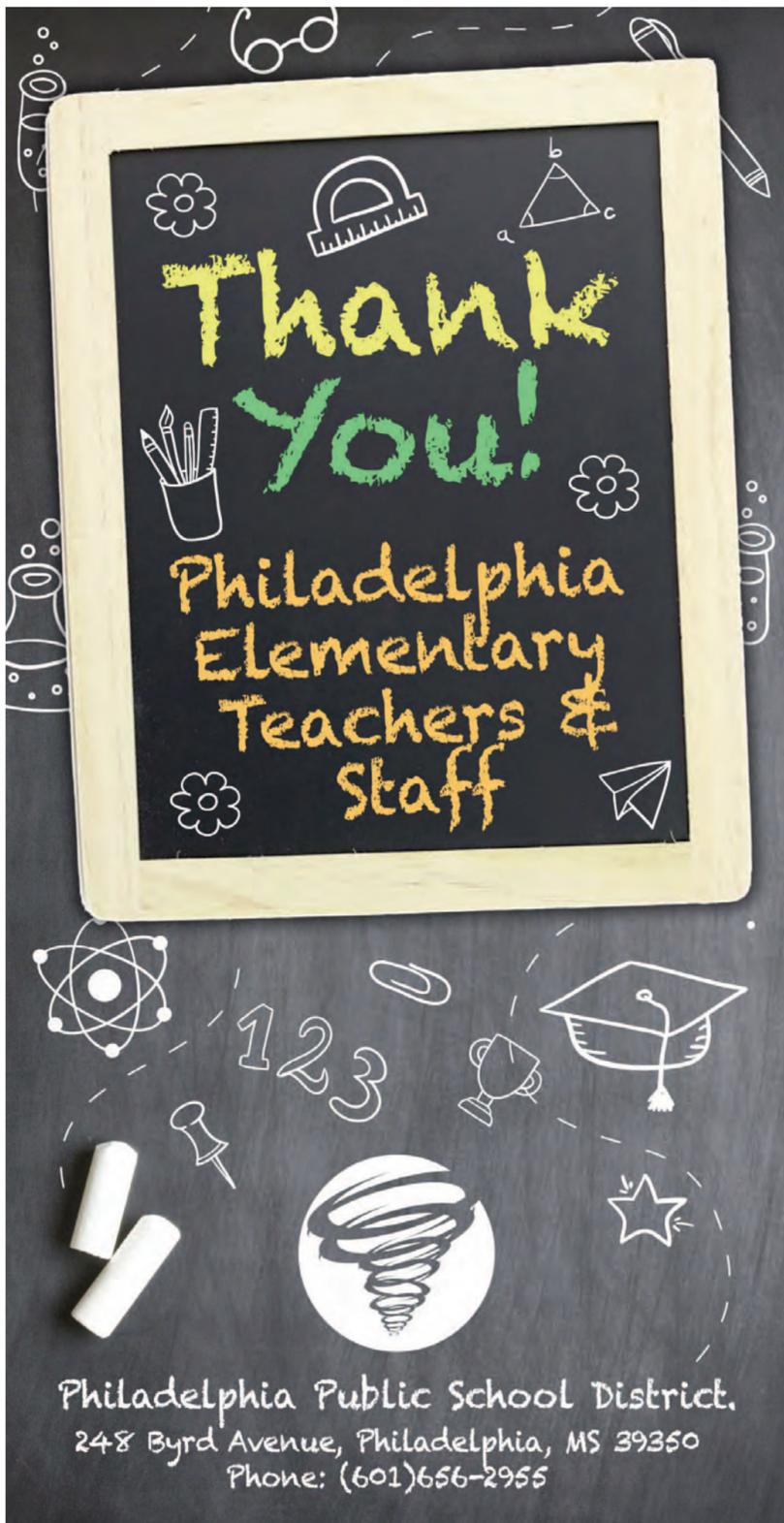
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 My goal is to help out in my

Community and my town. I am willing to work with the Board Members in our town to make our community a clean and safe place to live. I am ready to be a good Leader in our Community if it's the Lord's will.  
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Ruthie Nash

husband and I open up our church doors for people that were addicted to drugs and alcohol. My focus for the future is to improve the community. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Let's pray together, work together and stay together. I want to be your next Alderwoman in Ward 4. Go to the poll on June 8 and vote for Ruthie (Lady) Nash! I am ready for you, and I pray you are ready for me. "Let's focus on the future." YES WE CAN!  
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Sheriff's deputies recovered drugs, money, and a weapon in Longino last week.

### Man faces multiple drug charges

By DUNCAN DENT  
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A Preston man was arrested on felony methamphetamine and marijuana possession charges in the Longino community Thursday evening, the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office said.  
 Thermon Johnson, Jr. of 122 Thermon Johnson Road, Preston, was arrested and charged with felony possession of a controlled substance, felony possession of marijuana, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of paraphernalia.  
 Johnson remains in the Neshoba County Detention Center on \$81,000 total in bond.  
 Sheriff Eric Clark said Johnson was stopped on Mississippi 21 north, near the intersection of County Road 557 in the Longino community



Thermon Johnson Jr.

on the evening of Thursday, April 29.  
 Johnson was found to possess a felony amount of a controlled substance believed to be methamphetamine and a felony amount of marijuana, Clark said.  
 More than \$5,000 in cash was seized on the traffic stop as well.

### Union men arrested after traffic stop

By DUNCAN DENT  
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Sheriff's deputies arrested two Union men on meth charges Thursday evening in a traffic stop on North Street near Union.  
 William Anthony Dunn of 158 Union Square Apartments, Union, and Zachary W. Keen of 405 North Street, Union, were both arrested and charged with felony possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana in a motor vehicle and possession of paraphernalia.  
 Both men remain in the Neshoba County Detention Cen-

ter on \$17,000 bond each.  
 Sheriff Eric Clark said Dunn and Keen were two of multiple drug arrests made during the evening shift on Thursday, April 29.  
 The two were traveling on County Road 321, also known as North Street, near Union. Both men were found to possess felony amounts of controlled substance deputies believe to be methamphetamine, officials said.

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 In January 2005, Fanning was charged with possession of a controlled substance believed to be crystal methamphetamine and possession of firearms by a convicted felon, the authorities said.  
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### Norris

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 donations be made to Milling Funeral Home," the funeral home said.  
 A separate GoFundMe account has been set up at <https://gofund.me/866908ec>.  
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## Deputies recover stolen equipment

By **DUNCAN DENT**  
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Law enforcement authorities are trying to locate the owners of two pieces of stolen property recovered from residents who said they bought them online.

Sheriff Eric Clark said deputies recovered a Kubota ZD 1211 mower and a Honda Pioneer 1000 utility vehicle on Tuesday, April 27 from a property on Road 359. Clark said that both items had been reported stolen in different counties more than a year ago.

"Another example of Neshoba County Sheriff's Office using every resource available to solve

the crime," Clark said. The 60-inch diesel zero-turn mower was reported stolen from Louisville on April 1, 2018, according to Clark and he said that the Honda side-by-side was reported stolen from Jefferson County on Feb. 29, 2020.

A Philadelphia Police Department narcotics officer reportedly shared information that led investigators to this property.

Clark said that no arrests have been made yet and that the residents said they have documentation that they bought them online. Clark said he has released the Honda to the insurance company that made a claim on the piece of equipment. He said it

was taken from a deer camp in Jefferson County.

"We have questioned the people at the residence and they said they purchased both items on Facebook marketplace or something like that," Clark said.

Clark said that they are working on returning the mower to its owner. He said reports from the 2018 incident say that the owner bought the mower new, parked it in his shed and when he went to use for the first time it was gone. He said he suspects the mower has largely been hidden because it has less than 60 hours logged on it in the last three years.

Clark said that the case remains under investigation.

## Neshoba Central wins TSA Awards

By **SCHOOL REPORTS**

The Neshoba Central High School Chapter of the Mississippi Technology Student Association captured 58 awards in the state TSA competition. They will compete nationally in June. All competitions this year are virtual.

Winners included:  
Debating Technology Issues: second place, Leyton Turk and Hunter Pollack-Bavetta.

Essays On Technology: second place, Spencer Rea.

Digital Video Production: first place, Aiden Collins, Jacob Goforth, Ethan Hardin, William Schmid and Wayne Weaver.

On Demand Video: first place, Aiden Collins, William Dorman, Kathryn Dreifuss, Ethan Hardin, William Schmid and Wayne Weaver.

Chapter Team: first place, Tyus Bell, Damien Clark, Madi-

son Eickhoff, Briana Eubanks, Justin Hendrix and Hunter Pollack-Bavetta.

Coding: second place, Matthew Pecoraro and Tony Riddle.

Forensic Science: second place, Brandon Beckham and Hunter Pollack-Bavetta.

Technology Bowl: first place, Damien Clark, William Smith and Zavibien Welch.

Children's Stories: second place, Heather Nicholson, Briana Eubanks, Natalie Page and Kylie Posey.

Board Game Design: second place, Ethan Bounds, Zoie Herring, Devin McCoy, Malcom McDonald and Mary Moran (team one). First place, Madison Eickhoff and Noah Savell (team two).

Extemporaneous Speech: first place, Riley Robinson.

Fashion Design and Technol-

ogy: first place, Annalise Bell and Daylynn Mingo.

Music Production: third place, Damien Clark, Tony Grant, Braedon Raffield, Omari-on Stribling and Zavibien Welch.

Photographic Technology: second place, Zoie Herring. First place, Jonathan Andy.

Prepared Presentation: second place, Aiden Collins.

Video Game Design: first place, Madison Eickhoff, Logan Flowers, Brice Foster, Justin Hendrix and Samuel Knight.

Information Technology Fundamentals + Preparation Exam: first grade, Gracie Waldrop.

Cybersecurity: third place, Jackson Stroud; second place, Zavibien Welch; and first place, Damien Clark.

TSA Teacher of the Year: Sadera Anderson.

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# Cooking is a family affair for the Kings

By SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS  
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**B**rittany Lovern King is a small business owner who does pageant makeup and hair. In high school, Lovern would always braid hair. After graduating from Edinburg Attendance School, she attended East Central, where she got her license in cosmetology. Lovern gets to do her dream job three miles from home. She has been the owner of Britt's Hair Shop for almost 10 years.

King's parents are Misty and Rudy Lovern. In addition, she has two brothers, Tyler and Dylan Lovern.

King and her family all live in the Arlington community. People in her community are close and everyone enjoys riding their golf carts in the area. King is married to Ryan King. They have been married for 10 years. The Kings have two daughters, Madalynn, six, and Landree, one.

The Kings enjoy spending time with their family and being outdoors. The daughters enjoy helping King cook.

"My oldest daughter Madalynn likes helping me put ingredients, and my youngest daughter always likes making a mess and licking the bowl," King said.

The family likes to ride horses. They attend Macedonia Revival Center.

Since the King family lives close together during the week, they also cook for the family or eat at her grandfather Junior Bell's house and her mother and dad's house. Her husband is the grill master, and they enjoy getting together with friends to grill.

In high school, one of King's chores was cooking supper every night, and this was also the way she would make her allowance.

When learning how to cook new things, King would always call her Nana, Linda Bell. Her Nana was her walking, talking cookbook. Unfortunately, King's Nana passed away two years ago.

Nana's chicken spaghetti is a special recipe for her family because it reminds them of their Nana.

King is thankful her Nana taught her how to cook. She uses her Nana's recipe, and her tradition lives on through her grandchildren and children.



Brittany Lovern King, center, with daughters Madalynn, right, and Landree, left.

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- 1 Swiss chocolate cake mix
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## COOK OF THE WEEK

### NANA'S CHICKEN SPAGHETTI

- 3 chicken breast with bone
- 2 chicken stock bullion cubes
- 1 block of velveta cheese

- 1 can of mild rotel
- 1 can of small English peas
- 3/4 pack of angel hair pasta

Boil chicken breast with bullion cubes until tender. Remove chicken from broth and add noodles. Broth needs to be about half or a little less full in your boiler. Once noodles is tender add in cheese in

cubes. Have stove on low and stir until melted into the stock. Add in rotel, peas, and shredded chicken. Pour into baking dish and cook for 20 mins on 325. Add salt and pepper to taste.

### CANDIED YAMS

- 6-7 sweet potatoes
- 1 tablespoon of lemon juice
- 1 cup of sugar

- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
- 1 stick of butter

Cut sweet potatoes into slices and place in a baking dish.

Add in ingredients and bake on 350 until tender. If too much juice add a little more sugar.

## Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS  
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A precious baby girl was welcomed with much love and rejoicing by Keenan and Katy Kinard of Birmingham, Ala. The new arrival has been named Kennedy Mary Kinard. She weighed exactly 8 pounds and is ready to go home and meet her big brother, Matthew!

Her Philadelphia grandparents, George and Tammy Tolbert Tawater, are thrilled that their grandchild number 5 has made her debut. Congratulations!

Leake Academy held its annual 8th Grade Formal on the evening of April 24 on the school campus. The guests enjoyed a dinner party before the dance which was catered by parents who also decorated for the event. It was a lovely setting with white tablecloths and centerpieces on the round tables. The students were so excited and had looked forward to the evening for some time.

The girls looked beautiful in their spring dresses with wrist corsages adding a special touch. The boys wore suits and ties with boutonnières in their lapels and looked so handsome. There was a special area set up with a gold backdrop and balloons for pictures to remember this event. It was a first for this class who thoroughly enjoyed their inaugural venture into formal events.

The Philadelphia High School Band presented its Spring Concert featuring the music of the composer, James Swearingen. James Swearingen is an American composer and arranger who produced

many outstanding pieces of music which are played in several genres. One of his best-known selections for band is "Invicta." His repertoire of compositions and arrangements is extensive. Those attending were very impressed with the band's performance and enjoyed the concert.

The band director is Mr. Wayne M. Ben who has encouraged his students and improved the entire band's performance. He does an awesome job. Thank you to Mr. Ben and all of the band members for a wonderful concert.

The Family Life Center at the First Baptist Church was delightfully decorated in pink and white with accents of gold for a baby shower honoring Mollie Claire McKay Johnson on Sunday afternoon, April 25. Friends and family came bearing gifts to welcome Brent and Mollie Johnson's first child, a baby girl, who will be named Eleanor Kathryn Johnson.

Pale pink punch was served from a lovely table flanked on one end with a tall arrangement of white and pale pink flowers. A large gold framed Bible verse, "I praise God for I am Fearfully and Wonderfully Made," was at the opposite end with a bouquet of pink and white roses near it. The table was covered with a white floor-length cloth with an arch of pink and white balloons interspersed with gold on the wall above it.

The long refreshment table was covered in a white floor-length cloth and a beautiful floral centerpiece of white and pink flowers accented with greenery. Cupcakes iced in the shape of pale pink roses were topped with a small round pic-

ture of a sprig of pink roses and the words, "Sweet Baby Girl" written in pink letters. They were almost too pretty to eat!

Guests were seated at round tables covered in long white cloths with pale pink toppers. Napkins were pale pink sprinkled with gold dots and gold forks were used.

Mollie Claire, assisted by her mother, Sharon Tingle McKay, opened the many lovely gifts brought with love by the guests for Eleanor Kathryn when she arrives. They were seated before a backdrop of gold with a drift of pink and white balloons accented by some in gold above them. A special guest was Brent Johnson's mother, Tammy Johnson, who is eagerly awaiting the arrival of Eleanor Kathryn. Sharon McKay is excited to have a granddaughter to join her two grandsons! It was a joyous occasion and the hostesses did a marvelous job.

The beautiful home of Eric and Ellen Prince was the setting for a bridal shower honoring Macy Martin on Saturday morning, April 24.

Guests enjoyed a variety of delectable finger foods which were served from a lovely table covered in a white cloth with arrangements of white summer flowers. It was a per-

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### Rez Nutrition opens at Choctaw Town Center

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was recently held for Rez Nutrition located at the Choctaw Town Center. Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben, along with 2019-2021 Choctaw Indian Princess Elisah Jimmie, Tribal Council Representatives Loriann Ahshapanek, Tarina Anderson, Deborah Martin, Wilma Simpson-McMillan, Hilda Nickey, Ronnie Henry, Sr. and Kendall Wallace, Rez Nutrition employees, Distinguished Young Woman Mary Kate Moran and Neshoba Co. Chamber/Main Street Director Tim Moore, celebrated the event.

## Engagements

### Madalyn Ann-Marie McMahon to wed Taylor Joseph Irby May 15

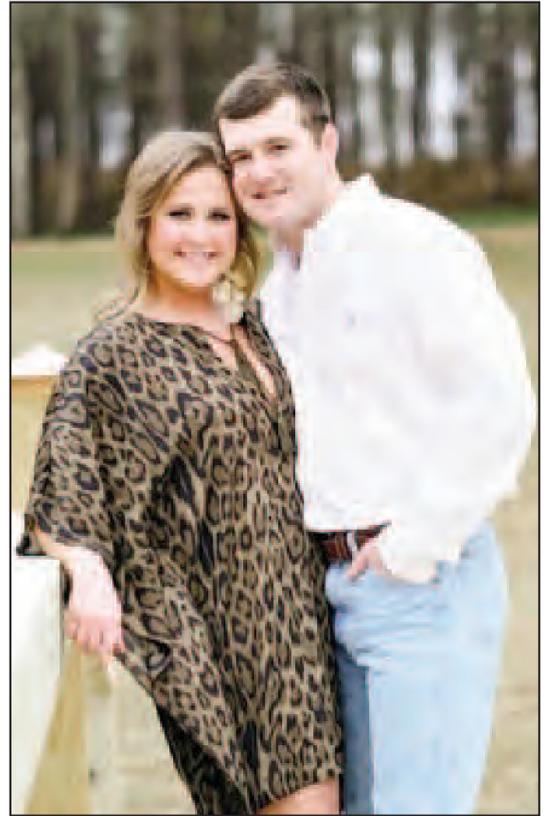
Madalyn Ann-Marie McMahon and Taylor Joseph Irby announce a May 15, 2021 wedding. The outdoor event will be held at the Irby home in Collinsville at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

Madalyn is the daughter of Lee and Debora McMahon-Call and the late Gregory McMahon. She is the granddaughter of James and Cheryl Wilson of DeKalb, and Gus and Dean McMahon of Hattiesburg.

The bride elect is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, East Central Community College, and Mississippi State University. She is employed by Newton County Schools as a teacher and assistant softball coach.

Mr. Irby is the son of Joey and Heather Irby of Collinsville. He is the grandson of Kathy Irby and the late Robert Irby of Collinsville, and the late Larry Cumberland and the late Wayne and Janice Laney Thomas.

The bridegroom elect is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School and Meridian Community College. He is employed by the Air National Guard in Meridian.



Madalyn Ann-Marie McMahon and Taylor Joseph Irby



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## Lady Rockets advance to North State in playoffs

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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The Neshoba Central Lady Rockets have advanced to the Class 5A North State finals with playoff sweeps over Center Hill and Grenada.

Who the Lady Rockets will play in North State remains a question. New Hope and Saltillo have not been able to complete their series because of bad weather.

North State will be played this weekend. The winners advance to the state championship round the following weekend which will be held at Mississippi State in Starkville.

The Lady Rockets now stand at 28-0 and are ranked No. 1 in the nation according to the USA national poll of high school fast-pitch softball teams.

The Lady Rockets opened the Mississippi High School Activities Association playoffs with a sweep of Center Hill, 12-1 and 10-0. This past weekend, they swept Grenada 13-0 and 6-1.

### Lady Rockets 12, 10 Center Hill 1, 0

Elleigh Willis was the winning pitcher in both games. She struck out six in the first game and eight in the second game.

In game one, the Lady Rockets scored two in the first, three in the second, four in the fourth and three in the fifth.

Kylee Thompson hit a home run and knocked in three runs. Shante Beaulieu also hit a home run. Willis had two hits. Charmayne Morris hit a double and a single, scored two runs and knocked in three more. Tenly Grisham had two hits, scored three runs and knocked in another. Mauhree Jones and Hama'ya Fielder both hit a double.

In game two, the Lady Rockets outit Center Hill 10-2.

Neshoba Central scored three in the first, two in the second, two in the third and one in the fourth. Center Hill scored one run in the third.

Grisham had three hits, scored three runs and knocked in two more. Thompson and Willis both hit a double, scored

a run and knocked in two runs. Beaulieu hit a double.

### Lady Rockets 13, 6 Grenada 0, 1

The Lady Rockets opened the series with Grenada by scoring seven in the first and six in the fifth.

Beaulieu hit a double and a single. She scored one run and knocked in three more. Thompson hit a single, scored two runs and knocked in two more. Grisham had two hits, scored two runs and knocked in another.

The Lady Rockets then took the second game in seven innings. They scored one in the first, one in the fifth, one in the sixth and three in the third. Grenada's run came in the sixth inning.

Grisham had three hits, scored two runs and knocked in another. Thompson had one hit and knocked in two runs. Beaulieu had one hit and scored one run.

Willis was the winning pitcher in both games.

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### Friends

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fect day for this happy event and everyone seemed to enjoy being together and relaxing in such a pleasant atmosphere. It has been a long stressful year of being apart and so very careful to avoid being ill that a special feeling of happiness and relief seemed to permeate the air.

Macy looked lovely in her white dress and seemed to radiate happiness. Rebecca Prince assisted Macy as she opened the many thoughtful gifts brought by her guests.

Hostesses for the shower were Pam Breland; Dawn Lea Chalmers; Sally Clark; Joni Duncan; Tabby Goldman; Amy Johnston; Deanna Jones; Cheryl Mars; Tammy McKee; Gina Morehead; Kim Price; Ellen Prince; Sue Ellen Smith; Wendy Smith; and Tracy Tinsley.

Special guests were Celeste Myatt Rhodes, Tanner's mother, his sister, Maggie Rhodes, and his grandmother, Lucille Myatt, and Macy's grandmother, Shirley Webb Cox.

Macy and Tanner Rhodes will be married in The First United Methodist Church of Philadelphia on June 5 at 6 o'clock in the evening.



The Neshoba Central baseball team won the Region 3-5A championship and enters the Class 5A state baseball playoffs with a 21-7 record. Members of the team are, front row from left, Luke Wilborn, Caden Stuart, RB Hardin, Mason Whitehead, Azaylon Hickman, Garrett Martin, Rhett Stovall, Jordan Davis, Caleb Thames; second row from left, Creed Fulton, Dagan Martin, Jacob Killens, EJ Wright, Ramie Harrison, Cade Hall, Demarkez West; third row from left, Jaress Goodin, Grayson Fulton, Jesse Hancock, Bryceton Spencer, Reid Hall, Brayden Reynolds, Pepper Agent and Sanders Griffis. Not pictured is Landon Coward.

# Rockets enter state baseball playoffs

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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The Neshoba Central baseball team will enter the Missis-

sippi High School Activities Association Class 5A state playoffs this week when they take on Center Hill.

The Rockets drew a first-

round bye this past weekend while Center Hill defeated Vicksburg in two games to advance.

The first game will be played

Thursday at Neshoba Central, starting at 7 p.m. The second game will be held at Center Hill on Friday. A third game, if necessary, will be played Saturday

at Neshoba Central.

The Rockets enter the contest with a 21-7 record while the Mustangs come in at 8-18.

Last week, the Rockets

played an extra game with Germantown, losing 8-0. Cade Hall and Ramie Harrison had the Rockets' two hits.

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TO: LYNNITA ANN KING Whose mailing address is unknown and whose post office and street address is unknown after diligent search and inquiry. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT(S) You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by ROSANNA R. THOMAS, Plaintiff, which seeks to obtain guardianship of the minor child. You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint, petition or motion at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 26th day of May, 2021, in the Tribal courtroom of the Smith John Memorial Judicial Complex located on the Pearl River Reservation, Choctaw, Mississippi. 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, petition or motion. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 9th day of April, 2021. TRIBAL COURT CLERK BY: /s/ Jennilee Young 52547

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of funds April 2021 Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI) Choctaw Housing Authority P.O. Box 6088 Choctaw, MS 39350 This notice shall satisfy two procedural requirements activities to be undertaken by the Choctaw Housing Authority. REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS Following the end of the required fifteen day comment period, the Choctaw Housing Authority will submit a request to the Chicago Office of Native American Programs, DHUD, for release of Indian Housing Block Grant Cares funds under the Native American Housing and Self-Determination act of 1996. The 55-IH-28-02600 project includes 18 new units and modernization of 37 act units on the Choctaw Indian reservation. The funding of \$3,227,785 includes \$1,627,785 for the development of new housing units and \$1,600,000 for subsidizing/modernization units. FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Review Record is on file at The

Choctaw Housing Authority Office in the Pearl River Community and may be reviewed or copied on week days between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. PUBLIC COMMENTS Individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Choctaw Housing Authority Office. All comments received within 15 days following the publication date of this notice will be considered prior to submission of a request for release of funds. RELEASE OF FUNDS The MBCI certifies to DHUD/ONAP that Chief Cyrus Ben in his capacity as Tribal Chief consents to accept the Jurisdiction of Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and allows the Choctaw Housing Authority to use IHBG Funds. OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' certification for a period of fifteen days following the actual receipt of the request only if based on one of the following reasons: (a) Certification not executed by Certifying Officer of the MBCI; (b) MBCI has failed to make a finding required by 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grantee has committed funds or incurred cost before approval of release of Funds by HUD; or (d) another federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project does not meet environmental quality standards. Objections must be in accord with 24 CFR part 58 and addressed to the Office of Native American Programs, Department of Housing & Urban Development, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604-3507. /s/ Jerry W. Cain Jerry W. Cain Certifying Officer-Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians 52548

### TITLE OF ABANDONMENT MOTOR VEHICLE

MAXWELL'S AUTO SERVICE 10411 Highway 16 East Philadelphia, MS 39350 MAKE: 2007 Chevrolet Cobalt VIN#: 1G1AK55F87347644 PLACE OF SALE: Maxwell's Auto Service SALE DATE: May 22nd, 2021, 8:00a.m. OWNED BY: Tanya Jones ADDRESS: 10810 Road 468 Philadelphia, MS 39350 52557

### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI TELITHA TATE JONES, PLAINTIFF VS. KELVIN JONES, DEFENDANT CAUSE NO. 2021-98 NON-RESIDENT SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Kelvin Jones A Non-Resident of the State of Mississippi NOTICE TO DEFENDANT THE COMPLAINT WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT, AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of written response to the Complaint for Divorce to Honorable Tammy C. Smith, the attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is 326 Main Street, Suite A, Philadelphia, MS 39350. Your

response must be mailed or delivered within thirty (30) days from the date of the delivery of this summons and complaint or a judgment by default will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint. You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 19th day of April, 2021. (SEAL) /s/ Guy Nowell NESHOPA COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK BY: /s/ W. Savell, D.C. 52558

### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI NESHOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, AND EASTON GAUGE ELMORE, A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HIS NEXT FRIEND, MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, PETITIONERS VS. HEATHER ELIZABETH HURST AKA ELMORE, DANIEL LEE ELMORE, JR., THOMAS GILES AND UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, RESPONDENTS CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. 2020-320 CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Heather Elizabeth Hurst AKA Elmore, who is not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose post office address is 215 Lincoln Avenue, York, NB 68467-3572. TO: Thomas Giles, who is not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose post office address is 215 Lincoln Avenue, York, NB 68467-3572. TO: Unknown Putative Father, who is not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose post office address is not known to the Petitioners after diligent inquiry made by said Petitioners. You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by the Neshoba County Department of Child Protection Services by Marcus D. Davenport, Social Services Regional Director, and, Easton Gauge Elmore, a minor, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minor and demanding that full custody, control and authority to act on behalf of said minor be placed with the Neshoba County Department of Child Protection Services. Respondent other than you in this action is Daniel Lee Elmore, Jr. YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9, O'CLOCK A.M. ON THE 29TH DAY OF JUNE, 2021, IN THE COURTROOM OF THE NESHOPA COUNTY CHANCERY YOUTH COURT HOUSE AT 401 E. BEACON STREET, STE. 107, PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this 23rd day of April, 2021. /s/ Guy Nowell GUY NOWELL, CHANCERY CLERK NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI 39350 BY: /s/ K. Greer, DC Deputy Clerk SEAL Bria Keeler, MSB#105474 Office of the Attorney General Post Office Box

220 Jackson, MS 39205 Telephone No. (601) 359-4239 Email: Bria.Keeler@ago.ms.gov 52562

### THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF PATRICIA (PATTI) PEEBLES, DECEASED SUSIE-HANNAH WILLIAMS, EXECUTRIX NO. 2021-22-KK NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 7th day of April, 2021, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, Susie-Hannah Williams, upon the Estate of Patricia (Patti) Peebles, 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 7th day of April, 2021. /s/ Susie-Hannah Williams SUSIE-HANNAH WILLIAMS, EXECUTRIX OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF PATRICIA (PATTI) PEEBLES, DECEASED ROBERT L. THOMAS, MSBN 8159ALFORD, THOMAS & THOMAS, PLLC ATTORNEYS AT LAW POST OFFICE BOX 96 PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI 39350 (601) 656-1871 52568

### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI RAMONA JEWELL PALMER AND NOEL TRAVIS PALMER JR. INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS NEXT OF FRIENDS OF M.J.P. A MINOR (DOB: 09/06/2016), PETITIONERS VS. KARLEY HARVARD-MATTHEW PERMENTER, RESPONDENTS CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2018-2 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: KARLEY HARVARD 1707 13TH STREET MERIDIAN, MS 39351 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT(S)

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Ramona Jewell Palmer and Noel Travis Palmer, Jr., Petitioners, seeking custody and other relief of the child named in the Petition. Defendants other than you are none. You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint, petition or motion at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 10th day of June, 2021, in the Chancery Courtroom of the Winston County Courthouse located in Louisville, Mississippi. 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, petition, or motion. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 29th day of April, 2021. SEAL /s/ Guy Nowell CHANCERY CLERK BY: /s/ W. Savell DEPUTY CLERK Publish three (3) consecutive weeks Robert Lee Thomas MSBN 105358AIFORD, Thomas & Thomas PLLC 601-656-1871 52579

### 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, June 3, 2021, for: New Vent Hood at Neshoba Central High School Neshoba County School District (Philadelphia, Mississippi) P & M Project Number: 2021120 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 02000 - 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, May 5, 2021 Wednesday, May 12, 2021 52581

# Students receive flags flown over U.S. Capitol

By AMELIA HENSON  
Special to the Democrat

Philadelphia High School Advanced Placement Physics and Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles students were given United States flags that have flown over the United States Capitol in their honor for their hard work this school year.

Thirteen students participated in the program, and five were selected to receive U.S. flags flown over the U.S. Capitol. Mary Booker, Kara Daly, Jeffrey Gary, Davyon McWilliams and Emma Taylor were presented with flags for their dedication and hard work in these courses.

Led by the Global Teaching Project, teachers Christy Creel and Deana Cumberland have taught and encouraged students during difficult times.

"When school began in August after a delay due to COVID concerns, students came back ready to learn and determined to show us they could do this," AP Computer Science Principles teacher Mrs. Cumberland said. "It has been different this year, but the students know that I'm one of their loudest cheerleaders."

AP Physics teacher Christy Creel is a strong advocate for the program, and she participated in learning activities during



Pictured, left to right, are Mrs. Christy Creel, Davyon McWilliams, Jar'dan Sanders, Mrs. Deana Cumberland, Nathan Overstreet, Kara Daly, Cydney Porche, Emma Taylor, Makayla Evans, Kaiya Tucker, Adriana Rush, Jeffery Gary and Mary Booker. Not pictured: Talease Griffin, Zoey McGriff, Shelby Stevens and Teanna Gadson.

the summer and school holidays.

"The program provided great guest speakers that we could not have done on our own," Mrs. Creel said. "It also provided computers, graphing calculators and other materials for students that make the program a hands-on STEM program."

The Global Teaching Project allowed students to participate in webinars with Dr. Edward Ryan, Professor at Harvard Medical School and Director of Global Infectious Diseases at Harvard's Massachusetts General Hospital; entrepreneur, Dallas Mavericks owner and Shark Tank star, Mark Cuban; and

Sam Day-Weiss, a Yale Physics graduate working at an advanced Physics lab at Princeton University.

Superintendent of Education, Dr. Lisa Hull, fought hard for Philadelphia students to be part of this program.

"Students at Philadelphia High School are very bright and

can compete with students anywhere in the world," Dr. Hull said. "I wanted to make sure our students had the opportunity to be part of this world-class program and be recognized as top students across the state."

Dr. Hull also spoke on how Philadelphia High School was one of five districts selected to

offer AP Computer Science Principles.

"Our students were offered to participate in the AP Computer Science Principles Program because of their hard work in the AP Physics course," Dr. Hull said. "I am very proud of our students for their accomplishments and our teachers for challenging students to achieve at such high levels."

U.S. Senator Roger Wicker congratulated the students via Zoom during the recognition program.

"It has been a challenging year, but I commend you all for pushing through and achieving outstanding academic feats," Senator Wicker said. "Your hard work will pay off, and you will receive a well-paying job one day with the knowledge you are gaining."

Senator Wicker also said that the future of STEM in Mississippi is growing and touched on STEM-related subjects like COVID-19 vaccines, space travel and planes.

Both AP Physics and AP Computer Science Principles are endorsed by the College Board, which is the nation's largest college-going organization that helps students transition from high school to college through programs like Advanced Placement courses.

# ECCC students named to PTK All-Mississippi Academic Team

By SCHOOL REPORTS

East Central Community College sophomores Brian Pace of Collinsville and Courtney Gill of Carthage were named to the 2021 Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Community College Academic Team.

The All-Mississippi Community College Academic Team

recognizes scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in the state's two-year colleges. Pace was named to the First Team and Gill was a Second Team honoree.

A graduate of Neshoba Central High School and a business-marketing major, Pace is president of Phi Theta Kappa honor

society, and member of Phi Beta Lambda business education organization, President's Council, Warrior Corps, and Men of Dignity. He is one of six



Brian Pace



Courtney Gill

inductees into the ECCC Student Hall of Fame for 2020-21.

A graduate of Leake Academy and an engineering major, Gill is president of the Student Body

Association, 2020 Homecoming Queen, and member of Warrior Corps, Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Phi Beta Lambda business education organization, Alpha Alpha Epsilon engineering society, President's Council, women's tennis team, and Student-Athlete Advisory Council.

Both honorees will receive

medallions, certificates, and printed resolutions from the Mississippi Senate and House of Representatives.

The All-Mississippi Academic Team program is coordinated by Phi Theta Kappa, Mississippi Association of Community Colleges, and Mississippi Community College Board.

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- Knowledge of report preparation techniques
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Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, business administration or closely related field plus 5 years of progressively responsible experience in public or governmental accounting, which includes a minimum of 2 years of supervisory experience, planning, and fiscal responsibility, and the use of computers in maintaining records, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. CPA, and experience in public housing preferred.

**Other:** Must be able to be covered under the Authority's Fidelity Bond Insurance and Valid driving license

**Individuals wishing to apply for this position should apply in person at:**  
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Attention: Human Resources  
P.O. Box 6033, Choctaw Branch  
Choctaw, Mississippi 39350

**MS REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
**POSITION OPENING**  
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The Authority has a position opening for a Receptionist based in the Central Office in Newton. This position requires knowledge of typing, computer skills including the use of Microsoft Word, Excel and other general office machines. This person is responsible for answering all telephone lines, routing calls, processing mail, waiting on the front and supporting the Low-Rent and Section 8 Staff. This position works under the general supervision of the Executive Director.

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**MRHAV encourages residents, and those receiving housing assistance to apply.**



**Tennis team qualifies for tournament**

The Neshoba Central tennis team has eight members who qualified for the 5A Individuals Tournament held last week in Oxford. Pictured, left to right, are (Front) Keely Parrett, Jaylen Sisson, Halle Montgomery and Allie Horn (Back) Coach Richard Boykin, Emily Berry, Aaron Phillips, Ty Smith, Jaci Willis and Coach Allison Cook.



**Hunter wins powerlifting championship**

Neshoba Central's Jarquez Hunter, center, recently was named MHSAA 5A Powerlifting State Champion in the 198 Class



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**THE NESHOPA DEMOCRAT**



Elijah Robinson recently interned at Neshoba General's IT Department.

## Robinson interns at hospital

By STAFF REPORTS

Elijah Robinson recently took part in East Central Community College Work-Based Learning Program as an Intern with Neshoba General's Information Technology department.

Through this program, Robinson was hired on as a part time employee working in the IT department as an entry-level Helpdesk technician. He was able to gain real-world work experience in his field of study, Computer Networking.

The hospital benefits from this program by getting part-time help in the IT department to respond to daily Helpdesk requests and install data cabling when needed.

"My time interning at Neshoba General has been of great benefit to me both professionally and personally,"

Robinson said. "The wide range of experiences afforded by working alongside a small IT team in a critical business environment such as a hospital is more valuable than any classroom can provide. My internship has afforded me experience in cabling, implementation of various hardware, networking, interpersonal skills, and much more. The learning opportunities are unparalleled if you take the internship seriously."

Robinson worked at the hospital for seven months working the Helpdesk, troubleshooting computer and printer problems, and developing computer network skills such as configuring a switch. Most jobs in the IT field require a two year degree with experience, so being able to get some experience in the field was instrumental in Robinson getting a fulltime job as a

Systems Engineer with Pileum, an IT consulting and Systems Integration company in Jackson.

Once he graduates in May, he will have an associates degree, two CompTIA certifications, and almost a year of work experience.

"For anyone seeking a career in Information Technology, East Central Community College has an amazing curriculum," Robinson said. "With enough work, you can graduate with not only an associate's degree, but also with three internationally recognized certifications: The CompTIA A+, Network+, and Security+ certifications. Even more valuable, you may be offered the opportunity of an internship where you can gain the most valuable thing a worker can have: experience."

## Kight VP of Starkville Boys & Girls unit

By STAFF REPORTS

Philadelphia native Jimmy Kight is serving as Vice President of the Starkville Unit Board of Director for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Golden Triangle.

Kight is the Director of Development for the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University.

He began working for Mississippi State as a Regional

Admissions Counselor in 2007 in Jackson. He moved to Starkville in 2010 after accepting the role of Assistant Director of Development in the College of Business. He has been in his current position since 2014.

Kight is a 2002 graduate of Philadelphia High School and a 2007 graduate of Mississippi State University with a bachelor's degree in communication.

He is married to Mary Kathryn (Adams) of Greenville.

They have two children, Claire, 12, and Charlie, 7, in the Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District.

He is passionate about improving the lives of fellow Mississippians and having a positive impact on children in the Golden Triangle community.

He is the son of Virginia Clark Kight and the late Jim Kight

# Of Local Interest

### CLASS REUNION

The Philadelphia High School class of 1953 is holding its 68th year class reunion at lake Tiak-o'khata May 14-16, 2021. Class members of other years in that decade are welcome to join us for Dutch treat dinner on Saturday, May 15 at 6:30. If interested, call Claudia Adkins Sims at (769) 524 4071 before May 14.

### BAKE SALE

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church of Edinburg, MS, will be sponsoring a bake sale on Saturday, May 8th. It will begin at 7:00 AM, in the Goco parking lot in Edinburg. Public is invited.

### HOMECOMING

Mt. Olive Baptist Church in the Stephens Town Community will be having a Homecoming/Memorial service Sunday May 30th starting at 10:30. After the service we will have a fellowship dinner. If you have loved ones buried in the cemetery, we would like for you to come and be a part of our service. Everyone that will be staying please bring your favorite dish of food. We will have a great time in the Lords House. Joe Beckham 601-416-5896

### CHURCH HOMECOMING

Bloomfield Church Homecoming will be held on May 16th, 2021, beginning at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fellowship and dinner on the grounds. Grady Pierce 601-728-1065

### NESHOPA CENTRAL PRE-K

The Pre-Kindergarten Program is located at the

Neshoba County School District, Office of Federal Programs/Pre-K building at 1125 Golf Course Road. Students are screened for enrollment by a pre-kindergarten test. The program is designed to serve those children with the most academic/developmental needs, and will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2021. The classes will begin and end to coincide with the regular school term at Neshoba County Schools. Participating students' parents will be required to provide transportation to and from the center. As other students in the school district, pre-k students will be offered breakfasts and lunches by the Neshoba County School District Food Services.

Registration and testing will be conducted from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., on May 19 - 21. We ask that one parent attend with the child being tested.

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

Two (2) of the following proofs of residency:

- IF RENTING/LEASING: Current notarized official home/apartment lease/rental agreement with length of lease and Parent's or Guardian's name included on lease/rental agreement (THIS MUST BE ONE OF THE PROOFS IF LEASING OR RENTING and one of the following #3-#6)
- Filed Homestead Exemption application form OR current mortgage document or property deed
- Valid driver's license OR voter identification card
- Current utility bill (dated within 60 days) showing the service location with

parent's or guardian's name listed (acceptable bills: electricity, gas, water, or landline telephone)

• Automobile registration receipt

• Any other document that will objectively and unequivocally establish that the parent or guardian resides within the school district, and in the case of a student living with a legal guardian who is a bona fide resident of the school district. (Official government documentation - i.e. current tax year return, social security statement, DHS statement, etc.)

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

C. The child's certified birth certificate from Mississippi State Department of Health Vital Records (601-206-8200) (child must be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2021),

D. The child's social security card,

E. The child's MS certificate of immunization compliance form (Form no. 121) checked and signed,

F. CDIB (if applicable).

### CPC ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The CPC's Annual Fundraiser is Thursday, May 6. Local pastors and volunteers will be serving at Bloomo Diner, City Limits, Laredo Grill, McAlister's Deli, and Ronnie's Steak N Grill from 5 to 9 pm. All tips and gifts that night benefit the CPC-Pregnancy & Family Resource Center. Contact Pauline Karcher or at 601-656-9712.

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- Recovery is a long-term process

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

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

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

### TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

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



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**THE NESHOPA DEMOCRAT**

# Neshoba Central partners with county hospital

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

Neshoba Central High School is partnering with the county hospital to implement Project SEARCH, a unique, business led transition-to-work program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The nation-wide program comes under the umbrella of the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.

It facilitates a seamless combination of classroom instruction, career explorations and hands-on training through worksite rotations.

Students working as interns at Neshoba General Hospital might work in such fields as food services, housekeeping, shipping and receiving, physical facilities, etc.

The intern recruitment and selection process is currently under way at Neshoba Central. Those selected will complete three 10-week job rotations over the next school year.

"The partnership with Neshoba General and Project



Neshoba Central High School is partnering with the Neshoba General Hospital to implement Project SEARCH, a unique, business-led transition-to-work program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

SEARCH is an outstanding opportunity for our students to gain vital work experience," said Dr. Lundy Brantley, superintendent of education.

Founded in 1996, Project SEARCH's goal is to help ensure the interns become happy, productive adults once they leave high school, said Mendy Bowen, director of Special Education at Neshoba Central.

"They will get on-the-job

training and experience," she said. "The outcome is, hopefully, some type of competitive employment."

The program comes under the umbrella of the Mississippi Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

Neshoba General Hospital is excited about the partnership with Project SEARCH and Neshoba Central, Lee McCall, chief executive officer, said.

"We look forward to work-

ing with these students to help them develop competitive skills for future employment opportunities," he said.

While the interns are not guaranteed jobs under the program, the focus is to ensure that they gain employable skills to utilize after high school. Interns must be at least 18 years old.

A number of hospitals across Mississippi participate in Project SEARCH, including Forrest General Hospital, University of

Mississippi Medical Center, Baptist Medical Center, North Mississippi Medical Center, among others.

Bowen is eager to get the program under way at Neshoba Central, starting with the 2021-22 fall semester.

"This will give our students real world experience outside of the classroom," she said. "They will be able to show their abilities and not just their disabilities."

Only four to six students will be selected for the program, initially, but Bowen expects to expand in the future with 10 to 12 interns, depending on the number of opportunities available at the hospital.

The first few weeks of the program are focused on intern orientation, hands-on skill assessment and familiarization with the business environment.

They will also work on employability and functional skills for approximately one hour of their day.

During the last few months of the program, the emphasis is on refining skills, achieving the career goal and carrying out individualized job development.

By the end of the program, interns will have completed their resume and portfolio and, hopefully, be ready to enter the workforce.

Project SEARCH serves young people with significant intellectual and developmental disabilities, who are typically on an Individual Education Program and in their last year of high school eligibility.

# Suzanne Wells finishes with UM Jazz Ensemble

By **STAFF REPORTS**

Congratulations to Courtney Suzanne Wells, who played her last performance with the famous Mississippians Jazz Ensemble on April 15, one of the oldest collegiate jazz ensembles in the nation dating back to the 1890s.

Mom Susie Wells, grandmother Vivian Wells, aunt Lynette Kilpatrick, aunt Windee Sanders and cousins Sadee Sanders, Jessica Walker and Destiny Lofton all made the trip to Oxford to watch and hear the amazing performance during which she played three different instruments.

Courtney has been appointed by the University of Mississippi music department faculty as the Most Outstanding Graduate Instrumentalist of the year and was recognized during the Music Honor's Convocation on April 21 followed by her stellar performance of the first movement of Sonata in C- Sharp Minor by Fernande Decruck.

Courtney played in her final performance with the Ole Miss Wind Ensemble at the Gertrude Castellow Ford Center for Performing Arts on April 23, 2021.

Courtney also will celebrate the performance of her capstone master's degree saxophone recital on April 28, 2021, with a

wonderful program that features composers Stacy Garrop, John Williams, John Anthony Lennon, and Jacob Ter Veldhuis.

She will conclude the program with a performance with her fellow members of the UM Reed Quintet. Courtney received her bachelor's degree from Ole Miss in 2019 in Music Education as a Magna Cum Laude graduate.

She graduated on April 30 with a master's degree in music performance. We are so proud of all her hard work and accomplishments and are excited to see where life takes her.



Suzanne Wells recently played her last performance with the famous Mississippians Jazz Ensemble last month. She graduated from the University of Mississippi last week.



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# Anderson named state TSA Teacher of the Year

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

It was no surprise that Neshoba Central engineering teacher Sedera Anderson was named Mississippi Technology Student Association Teacher of the Year after her students captured 58 awards at the state competition.

Thirty-three students brought home first-place awards, 19 received second-place awards and six earned third-place awards. They competed in teams and/or individually in 18 categories, ranging from debating technology issues and coding to forensic science and cybersecurity.

The students are enrolled in engineering and digital media classes at Neshoba.

Shannon Broom teaches digital media while Anderson teaches engineering at Neshoba.

The state competition was held virtually this year. The group will compete on the national level later this summer.

Anderson said the students had to use technology and their own creativity in designing their projects.

The competition also required them to have portfolios, which included step-by-step outlines of their work with pictures throughout.

The students used the Solid Works drawing program, 3D printers and other tools to design board games.

The Technology Student Association is a national organization of students engaged in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The Mississippi Association falls under the umbrella of the state Department of Education.

Superintendent of Education Lundy Brantley lauded Anderson's commitment.

"Mrs. Anderson truly deserves this award," Dr. Brantley said. "She is so committed to growing her students every day."



Neshoba Central High School engineering teacher Sedera Anderson, center, was named Mississippi Technology Student Association Teacher of the Year after her students captured several awards at the state competition. At left is Damien Clark, president of the Neshoba Central TSA Chapter, and at right is Kaden McDonald.

Neshoba Central High School Principal Jason Gentry was also excited to learn of Anderson's recognition.

"We are very proud and honored to have a teacher of the caliber of Mrs. Anderson at NCHS," Gentry said. "She deeply cares about her students and is always looking for ways to improve her program and NCHS as a whole. It is a great honor for her to be chosen as TSA Teacher of the Year!"

Anderson was excited about her recognition but her students' accomplishments brought her the most pleasure.

The Neshoba County native and 1987 graduate of NCHS, worked as an engineer for Peavey Electronics for seven

years before coming to Neshoba Central first as a volunteer and later as an algebra teacher. This is her fourth year teaching engineering.

Her students speak with pride about their teacher and feel blessed that she shares her knowledge with them as their facilitator.

"She is very informative," said Neshoba TSA Chapter President Damien Clark.

Anderson got Clark interested in engineering when he was in her algebra class.

"She was telling me that she was going to be head of the engineering program the next year," Clark said. "Engineering sounded interesting to me so I decided to give it a try."

Clark joined his junior year and found it to be "the most amazing thing because I've always been a hands-on person. We got to build robots the first year and we did coding."

Now a senior, he admires Anderson because of her knowledge in the engineering field.

"She knows what she is talking about because she was previously an engineer herself," he said. "She knows a lot about many different things. She likes to stay on us and makes sure we get our tasks done in a timely and correct manner."

Clark and many of his classmates look up to Anderson because she is eager to learn new things along with her students.

"She's very curious," he said. "She is constantly learning with us. We are getting our national certification and she is learning with us to also get certified. The same thing goes with her and our OSHA certification."

Clark captured first place awards in the state TSA competition in Chapter Team, Technology Bowl and Cybersecurity.

Anderson enjoys watching her students utilize their creativity.

"I am in awe of them when they show me a video game that they created or something else," she said.

Anderson's students are quick to note that she is not one of those teachers who will hand

out material and then sit down at her desk.

She is more of a facilitator who guides them in the right direction.

"I want them to figure out what they love and what direction they want to go," she said. "There are so many diverse interests in the engineering program."

They touch on many areas of engineering including mechanical and civil throughout the two-year course.

Anderson attended East Central Community College and Mississippi State University where she earned a degree in industrial engineering and a minor in math.

After working at Peavey, she took a break from engineering to spend a year at home with her two children.

"I kind of started volunteering at the school and I went back and got my alternate route certification to teach. I taught algebra for 18 years."

While she loved those 18 years, it's clear that her heart remains in engineering. When Neshoba added the program four years ago, she was the perfect fit.

"It just let me go back and use the engineering degree that I started with," she said. "My priorities just kinda changed a little bit when the kids came along."

Anderson's work with teenagers doesn't end in the classroom as she is also the youth director at The Sanctuary church.

"Working with teenagers is my calling in whatever capacity, at church, school, etc.," she said. "I sometimes question my sanity with it but it's my calling."

She uses her talents and her "giving heart" to impact and change lives in whatever capacity she is led to.

"It just makes it fun to do it from a technology side," she said.

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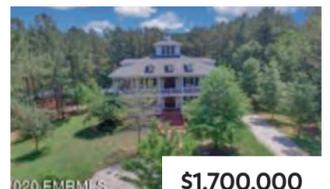
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