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BILOXI MAN CHARGED

PD chase ends in Historic District

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A Biloxi man remains in custody after leading Philadelphia Police on a high-speed chase that ended in the Historic District Thursday evening.

William M. Hardy, 64, of Biloxi was arrested at approxi-

mately 6:15 p.m. June 24 and charged with felony fleeing, two counts of simple assault of a police officer, resisting arrest, two counts of disorderly conduct, open container and possession of paraphernalia.

Records show he has since picked up eight more misdemeanor charges and traffic vio-



William Hardy

lations including littering, driving while license revoked, no insurance, tag expired, public drunk, DUI and a

seatbelt violation.

The pursuit began at the intersection of Holland Avenue and St. Francis Drive when an officer attempted a traffic stop, said Philadelphia Police Det. Bobby Pattillo.

Hardy fled east and then went north eventually on State Avenue where he emerged onto

Holland from Welch headed south.

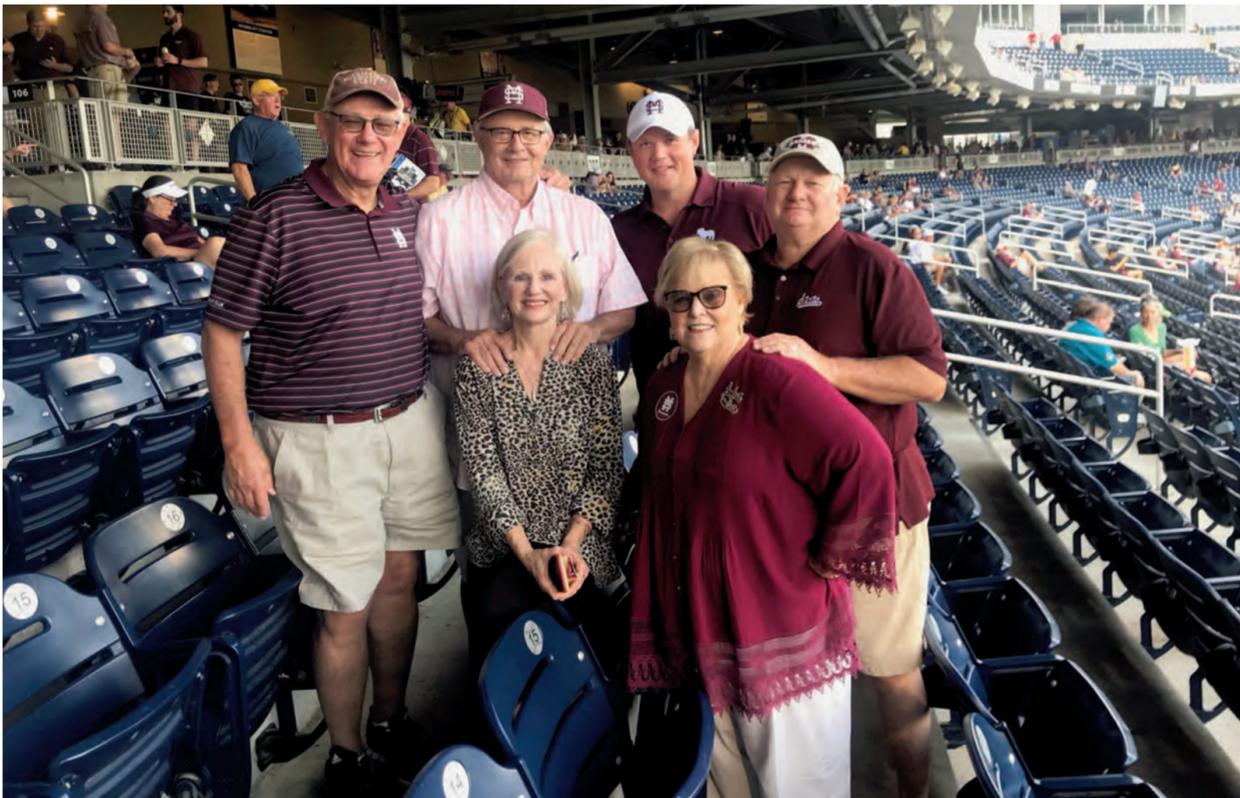
Hardy then took a hard right on Rose Street and went north again on Poplar Avenue where he was stopped near Watkins Street.

"The officer attempted to make a traffic stop and initiated his blue lights when the suspect

began driving at a high rate of speed and swerving all over the roadway," Pattillo said.

The chase ended on Poplar when Hardy was hemmed in by pursuing police units.

At the scene, a pack of Marlboro Red cigarettes and a lighter littered the street as
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Stanley Salter, John and Susan Burt, Ken Evans and Tommy and Beth Jackson get ready to watch Game 1 of the College World Series in Omaha. Mississippi State University lost to Vanderbilt University 8-2. **See more pictures, 10A.**

Neshoba countians flock to Omaha

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**
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Stanley Salter has followed the Mississippi State Bulldogs baseball team to Omaha since 2007 and has been one of many Neshoba countians there hoping for a College Baseball World Series win this week.

"We drove up last Saturday and have been here the whole time," Salter said. "We didn't come up here to win a game and lose two. We came to win the thing and that's what we are going to do."

The Bulldogs entered the week with a 48-17 record. They were matched with Southeastern Conference rival Vanderbilt (48-16), the defending College World Series champion. The series was to run Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, if necessary.

Since 2007, Salter has followed the Bulldogs

to Omaha whenever they made it to the College World Series (2007, 2013, 2018, 2019 and 2021). He's thinking this is their year.

The Bulldogs lost the first game of the series with Vanderbilt, 8-2 Monday night. But Salter said the MSU faithful aren't giving up.

"Last night, they scored seven runs in the first inning and didn't score but one more the rest of the game," Salter said. "We got too far behind and couldn't come all the way back. We are still hopeful. We can piece together some pitching in game two. Then in the third game, we might be able to use our best guy against their best guy, at least for a few innings. It's possible. You get in a third game, who knows. Anything can happen."

Mississippi State has appeared in 12 College World Series, with its highest finish being second place in 2013.

Salter is traveling with Philadelphia's Ken

Evans. He said they have seen plenty of Neshoba countians during the week.

"They are everywhere," Salter said. "People are wanting us to bring back caps and T-shirts. We went shopping for souvenirs (Monday) and ran into five different people. Some had driven up Sunday or this morning."

He said others included Thomas Tinsley, Josh Bounds, Guy Nowell and his wife, LoLo, Montana Lang, Eric Prince and his son Paul.

"There are so many I can't name them all," Salter said. "Steve Wilkerson was with us until last Wednesday and flew home. He was coming back Monday. Bob Holmes of Starkville is also with us. My son, Tate, is on the way."

Other Neshoba countians spotted in Omaha this week were: Lacie Wilkerson Murphy and Jenny Lynn Wilkerson; Abby, Steve and Miriam Seale; Alli Vick and Christa Cumbest; Bill

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NEW LAW

Fireworks ordinance in effect

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An ordinance passed last year that puts more teeth in the city's fireworks ordinance will be put to the test this July 4th weekend.

The need for an ordinance was discussed off and on for years. But an increase in complaints about the noise last year sparked the unanimous passage in November.

Fireworks may only be used in the city limits on June 27 to July 5 and Dec. 23 to Jan. 3 between the hours of noon and 10 p.m.

An exception will be New Year's Eve when fireworks may be used from noon until 1 a.m.

It is also illegal and a violation of the ordinance to discharge fireworks:

- Within 1,000 feet of a hospital;
- Under or on cars and other vehicles;
- Within 75 feet of a location where fireworks are sold;
- Within 100 feet of a gas pump, filling station or bulk fuel storage facility; and,
- Within 600 feet of a church.

The discharge or use of fireworks is not permitted on public roadways, parks or any public property. It is also illegal to throw, cast otherwise propel a pyrotechnic device in the direction or path of any person or group, or from or in the direction of any car or vehicle.

The ordinance was adopted in pursuant of state law. Any person found guilty in a court of law of violating the ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor. They could be fined up to \$1,000 and/or imprisoned for up to six months or both.

Each day this ordinance is violated shall represent a separate offense.

Police chief Eric Lyons said his officers are ready to enforce
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Volunteer: 'Called to be the hands and feet of Jesus' for Love Out Loud

By **SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS**
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Called to be the hands and feet of Jesus, Mandy Cumberland said serving as a Love Out Loud ministry volunteer for the first time last week was meaningful and she wishes she could have done more.

"We are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus and I was honored to be a part of it," said Cumberland. "We serve to help others. I wish I could have done more days."

Cumberland volunteered at Crisis Pregnancy Center along with three others where they pressure-washed the building and cleaned up the flowerbeds.

The purpose of the week-

long Love Out Loud event was to spread the love of Christ through giving back to the community and that goal was accomplished, organizers said.

"The volunteers worked hard, and it was a good turn out," said David Addy, director of the Neshoba County Baptist Association, which organizes the event.

Love Out Loud is a week-long worship and ministry program in which approximately 180 volunteers participated this year by going into the community to do community service projects such as writing letters to the troops, presenting a puppet show for the elderly and helping do maintenance and repairs at parks.

Judy Bates, minister assistant for the Neshoba County

Baptist Association, said the volunteers were eager to help the community of Philadelphia and many of them had also participated in last year's inaugural Love Out Loud event.

Tonya Hancock who was one of eight members from Grace Baptist Church to volunteer for the event and helped organize clothes at God's Closet on Thursday.

Hancock enjoyed the morning devotions, worship music and how co-directors the Rev. Dan Howard of First Baptist Church and Addy set up the booths for the volunteers to sign up.

Addy said the event will return next year.

"Thanks to the community for their support for being involved," Addy said.



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Caleb Jay, Brenda Vowell, the Rev. Dan Howard and Evan Humphries load up a mattress.



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A Unity Walk was held on the Choctaw Indian Reservation Saturday to promote living a healthy lifestyle and raise awareness about diabetes prevention.

Diabetes prevention purpose of walk

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Stickball players representing teams from 28 different communities took to the roads around the Choctaw Indian Reservation last Saturday morning for a Unity Walk to raise awareness about diabetes and to promote living a healthy lifestyle.

The annual Unity Walk is

sponsored by the Choctaw Health Center's Diabetes Prevention Program.

The stickball teams were greeted by family, fans and members of their communities who cheered them on as they gathered Saturday morning to walk from the Choctaw Central baseball fields as a group to the amphitheater on Church Road off of Highway 16 by the Pearl River Community Center for the Unity Walk.

The stickball players typically wear jerseys representing their team's colors. This year, however, everyone wore white T-shirts to celebrate coming back together after COVID-19.

The walk included a program held at the amphitheater with speeches from Chief Cyrus Ben, Princess Elisah Jimmie, Interim Health Director Mary Harrison and Stickball Director Thomas Ben.

The Unity Walk also serves to bring the different teams together to walk for the kickoff of the world series stickball tournament that will begin with a ceremony on July 7 and culminate with the championship on July 17 during the annual Choctaw Indian Fair. "Everyone looks forward to it every year. It's a team pride thing," said Darlene Willis, Diabetes Prevention Program Coordinator of the Unity Walk.

Man escapes from police headed into jail

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Policies and procedures regarding the transporting of prisoners will be tightened up by Philadelphia Police after a man escaped custody on the way into jail last week.

Demarques Gibson, 20, had been arrested and charged with grand larceny for allegedly stealing a car from an automobile dealer when he escaped,

officials said.

While being transported to the Winston County Jail on Tuesday, Gibson escaped upon arrival, according to police.

"Gibson escaped the custody of our officer and fled on foot as they arrived at the Winston County facility," PPD said in a Facebook post last Wednesday.

Gibson was apprehended in a wooded area Wednesday afternoon after fleeing Tuesday, Philadelphia Police Detective

Bobby Pattillo said.

"Demarques Gibson has been captured and is currently being held at Winston County Jail," Pattillo said.

Gibson was reportedly apprehended near Grace Christian School in Louisville.

Pattillo said Gibson's grand larceny charge stemmed from 2021 Dodge Challenger he is believed to have stolen from Griffis Motors on Holland Avenue on Monday, June 21.

Gibson was arrested later that evening in Grenada. The vehicle has also been recovered.

Assistance provided by several law enforcement agencies throughout Winston and surrounding counties is appreciated, PPD said.

"These agencies never let up spending countless hours tracking through woods, following leads, and utilizing many resources to help capture Gibson," they said.

Union man back in jail on new charges

By DUNCAN DENT
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A Union man is back in custody on meth charges after his release a few weeks ago in connection with stolen property last year, the authorities said.

Braxton Wayne Sullivan, 42, 10051 Road 337, Union, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug

paraphernalia.

Sheriff Eric Clark said that the substance is believed to be crystal methamphetamine. Sullivan was arrested on June 20.

He said that Sullivan was also cited for driving with a suspended license, careless driving and no proof of liability insurance.

Clark said that Sullivan was driving a Black Nissan Altima with a suspended dri-

ver's license when a Sheriff's deputy pulled him over on Road 248, late on Sunday, June 20, in the evening.

Sullivan was found to possess drug paraphernalia and methamphetamine.

Clark said that Sullivan had just been released from custody recently on charges related to stolen tools in December.

Sullivan was arrested by the Jasper County Sheriff's Department on Monday, Dec.

28 and was picked up by Neshoba County the following day.

The trailer full of tools and other construction equipment was taken from a fertilizer plant construction site in Noxubee County near Brooksville.

The 14-foot enclosed trailer was recovered hidden near a residence on Road 325 off of Highway 15 south in the Linwood community in Neshoba County.

Omaha

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and Jan Copeland; Cassidy and Brax Byars; Davis Cumberland, Hayes McDade and Grayson McDade; Frank Moore, Michelle Lyons, Kent Moore and Curtis Moore; John and Susan Burt; Kent and Mitzi Stribling; Tommy and Beth Jackson; Susan Bates, Austin McNair and Vikki McNair; Adrienne and Jim Sisson

Alli Vick became known in Omaha as the "praying girl on TV" when a television caught her praying during the series. "People have been stopping her and saying 'you are the praying girl from TV,'" one fan said.

Salter, a retired banker, said they have enjoyed the

ball games.

"I have had people calling me, trying to find tickets," Salter said. "It's different this year. You used to be able to walk around and see people with handful of tickets to sell. We aren't seeing that. We have bought our tickets from Ticketmaster. They have found good tickets at reasonable prices but they aren't reasonable now (Monday or Tuesday)."

State opened the World Series with a 2-1 win over Texas. They then beat Virginia 6-5 in the game the Bulldogs scored all of their runs in the eighth inning. In the next game, State lost an 8-5 decision to Texas in a game that had a long rain delay.

"We didn't get back to the room until 2 a.m.," Salter said.

The Bulldogs came back to beat Texas 6-3 and advanced

to the finals. Salter said Mississippi State fans outnumbered Texas fans 2-1 in the final game.

"Our motto for this trip has been 'we believe we will win,'" said Salter.

A longtime State fan, Salter follows all of the MSU teams but said baseball is his favorite. This year, he has been to almost all of the home games or watched them on television. In fact, when Mississippi State opened the season in Arlington, Texas, against Texas on Feb. 20, he was there to see the Bulldogs win 8-3.

"We drove out there in an ice storm to see them," Salter said. "I haven't been to every one of the games but I have watched every one of them I didn't go to on TV. I probably didn't miss going to four or five games. The Southern Miss game wasn't on TV and

I went to it. We followed them through the Regionals and the Super Regionals."

Salter said he appreciated his wife Kay who was OK with him being gone for 10 days on a baseball trip.

He said when he gets home, he'll have a little time to rest up until it is time for the Neshoba County Fair.

"We had gotten Fair ready before we came up here," Salter said. "I will have enough time to rest after the World Series and then go to the Fair."

Salter keeps a scorebook on every Mississippi State game he goes to. Going into the series, he only has two pages left. He hopes that will be a good omen.

"We are going to win these last two games," Salter said. "I still have scorebooks for several different years."



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Clemons files formal challenge as swearing-in set for today

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Leroy Clemons has filed a formal appeal in the alderman-at-large race he lost by one vote as municipal officials are set to be sworn in today.

Clemons filed a legal action in Neshoba County Circuit Court on Monday challenging the results of the June 8 general election he lost to Republican James Carson Waltman 669 to 670.

Both Clemons and Waltman spent most of the day and into the night Friday with their respective attorneys canvassing the results in a conference room at City Hall. Also in the room were a clerk and City Attorney Robert Thomas.

"That was not a recount," Thomas said Tuesday morning of Friday's canvassing. "Mr. Clemons had filed a petition or a request to look at what was

in the box and so did Mr. Waltman after that. I don't know what they were looking for. I don't know what was found."

Thomas said he and the clerk were in the room to observe and protect the ballots.

"It was a canvas of the box for the two parties to see if they found anything that they felt like was unusual," Thomas said. "After that, Mr. Clemons would decide if he wanted to file a contest."

Clemons, in a 10-page court document, states, in part, "That there were widespread irregularities in the failure to secure ballot boxes in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 23-15-595. The ballot boxes lacked substantial security to safeguard the contents of the ballot boxes to prevent the taking away of legally cast votes and ballot box stuffing in the Municipal General

Election."

Meanwhile, the general election results were certified before the June 18 deadline, said Municipal Election Commissioner Harold Richardson.

Thomas says Waltman will be seated unless a court rules otherwise.

"My understanding is that those certified will be sworn in and they will be the serving members unless and until some court later says, 'Yes, there was something wrong and we are going to do something else,'" Thomas said.

Clemons had said he planned to challenge the results that he initially lost by five votes, according to unofficial preliminary returns, but narrowed to a one-vote loss after the absentee and affidavits were counted.

The swearing-in ceremony is set for 1 p.m. today (Wednesday) at City Hall.

Cash register stolen from beauty salon

A break-in at a Beacon Street salon last weekend is being investigated by Philadelphia Police.

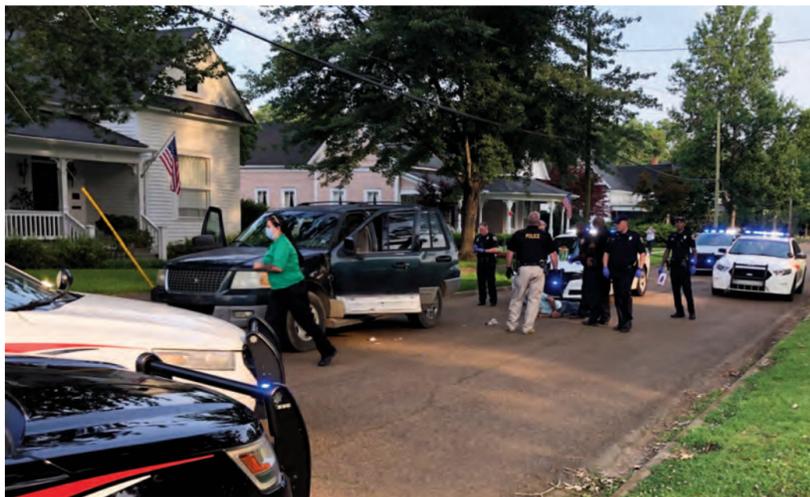
"The case is currently under investigation," Philadelphia Police Detective Bobby Pattillo said.

On Saturday, June 26, at approximately 12:40 a.m., the Philadelphia Police Department responded to an alarm going off at Goodness and Grace Beauty Bar, 250 West Beacon Street, Pattillo said.

Upon arriving on the scene

officers discovered the front door had been broken and entry had been made into the business. Investigations was contacted and responded as well.

Pattillo said that the cash register was taken.



Following a high-speed chase last Thursday, police apprehended a man on Poplar Avenue.

Chase

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Hardy was handcuffed on the pavement receiving medical care. A six-pack of beer could be seen on a patrol car.

The suspect was transported

to Neshoba General but was released and is currently at the Winston-Choctaw Correctional Facility in Louisville, Pattillo said.

Fireworks

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the law.

"This is something we are

really going to be watching," Lyons said. "I don't anticipate it being a problem this year like it was last year. There are time limits this year and we will be monitoring for that. If anyone is shooting them after the

allowed time, we will be paying them a visit."

Lyons said the first visit from the police could result in a ticket. If there are other violations, more action will be taken.



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EDITORIALS

Window dressing crime

The Biden Justice Department must think that members of the Missouri legislature and Gov. Mike Parson have a case of collective amnesia.

Acting Assistant Attorney General Brian Boynton in a June 16 letter warned Missouri officials that a bill Mr. Parson signed into law four days earlier banning police in the state from enforcing federal gun rules runs contrary to federal law.

In his letter, Mr. Boynton insisted that the U.S. Constitution's Supremacy Clause means that federal gun laws must prevail over state law on the matter.

Ordinarily, we'd be inclined to agree with the assertion that federal law trumps conflicting state laws, except for one thing: We'll believe the Biden Justice Department's concern for the Supremacy Clause when it sends similar letters to all of the left-wing so-called "sanctuary" cities and states shielding illegal aliens to remind them they are likewise obliged to follow — and help enforce — federal immigration laws.

Given President Biden's aggressive non-enforcement of the latter, Mr. Boynton must be counting on Missouri officials forgetting that illegal-immigration "sanctuary" jurisdictions have gotten a total pass on their noncompliance. They're certainly not facing the prospect of having federal funds withheld to force compliance the way Missouri is.

Missouri is in good — and growing — company as a "Second Amendment sanctuary" jurisdiction. According to the website Sanctuarycounties.com, as of June 18, "[t]here are now 1,930 counties that are protected by Second Amendment Sanctuary legislation at either the state or county

level." It further notes that that represents about 61.4% of all counties in the U.S.

Mr. Boynton's metaphorical shot across Missouri officials' bow was fired a week ahead of Mr. Biden's June 23 unveiling of an embarrassingly insubstantial "anti-crime plan."

That plan calls for getting tougher on gun dealers who break federal firearms laws (a minuscule part of the problem), establishing strike forces against weapons trafficking in several Democrat-controlled cities facing sharp spikes in violent crime, and increasing funding for the ATF. All of those measures target guns, but not the criminals who use them in the commission of crimes.

Mr. Biden also urged cities and states to redirect some of their unspent federal COVID-19 relief funding to community support and summer jobs programs for teens. (That's reminiscent of the risible Clinton-era "midnight basketball" program as an "anti-crime" initiative.)

Even The Associated Press' report on Mr. Biden's "Comprehensive Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gun Crime and Ensure Public Safety" raised doubts about its likely efficacy: "[Q]uestions persist about how effective the efforts can be in what could be a turbulent summer."

"The public safety of the people of the United States and citizens of Missouri is paramount," Mr. Boynton insisted in his letter to the Show Me State.

But what Mr. Biden's "anti-crime plan" really shows is that it's just for show and that he's not really serious about combating violent crime.

— *The Washington Times*

FLASHBACKS

JULY 4, 1941

James Oliver Eastland, Sunflower attorney, former member of the House of Representatives, and plantation operator, has been appointed by Governor Paul Johnson to the U.S. senate vacancy created by the death of Senator Harrison. Mr. Eastland, a native of Scott county and the son of Woods Eastland, will serve until the governor calls a special election during the next three months.

Raymond Barnett has been elected president of the Epworth League of the Sandtown Methodist Church for the coming year. Other new officers are: Welmer Burton, vice president; Helen Alexander, secretary; Marie Flowers, treasurer; and Willie Burton, reporter.

JUNE 28, 1951

Sara Frances Fox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newt Fox of the Arlington Community, was named District Reporter for the Future Homemakers of America at their meeting at the State College. Her duties will include covering over ten counties, and will report all of the district news.

JUNE 29, 1961

Buford W. Posey of Philadelphia, recent graduate of Mississippi Southern College, has been awarded a graduate study scholarship by the State Department of Public Welfare. Dr. Leon A. Wilber, head of the division of

Social Studies at Souther, stated that the scholarship was granted for advanced study in social work. Posey is the fourth Southern graduate to receive a Department of Public Welfare Scholarship in recent weeks.

JULY 2, 1971

The University of Mississippi awarded 1,254 diplomas during the 1970-71 academic year. Among graduates ere Philadelphia students, John H. Galberry, who received a bachelor of science degree in biology; Franklin G. Burton, bachelor of arts in education in social studies; Donald L. Kilgore and Richard H. Mollpus Jr., who received bachelor of business administration degrees in general business.

JUNE 25, 1981

Little Miss Neshoba County, Heather Rene's Wood, has packed her suitcase with all of the things that she will need while attending the Miss Hemisphere Pageant in Jackson. Heather is the 8 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wood.

JUNE 26, 1991

Jeff Mayo, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School and past president of the Neshoba Central Future Farmers of America, was elected as state FFA President of the Mississippi FFA Association by the delegates present at the 58th State FFA Convention. Jeff is the son of Carl and

Sylvia Mayo, and the grandson of Mrs. Bertie Mae Mowdy and Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Mayo.

JUNE 27, 2001

The Neshoba Central Future Farmers of America welding team recently placed first in the East Central FFA Federation contest. The students that were on the team are; Jonathan Eubanks, Tyler Petty, Matthew Stokes, and Rusty Suttle, who is the adviser.

East Central Community College softball standout Sommer Everett of Union was named to the first team All-State MACJC Fast-Pitch Softball Team following the 2001 season. Everett, a freshman catcher, hit .398 with 14 RBIs, while scoring 19 runs, stealing 14 bases and throwing out nine runners attempting to steal, ECCC finished its season with a 20-20 record. JULY 4, 2001

JUNE 29, 2011

The math students of Philadelphia High School Class of 1975 presented the Barbara Mowdy Math Scholarship to Blake Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gordon in her honor. Mowdy's teaching career consisted of 39 years with 23 years being at PHS from 170-1993. She retired in 2004 from East Central Community College.

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Boris Johnson defies Putin

About that clash between a British destroyer and Russian warplanes and warships in the Black Sea last week there are conflicting versions.

The Kremlin version is the more dramatic.

HMS Defender, says Moscow, entered the Black Sea, made port in Odessa, Ukraine, and then sailed for Batumi on the coast of Georgia.

However, the British warship traversed Russia's territorial waters at the tip of the Crimean peninsula, near Sevastopol, Russia's principal naval base on the Black Sea.

The destroyer, say the Russians, had to be diverted by shellfire from a patrol boat and bombs dropped in its path by Sukhoi fighters.

London's version: Defender sailed through waters off Crimea that belong to Ukraine. Russian gunfire was far off and unthreatening. No dropped bombs impeded the destroyer's passage.

Yet, according to The New York Times, BBC correspondent Jonathan Beale, who was on board Defender, has "published video footage showing as many as 20 Russian warplanes buzzing the ship and a Russian Coast Guard vessel drawing close alongside."

In brief, this naval encounter was serious business.

Defender's captain, Cmdr. Vince Owen, made it clear his ship sailed close by Crimea deliberately "to assert the position that Crimea and the waters around it legally belong to Ukraine."

Added Owen: "The Royal Navy and U.K. will always call out states that do not follow international order."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitri Peskov described Defender's actions as a "deliberate and premeditated provocation." Deputy foreign minister Sergei Ryabkov warned that the next time a provocation like this occurs, Russia "may drop bombs and not just in the path but right on target."

With the incident over, where do Downing Street and the Kremlin stand now?

Boris Johnson defies Vladimir Putin's claim to Crimea.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson's government and the Royal Navy have declared it to be their right to use warships to send a message to Moscow that Crimea belongs to Kyiv. Moscow has responded: Send that message again, and you may find your warship at the bottom of the Black Sea.

This is not an unserious matter.

If the Brits repeat this exercise, which they see as a right, a duty and a mission, we could witness a Russian attack on a British warship.

This would trigger Article 5 of the NATO treaty that requires all member nations to treat an attack on one as an attack on all.

Britain's challenge to Russia, a few kilometers off Crimea, could have resulted in a shooting incident that could have forced a U.S. response against Russia. And that raises some serious questions:

Did Johnson inform us he was about to issue this direct challenge to Moscow? Or were the Americans left in the dark?

Did President Joe Biden or the Pentagon tell Johnson that if Defender were attacked, U.S. forces would have their back?

With this clash off Crimea, a peninsula Russia regards as vital and we have never regarded as vital, we could have been drawn into a conflict by our ally, Britain, which could not prevail against Vladimir Putin's Russia without the military assistance of the United States.

There is another matter that makes this problematic.

To reach the Black Sea, Defender peeled off from a flotilla centered on the aircraft carrier Queen Elizabeth, which is in the Mediterranean.

That flotilla is headed to the Indo-Pacific region and likely to traverse the South

China Sea, whose islets, reefs and rocks are the claimed national territories of China.

Are the British warships going to emulate the U.S. naval challenges to China's claims to those tiny pieces of land in the South China Sea?

Also, Monday was the first day of the 12-day Exercise Sea Breeze 2021 in the Black Sea, hosted by the U.S. Sixth Fleet and Ukrainian navy.

These exercises have been held yearly since the end of the 20th century, and the 2021 roster of participants is the largest yet

The exercises will involve 32 nations, 32 ships, 5,000 troops and 40 planes. Among the participants are 17 NATO nations, including all three NATO allies on the Black Sea — Romania, Bulgaria and Turkey — and two aspiring NATO nations on the Black Sea — Ukraine and Georgia.

Are warships from any of these 32 nations going to follow the example of HMS Defender and sail close to the Russian naval base of Sevastopol? Are the Brits going to challenge Putin's claim to Crimea again? Or will they, chastened, avoid a confrontation?

The U.S. does not recognize Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014, but we have not threatened or used force to alter that reality.

For no vital U.S. interest is imperiled in Russia's control of Crimea and its 2 million people. After all, czarist and Bolshevik Russia controlled that peninsula from the time of Catherine the Great to the time of Mikhail Gorbachev.

The U.S. should tell Boris Johnson that if he wants to provoke the Russian navy in the Black Sea, he should not assume that, if a collision comes, the U.S. Sixth Fleet will pull his chestnuts out of the fire.

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

RICH LOWRY

How to decimate police in two easy steps

WANTED: Trained security professionals to deal with elevated levels of crime and mayhem at risk to their own life and limb, while getting called racist oppressors and potentially thrown under the bus by elected officials.

This has become the de facto employment notice for police around the country, and, unsurprisingly, cops and prospective cops don't find it particularly enticing. Why would they?

America's cities are feeling the effects of a yearlong experiment in what would happen if nearly everyone celebrated a movement based on the idea that police are racist goons, excused rioting and explained away spiraling crime, and made it clear to cops that if they make a mistake, they will, at the very least, become instantly infamous.

It hasn't gone well. Portland, Oregon, has been a veritable research lab for this experiment. The latest blow to the city is the mass resignation of the Portland Police Bureau's Rapid Response Team, which is responsible for policing protests in the city - a challenging, endless, and literally thankless job.

Rioting has become part of the fabric of urban life in Portland, where demonstrators have battled with cops nearly every other night since the death of George Floyd.

The city's leadership has been hapless, at best, in dealing with the chaos, and loud voices have been condemning the cops.

After an officer in the unit was charged with a crime for

When we need more cops in response to rising crime, we are getting fewer.

striking a photographer in the head with a baton after he had pushed her to the ground, the members considered it a last straw.

Portland City Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty kicked them on the way out the door, calling the resignations "yet another example of a rogue paramilitary organization that is unaccountable to the elected officials and residents of Portland." She didn't want them to quit, but instead to stay on the job so they could be fired.

Either way, she thinks it's a great opportunity to show what "de-escalation in policing looks like" - effectively blaming the police for black-clad thugs constantly trying to burn things down. The same argument was made about federal officers during the Trump administration, but, lo and behold, the disorder continued even after federal forces stepped back and even after Joe Biden was elected president.

The head of the Portland police union issued a stinging statement in reply to Hardesty, saying that members of the unit "did not volunteer to have Molotov cocktails, fireworks, explosives, rocks, bottles, urine, feces, and other dangerous objects thrown at them."

Nor, he continued, did they volunteer "to be subject to warrantless criticism and false allegations by elected officials, or

to suffer through baseless complaints and lengthy investigations devoid of due process."

What's happening in Portland's riot unit is a microcosm of what's happening everywhere. According to a survey by the Police Executive Research Forum, police resignations were up by 45% and retirements up 18% over the last year, while hiring has been slow.

In other words, when we need more cops in response to rising crime, we are getting fewer. This is like cutting back on firefighters while a wildfire is raging or reducing the size of the Army while it is fighting a war. No rational person would want smaller forces right now, yet the elite culture, leftist politicians, and obnoxious street protestors are conspiring to shrink them.

The crux of the matter is the moral status of the police. The question is whether they fulfill an absolutely crucial role that deserves to be honored and supported to the hilt by public officials, who unstintingly back order on the streets as a foundational public good - or not.

There are signs that even liberal jurisdictions are beginning to get this (crime has a been a top issue in the New York City mayoral race). We aren't going to keep or recruit good cops unless the job description, which has become so off-putting, is again worthy of the indispensability of the work.

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BIBLE SELECTION

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

— 2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)

Neshoba's unemployment rate sees slight drop in May

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Neshoba County's May 2021 unemployment rate of 5.8% dropped slightly when compared to the previous month.

Unemployment in Neshoba County dropped two tenths of a percent when compared to the April 2021 rate, according to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security.

That's much better than this time last year in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Neshoba County's unemployment rate stood at 14.6%.

Businesses and industries were forced to halt or scale back operations and send their employees home to avoid infection. At the time, Mississippi's unemployment rate stood at 11.8% while the nation's climbed to 13.0%.

Neshoba County's labor force in May 2021 stood at 10,410 people, an increase of 50 jobs when compared to the previous month. Of that, 600 people were out of work.

Here is a look at the unemployment rates in neighboring counties.

Mississippi's not seasonally

	MAY 2021	APRIL 2021	MAY 2020
Neshoba	5.8%	5.9%	14.6%
Kemper	8.1%	7.8%	11.8%
Leake	6.0%	5.7%	11.2%
Lauderdale	5.9%	5.8%	10.0%
Newton	6.1%	5.8%	11.3%
Scott	4.8%	4.9%	8.0%
Noxubee	8.8%	8.9%	13.4%
Winston	7.0%	6.8%	11.8%
Attala	6.5%	6.5%	9.8%

adjusted unemployment rate for May 2021 was 6.1%,

increasing two-tenths of a percentage point from the previous

month's rate of 5.9%. When compared to May 2020, the rate decreased 5.4 percentage points over the year.

The number of unemployed increased 2,200 over the month, while the employed total increased 1,400. The Nation's unemployment rate for May 2021 of 5.5% decreased two-tenths of a percentage point over the month and was 7.5 percentage points lower than the year-ago rate of 13.0%.

Mississippi's nonfarm employment had an increase of 3,300 jobs over the month and had 76,700 more jobs than one

year ago. Industry sectors registering the largest monthly employment gains were Leisure & Hospitality; Trade, Transportation and Utilities; and Manufacturing. For the month of May 2021, 34 counties in Mississippi posted unemployment rates less than or equal to the state's rate of 6.1%.

Rankin County posted the lowest unemployment rate for the month of May at 3.8% followed by Union County at 4.3%. Jefferson County had the highest unemployment rate for May at 18.1% followed by Wilkinson County at 13.7%.

Sheriff deputies arrest Kilmichael man with pound-and-a-half of marijuana at checkpoint

A Kilmichael man was arrested and charged with about a half pound of weed and dealing at a safety checkpoint the evening of Sunday, June 20, the authorities

said. Aaron Dane Purnell, 35, 518 Highway 413, Kilmichael, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Sheriff Eric Clark said that Purnell was arrested by deputies at a safety checkpoint on Highway 16 west, near the city limits early in the morning of that Sun-

day. Deputies encountered a white Hyundai Sonata driven by Purnell. He said that Purnell could face further charges as the inves-

tigation continues. Clark said that Purnell was driving with a suspended license and "a significant amount of marijuana."

Clark said that the drugs could go for between \$1,200 and \$1,500 on the street.

OBITUARIES

Marquettia Cameron

Funeral services for Mrs. Marquettia Seales Cameron were held on Saturday, June 26, 2021, at 2 P.M. from



Marquettia Cameron

Jerusalem Temple Church, with Bishop Stan Jones officiating. Burial was at Donald Rest Cemetery. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Cameron, 48, of Philadelphia, passed away on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian.

She is survived by her husband, Jamie Cameron of Philadelphia, MS, one son, Jakwelon Seales of Philadelphia, MS, her mother, Dorothy J. Seales of Philadelphia, MS, two brothers, Anthony Brand and Corie Houston, and one sister, Anna Seales all of Philadelphia, MS, five stepchildren, Jamarionm Jazymne, Fred, Kylon, Chance and Teundra, and eight grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Anthony Brand, Corie Houston, Wayne Trussell, Shaun Seales, Justin Coleman and Tremaine Clemons.

Robert Delane Gray

Funeral service for Mr. Robert Delane Gray was held at 10:00 AM Tuesday at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Lawrence Pool, Rev. Hal Hall and Rev. John E. Stephens officiating. Interment in Sandtown Cemetery.

Robert, 69, passed away Friday, June 25, 2021 at Rush Specialty Hospital in Meridian, MS. He was born in Neshoba County and made his home in the Sandtown Community. He retired from Neshoba County Road Department after 39 1/2 years. Robert loved fox hunting, deer hunting with his dogs, and visiting family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Gray; Sons, Brad Gray (Lisa) and Chad Gray (Ramona); (6) Grandchildren; Brothers, Dwight Gray (Gail) and Perry Gray; Sisters, Peggy Cooke (Wesley) and Martha Whittle

(Jim); host of nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by parents, Preston and Lou Gray; brothers, Talmadge, Ray, Ross, Terry, and Gerry Gray; Sisters, Betty Morgan and Mary Daniels.

Pallbearers: Ricky Morgan, Frankie Watkins, Brian Whittle, Mike Savell, Chris Barrett, Johnny Daniels, Mitchell Bateman and Dwight Akins.

Mary Bell Willis

Graveside service for Mrs. Mary Bell Willis will be held at 2 PM Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at Hope Indian Baptist Cemetery. No Visitation. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge.

Mrs. Willis, 65, passed away on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at Merit Health System Hospital in Hattiesburg, MS. She enjoyed word puzzles, picture puzzles, watching westerns. Mrs. Willis is preceded in death by her mother, Mary Rose Wilson; daughter, Shannon Rose Willis; son, Marcus Landon Willis; sister, Minnie Pearl Wilson Willis.

Survivors include her husband, Hulon Willis; 9 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren.

Leanna Jane Smith

Funeral services for Leanna Jane Smith were held Monday, June 28, 2021 at 2 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Chris Harrison, Rev. Tommy Anderson and Rev. Doug Thompson officiating. Burial followed in Bethsaida Cemetery. Visitation was held Sunday, June 27, 2021 for 4 to 8 p.m. at McClain-Hays Funeral Home. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Miss Smith, 31, of Brandon, Ms, died Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

She was a native of Union, MS. She attended Union High School and received a Bachelor Degree at Belhaven College. She was employed with Central Surgical Associates of Jackson, MS. Miss Smith was Baptist by faith.

Survivors include her mother, Sheila Williams Smith of Union; brother, Daniel Smith of Union; several aunts, uncles, cousins and their families.

Miss Smith was preceded in death by her father, Roger Smith in 2020; grandparents, Lemuel and Jane Williams and Felton and Louise Smith.

Sheryl R. Cheek

Graveside services for Sheryl R. Cheek will be held Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 12 noon at Bluff Springs Cemetery with Rev. Charles Davis officiating. Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 30, 2021 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at McClain-Hays Funeral Home. McClain-Hays Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Cheek, 73, of Preston, died Saturday, June 26, 2021.

She was born in Indiana and moved to Preston, Ms in 1982. She worked for Pearl River Resort for 20 plus years until her retirement. She loved her family, especially her grandchildren and her favorite dog, Channelle. Mrs. Cheek was a member of Bluff Springs Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Angela Eldridge and Joy Kilpatrick (Rick); son, Chris Cheek (Lisa); brothers, Dennis and Billy Dean; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cheek is preceded in death by husband, Bill Cheek; parents, Barney and Madeline Dean.

Mildred Marie Moore

Funeral service for Ms. Mildred Marie Moore was held at 10 AM Monday, June 28, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Richard Burks and Rev. Tal Vardaman officiating. Interment in Fellowship Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

Ms. Moore, 88, passed away Friday, June 25, 2021 at Mississippi Care Center of Morton. She lived in Neshoba County all of her life. She worked 20 years at Wells Lamont Corporation. Crocheting, quilting and reading was her favorite hobbies. She was a member of First Pentecostal Church.

Preceded in death: parents, George W. White, Emma M. Long White; daughter, Kathy Marie Roberts; granddaughter, Lea Ann Hardy; (4) sisters; (4) brothers.

Survivors are (5) daughters, Wanda Barrett, Carolyn Belk (Billy), Brenda Osterloh (Jim), Joyce Barnett, Rhonda Buchanan; Son, Roger Moore of LA; (24) grandchildren; (46) great-grandchildren; (16) great-

great-grandchildren; host of nieces, nephews.

Pallbearers: Richard Price, Lance Barrett, Joshua Eanes, Andrew Moore, Dylan Moore, Adam.

Gerald E. Crenshaw

Funeral service for Mr. Gerald E. Crenshaw will be held 2 PM Sunday, June 27, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Don Savell, Rev. John E. Stephens and Rev. Mack Alford officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Carmel Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

Mr. Crenshaw, 79, passed away Friday, June 25, 2021 at his home. He lived in Neshoba Co. his whole life. He worked in underground construction. He was a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. His hobbies were working, working, and working.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Erman Marzell Crenshaw and Lois Mae Johnson Crenshaw; daughter, Angie Tullos; sister, Penny Buchanan; brothers, Keith and Carl Crenshaw.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Crenshaw; sons, Johnny Crenshaw (Denise), Cotton Crenshaw (Marion); son-in-law, Joe Tullos; sister, Sarah Waddell; (9) grandchildren; (7) great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Naveon Keith Willis

Graveside service for Mr. Naveon Keith Willis will be held at 2 PM Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at Isleep Cemetery with Rev. Mark Patrick officiating. There will be no visitation.

Mr. Willis, 54, passed away Friday, June 25, 2021 at his home. He was a roofer and enjoyed talking, fishing, spending time with his children, nieces and nephews.

Mr. Willis is preceded in death by his parents, Bill Willis and Geraldine Mitch; brothers, Daniel Willis, Jeffery Willis and Bruce Willis.

Survivors include his wife, Frieda Dixon Willis; daughters, Malaysia Dixon, Tiffanique Willis, Arylynn John; son, Randy

Nickey; sisters, Lora Orduno, Karon Bryant, Florence Hodges; brother, Alan Willis; 11 grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Rian Willis, Jody Soloman, Richard John, Michael McMillan, Deondra Tubby, Brandon Tubby, Cagney Edwards, Paul Jefferson.

Charlotte Tubby

Graveside service for Mrs. Charlotte Tubby will be held at 10 AM Thursday, July 1, 2021 at Old Mt. Zion Cemetery with Rev. Carl Wilson officiating. There will be no visitation.

Mrs. Tubby, 56, passed away Friday, June 25, 2021 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian, MS. She was a Receptionist with Choctaw Health Center and enjoyed helping to coach her sons in sports, watching stickball teams, playing softball with her sisters.

Mrs. Tubby is preceded in death by her parents, James Dixon and Encie Farve; infant son; sister, Molly Ann Dixon; brothers, Billy Joe Dixon, Terry Wayne Dixon.

Survivors include her husband, Stanley Tubby; daughter, Leanna Jade Tubby; sons, Stanley Tubby, Jr., Joseph Dewight Tubby; step-son, Joey Stephens; sisters, Carolyn Dixon, Celestine Steve, Sonja Edwards; 5 grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Sam Farve, Benjamin Farve, Brayon Farve, James Steve, Michael J. Willis, Rocky Steve, Evan Bell, Tristan Dixon.

Ausberto Garcia

Visitation service for Mr. Ausberto Anonio Garcia will be held on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, from 4 P.M. until 5 P.M. from the chapel of Beck Funeral Home with Rev. Lindsey Kidd officiating. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Garcia, 82, of Philadelphia, passed away on Friday, June 25, 2021 at Neshoba General Hospital.



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He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline Debra Garcia of Philadelphia, MS, three daughters, Sonia Evans of Haines City, FL, Marilyn Hannah and Evette Buntley both of Rochester, NY, one sister, Sonia Garcia Diaz of Guayana, Puerto Rico, 11 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Ricky Chadwick Lofton

A memorial service will be held at a later date for Mr. Ricky Chadwick Lofton. Mr. Lofton, 48, passed away Thursday, June 10, 2021 in Baton Rouge, LA. He lived in Neshoba Co. most of his life.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ricky Dale Lofton; brothers, Thomas Todd Lofton and Patrick Tyler Lofton.

Survivors include wife, Nikki Beckham Lofton; mother, Linda Lofton; daughter, Hailey Lofton; sons, Dalton Lofton; sister, Crystal Lofton; (2) grandchildren.



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Hailey Donald was crowned Miss Black Neshoba County on June 19.

Donald crowned Miss Black Neshoba County

By SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS
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Hailey Donald, the winner of the recently revived Miss Black Neshoba County Pageant, said she formed a sisterhood with other competitors throughout the competition.

"We were all so encouraging to each other which is what made the experience more fun," said Donald, a 17-year-old upcoming Philadelphia High School senior, who is the daughter of Kizzy and Keaton Donald. "It felt good to be in the midst of so much positivity."

Eight contestants ages 16 to 21 competed in the Miss Black Neshoba County Pageant held for the first time in nearly 20 years on June 19 at the Westside Community Center in Philadelphia.

Contestants competed in African attire, evening gown and on-stage question segments with the theme of "Making Our Ancestors Proud."

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

"I worked so hard for it," said Donald of winning the

pageant. "I didn't know that I would win, but once I did, I knew it was because of all the hard work I put into it."

Donald, who also competed in the Miss Distinguish Young Woman pageant in April, said she was elated to win the Miss Black Neshoba County Pageant.

"This pageant gives young girls something to be proud about," Donald said of the Miss Black Neshoba County Pageant.

Other winners were first runner-up Kyleigh Moore, 15, daughter of Marcus and Shandra Wilson, and second runner-up T'Kenzele Moore, 17,

daughter of Lakecia Moore and Twarski Kirkland.

Shandra Wilson, the mother of first runner-up, Kyleigh Moore, said she was impressed by how the girls performed, and she believes the pageant builds confidence.

"I felt proud as a parent to see the girls rooting for each other throughout the pageant," Wilson said.

Donald said the spirit of sisterhood overcame the spirit of competition.

"It didn't even feel like a competition," Donald said. "I feel like this pageant was a big mark in history."



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COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 6/21-6/28

- Joshua Andrews, 28, of 721 Majure Rd; possession of controlled substance, suspended drivers license, possession of paraphernalia, no license tag

- Roger L Bankhead, 37, of 10920 Rd 737; possession of controlled substance

- D'Bias Barber, 29, of 2380 Robert Butler Rd, Forest; failure to appear X2, no license tag, no proof of insurance, no drivers license

- Jaylon Carter, 24, of 1122 East Ave; hold for investigations, possession with intent to distribute

- Brooks Chunn, 37, of 10301 Rd 1327; hold for investigations, contempt of court

- Malcolm Coburn, 31, of 403 Barham St; contempt of court X3, indictment X2

- Walton Carl Copeland, 35, of 10161 Rd 149; hold for investigations, possession of controlled substance, petit larceny-less than \$1000.00

- Kevin Eakes, 43, of 10391 Rd 571; disturbing the peace, disorderly conduct

- Billy Derrell Edwards, 54, of 10061 Rd 266; suspended drivers license, possession of paraphernalia, no insurance

- Zachary Rh Kyzar, 22, of 144 M Stamper Rd, Decatur; driving under the influence-2nd offense

- Richard L McCraw, 50, of 10531 Rd 248; possession of controlled substance

- Justin Larius McDonald, 29, of 250 Tootsie Carter Rd, Louisville; malicious mischief over \$1000.00

- Kelvin McDonald, 29, of 1066 Frog Level Lane C25; possession of marijuana-vehicle

- Curtis Moore Jr, 30, of 10131 Rd 2641; serving sentence

- Barada Lee Murray, 59, of 14850 Hwy 11 S, Fosters, AL; public drunk, disorderly conduct

- Kenall Wayne Pilgrim, 56, of 17511 Hwy 19 S; no charges listed

- Joshua Lewis Quintana, 30, of 15600 Hwy 16 N; no insurance, none/expired drivers license, seat belt violation, possession of marijuana-vehicle

- Candace R Rash, 41, of 10420 Rd 296, Union; disturbing the peace

- Micheal Robinson, 26, of 290 Bogue Chitto Cir; failure to appear

- Javen Verell Stewart, 19, of 117 Cedar Green Dr, Canton; reckless driving

- Jaliqwe Lasage Williams, 23, of 153 Goat Ranch Rd; driving under the influence-1st offense, no proof of insurance
- Chanon W Wilson, 24, of 931 Black Jack Rd; driving under the influence-2nd offense, non/expired drivers license, no insurance, displaying blue/red lights

Winston County jail docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 6/21-6/27

- Roger Bankhead, 37, of 10902 Rd 737; controlled substance-sell, transfer, distribute, possess with intent to sell, controlled substance-trafficking in controlled substances

- Jamai M Boler, 22, of 310 Ivy St; larceny-petit value under \$1000, simple assault-fear, trespass-after notice of non-permission, telephone/electronic communication of profane, indecent, harassing etc. language-1st offense, speeding 10 over

- Annie Carter, 64, of 614 W Walnut St; contempt of court-municipal court

- Malcolm A Coburn, 31, of 403 Barham St; contempt of court-municipal court

- Sylestina Cotton, 42, of 147 Big Spring Creek Rd; DUI-1st offense

- Brenda F Davis, 43, of 830 Chestnut St; trespass-after notice of non-permission

- Timothy Eichelberger, 50, of 13458 Hwy 15 S, Noxapater; trespass-after notice of non-permission

- Christon Flores, 36, of 538 Tushka Rd, Conehatta; DUI-1st offense

- Demarquese J Gibson, 20, of 65 Willis Cove, Grenada; grand larceny, escape of prisoners-escape confinement or custody for a felony charge

- Sherman Green, 38, of Philadelphia; disorderly conduct-interfering with business customers, invitees, etc.

- William M Hardy, 64, of no address listed; license-driving while revoked or suspended, littering, MV-seat belt

- violation, MV-tag-none or expired, MV-no insurance, MV-reckless driving, DUI-1st offense, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct-disturbance in public place, disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers, fleeing or eluding a law enforcement officer in a motor vehicle-results in serious bodily injury to another, simple assault-police officer, simple assault-on policeman in line of duty, public drunk

- Shakira Hayes, 24, of 460 N 6th Ave, Forest; contempt of court-municipal court

- Kinard King, 28, of 118 Hilltop Dr; hold-detainer for other agency

- Jardavion McDougale, 19, of 421 Austin St; contempt of court-municipal court

- Jessica McWilliams, 51, of 408 Barham St; contempt of court-municipal court

- Steve R Moore, 38, of 40 Northwood Dr, Louisville; contempt of court-municipal court

- Malaney Nickey, 26, of 236 West Tucker St; hold-detainer for other agency

- Cedric Pace, 29, of 305 Pearl Ave; sexual battery, contempt of court-municipal court

- Joshua L Quintana, 30, of 11620 Hwy 482 Lot 9; contempt of court-municipal court

- Rachel O Roberts, 47, of 723 Rural Dempsey Rd, Louisville; contempt of court-municipal court

- Kindle T Sam, 21, of 865 Union Chapel Rd, Louisville; contempt of court-municipal court

- Kianna Shoemake, 21, of 194 Lagood Rd; hold-detainer for other agency

- Kelsie D Steve, 32, of 538 Watkins St; contempt of court-municipal court

- Jason J Stribling, 44, of 411 Austin St; burglary-breaking and entering inner door of dwelling

- Caleb M Thibodeauf, 26, of 107 Adeline Count Schriver; DUI-1st offense

- Griffin A Thompson, 46, of 307 Lee St; methamphetamine-possession

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Choctaw Indian Fair opens in two weeks

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The 71st annual Choctaw Indian Fair officially starts in two weeks with a long list of events and activities planned for the four-day event.

But the fun begins next week.

A favorite part of the fair is the World Series of Stickball, which actually starts July 7 with two exhibition games.

“On July 7, we are going to open it up with a ceremony honoring our stickball coaches

and players (drummers, anyone associated with the teams) who have passed on,” said Misty Brescia, director of the office of Public Relations for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. “That starts at 7 p.m. Then we are doing two exhibition games afterward, a women’s 35-and-over and a men’s 50-years-and-over.”

The competition games begin on July 8, Brescia said. The World Series Stickball tournament has three adult divisions — Men’s, Women’s,

Men’s 35-and-over, and two youth divisions — Tulli Okchi Ishko (14-17) and Pushmataha (10-13). Stickball will continue until Saturday, July 17, with the men’s championship game on the final night of the Fair.

The Fair officially gets underway Wednesday, July 14, at the Amphitheater with the Opening Ceremonies at 6 p.m., followed by the Choctaw Indian Princess pageant starting at 7 p.m. The title of Choctaw Indian Princess is a prestigious title that holds

many responsibilities. The princess serves as an ambassador for the Tribe for one year. During her reign, she travels around the country, many times with the Tribal Chief, to promote awareness of the Tribe.

As always, there is professional entertainment at the Amphitheater. The acts are as follows: Thursday — Jimmie Allen at 8:30 p.m.; Friday — Zach Williams at 8:30 p.m.; and, Saturday — Brett Young at 8:30 p.m.

A new event this year will

be the CIF Cornhole Tournament.

Cornhole (also known regionally as bags, sack toss, or bean bag toss) is a lawn game in which players take turns throwing 16-ounce bags of corn kernels at a raised platform (board) with a hole in the far end.

A bag in the hole scores 3 points, while one on the board scores 1 point. Play continues until a team or player reaches or exceeds the score of 21 by means of cancellation scoring. There will be a tribal tourna-

ment on Friday starting at 10 a.m. On Saturday, there will be an open tournament, also starting at 10 a.m.

The carnival rides on the midway open July 8 and will run throughout the fair. There will be other events such as the Rez Run on Saturday starting at 7 a.m. and the Iron Warrior competition.

There are exhibitions highlighting Choctaw history and culture, tribal dances and Shawn’s Discovery Zone.

For more information, visit www.choctawindianfair.com.

Philadelphia native lands in Pearl River CC Hall of Fame

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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Philadelphia native Randy Boyette will be inducted into the Pearl River Community College Sports Hall of Fame along with other athletes in a July 30 ceremony.

As a freshman, Boyette handled the kicking duties in addition to playing a little tight end and linebacker on PRCC Football Coach J.C. Arban’s 7-2 team. It wasn’t until his sophomore season in 1976 that the Wildcats really took off.

Boyette played a huge role in the team’s 9-2 State Championship season, converting 33 of 35 PATs; both numbers are still represented in PRCC’s record book.

Following the season, Boyette was named to the All-State squad and played in the all-star game.

The Southern Mississippi football staff recruited Boyette and he played there for two seasons. Boyette was about as reliable as they come. He converted 23 of 25 PATs each season while also successfully kicking 10 field goals.

Boyette and his brother, Steve, were born in Philadelphia in the mid-1950s to the late Betty Carol Boyette, nee Spears, and her husband, the



Randy Boyette

sorts of sports. We didn’t have baseball until I was a junior or senior, so I didn’t play that but I did track. Basketball was probably my favorite.”

Following college, he became a teacher and a coach. After 16 years, he took a break from the classroom and ran a delivery business. But after a few years, he returned to the classroom.

Boyette, who recently retired from teaching, is married to Dorothy Boyette. The couple has four children, Haley, Sarah, Michael and Stephen, and four grandchildren.

“This honor is very humbling,” said Boyette when asked about being named to the hall of fame. “I’m honored. I never thought about something like this. When I was here, I just wanted to help my team win.”

The PRCC Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be July 30. Other inductees this year include baseball player Jake Smith; women’s soccer player Hannah McCarty; and men’s basketball player Darral Willis Jr.

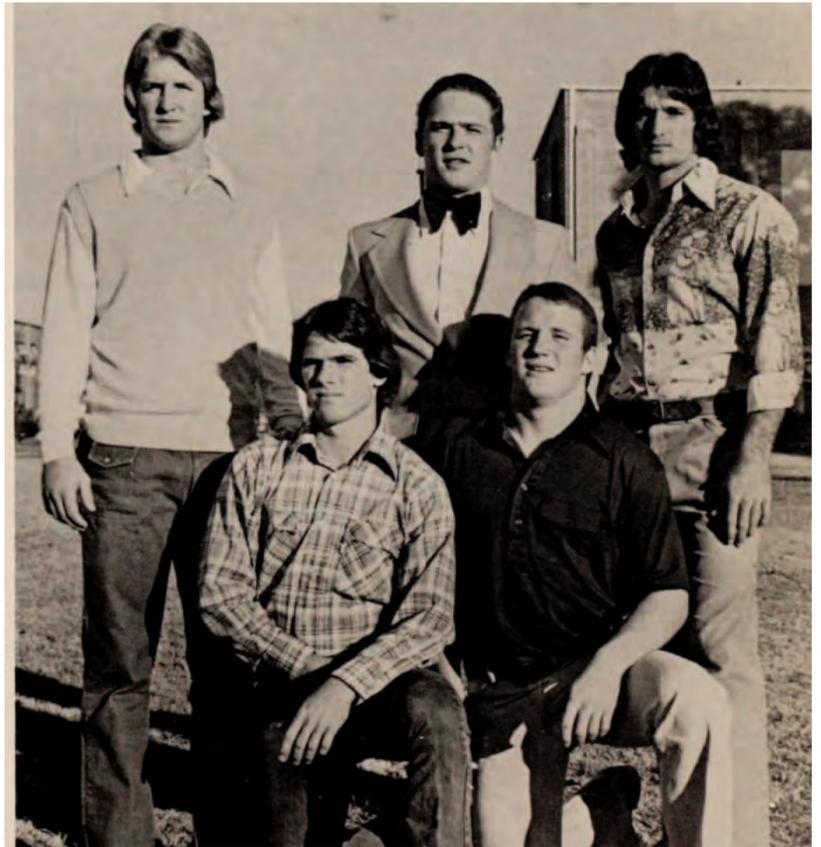
Tickets for the banquet can be secured by visiting PRCCAthletics.com/HOF or by calling Traci Spence at 601-403-1193.

late Steve Everett Boyette. Randy Boyette’s grandparents were James Otha Spears and Myrtle Spears who owned a lawnmower repair store.

Randy Boyette’s father was from Meridian and taught school at Philadelphia High School. The family moved to Amite, Louisiana, in 1959. His father was an educator there and in Loranger, Louisiana, for years.

His father was a head baseball and basketball coach who also was an assistant football coach. His mother played professional basketball. His father died in 2003 and his mother died in March 2020 after becoming ill with COVID-19.

“I was a gym rat,” Boyette said recently. “I played all



A yearbook photo shows Randy Boyette, back middle, with his college teammates.



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Even taking small amounts of meth, or just trying it once, can cause harmful health effects, including:

- Rapid or irregular breathing
- Bizarre, erratic, aggressive, irritable, or violent behavior
- Increased blood pressure and body temperature
- Faster breathing
- Loss of appetite, disturbed sleep patterns, or nausea

Chronic meth use leads to many damaging, long-term health effects (even when users stop taking meth), including:

- Paranoia, hallucinations, mood disturbances, delusions, or violent behavior (psychotic symptoms can sometimes last for months or years after quitting meth)
- Anxiety, confusion, or insomnia
- Permanent damage to the heart and brain
- High blood pressure leading to heart attacks, strokes, and death
- Liver, kidney, and lung damage
- Intense itching, causing skin sores from scratching
- Severe dental problems (“meth mouth”)

What can you do if a loved one is using meth?

- Do some research about addiction and meth to have a better understanding
- Be ready to listen, and do not be judgmental
- It is not wise to confront the individual when they are high
- When a person refuses help or services, voice your concern but respect the person’s decision
- Self-care is very important when caring for others



For More Information contact the Choctaw Tribal Opioid Response Project Team (601) 389-4150

Resort hosting annual fireworks show July 4

The Silver Star Hotel & Casino is celebrating its 27th anniversary this Fourth of July. To kick-off the weekend long celebration, Pearl River Resort will welcome the legendary R&B group, Bell Biv

DeVoe to the Silver Star Convention Center stage on Friday, July 2, 2021 at 8pm. To officially mark its 27th Anniversary, the Silver Star Hotel & Casino will celebrate with a fireworks display on

Sunday, July 4, at 9 p.m. The public is invited to come out and celebrate the anniversary and the Fourth of July with the fireworks show that is always a crowd pleaser.

10 new cases of COVID in county

By JOHN LEE
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Neshoba County recorded 10 new cases of COVID-19 and no new deaths in the past week, according to the Mississippi State Department of Health's Tuesday COVID-19 report.

Neshoba County's total COVID-19 cases since the pandemic began in March 2020 is now at 4,075, with the death toll remaining at 180. Of those deaths, 114 are from the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, according to MSDH.

As of Tuesday, 20% of Neshoba County's population is fully vaccinated, according to MSDH, and 22% of the county's population has received one of the 12,090 total doses of COVID-19 vaccines administered in the county.

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

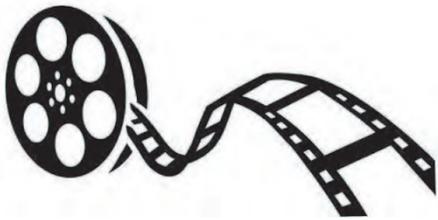
The Mississippi Band of

Choctaw Indians has reported no new positive cases of COVID-19 and no new deaths in the past week as of June 28, with the total number of positive cases for the Tribe remaining at 1,838 with 114 deaths since the pandemic began in March 2020. No new hospitalizations have been reported.

Statewide, since the pandemic began in March 2020, 196,647 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been recorded by the MSDH along with 124,761 probable cases, totaling 321,408 cases. There have been 5,107 confirmed COVID-19 deaths, along with 2,305 probable COVID-19 deaths.

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6:00pm Opening Ceremonies at Main Stage
7:00pm Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant
10:15pm World Series Stickball

Thursday, July 15

11:00am Gates Open
8:30pm Jimmie Allen in Concert
10:15pm World Series Stickball

Friday, July 16

10:00am Gates Open
8:30pm Zach Williams in Concert
10:15pm World Series Stickball

Saturday, July 17

7:00am REZ RUN 2021
10:00am Gates Open
6:00pm Closing Ceremonies at Main Stage
8:30pm Brett Young in Concert
10:15pm World Series Stickball Championship

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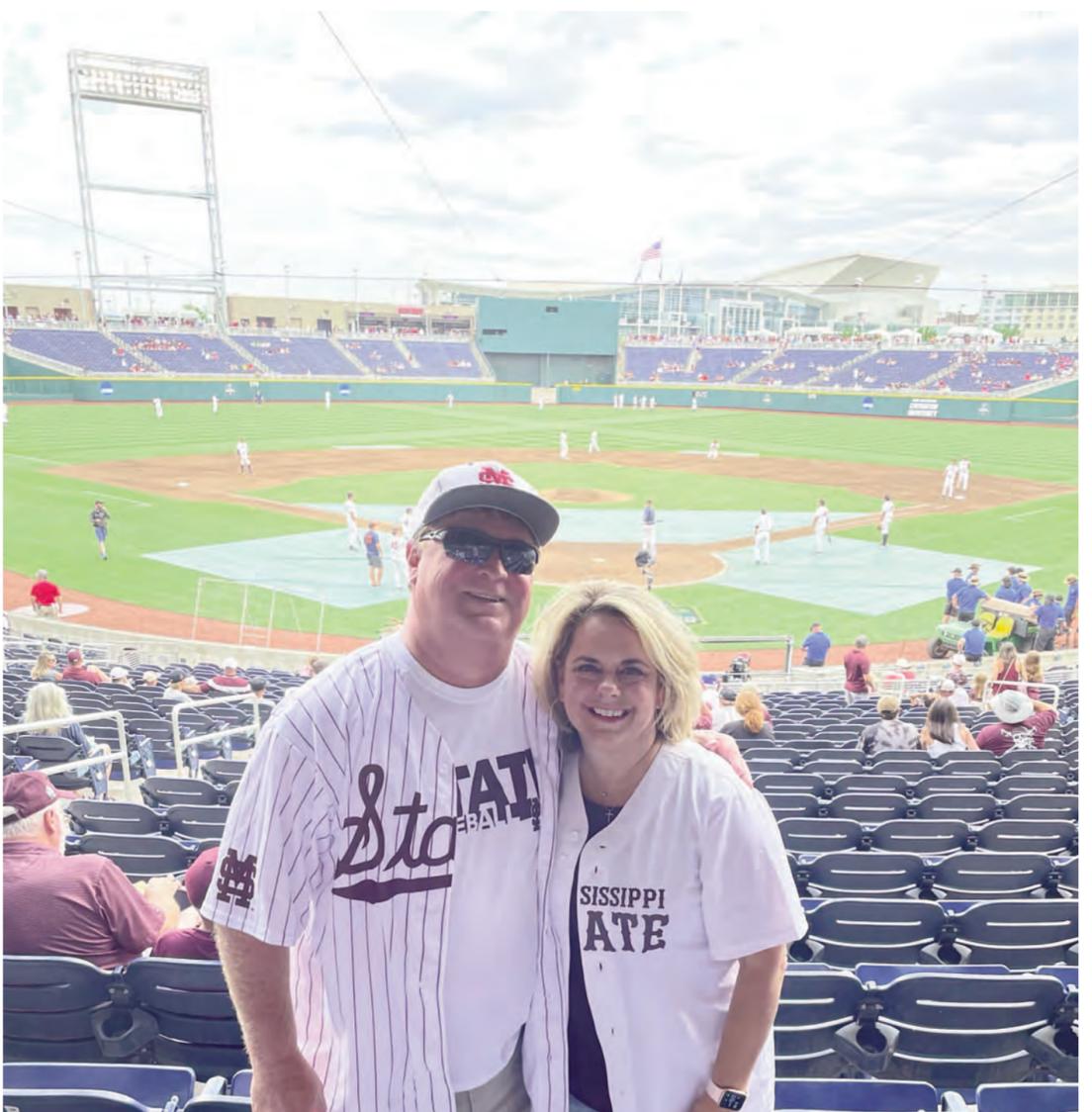
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Bryan looking forward to retirement

By SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS
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After working as a dental assistant for 45 years, Linda Bryan is retiring July 1, and the moment feels bittersweet.

In Bryan's senior year of high school, she began working in the mornings with Dr. Bill G. Molpus.

"We had a program in our school called diversified occupations, and the seniors could work," Bryan said.

Bryan started working as a dental assistant through the program and stayed after graduation. Bryan got certified as a dental assistant from Hinds Community College.

Thirteen years ago, the Horn family bought the dentist's office from Dr. Bill Molpus. Bryan said she had the privilege of working with the Horn family and Dr. Molpus.

"They have been so good to me, and I thank Dr. Molpus for all he has done for us," Bryan said. "I am truly blessed."

Not only will Bryan be celebrating her retirement with co-workers, friends and family she will also be celebrating her birthday and her late husband, Travis Bryan's, birthday. They shared the same birthday, she said, and though this year will be hard, she is thankful for the love and support surrounding her.

Bryan and Travis have one son, Cody Bryan. Cody is married to Crystal Bryan, and together they have three children, Anna Lauren, Gracie and Kynlee Bryan. Linda Bryan said her grandchildren are her world.

Bryan's husband was known as the grill master in their family. She wanted to share his recipes because, to the family, he was the best cook, she said. Cody takes after his dad when it comes to making delicious food, she said.

Her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren live close by so she can see them as often as she likes.

Bryan is looking forward to retiring so she can spend more time with her grandchildren.

Retirement for her is bittersweet and as a birthday gift from the Horns, the Bryan family will take a trip this summer to Destin to celebrate.



Anna Lauren Bryan, Linda Bryan, Kynlee Bryan and Gracie Bryan

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Black pepper
Garlic salt
Bulls hot sauce

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PEACH COBBLER
2- 15 oz. can of peaches (1 can juice drained and 1 can in blender)

1 c flour
1 c sugar
1 c milk
2 tsp baking powder
½ c butter
Pinch of salt

Preheat oven to 350. Melt cube of butter in 9x9 pan in oven. In a medium bowl, mix flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Mix well. Take out the pan with the melted butter and pour batter mixture over it. Also pour can of peaches (with the juice) over it. Do not mix. Bake for 30-35 minutes.

COOK OF THE WEEK

When dough rises sprinkle 4 tablespoon sugar on top.

POP'S WHITE ENCHILADAS
2 cups shredded, cooked chicken (can use a store-bought rotisserie chicken)
10 flour tortillas (taco size)
2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese (or mozzarella)
3 tbsp butter

3 tbsp flour
2 cups chicken broth
1 cup sour cream
1 (4 oz) can diced green chilies
Salt and pepper and Adobo seasoning, to taste

Preheat oven to 350 F degrees. Spray 9 x 13 baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. In a medium-sized bowl, mix together cooked,

shredded chicken with one cup of shredded cheese along with salt, pepper and Adobo seasoning. Place chicken mixture into each of the flour tortillas. Roll them all up and place them in the prepared baking dish. In a medium saucepan, melt butter. Whisk in flour and let cook and thicken for 1 minute (don't let it burn). Add chicken broth and whisk until smooth. Stir

in sour cream and green chilies. Be sure not to let the mixture boil. Take sauce off the heat and pour it over the enchiladas. Top with remaining shredded cheese. Bake for about 20-25 minutes. If you'd like, you can turn the broiler on high and broil these for a minute or two until cheese is slightly browned and bubbly.

Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS
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The descendants of Ollie and Sadie Hardy held their family reunion on Memorial Day at Bobby and Joyce Hardy's lake cabin. There were 50 family members who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hardy had nine children, seven of whom are still living. Corinne Hardy Brantley, Bobby Hardy, Jerry Hardy, Nancy Hardy Williams, Nancy Hardy Walker, Jane Hardy, and Linda Hardy Wood are the surviving siblings who enjoy a close relationship with each other. Overt and J.C. Hardy passed away several years ago.

Corinne, Bobby, Jerry, Nancy, and Jane and their families enjoyed the day. Everyone found something to entertain themselves with, whether it was fishing in the lake, sitting on the spacious porch and visiting, lounging in chairs under the cooking shed, or visiting from group to group. A huge lunch was served with a big variety of luscious dishes prepared by some great cooks. It was a wonderful reunion!

The Miss Black Neshoba County Pageant was held on June 19 with a group of lovely, excited girls as contestants.

It was a great experience for the contestants because they did not focus on who would win, but instead encouraged and rooted for each other before going onstage. They showed a true example of excellence in character.

The pageant was directed

by Angela Tatum Moore and Erica Clemons Moore who were so helpful and volunteered their time. Jordy French won Miss Congeniality; Tkenzie Moore was 2nd Runner Up and Kayleigh Moore was 1st Rimmer Up. Hailey Donald was chosen as Miss Black Neshoba County 2021.

As one person said, "It was a great Juneteenth Celebration." Congratulations to all of the girls who participated as well as the winners.

Happy Anniversaries to Tommie and Jerry Hardy who celebrated their 54th Wedding Anniversary on June 19! The couple enjoys being retired and visiting with their family, and especially with their grandchildren. Best wishes for many more happy years together!

The Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers Airport marked the beginning of Emily Berry's journey in her chosen career as she boarded a plane for basic training in the United States Navy. She is a 2021 graduate of Neshoba Central High School. Emily chose to enlist in the Navy and is eligible under the 9/11 GI Bill to receive up to \$180,000 in scholarship funds to further her education.

Her parents are Brian and Lydia Whittaker Berry who drove her to the airport and saw her plane take off.

Congratulations to Meg Martin who graduated from East Mississippi Community College on June 17. Com-

mencement ceremonies were held in the Lyceum Auditorium on the Golden Triangle Campus. Graduates of the school's Barber/Stylist and Cosmetology Programs received their diplomas in front of an audience of family and friends.

Meg received an extraordinarily special gift certificate. It was a certificate good for one miniature golden doodle puppy due to arrive on July 10! Her parents, Dr. Craig and Amy Martin, and brothers, Seth and Will, planned this gift which will keep on giving! How fabulous to have a furbaby to look forward to! Her next goal is taking and passing the State Board Exam.

Happy Anniversaries to Sid and Mickie Williams who celebrated their 44th Anniversary on June 24! This popular couple stays busy with work, church, children, and grandchildren. Mickie owns M Tootsie's Shop on the corner of the Square and Sid can usually be found at Williams Brothers. Wishing you many more Happy Anniversaries together!

Lt. Col. Wesley C. Roundsville is assuming command of the 727th expeditionary Air

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Softball All-Stars win tournament

The Northside Park 6U softball team won the USSSA All-Star State Tournament in McGee, on June 20. Pictured, left to right, (Front row) Cole Cremeen, Bailee Frazier, Hallie Cockrell, Brooklyn Jones, Miles Owen, Jazelle Bell, Michael Smith (Back row) Bema Reynolds, Chris Owen, Carsyn Cremeen, Lakelyn Boler, Keilani Gibson, Leilee Wallace, Savanna Klootwyk, Cassidy Chamblee, and Chris Klootwyk



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DEARING FAMILY REUNION

The annual Dearing Family Reunion will be the fourth Sunday in July, July 25th beginning at 10 AM at the Mississippi Christian Service Camp, Decatur MS. Bring a covered dish, any Family Pictures you wish to share and written family information updates. For more information call 601-482-4534. Please leave a message if no answer, I'll try to get back to you as soon as possible. Web Address: www.dearingfamily.com

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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.

BIBLE STUDY

Gatherings on Tuesday nights, 7 p.m. at the Philadelphia Thrifty Nickel. Stay inspired by the Word of the Lord. Come join us as we dive into "Learning the Bible" with Speaker Bro. Ricky Rogers. Be renewed by the Bible.

MOUNT ARY BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Mount Ary Baptist Church will have their Homecoming and Memorial Service on Sunday July 18, 2021. Sunday School will begin at 9 AM, Morning Worship will begin at 10 AM. Memorial Services will

begin at 11:30 AM followed by a fellowship meal. Revival services on Sunday July 18 beginning at 6 PM. Rev. David Edwards of Gary, Ind will be the guest minister. The public is invited.

GRAY REUNION

The Gray reunion (descendants of Charles and Emma Gray) will be held at the Neshoba County Coliseum on July 11, 2021. It will start at 10 AM. Potluck lunch will be at noon. Bring your family and enjoy the fellowship. See you there!

WATKINS FAMILY REUNION

The Watkins Family Reunion - Descendants of Luther C. Watkins and Della James White Watkins are invited to celebrate on July 10th at Macedonia Revival Center north of Philadelphia from 11 AM until late afternoon. Bring your favorite dish for a potluck and any old family photos you may have.

NARFE MEETING

The Central MS Chapter 1251 of NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees) will resume its monthly meeting on July 7, 2021, at 11:30 A. M. at Ronnie's Steak and Grill, 734 Pecan Avenue, Philadelphia, MS 39350. All active and retired federal employees and guests are invited to attend. For additional information about the meeting, please call 601-416-1053.

Friends

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control Squadron. Prior to this, his most recent assignment was Director of Operations at the 729th Air Control Squadron, Hill, Air Force Base; where he was responsible to the Commander for the leadership and supervision of 140 operations personnel in the execution of wartime and training tasks. His team managed the initial upgrade training and wartime qualification for 11 combat crew positions. The directorate ensured opera-

tions airmen attained readiness requirements for worldwide contingency operations in support of Combatant Command requirements.

He is the son of Rex and JoAnn Rounsaville and is a product of Philadelphia, a 1999 graduate of Philadelphia High School and a 2004 graduate of Mississippi State University, where he received a Bachelors in Business Administration. Rounsaville also received his MBA at Oklahoma City University. In 2005, he attended and graduated Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base.

Lt. Col. Rounsaville is a Senior Air Battle Manager

with operational experience in both the E-3B/C Airborne Warning and Control System and the Control and Reporting Center. He has held a variety of ground, staff, and flying assignments at the Squadron, Group, and Headquarters Air Force levels.

June 11-14 the Mississippi Women's Golf Association held their 2021 Open Tournament on the Oaks Course at Dancing Rabbit. The weather turned beautiful after torrential rains soaked this area in the days prior to the tournament. The golf course was too wet for the ladies to play a practice round on Thursday but the sun shone brightly throughout the three-day tournament. Mary Marshall was thrilled to host the State of Mississippi Senior Women's Golf Champion, Ms Karen Arseneau from Biloxi. Karen and Mary have been dear friends, mah-jongg buddies and prayer warriors for twenty years. Karen finished second in her flight. Congratulations to Karen Arseneau.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOUVIA DENSON SOLOMON, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2020-726

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The heirs at law of **LOUVIA DENSON SOLOMON**, deceased, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of **LOUVIA DENSON SOLOMON**, deceased, whose post office and street addresses are unknown to the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law. You have been made a Respondent in a Petition for Determination of Heirship filed in this court by the Petitioner Diana Solomon, Administrator of the Estate of **LOUVIA DENSON SOLOMON**, deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at **1:00 P.M. on the 15th day of September, 2021**, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court at Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 23rd day of June, 2021.

/s/ Jennileen Young
TRIBAL COURT CLERK

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBAMA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE CAUSE NO. 2019-9 GUARDIANSHIP OF J.Y., A MINOR

BY PETITIONER AMY SARTIN (YATES) JOINDER BY CHRIS YATES & J.Y.

SUMMONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: MIRANDA BELK
ADDRESS UNKNOWN

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

THE COMPLAINT OR PETITION WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd day of August, 2021, before the Honorable Kiley Kirk at the Kemper County Courthouse at De Kalb, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 18th day of June 2021.

(Seal)

CHANCERY CLERK

NESHOBAMA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: G Tate D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBAMA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALEX HENSON, Deceased

BY: ADRIAN HENSON, Petitioner Cause No: 2020-238

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary having been granted on the 7th day of December, 2020 by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Alex Henson, 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 the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 7th day of May, 2021.

/s/ Adrian Henson
ADRIAN HENSON, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ALEX HENSON, deceased

PREPARED BY:

/s/ RaToya Gilmer
RaToya Gilmer, MSB# 104487
Gilmer & Green Legal Group, PLLC
Post Office Box 1668
Jackson, Mississippi 39215
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Facsimile: (769)235-6265

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS, on June 8, 2006, Undeon Hardy and Mary Key Hardy, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common executed a certain deed of trust to Arnold M. Weiss, attorney at law, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as beneficiary, as nominee for, GMAC Mortgage Corporation d/b/a Ditech. com, its successors and assigns which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, State of Mississippi in Book 2006 at Page 4955 and re-recorded in Book 2006 at Page 6178; and WHEREAS, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-RZ3 has heretofore substituted Logs Legal Group, LLP as trustee by instrument dated January 19, 2021 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 2021 Page 1030; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the

terms of said deed of trust, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-RZ3, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale. NOW, THEREFORE, I, Logs Legal Group, LLP, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on July 13, 2021 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the North Door of the County Courthouse of Neshoba County, located at 401 East Beacon Street, Philadelphia, MS 39350, to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds the following described property situated in Neshoba County, State of Mississippi, to-wit: Being in Neshoba County, Mississippi, City of Philadelphia, Herods Survey, Block 1, in SW 1/4, Section 30, Township 11 North, Range 12 East; beginning at the Northeast Corner Block 1; thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes West 152.9 feet; thence South 13 degrees 15 minutes West 88.5 feet; thence North 88 degrees 30 minutes East 147.9 feet; thence North 18 degrees 00 minutes East 85 feet to the point of beginning. I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this 22nd day of March, 2021. */s/Tammy Scott Tammy Scott, Officer Logs Legal Group, LLP SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE LOGS Legal Group LLP 1080 River Oaks Drive, Suite B-202 Flowood, MS 39232 (601) 981-9299 414 Crockett Ave Philadelphia, MS 39350 20-026654 Publication Dates: June 16, June 23, June 30 and July 7, 2021 52478*

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBAMA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

NESHOBAMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, AND T. L. D. AND G.C.D., MINORS, BY AND THROUGH THEIR NEXT FRIEND, MARCUS D. DAVENPORT PETITIONERS

KIMBERLY NICOLE SMITH AKA DU-ELL AND BILLY DEWAYNE DUELL RESPONDENTS

CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Kimberly Nicole Smith *aka* Kimberly Nicole Smith Duell and Billy Dewayne Duell, who are 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, T.L.D. and G.C.D., minors, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minors and demanding that the full custody, control and authority to act on behalf of said minors be placed with the Neshoba County Department of Child Protection Services. Respondents other than you in this action are none.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:00, O'CLOCK A.M., ON THE 5TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2021 IN THE COURTROOM OF THE NESHOBAMA COUNTY COURTHOUSE 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 18th day of June, 2021.

/s/ Guy Nowell
GUY NOWELL, CHANCERY CLERK NESHOBAMA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI 39350
BY: G. Tate, Deputy Clerk (SEAL)

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

HUNTING AND FISHING RIGHTS
Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees, Neshoba County School District, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, up to and not later than **10:00 a.m., Friday, July 9, 2021**, for hunting and fishing rights for a five year period on the following parcel of land in Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Section 16, Township 12 North, Range 10 East
The NW ¼ of SW ¼; W ½ of NW ¼ West of Road 179; 4.0 acres located East of Road 179 and North of Road 167 located in the N ½ of NW ¼ being 120.0 acres more or less, of Section 16, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi and further described as Parcel 2 on Map 32 of the Neshoba County Tax Assessor plat maps.

Bids will be opened and read at the date and time specified for acceptance. Complete information concerning the lease and the lease bid form can be obtained from the office of the Superintendent, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 39350. The minimum bid that will be considered is \$6.00 per acre per year. A bid form and a check for the bid amount will be required at opening.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Neshoba County School District
Lundy Brantley, Superintendent

Publish on: June 30 and July 7, 2021

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR AGRICULTURAL LEASE

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees, Neshoba County School District, 401 East Beacon Street, Suite 102, Philadelphia, Mississippi, up to and not later than 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 9, 2021, for an Agricultural Lease for a ten year period on the following parcel of land in Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 12 East

All the open land lying East of County Road 505 and North of County Road 270 in the SW ¼ of SE ¼; all the open land lying in the SW ¼ of NE ¼ of SE ¼; SE ¼ of NW ¼ of SE ¼; a small strip lying East of County Road 505 being part of the S ½ of S ½ of NW ¼ of SE ¼, containing a total of 44 acres more or less. Said land is further described as Parcel # 17.02 on Map 131 of the Neshoba County Tax Assessor plat maps.

Bids will be opened and read at the date and time specified for acceptance. Complete information concerning the lease and the lease bid form can be obtained from the office of the Superintendent, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, MS, 39350. The minimum bid that will be considered is \$15.00 per acre per year.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Neshoba County School District
Lundy Brantley, Superintendent

Publish on: June 30 and July 7, 2021

INVITATION FOR BIDS HUNTING AND FISHING RIGHTS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees, Neshoba County School District, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, up to and not later than **10:00 a.m., Friday, July 9, 2021**, for hunting and fishing rights for a five year period on the following parcel of land in Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Section 16, Township 12 North, Range 12 East

All the Forest land lying West of Road 575 in the SW ¼ of SW ¼; NW ¼ of SW ¼; NE ¼ of NE ¼ of SW ¼; and the NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 12 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, LESS AND EXCEPT 3.5 acres open land in the SW ¼ of NW ¼ of SW ¼ and 37.0 acres open land in N ½ of NW ¼ and SE ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 12 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, containing 167.5 acres more or less and further described as Parcels 4.02, 5, 6, 7.03, and 8.01 on Map 14 of the Neshoba County Tax Assessor plat maps. The open land is currently under lease as Agricultural and the successful bidder will not be allowed on this leased property.

Bids will be opened and read at the date and time specified for acceptance. Complete information concerning the lease and the lease bid form can be obtained from the office of the Superintendent, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 39350. The minimum bid that will be considered is \$6.00 per acre per year.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Neshoba County School District
Lundy Brantley, Superintendent

Publish on: June 30 and July 7, 2021

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBAMA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

NESHOBAMA 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

HEATHER ELIZABETH HURST AKA ELMORE, DANIEL LEE ELMORE, JR., THOMAS GILES AND UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER RESPONDENTS

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, Apt. 205, 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 322 W 6th Street, 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 the 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 27th DAY OF JULY, 2021, IN THE COURTROOM OF THE NESHOBAMA COUNTY COURTHOUSE 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 7th day of JUNE, 2021.

/S/GUY NOWELL, CHANCERY CLERK NESHOBAMA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI 39350 BY: /S/W. SAVELL Deputy Clerk SEAL

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBAMA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

RAMONA JEWELL PALMER AND NOEL TRAVIS PALMER, JR. INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS NEXT FRIENDS OF M.J.P, A MINOR (DOB: 09/06/2016 PETITIONERS V. CIVIL ACTION No.: 2018-2

KARLEY HARVARD AND MATTHEW PERMENTER DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: KARLEY HARVARD ADDRESS UNKNOWN

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT(S)

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Ramona Palmer and Noel Travis Palmer, Jr., Plaintiffs, seeking custody the minor child in the above matter referenced matter.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint, petition or motion at **9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 22 ND day of July, 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 11 TH day of June, 2021.

/S/ GUY NOWELL
CHANCERY CLERK

BY: /S/ K. GREER DEPUTY CLERK
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBAMA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

NESHOBAMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, AND L.A.M. AND A.L.G.-M., MINORS, BY AND THROUGH THEIR NEXT FRIEND, MARCUS D. DAVENPORT PETITIONERS

VS. CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. 2020-59

WHITLEY SHAY DEARING, JOSHUA ANDREW MCADORY AND JAMES GARRETT MCKINNEY RESPONDENTS

CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: James Garrett McKinney 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, L.A.M. and A.L.G.-M., minors, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minors and demanding that the full custody, control and authority to act on behalf of said minors be placed with the Neshoba County Department of Child Protection Services. Respondents other than you in this action are none.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:00, O'CLOCK A.M. ON THE 27TH DAY OF JULY, 2021 IN THE COURTROOM OF THE NESHOBAMA COUNTY COURTHOUSE 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 18th day of June, 2021.

/s/ Guy Nowell
GUY NOWELL, CHANCERY CLERK NESHOBAMA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI 39350 (SEAL)
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INVITATION FOR BIDS HUNTING AND FISHING RIGHTS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees, Neshoba County School District, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, up to and not later than **10:00 a.m., Friday, July 9, 2021**, for hunting and fishing rights for a five year period on the following parcel of land in Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Section 16, Township 12 North, Range 12 East
The SW ¼ of SW ¼ East of Road 575 on Section 16, Township 12 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, LESS AND EXCEPT 5.0 acres described as commence at the SW corner of Section 16, Township 12 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, this being the Point of Beginning and run North along the West section line a distance of 393.0 feet more

or less to the South right-of-way of County Road 575; thence run along said right-of-way a distance of 249.0 feet more or less; thence run South 55 degrees East a distance of 327.0 feet more or less; thence run South a distance of 399.0 feet more or less to the South section line of Section 16, Township 12 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi; thence run West along the South section line a distance of 446.0 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning containing 5.0 acres more or less and further described as part of Parcel 8 on Map 14 of the Neshoba County Tax Assessor plat maps. The SE ¼ of NW ¼ of SW ¼ East of Road 575; the SW ¼ of NE ¼ of SW ¼ lying South of Bell Branch; SE ¼ of SW ¼ lying South of Bell Branch containing 60.5 acres and further described as Parcel 7.01 and Parcel 8 (less the 5 acres described above) on Map 14 of the Neshoba County plat maps.

Bids will be opened and read at the date and time specified for acceptance. Complete information concerning the lease and the lease bid form can be obtained from the office of the Superintendent, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 39350. The minimum bid that will be considered is \$6.00 per acre per year.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Neshoba County School District
Lundy Brantley, Superintendent

Publish on: June 30 and July 7, 2021

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBAMA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

NESHOBAMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, AND L.B.P., K.L.P., B.O.P., MINORS, BY AND THROUGH THEIR NEXT FRIEND, MARCUS D. DAVENPORT PETITIONERS VS. CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. 2021-144 JACQUELINE RASHIDA-CHERI-NESHOBAMA PONTIFF, TONY LEE PONTIFF AND UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER RESPONDENTS

CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Unknown Putative Father, who is not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose post office address is not known to the 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, L.B.P., K.L.P., B.O.P., minors, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minors and demanding that the full custody, control and authority to act on behalf of said minors be placed with the Neshoba County Department of Child Protection Services. Respondents other than you in this action are others.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:00, O'CLOCK A.M. ON THE 27th DAY OF JULY, 2021 IN THE COURTROOM OF THE NESHOBAMA COUNTY COURTHOUSE 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 21st day of June, 2021.

/s/ Guy Nowell
GUY NOWELL, CHANCERY CLERK NESHOBAMA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI 39350 (SEAL)
BY: G. Tate, Deputy Clerk

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF NESHOBAMA

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2010, WILLIE M. TRIPLETT and TRACY TRIPLETT, husband and wife, executed a deed of trust to L. Bradley Dillard, Trustee for the benefit of Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., which deed of trust was recorded December 28, 2010, in Book 2010 at Page 9372 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., the holder of said deed of trust and the note secured thereby, substituted Lori C. Baird as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument dated April 29, 2021, and recorded May 24, 2021 in the Office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2021 at Page 4343; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, substitute trustee's fees and expenses of sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lori C. Baird, Substitute Trustee in said deed of trust, will, on the 14th day of July, 2021, offer for sale at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, and sell within legal hours (being between the hours

of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the north door of the Courthouse at Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi, the following described property situated in the County of Neshoba, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Payne competing in Miss Hospitality competition

Landry Payne will represent Neshoba County in the 72nd Mississippi Miss Hospitality Competition at the Historic Hattiesburg Saenger Theater in Downtown Hattiesburg July 15 - 17 at 8 p.m. each evening. Landry Payne is pursuing a

degree in nursing at the Mississippi University for Women. After graduation, Landry plans to work as a registered nurse while furthering her education and obtaining a Master of Science in Nursing. Her career goal is to be a Family Nurse

Practitioner. Arriving on Sunday, July 11, the contestants will be welcomed to The University of Southern Mississippi before beginning their week-long



Payne

journey to the crowning ceremony on July 17. Throughout competition week in Hattiesburg, contestants will attend social events, participate in community service projects,

and attend rehearsals and competitions. The public is invited to meet the contestants at the Miss Hospitality autograph party at Turtle Creek Mall on Friday, July 16 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Representing Neshoba

County as a Little Miss Hospitality is Katie James. Tickets are available online at HattiesburgSaenger.com or by calling the Saenger Theater Box Office at 601.584.4888.

Legals

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72V17610; 2000 Ford F-150 Pickup 160-213 1FTRF17W1YNB07451; 2000 Ford F-150 Pickup 160-215 1FTRF17W3YNB07452; 1997 Ford Ambulance 265-002 1FDJS34FX-VHA42419; 1997 Ford Ambulance 265-003 1FDJS34F1VHA15562; and Miscellaneous Office Furniture and Equipment This notice is given pursuant to Miss Code Ann. § 17-25-25. GUY NOWELL, CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF Neshoba County, MISSISSIPPI

TITLE OF ABANDONMENT SCOTTY'S RECYCLING 13070 HIGHWAY 19 NORTH PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350
MAKE: 2006 HONDA CIVIC GRAY VIN: 1HGFA16516L053928
PLACE OF SALE: SCOTTY'S RECYCLING
SALE DATE: JULY 2, 2021 AT 9:00 AM OWNED BY: JAMIE CUMBERLAND ADDRESS: 10510 RD 779, PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350
LIENHOLDER: LIGE'S AUTO SALES, 409 PECAN AVENUE, PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350

CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANK KEEN BELL, JR., DECEASED

ED A. NO. 2020-725

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The heirs at law of FRANK KEEN BELL, JR., deceased, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of FRANK KEEN BELL, JR., deceased, whose post office and street addresses are unknown to the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law. You have been made a Respondent in a Petition for Determination of Heirship filed in this court by the Petitioner Amanda Bell, Administrator of the Estate of FRANK KEEN BELL, JR., deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 1:00 P.M. on the 15th day of September, 2021, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court at Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 23rd day of June, 2021.

/s/ Jennileen Young TRIBAL COURT CLERK

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on November 28, 2003, Ophelia Hunter and Floyd Hunter executed a certain deed of trust to Mel Westerfield, Trustee for the use and benefit of Union Planters Bank NA, which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, state of Mississippi, in Book 611, Page 769; and WHEREAS, Regions Bank Successor by Merger to Union Planters Bank, N.A., the current holder and/or assignee, substituted Jauregui & Lindsey, LLC as Trustee by instrument recorded in the Chancery Clerk's Office on May 17, 2021 in Book 2021, Page 4214; and WHEREAS, Default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Regions Bank Successor by Merger to Union Planters Bank, N.A., the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee in said deed of trust, will on July 6, 2021 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the main front door of the County Courthouse of Neshoba County

in Philadelphia, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to wit: Commence at the NE corner of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 31, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, and run South 850 feet, thence run South 01 degree 03 minutes West 400 feet, thence run North 89 degrees West 920 feet, thence run South 01 degrees 12 mutes West 235 feet to the South line of Blount Street, thence run North 89 degrees West 368.5 feet along the South line of Blount Street for the point of beginning, thence run South 0 degrees 15 minutes East 277.2 feet, thence run North 57 degrees West 142 feet, thence run North 185 feet to the South line of said Blount Street, thence run North 80 degrees 30 minutes East 125 feet along the South line of Blount Street to the point of beginning, containing 0.65 acres, more or less, and being in the S 1/2 of NE 1/4, Section 31, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Tract II: Commence at the NE corner of the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 31, Township 11 North, Range 12 East and run South 850 feet, thence run South 01 degree 03 minutes West 400 feet, thence run North 89 degrees West 920 feet, thence run South 01 degree 12 min-

utes West 235 feet to the South line of Blount Street, thence run North 89 degrees West 243.5 feet along the South line of Blount Street for the point of beginning, thence run South 01 degree 55 minutes West 377 feet, thence run North 0 degrees 15 minutes West 277.2 feet to the South line of said Blount Street, thence run North 80 degrees 30 minutes East 125 feet along the South line of Blount Street to the point of beginning, containing 0.93 acres, more or less, and being in the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 31, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi.

I will convey only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee. Jauregui & Lindsey, LLC Substituted Trustee Jauregui, Lindsey, Longshore & Tingle 244 Inverness Center Drive Suite 200 Birmingham, AL 35242 (205) 970-2233

Publication dates: June 9, 2021, June 16, 2021, June 23, 2021, June 30, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE SIXTEENTH SECTION LAND RECLASSIFICATION The Board of Trustees of the Neshoba County School District hereby gives

notice of the reclassification of the following Sixteenth Section Public School Trust Land from Residential to Forestry classification. Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 12 East

Commence at a point where County Road 2232 intersects the West line of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, this being the Point of Beginning. Thence run in a Southwesterly direction along County Road 2832, a distance of 800.0 feet; thence run South a distance of 75.0 feet; thence run East a distance of 810.0 feet; thence run North to County Road 2232 and the Point of Beginning, containing 5.0 acres more or less and further described as Parcel 1.01 on Map 131 of the Neshoba County Tax Assessor plat maps.

Any interested party desiring to object to this reclassification must submit such objection in writing to the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County on or before 5:00 p.m. on the 7th day of August, 2021.

Neshoba County School District Lundy Brantley, Superintendent

Public 3 times: June 23 and 30, 2021 and July 7, 2021

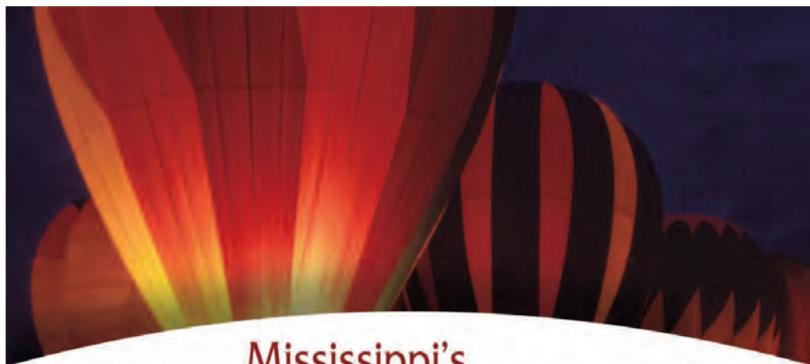
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Thursday, July 1

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Friday, July 2

6 a.m. | Competition Flight at the Canton Multipurpose Center. Join us for a night of fun at Northpark Mall
5 p.m. | Dialogue on the Hill (Chicago Tribute Band)
6:30 p.m. | Blues Boys 8-8:30 p.m. | Balloon Glow
8:30 p.m. | Victory Bells 9:15 p.m. | Fireworks

Saturday, July 3

7 a.m. | Balloon Chase Bike Ride (6 a.m. registration) & Competition Flight at the Canton Multipurpose Center
6:30-9 p.m. | Mississippi Championship Hot Air Balloon Fest at Canton Multipurpose Center
6:30 p.m. | Balloon Chase Run/Walk & Kids One Mile Run (5:30 p.m. registration)
7:30 p.m. | Balloon Glow Regular Shapes with Special Music by DJ William Griffin
8 p.m. | Good Samaritan's \$8,000 Golf ball Drop Fundraiser
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