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2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Young 'energized' over a 4th term

Clemons out in 2-vote loss, Fulton wins re-election easily

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY

Mayor James A. Young says he's energized and ready to roll up his sleeves and get more things done as he enters a fourth term.

Young handily won re-election last Tuesday night with 819 votes, or 61%, defeating Republican challenger Leo E. Renaldo with 504 votes, or 38%, complete but uncertified totals show.

James A. Young (D) Incumbent 62% | 819 VOTES

Leo E. Renaldo (R) 38% | 504 VOTES

Ward 2 Alderman Jim Fulton won re-election easily while Republican challenger James Waltman defeated Alderman-at-Large Leroy Clemons by two votes. Clemons plans to

challenge the election, he reaffirmed Tuesday. (See stories, Page 10A, 3A.)

Independent Shaun Seales claimed victory over Ruthie D. Nash in Ward 4 and in Ward 3

Democrat James Tatum defeated Republican Wright Griffis. (See story, page 10A.)

Young said there are a lot of projects on the burner and he's thankful to "have the opportunity to see things through."

"I am going to roll up my sleeves and keep working," Young said after Tuesday night's results were in. "It is a never-ending challenge to continue to do things for the com-

munity." "There were negative things said throughout the campaign and it fires me up to work even harder to serve this city," he said. "I am thankful for the support that this community has given me. I have said all the time that I will never let Philadelphia down."

Young said street improvements and work on infrastructure See MAYOR, page 3A



Philadelphia Fire Department Capt. Nicholas Alexander Walker stands in front of the city's Ladder 1. Walker, who was homeless more than a decade ago, said that finding a Bible in a dumpster changed his life and put him on a new path.

Bible in dumpster changed man's life

By JOHN LEE

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Nicholas Alexander Walker was homeless more than a decade ago, no car, no job and eating out of dumpsters around the Wendy's in Carthage when he found a discarded Bible.

"I started to read and study that Bible," Walker said recently documenting on Facebook his 16th anniversary as a believer in Christ and a changed man.

"I had a long compassionate talk with God and gave my life to Jesus," he said.

Now a captain in Philadelphia Fire Department, Walker, 38, is thankful for that Bible in the dumpster.

"Sixteen years ago I was homeless. No car, no job and no food," Walker said. "I had to find food in dumpsters to eat sometimes. But in one of those dumpsters, I found an old Bible."

Walker grew up in Memphis where there were family issues, he says, graduated from Overton High School, went to community college, married, divorced and ended up homeless in Carthage in 2004.

After finding the Bible in the dumpster,

Walker began working a few side jobs and saved up enough money to buy a used car.

He drove that used car to Philadelphia and got a job as a security guard at the Golden Moon Casino.

"I've gone through some hurtful times, but I use those events to show others how Jesus saved me and the things He taught me along the way," Walker said. "He led me on this path and I am forever grateful to Him."

He also worked at the Neshoba County Jail, before getting on at the Philadelphia Fire

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TRAILER PARK

Drug raid results in 2 arrests

By DUNCAN DENT

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County deputies and city police seized firearms, a felony amount of marijuana and more than \$3,000 in cash in a drug raid that netted two arrests on the evening of June 8.

Alexis Smith, 29, 12201 County Road 573, Philadelphia, and Demetrius K. Home, 29, 244 Cora Street, Philadelphia, were charged with felony possession of marijuana.

Both bonded out on Thursday, June 10 on \$20,000 bond each.

Sheriff Eric Clark said the arrests came from a search warrant executed on Tuesday, June 8, in the evening by the Neshoba County Sheriff's deputies and Philadelphia Police Department on a residence in the Sistrunk Trailer Park just off Weyerhaeuser Road.

The search yielded a felony amount of marijuana, three firearms, \$3,068 cash and drug paraphernalia.

"Neshoba County Sheriff's Office continues to work with Philadelphia Police Department and other agencies to keep drugs from reaching our teenagers," Clark said.

Clark said the raid was the result of an investigation that was started on Monday, June 7 when Neshoba County deputies initiated

See RAID, page 10A



Alexis Smith



Demetrius Home

Neshoba Central students competing nationally with a film on time travel

By JOHN LEE

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If you could go back in time and provide crucial information to your past self, what would it be?

That is the plot of a short film titled "Jimmie's Time Quest," being submitted under the Video on Demand category to the national Technology Student Association (TSA) competition this summer by Neshoba Central High School students.

The Neshoba Central students, Ethan Harden, Kathryn Dreifuss, William Schmid, Jacob Goforth, Wayne Weaver and Aiden Collins (all rising juniors and seniors), worked together to make the short film happen in just a couple of

days. The students won first place earlier this year in the state-level TSA competition in the Video On Demand category with a movie trailer they made titled "The Boy and his Key." The trailer focused on a young boy, equipped with only a book, backpack, key and his wits, who receives a treasure map in the mail and is tasked to find a gemstone somewhere in the world.

The plot of the short film that is still in production for the national competition focuses on the protagonist, Jimmie McGill, a boy who failed high school. Luckily, he meets a wizard who has the power to send him back in time to tell his past self to do better in school and change the future,

or else he will fail and be forced to drop out.

A montage ensues, and Jimmie's past self brings his A-game and changes the past with his hard work. When Jimmie returns to the present time, he receives his high school diploma.

Collins, Harden, Schmid and Weaver act in the film, while Goforth and Dreifuss do the photography, sound, directing and editing.

"The best part about the whole process was having my friends together and filming," Weaver said. "Winning first place in the state TSA competition and competing in nationals is just the icing on the cake."

Weaver got into acting a See FILM, page 5A



Neshoba Central students show off their short film, "Jimmie's Time Quest," which they are submitting to the national Technology Student Association competition this month. Pictured, from left: Kathryn Dreifuss, Jacob Goforth, Aiden Collins, Wayne Weaver, and William Schmid. Not pictured is Ethan Harden.

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

The deadline for submitting engagements and weddings is at noon on Friday before the Wednesday publication.

Every effort will be made to run the announcement on the date requested, but space requirements and time sometimes prohibit it.

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Donation to Fallen Veterans Monument

Steve Ponds presents a check in the amount of \$2,700 from Pearl River Outdoors to support the Fallen Veterans Monument in Dewitt DeWeese Park. The money was generated during Pearl River Outdoor's Memorial Day sale. This is the largest private donation received for the Fallen Veterans Monument. Receiving the check was Ray Crocker, Fallen

Veterans Monument committee chairman. Attending the event was, from left, Tim Gibbs, commander of American Legion Post 138, Tim Moore, Stanley Baxtram, commander of American Legion Post 238, Veteran Obidi Bester, David Vowell and Semeon DeWeese.

1 new arrest made in 'High Life'

By DUNCAN DENT
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Authorities have now brought in 36 of the 38 people targeted by a sweeping multi-agency, year-and-a-half-long drug investigation in Neshoba County following an arrest in Flowood last Monday.

John Netherland, 55, 13070 Highway 488, Philadelphia, was arrested and charged with four felony counts of conspiracy to commit a crime. He has been denied bond and remains in the Neshoba County Detention Center.

Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark said that Netherland was pulled over by Flowood police on the evening of Monday, June 7 and realized he was wanted in Neshoba County.

Flowood Police then contacted Neshoba County and agreed to meet deputies in Leake County to hand over custody of Netherland that night.

Jail records show Nether-

land was brought into the jail just before midnight. Clark said that Netherland does not face any charges in Flowood.

The multi-agency investigation, dubbed Operation High Life, was led by Homeland Security Investigations New Orleans.

The two suspects who remain at large are Caleb Smith and Timothy Stewart.

More than 27 people were arrested on Friday, May 14. The arrests were led by the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, the Neshoba County Sheriff's office, the Philadelphia Police Department, the Mississippi Attorney General's Office, the Drug Enforcement Administration, Neshoba County District Attorney and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians as well as others following a multi-year investigation in collaboration with Homeland Security Investigations New Orleans.

"The arrest culminating Operation High Life is a definitive example of the coa-

lesced commitment among local, state and federal law enforcement to ensure public safety for all Mississippians," said Col. Steven A. Maxwell, director of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics. "However, the seizure of fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine and marijuana is a clear indicator of how pervasive the drug culture is throughout our communities. These drugs were attributed to the loss of more than 500 Mississippians in 2020."

Clark said Operation High Life has taken more than \$5 million in illegal drugs off the streets of Neshoba County.

Previously, the ongoing investigation had resulted in 38 state and federal convictions and the seizure of 85 pounds of methamphetamine with a street value of \$3.5 million, 5 kilograms of cocaine worth about \$500,000, 270 pounds of marijuana worth \$1 million, 300 dosage units of fentanyl worth about \$6,000 and 16 firearms.

It is the result of ongoing Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force efforts statewide.

The investigation included Homeland Security Investigations of Jackson, the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, Drug Enforcement Agency, Neshoba County District Attorney and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians as well as others.

The investigation's most recent conviction occurred Wednesday, May 12 with the sentencing of Landon Mar-

quale Dupree, 35, of Philadelphia, who was charged with and pleaded guilty in the Southern District of Mississippi to selling methamphetamine to an individual on July 15, 2019. Dupree was sentenced to serve 189 months in federal prison, followed by eight years of supervised release. He was also ordered to pay \$4,595 in restitution to the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics.

Man arrested for car burglary at casino

By DUNCAN DENT
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A Maben man is being held in connection with meth and a car burglary reported at one of the casinos Friday afternoon.

Jerry Pittman, 37, 958 Mississippi 15, Maben, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance believed to be methamphetamine and

possession of paraphernalia.

Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark said that Pittman is being held on \$15,600 in bond but is on hold as the investigation into the car burglary at the Golden Moon Casino continues.

Clark said that on June 11



Jerry Pittman

Neshoba County Sheriff's deputies were called to the Golden Moon for a complaint of a vehicle burglary. Deputies arrived to find Pittman detained by security.

An initial interview with Pittman revealed that he possessed an excessive number of DeWalt battery tools,

power saws, grinders, drills and bags of assorted sockets and hand tools. A search of his vehicle revealed the suspected methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Clark said that anyone with information on potential crimes is encouraged to please call Crime Stoppers at 855-485-8477.

Off-duty nurse saves life after wreck

By STAFF REPORTS
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An off-duty nurse saved a man's life following a one-vehicle rollover accident on the northeastern edge of the county last week, Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark said.

The one-vehicle accident in the North Bend community on County Road 781 on Wednes-

day, June 9 sent one victim to a Jackson hospital via helicopter.

Clark said he believes the man was airlifted to Jackson where he remained as of Monday morning.

The wreck occurred on the evening of June 9 just north of the intersection with Road 2826 and south of the intersection with Road 852 where the vehicle left the roadway and rolled

over and he driver was ejected, Clark said.

That they are not releasing the victim's name, Clark said Monday.

The North Bend Volunteer Fire Department and EMS were dispatched and Clark said his deputies were impressed by the quick response that far out in the county.

He said that deputies who

worked the scene told him that the volunteers and EMS "worked like a well-oiled machine" and "don't get paid enough to do what they do."

Clark attributed the victim's survival to a nurse who was on scene shortly after the wreck occurred who was able to tend to the victim until EMS and fire personnel arrived.



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Clemons will challenge 2-vote loss to Waltman

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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Incumbent Democrat Alderman-at-Large Leroy Clemons will challenge his two-vote loss to Republican James Carson Waltman, he reaffirmed this week.

Waltman had 670 votes to Clemons' 668, after election officials tallied absentee and affidavit ballots last week in complete but uncertified results from last Tuesday's election.

"If I had lost by a greater margin, I wouldn't have said anything," Clemons said. "But when losing by just two votes, I think I need to explore some things. We tossed out 17 affidavit ballots and I want to challenge how some of that was done. I think they were done wrong and the process was flawed."

Waltman declined to comment on the election until after the results are certified.

Officials have until this Friday, June 18 to certify the election results.

Clemons said he believes people were being told by poll workers to vote in the wrong place.

"Before the election, I got a copy of the voter roll from City Hall," Clemons said. "If people called and asked where they were supposed to vote, we would look their names up and tell them where to go."

Clemons said when the voters in question showed up at the polls, the poll workers were unable to find their names at that precinct, and would send them to another. When their names were not on the roll at the other precinct, they would vote on an affidavit ballot. He said he was in contact at the time with several of those voters by phone.

Clemons said there were 24 affidavit ballots total, including 14 in Ward 4. He said 13 of the 14 were thrown out and most

because they voted at the wrong precinct.

"When we got up there Wednesday, they were in the precinct we initially sent them to," Clemons said.

Philadelphia Municipal Election Commissioner Harold Richardson was present last Wednesday, June 9 to count affidavit ballots. The other two municipal election commissioners, Janice Payne and Eva Tisdale, however, did not show up for the Wednesday county.

"Mrs. Payne called me and said she had a doctors appointment," Richardson said. "She couldn't make it, and I never heard anything out of Mrs. Tisdale."

Clemons questioned the affidavit counting process.

"He was the only one there of the election commission," Clemons said. "He was the only one that was there Wednesday. He made all of the decisions as far as what votes were rejected and which votes were accepted."

Last Tuesday night's ward-by-ward totals for the Alderman-at-Large position, including absentee ballots, showed, the total at 662 for Clemons and 667 for Waltman. Those ward-by-ward totals were never updated with last Wednesday morning's count.

During last Wednesday's affidavit vote count, Clemons said he was never told how many affidavits were included or how many were rejected.

Richardson said he was assisted by members of the Neshoba County Election Commission and Circuit Clerk employees.

"I asked them to help me because I had to count those affidavit ballots and you have to have a county election commission or a circuit clerk computer to do it," Richardson said adding the computer system is needed to verify the affidavit

ballots.

"We looked those things up and they told me what the problem was and I told them whether to count it or not to count it. All they did was look them up."

After the final affidavits were counted, Clemons said Richardson told him nine were accepted and six of them went to Clemons and three went to Waltman making the total Clemons 668 to Waltman's 670.

Once the affidavits ballots were counted, the updated ward totals were not made public. Materials were placed in a sealed envelope and locked until the commission reconvenes to certify the results which must be done by the end of the day Friday.

Richardson said he could not remember how many affidavits were submitted, accepted or rejected but deferred to Clemons' recollection.

"I'm sure he (Clemons) is probably right because he was more interested in the total than I was," Richardson said. "I was trying to get them counted. He is probably right. I don't know what the total was."

Clemons said he does not believe the process was transparent.

"They were not very cooperative on Wednesday when we did the affidavits as far as them being open about letting me see what was going on," Clemons said. "We don't know. At this point, it looks like it is headed for a court battle."

Clemons said he plans to complete paperwork to contest the election within 10 days.

"I'm not being a sore loser but I think the way they went about that was wrong," Clemons said. "I told Mr. Waltman I had no problems with him. There are things in the process that need to be addressed."

At-Large	Clemons (D)	Waltman (R)
Ward 1	68	233
Ward 2	78	293
Ward 3	133	100
Ward 4	383	41
Total*	662	667

*Ward totals do not match the vote totals because officials have not released affidavit totals.

Mayor

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ture are signs of progress.

"Road work is an inconvenience but it is a sign that the city of Philadelphia is a busy alive

city," he said.

"The traffic is tremendous and that is a plus for our businesses and a plus for our community where people are coming in to shop and visit. My vision is to keep on working on the infrastructure, whether it be

working with the utilities, water, sewer, getting the streets improved and upgraded. This is laying the ground work for new businesses that want to come while taking care of the ones that are here."



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Reckless driving stop results in arrest for meth, paraphernalia

By DUNCAN DENT
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A Neshoba County man was caught with meth and paraphernalia when he was pulled over for reckless driving last Saturday evening.

Toby Alan Windham, 25, 10101 Road 1355, was arrested and charged with felony and misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia.

Jail records show that Windham is being held on

\$1,400 in bond but has not yet received bond for one of the controlled substance charges.

Sheriff Eric Clark said that on Saturday, June 12 late in the evening Neshoba County Sheriff's deputies encountered a white Lincoln Towncar on County Road 571, also known as Burnside Road.

Clark said that Windham was initially stopped for reckless driving, but was later



Toby Alan Windham

determined to be driving impaired.

Windham possessed marijuana, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia at the time of his arrest, the authorities said.

Clark said that anyone with information on potential crimes is encouraged to please call Crime Stoppers at 855-485-8477.

Deputies arrest man with firearm, ecstasy

By DUNCAN DENT
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A Philadelphia man was arrested with a firearm and ecstasy at one of three casinos late Saturday afternoon.

Lawrence Davis Jr., 32, 256A Carver Avenue, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance believed to be ecstasy.

Jail records show that Davis

has a hold on him for an unspecified investigation.

On June 12 Neshoba County Sheriff's deputies were called to the Golden Moon Casino to assist security with a subject that possessed a handgun and a controlled substance, Sheriff Eric Clark said.

Clark said that when



Lawrence Davis Jr.

deputies arrived on the scene they made contact with casino authorities and Davis and made the arrest.

Clark said that anyone with information on potential crimes is encouraged to please call Crime Stoppers at 855-485-8477.

DeKalb man caught with drugs at casino

By DUNCAN DENT
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A DeKalb man was arrested with what is believed to be meth Friday evening at the Silver Star Casino.

David L. Grace, 30, 77 Purvis Murray Road, DeKalb, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance believed to be methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of para-

phernalia.

Jail records show that Grace remained in the Neshoba County Detention Center on \$16,800 in bond on Monday afternoon.

Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark said that on the evening of Friday, June 11 deputies responded to the Silver Star for a welfare check on children left unattended in a



David Grace

car.

Choctaw Police officers were speaking with the owner of the car, who was later identified as Grace when deputies arrived, Clark said.

Clark said that anyone with information on potential crimes is encouraged to call Crime Stoppers at 855-485-8477.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX EFFORT NESHOBA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Neshoba County School District will hold a public hearing on its proposed school district budget for fiscal year 2022 on June 25, 2021 at 11:00 AM in the Neshoba County Office of the Superintendent at 580 East Main Street. At this meeting, a proposed ad valorem tax effort will be considered.

The Neshoba County School District is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$41,013,280. Of that amount, 12.82 percent or \$5,259,371 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$56,336,504. Of that amount, 10.12 percent or \$5,701,448 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For the next fiscal year, the proposed increase in ad valorem tax effort by the Neshoba County School District may result in an increase in the ad valorem tax millage rate. Ad valorem taxes are paid on homes, automobile tags, business fixtures and equipment, and rental real property.

Any citizen of the Neshoba County School District is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax effort, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.



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Fulton wins re-election; Seales, Tatum winners

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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Incumbent Ward 2 Republican Alderman Jim Fulton won re-election to a third term with 299 votes, or 83%, defeating a challenge from Democrat Mangold Washington III with 57 votes, or 16% last Tuesday night.

“I would like to say I appreciate my Ward 2 constituents for giving me another four years,” Fulton said. “I appreciate my opponent for running a clean campaign. We have big challenges ahead. I am looking forward to continue to lead Philadelphia in the future.”

Incumbent Democrat Alderman-at-Large Leroy Clemons appears to have lost his re-election bid by a two-vote margin with 668 votes, or 49%, to Republican challenger James Carson Waltman’s 670 votes, or 50%. (See story, Page 2A.)

Independent Shaun Seales claimed a victory over Democrat Ruthie D. Nash in the race for the Ward 4 seat vacated by Cassie Henson who mounted an unsuccessful bid for the mayoral nomination.

James Carson Waltman (R) 50% | 670 VOTES

Leroy Clemons (D) Incumbent 50% | 668 VOTES

Jim Fulton (R) Incumbent 84% | 299 VOTES

Mangold Washington III (D) 16% | 57 VOTES

James Tatum (D) 54% | 120 VOTES

Wright Griffis (R) 46% | 103 VOTES

Shaun Seales (D) 78% | 313 VOTES

Ruthie Nash (D) 22% | 87 VOTES

Seales garnered 313 votes, or 78%, to Nash’s 87 votes, or 21%.

In the Ward 3 race, Democrat James Tatum defeated Republican Wright Griffis to win the seat vacated by Ronnie Jenkins.

Tatum got 120 votes, or 53%, to Griffis’ 103 votes, or

46%. Republican Justin Lewis Clearman was unchallenged in filling the Ward 1 seat vacated by Joe Tullos.

Clearman got 279 votes, or 98% percent. Five write-in votes were recorded in Ward 1.

ECCC announces 2021 football schedule

The 2021 football season is just 12 weeks away and the East Central Warriors have announced their nine-game 2021 schedule.

The East Central Warriors, who had to cut the 2020 season short due to COVID-19, finished the year 2-3 overall and closed out the year with a 13-10 overtime victory over Co-Lin in

Wesson.

The 2021 season will kick off with a road trip to Scooba to face East Mississippi on Sept. 2. The matchup will be the first between the two programs since 2019 when the Warriors fell 24-0 in Scooba.

East Mississippi opted out of the 2020 season, meaning the meeting will be the first game

for the Lions since a 31-7 loss to Mississippi Gulf Coast on Nov. 2, 2019. ECCC is 1-4 against the Lions in the last five meetings with the last win coming in the 2007 season opener.

All East Central home games are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. kickoff times at Bailey Stadium located in Decatur.

Raid

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a traffic stop on Weyerhaeuser Road in Philadelphia.

“The traffic stop led to a misdemeanor charge of possession

of marijuana in a motor vehicle,” Clark said. “Information from this stop subsequently started an investigation that produced several misdemeanor marijuana drug charges over the next two days.”

Those included a stop that revealed a 15-year-old had purchased marijuana from the resi-

dence in question, Clark said.

Clark said anyone that has any information about crimes in the area is encouraged to please call Neshoba County Sheriff’s Office at 601-656-1414 or East Mississippi Crime Stoppers at 1-855-485-8477 (TIPS).

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Kirksey enjoys being back home from D.C.

By SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS
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Elaine Kirksey moved to Washington, D.C., in 1980 to work for the federal government.

"I wanted a better career and better job opportunity," Kirksey said of her decision to leave Neshoba County all those years ago.

She eventually got on with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, before transferring to the United States Department of Justice and later the Department of Homeland Security closing out her career with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in 2018.

Though Kirksey worked in Washington, D.C., she lived in Maryland.

"I got used to the cold weather," Kirksey said.

Kirksey, however, missed her family and events such as birthday parties and family barbecues. In addition, she missed small-town living.

Kirksey's mother, Vera Lewis of Philadelphia, who has always been a positive influence for Kirksey, is known for making some of the best German chocolate cake and turnip greens around. After working for the government for 37 years, Kirksey moved back home a few years ago to take care of her mother.

Kirksey loves spending time with her nephews, Damien Lewis and Nick Harrington, and her brother and sister, Alice Harrington and Eddie Lewis.

Kirksey's hobbies include reading books with romance and history. She also enjoys hanging out with friends.

"A couple of friends and I like to go out to eat, go for walks or go to the gym," Kirksey said.

Kirksey's goal is to get more involved with helping the community and getting more engaged.

Last year before the COVID-19 pandemic, Kirksey joined Jerusalem Temple Church. She is now starting to go back and feeling safe at her church.

Some of Kirksey's favorite foods are Chinese food and fried chicken.

Kirksey does not consider herself much of a baker, and she gets her recipes from different cooking shows.

On a recent Saturday, the Kirksey family got together to celebrate Kirksey's birthday with lots of love and food.

Kirksey said her favorite type of cooking style is Southern comfort food.

CORN DIP

3 cans whole kernel corn,
2 Jalapeños, seeded and diced,
1/2 cup of sour cream
1 cup grated pepper jack cheese
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Salt pepper, 8 oz. cream



Elaine Kirksey

CHEESE

Mix corn, jalapeños, sour cream, pepper jack cheese and Parmesan well and place in slow cooker. Top w/cream cheese, cut into pieces. Cover and cook on low for 2 hrs. Uncover and stir until cream cheese is well combined. Cover and cook for 15 mins more. Top with bacon and green onions.

TEQUILA CITRUS CHICKEN WINGS

COOK OF THE WEEK

2 tablespoon vegetable oil
2 1/2 lbs. small chicken wings
1/2 cup tequila, 1/2 cup orange juice
1/2 cup of fresh lime juice
6 tablespoons seasoning sauce
3 tablespoons honey
2 teaspoons grated orange peel

2 teaspoons chili powder
1/2 teaspoons ground cumin

Assorted vegetables, ranch or blue cheese dressing for dipping. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Brown chicken wings in batches for 5-7 minutes on each side or until golden brown. Remove from skillet

set aside. Drain skillet, place tequila, orange juice, lime juice, seasoning sauce, honey, orange peel, chili powder and cumin in same skillet. Cook over medium heat until boiling. Add chicken wings; return to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low; cook, stirring occasionally, for 25 minutes or until sauce is thicker and chicken wings are fully

cooked. Serve w/assorted veggies and ranch dressing.

CHICKEN DIJONNAISE
4 skinless boneless chicken breast halves
1/4 cup prepared Dijon mustard
Mayonnaise blend
1/4 cup olive oil
1 tablespoon fresh lemon
See COOK, page 2B

Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS
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Congratulations to Kelsey Bounds who won the Neshoba County 2020-2021 Reward "A's" Scholarship contest sponsored by The Citizens Bank. She will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship and her school, Neshoba Central High School, will receive \$500.00.

The contest was open to all juniors and seniors in each community served by the bank. To enter, students registered with the program director, Channing Peebles, at the Citizens Bank, and then emailed their report cards to her. The winners with the most "A's" were selected on Monday, June 7.

The scholarships were awarded as an extrinsic motivation for the students. The schools received an award for encouraging them to send their report cards into the director. Congratulations to each student in every community who participated in the contest and thank you to The Citizens Bank for the program!

The Neshoba County Sports Hall of Fame revealed its first inductee. The group inducted Pashen Thompson of Philadelphia as its very first member. She was an outstanding women's basketball player for the Philadelphia Tornados and received a basketball scholarship to play for the Lady Volunteers at the University of Tennessee. She played for the Lady Volunteers her entire four-year college career. Congratulations!

In case you haven't heard, Hardy was nominated for the 2021 CMT Breakthrough Video of the Year with "Give Heaven Some Hell." It is a huge honor to be nominated for such a prestigious award, and even though he did not win, his family is so proud of his accomplishment. The CMT Music Awards were live on June 9 and many of his local fans were watching.

Hardy will perform on Tuesday night, July 27, at the Neshoba County Fair this year. He is a Philadelphia native known as Michael Hardy. His proud grandparents are Bobby and Joyce Hardy of Philadelphia. Congratulations!

Fifty years ago, on June 6th, Bob and LaNita Douglas were married and one week later, on June 12th in Philadelphia, Sam and June Jackson Nowell were married. The couples did not know each other at that time.

However, the tale of two State Farm agents, 2 Kindergarten teachers, each having two children the same age continues. The Douglas and Nowell families met and became best friends who have remained close through many years. They celebrated their anniversaries together several times as the years went by.

This year both couples celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversaries a little early with a trip together to the Dominican Republic. They stayed at "The Sanctuary" Resort in Punta Cana. It was a dream trip with beautiful

beaches, flowers, great food, and lots of pampering by the resort staff. There was a special celebratory dinner for them one evening with a Happy Anniversary greeting in Spanish and English outside the restaurant door. Both couples had a wonderful time. Congratulations on 50 years of marriage and a lasting friendship!

Another precious baby has arrived! Christopher McKnight Thomas was born on June 6, 2021, weighing 6 pounds of sweetness. Mac's parents, Dusty and Courtni Bounds Thomas, greeted him with joy. They have decided to call him "Mac" for short. Congratulations!

June 7, 2021, will be a date that Tyler Holland will long remember as the day he began his journey to become a rural physician. He is a 2021 graduate of Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, and Chemistry. He applied and was accepted for early admission into the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Medicine.

Tyler was accepted into the
See **FRIENDS**, page 2B

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'Love Out Loud' event kicks off June 21

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The Neshoba County Baptist Association will hold the second annual week-long worship and community service event known as Love Out Loud next week.

This year's Love Out Loud events will begin at 8 a.m. each day starting Monday, June 21 and lasting through Friday, June 25. Each day will begin with a light breakfast followed by a praise, worship and devotion session from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. at the Neshoba Baptist Center, 903 Valley View Drive.

After the worship services are over each day, the attendees will split into groups to go out into the community to do community projects.

"We will dismiss groups to various ministry sites throughout the city and county," said David Addy director for the Neshoba County Baptist Association.

Ministry projects will be completed by noon each day and will include giving away clothing at the Baptist Center, writing letters to soldiers overseas, working with the local Open Arms ministry preparing food bags and helping with painting and landscaping at parks.

Love Out Loud volunteers also will be supplying crafts to nursing homes and assisted living facilities, including Neshoba Nursing Home, Choctaw Residential, New Beginnings, Atwood and Beehive, where they will hand out goody bags and lead singing and dancing.

Love Out Loud volunteers also will help renovate the parks, including Burnside Park, Northside Park, Westside Park, Neshoba Lake and DeWeese Park, by painting, cleaning up and collecting used sports equipment to be donated to the parks.

Judy Bates, a Love Out Loud volunteer who headed up the last registration, is looking forward to

helping the community at this year's event.

"I love seeing the community come together," Bates said.

Bates said this year will include new projects such as writing letters to soldiers and donating beds.

Love Out Loud will also sell merchandise such as T-shirts and hats.

"Anyone in the community is welcome to come," Bates said. "Registration is free, and there will be free breakfast throughout the event."

Speakers throughout the week will include Dr. Fred Luther, the senior pastor of Franklin Avenue Church in New Orleans, who served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 2012 and 2013, and Michael Fredrick, a worship leader based out of Kosciusko who is known for passionately leading Gospel-saturated worship sessions that lead people to Christ.

Of Local Interest

NESHOPA COUNTY FAIR EXHIBIT HALL SIGN UP

Come by the MSU Extension Service-Neshoba County office and pick up your entry forms, entry tags and exhibitor number for the Neshoba County Fair Exhibit Hall. Youth ages 8-18 can enter items in the categories of fresh fruits and vegetables, field crops, food preservation, food-nutrition, posters, and arts and crafts. Adult categories include fresh fruits and vegetables, field crops, food preservation, and cultural arts. The deadline to pick up your entry forms, tags and exhibitor number is Friday, July 16. Call 601-656-4011 or come by the Extension Service office in the Neshoba County Coliseum for more information.

CEMETERY FUND

Please mail all donations for Old Pearl Valley Baptist Church Cemetery Fund to Mrs. Joan Gamblin at 12220 Marty Stuart Drive Philadelphia, MS 39350.

DESIGNATED DISASTER AREAS

Administrator Zach Ducheneaux designated two (2) counties in the State of Mississippi as the primary natural disaster area. Producers in Kemper and Noxubee counties who suffered physical damage and losses caused by a winter storm, excessive snow, excessive ice, freeze, high winds, hail, and excessive rain that occurred February 15, 2021 through February 19, 2021, may be eligible for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loans.

This natural disaster designation allows FSA to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering from natural disasters. Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs including the replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of a farming operation or the refinancing of certain debts.

Producers in the contiguous Mississippi counties of Lauderdale, Lowndes, Neshoba, Newton, Oktibbeha, and Winston are also eligible to apply for emergency loans.

The deadline to apply for these emergency loans is January 25, 2022.

FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

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 chil-

dren 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).

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CEMETERY UPKEEP

If anyone is interested in the upkeep of the Martin McNeil Cemetery, then please send donations to Ann Pinter, 12451 Rd 101.

MT. ZION MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Historic Mt. Zion United Methodist Church will host the annual memorial service for Chaney, Goodman & Schwerner on Sunday, June 20, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Our featured speaker for this occasion is the Reverend James Lawson, Jr., a retired United Methodist pastor, Civil Rights Leader and founder of the James Lawson Institute.

On Saturday, June 19, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., The James Lawson Institute, Miami University, and Southern University Law Center will host a series of workshops at Mt. Zion. A keynote message from Rev. Lawson on: "Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?"

Workshop speakers include: Dr. Mary King, Dr. Daniel Wayne Lee, Dr. Sekou Franklin, Daryn Cambridge, Dr. Ada Goodley, Dr. Anthony James, Dr. Keith Parker, Deborah Mathis, and Gloria Williamson. The overall theme is: "Nonviolently Transforming Our Times, Our Work, and Our Environment."

We look forward to your presence and participation. Social distancing guidelines and masks will be enforced to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone.

NESHOPA COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK SIGN UP


Come by the MSU Extension Service-Neshoba County office and pick up your entry form and rules and regulations book for the Neshoba County Fair Livestock Shows. Youth ages 8-18 can enter in events of Beef Show, Dairy Show, and Sheep and Goat Show. The deadline to enter is Friday, July 16. Call 601-656-4011 or come by the Extension Service office in the Neshoba County Coliseum for more information. You must enroll in 4H to enter.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us at First Church of God on 435 Columbus Avenue for Vacation Bible School, the Knights of North Castle. It is on June 21-25 from 6 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join. 662-803-1015

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Cook

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juice

Preheat oven 350 degrees F (175 degrees C), place chicken in a 9-inch by 13-inch baking dish. In a medium bowl, mix the mustard-mayonnaise blend, olive oil, lemon juice,

lemon pepper, salt and bouillon. Pour over the chicken. Bake 30 minutes in the preheated oven, or until chicken is no longer pink and juices run clear.

Friends

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Pre-Matriculation Portion of the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program as a participant. His beyond proud parents are Tommy and Sharon

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Uncle Si Robertson of Duck Dynasty fame sits back and tells his stories Friday during his visit to Philadelphia.

Uncle Si speaks his mind during visit

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Production of the popular A&E Network reality television program "Duck Dynasty" ended in 2017 but love for the show's stars, the members of the Robertson family of Louisiana, lives on.

That love was evident last weekend when Si Robertson of the show visited the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.

"Uncle Si," as he is affectionately known, was (and still is) a wild card. He says what he thinks, often about his Christian faith. And on the show, he tended to meddle, get off task and wander a bit. That has led to many misadventures, both on and off the television show.

"You might get to see him for 30 minutes or an hour on television," said Phillip McMillan, a family friend who travels with Uncle Si with the specific instructions to try and keep Si out of trouble. "That doesn't scratch the surface."

"Storytime with Uncle Si," as the show was called, is basically a back-and-forth conversation between Si and McMillan. They tell funny stories, mostly about things that Si has done and said. And one is usu-

ally trying to go one-up on the other.

The Robertson family was doing well with their family-owned business, Duck Commander of West Monroe, La. They sell equipment for duck hunters and are known for the duck calls they make. The show ran on A&E from 2012 through 2017 but reruns and spinoff shows are still available.

Si Robertson made the reeds for the duck calls. A Vietnam veteran with more than 20 years in the military, he said he was a bit surprised at the show's initial success.

"You have a business that caters to duck hunters," Robertson said. "But when they approached us about the show, they didn't want to make a duck hunting show. They wanted to do it about the family members."

Robertson said he played himself and enjoyed the experience.

"I loved doing the show," Robertson said. "Some of the family didn't like it. All the rest of them had to do a little bit of acting. Me. All I have to do is show up."

Last weekend was not Si's first trip to Philadelphia. He visited the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians a couple of

years ago and became a big fan of stickball.

Lane Taylor put the show together. He had visited the Robertsons in West Monroe and became friends with them.

"Because of COVID-19, we haven't had a lot to do in Philadelphia in the past year," Taylor said. "I thought people might enjoy getting to see him. I asked if there was any way we could get Si up here to put on a show and (family patriarch) Phil Robertson said, 'We'll make it happen.'"

Si made two appearances last weekend in Philadelphia. On Friday night, he entertained about 300 people at a sponsors dinner at The Venue. Then he put his show on Saturday night at the Neshoba County Coliseum. Approximately 1,000 tickets were sold.

Robertson made himself available to his fans both nights, signing autographs and taking pictures.

"He was going to leave after the Saturday night show," Taylor said. "But he stayed two hours afterward to sign autographs, take pictures and talk with the people. He said, 'These people have been good to me and I will stay as long as I have to.'"

"NOTICE OF PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX EFFORT"

Philadelphia Public School District

The Philadelphia Public School District will hold a public hearing on its proposed school district budget for fiscal year 2021 on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 12:00 pm at Philadelphia Public School District Support Services Building. At this meeting, a proposed ad valorem tax effort will be considered.

The Philadelphia Public School District is now operating with a projected total budget revenue of \$11,824,979. Of that amount, twenty-nine (29) percent or \$3,388,465 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$18,106,122. Of that amount, nineteen (19) percent or \$3,454,533 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For the next fiscal year, the proposed increase in ad valorem tax effort by Philadelphia Public School District may result in an increase in the ad valorem tax millage rate. Ad Valorem taxes are paid on homes, automobile tags, business fixtures and equipment, and rental real property.

Any citizen of Philadelphia Public School District is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax effort, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

2021 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Is my water safe?

• Yes, your water is safe and meets all U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and safe drinking water health standards.

Do I need to take special precautions?

• Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

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Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

• Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

How can I get involved?

• Our regularly scheduled meetings are held at 8:00 am on the second Thursday of each month at the main office of Philadelphia Utilities, located at 435 Myrtle St. East, Philadelphia, Ms. Anyone wishing to be placed on the meeting agenda, should contact Kirk R. Morgan, Executive Secretary, at 601-656-1121.

Required Fluoridation Information

• To comply with the "Regulation Governing Fluoridation of Community Water Supplies", MS0500008 is required to report certain results pertaining to fluoridation of our water system. The number of months in the previous calendar year in which average fluoride sample results were within the optimal range of 0.6 - 1.2 ppm was 11. The percentage of fluoride samples collected in previous calendar year was within the optimal range of 0.6 - 1.2 ppm was 92%.

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Additional Information for Lead

• If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Philadelphia Utilities is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

WATER QUALITY DATA TABLE

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect In Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High			
Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products								
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)								

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect In Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High			
Chlorine (as Cl ₂) (ppm)	4	4	1.1	.7	1.9	2020	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	2	NA	NA	2020	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
THMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	9.8	NA	NA	2020	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Inorganic Contaminants								
Barium (ppm)	2	2	1.4	NA	NA	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppb)	100	100	.7	NA	NA	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.92	.49	1.23	2020	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth
Contaminants	MCLG	AL	Your Water	Sample Date	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL	Typical Source	
Inorganic Contaminants								
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	.1	2019	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	

ADDITIONAL CONTAMINANTS

In an effort to insure the safest water possible the State has required us to monitor some contaminants not required by Federal regulations. Of those contaminants only the ones listed below were found in your water.

Contaminants	State MCL	Your Water	Violation	Explanation and Comment
Sodium		17000 ppb	No	Likely source of contamination - Water Treatment Chemicals or Water Softeners.

Unit Descriptions	
Term	Definition
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
NA	NA: not applicable
ND	ND: Not detected
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.

Important Drinking Water Definitions	
Term	Definition
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions	Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level

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Ministry Opportunities

- Park clean up
- Crisis Pregnancy Center
- God's Closet
- Beds for Kids
- Planting trees
- Animal vaccinations
- Building ramps
- Cards for soldiers
- Drive through prayer
- Open Arms
- Backyard VBS
- Blessing Box
- Yard work
- Donations



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Dr. Luter serves as the senior pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church of the 9th Ward in New Orleans, LA. Dr. Luter served as the president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 2012 and 2013



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June 23, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.