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**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

## \$25K repaid by 3 in overtime scandal

By **STAFF REPORTS**  
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The three former Neshoba County employees who pleaded guilty to embezzling taxpayer monies in 2016 paid approximately \$25,800 in restitution last fiscal year, according to the annual exemptions report issued by State Auditor Shad White.

In Fiscal Year 2020, the three combined to pay approximately \$57,000, more than double what was repaid this last year.

All three were sentenced to 25 years in custody with 15 years suspended and 10 to serve in September 2016. They were released after serving one year in prison.

Of the three, former pur-

chasing clerk Julie Faye Russell accounted for the bulk of the total repaid with \$17,400 in payments for Fiscal Year 2021.

In Fiscal Year 2020, Russell paid \$5,634. She had been ordered to pay a lump sum from her PERS retirement account, which she previously did.

A formal demand was ini-

tially ordered for \$449,130.47 and an additional \$15,000 was added upon release from probation. Her remaining balance is \$230,334.33.

Former Comptroller Jill Watkins repaid \$6,500 in Fiscal year 20201 after having repaid \$50,827.34 in Fiscal Year 2020.

The bulk of that repayment — \$46,000, was a lump sum

from her PERS retirement account.

In addition to a formal demand of \$459,630.65, Watkins was also ordered to pay an additional \$15,000 after being released from probation.

Her remaining balance is \$393,814.21.

Former payroll clerk Tammy Gomillion repaid

\$1,900 during Fiscal Year 2021, after having only repaid \$600 the year before.

She was issued with a formal demand for \$444,834.56 plus an additional \$42,220.55 after being released from probation. She, too, had to pay a lump sum from her PERS account which she also previously made. Her remaining balance is \$370,249.22.



Barry Clark is the founder and owner of Viking Metals which opened for business in May.

## Clark finds solution with Viking Metals

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**  
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Viking Metals is a solution to a problem Barry Clark was having with his construction business.

Clark builds metal buildings of all sizes with his company, Stable Stock Construction. He needs his supplies when he needs them. Deliveries coming in late or incomplete cost him time and money.

"I have been in the construction business for 20 years," Clark said. "I use a good bit of metal. A problem with a delivery could add another week to a job. It was dragging things out. I started thinking, how I can eliminate this?"

His solution was to start his own company that manufactures metal products, and Viking Metals was born. Viking is a standalone busi-

ness. It will supply both Stable Stock and other contractors.

Viking Metals is located at 219 Lewis Avenue in Philadelphia in the old Wells Lamont building. Viking manufactures high-quality metal materials in-house, including siding, roofing and trim for buildings, shops, barns and houses. They also sell a variety of accessories needed for projects including color screws, flashing, high-temp boots, caulk and garage doors.

"Viking Metals has been in the making for about a year," Clark said, adding they found the building a started a company offering custom metal fabrication made with state-of-the-art equipment. "All siding, roofing and trim are made in-house."

The company's goal is, when an order comes in, the product is delivered that day or the next.

"Last September, we ordered our first piece of equipment," Clark said. "We get the metal in flat coils. The machine runs it at 114 feet per minute. It forms the tin and cuts it to the lengths that are needed. We opened the door May 1."

The project is a \$908,000 corporate investment and will create 15 jobs. Clark recently purchased the building and the 2 1/2 acres it sits on from the city of Philadelphia for \$130,000. That was added to the investment amount.

"I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the city of Philadelphia, David Vowell and the Community Development Partnership team, East Central Planning and Development District, building official Jay Eakes, the Mississippi Development Authority and Gov. Tate Reeves," Clark said. "This project has been a dream come true, and we are excited to be open in See **VIKING**, page 3A

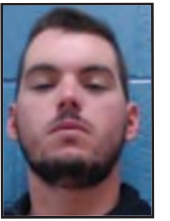
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## Yazoo City officer fired after arrest for rape

By **DUNCAN DENT**  
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A Yazoo City Police officer charged with rape and kidnapping in Philadelphia last week has been fired.

Austin Davis, 22, of 1439 Myrieville Road, Yazoo City, was arrested by Philadelphia police and charged on Aug. 2 with kidnapping and rape-assault with intent to ravish.



Austin Davis

Davis was brought into the jail on Monday, Aug. 2, around 8:17 p.m. and bonded out the following evening on Aug. 3, records from the Winston-Choctaw County Regional Correctional Facility in Louisville show.

Davis was being held on a \$75,000 bond, records show.

The Yazoo Herald reported that Davis was fired last Tuesday after his charges were brought before the city board.

The Herald quoted Yazoo City Interim Police Chief Joey Head as saying that in addition to the charges, Davis' termination was also based on his failure to complete minimum standards of the training academy.

"The Board of Mayor and Aldermen were made aware of these charges from another community," Head said.

"During a special call meeting last week, Davis was terminated based on the allegations and the severity of the charges. Along with the charges, his termination was also based on his failure to complete the minimum standards of the training academy."

**HORSE RACES**

## New record set at Fair this year

By **DUNCAN DENT**  
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A horse set a new mile record during the races at the 2021 Neshoba County Fair.

Kenneth Johnson of Texas is the owner of Speedlin who set the new record with a time of 1 minute and 56 seconds flat for the mile on Friday, July 30. StephFon Mitchell was the rider, said Bud Dees, race official.

"That is a fast time for a half-mile track. Just smoking," Dees said. "That's going to be hard to beat."

Mitchell and Speedlin set the time during the Morris Therrell Memorial Invitational Race, the championship race that caps off the week's slate of races.

Dees said the previous

record was set by a horse from Mississippi about four years ago at the Fair with a time of 1 minute and 57.3 seconds.

Dees said another horse from Texas managed to shave one second off of that time earlier in the week and would have been submitted as the record breaker if Speedlin had not broken it on Friday.

Dees reported a good slate of races during Fair week. Horse racing was canceled that Monday, July 26, for the first time in at least two decades due to heavy rains leaving dangerous and muddy conditions on the race track.

Dees was one of the race coordinators who made the call to cancel the races. He said he does not remember the races being canceled in recent memory.

"It was just too wet and too muddy," Dees said at the time. "It was a call we had to make not a call I wanted to make."

Jerome Donald of Philadelphia, a longtime racing horse owner, said they have not canceled a race this decade. "It's been about 20-25 years, they canceled a race..." Donald said.

Former jockey Dewayne Clair said he remembers a past race that was held in a blinding rainstorm.

"I can't remember the last time it was canceled. I remember racing one year and I couldn't even see and we still raced," said Clair of Cabin 919.

Races continued on Tuesday and lived up to Dees' See **RECORD**, page 3A



### Manning inducted into NFL Hall of Fame

Peyton Manning, left, one of the NFL's most decorated players, was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Sunday evening. He is the grandson of the late Amzie Cooper Williams and Frances Thomas Williams of Philadelphia. His mother is the former Olivia Williams who in 1971 married Archie Manning, right.



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Members of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians prepare to celebrate Nanih Waiya Day this Thursday and Friday. The

Tribe has observed Nanih Waiya Day since 2008 when they regained ownership of the mound and cave.

# Tribe celebrating Nanih Waiya Day

By JOHN LEE

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The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians will celebrate Nanih Waiya Day in honor of one of the Tribe's most important landmarks with a Thursday morning prayer ceremony and a Friday holiday for Tribal employees and offices.

"On the second Friday of each August, our Tribe pauses to show our honor and respect for our sacred Mother Mound, Nanih Waiya, as we commemorate the great historical legacy of our Choctaw ancestors and their determination to settle and thrive in this area that we call home, the original homeland of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians," Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben wrote in a letter Monday announcing the holiday.

Ben said all non-essential Tribal Government offices will be closed from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday (Aug. 13) in observance of Nanih Waiya Day, which is a Tribal holiday.

Nanih Waiya Day commemorates the Aug. 8, 2008, anniversary of the state of Mississippi returning ownership of the Nanih Waiya Mound to the Choctaw people after ceding it and 11 million acres of land to the United States in 1830 as

part of the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek.

Misty Brescia, director of the Office of Public Information for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, said the Tribe celebrates the day to remember the mound is in their hands and to honor the ancestral Choctaws who lived there.

She said the holiday will not only be observed on Friday (Aug. 13) with non-essential tribal government buildings being closed but also with a park and prayer event on Thursday (Aug. 12) morning.

"We usually have a big event, but this year we are making it simple due to the pandemic," Brescia said. "We always have a ceremony where we place community flags, say a prayer, and sing an honor song with drummers that drum the heartbeat of the Choctaw. This year, however, it will be a park and prayer ceremony at the mound. While simple, it will still show the historical importance of the mound."

This year's event will be a socially-distanced event. Brescia said Nanih Waiya Day celebrations usually include an All-Star Stickball game, but the game is postponed this year.

"The all-star game is where the best players from the Stickball tournament held at the

Choctaw Indian Fair come together for one big game," Brescia said. "We're unfortunately having to postpone it this year."

The Tribe has observed Nanih Waiya Day since August 2008 when they regained ownership of the mound and cave after ceding it and 11 million acres of land to the United States in 1830, as part of the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek.

The U.S. government formally recognized the mound's significance when it placed the mound on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973. On Aug. 8, 2008, Mississippi returned the Nanih Waiya Mound to the Choctaw people. As a result, the Tribe celebrates Nanih Waiya Day on the second Friday of August every year. At the same time, the Choctaw pledged to keep the Mother Mound under Tribal Control forever.

The mound measures 25 feet high, 218 feet long, and 140 feet wide according to the National Park Service website, and is located in southern Winthrop County, northeast of Philadelphia. It can be reached by driving around 15 miles on State Hwy 21, turning left at the Nanih Waiya sign on State Highway 393, and continuing

north three miles to the mound.

The National Park Service states that the time of construction of the mound is uncertain.

"Although its rectangular, flat-topped form is typical of Mississippian period mounds (1000 to 1600 A.D.), pottery shards found on the surface of the adjacent area suggest a possible Middle Woodland time range (100 B.C. to 400 A.D.). Until archeological investigations are undertaken, the mound's actual age will remain unknown," the national park service website states.

According to the Tribe, the Nanih Waiya site marks the birthplace of the Choctaw Tribe. There are differing beliefs from this point on, such as how the Tribe emerged from the cave, or that the Nanih Waiya area was where the Tribe settled after a long journey from the west. Regardless, the Tribe recognizes Nanih Waiya as the heart of the Tribe and refers to it as the "Mother Mound."

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# Mayor, aldermen to work on new budget on Monday

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The Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Aldermen will begin working on the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget with the board's first budget meeting at 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16.

"We will start working on the budget then," Mayor James A. Young said. "Usually, it takes two or three sessions before we tie it down."

In other matters, aldermen voted to:

- Approve the agenda, the minutes from the previous

meeting and the claims docket;

- Accept the resignations of Nathan Easterwood, Chance Smart and Marco Patrick from the Fire Department. Aldermen voted to hire Justin Weems as a probationary firefighter;

- Approve a travel request for Fire Chief Pierce Clark, Jeff Franks, Myron Williams, Steven Copeland, Raymond Farlow, Adam Osborne and Rickie Creekmore to travel to Pelham, Ala., for dive training on Aug. 8;

- Approve several motions dealing with the St. Francis

Bridge replacement project. They approved a change order with Crowder Engineering and a payment of \$16,407 to Joe McGee Construction out of the DFA fund. They paid Central Electric \$19,153 and Philadelphia Utilities \$22,954 for moving their power lines during the project. Finally, aldermen accepted the final inspection of the bridge;

- Approve two road bores by C Sspire; and,

- Approve for Alford, Thomas and Thomas PLLC, to do warranty on the asphalt at the airport.

## Record

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claim that the horses would be running "lightning fast."

Two jockeys were injured on Sunday, July 25. They were OK, Dees said. One of the

horses started bucking which threw the rider off and knocked off another rider shortly after they left the gate on the backstretch. One was

transported to the hospital and the other suffered only a scratch on his arm.

## Viking

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Philadelphia."

That's how and why the business was started. So how did Clark come up with the Viking name?

"I'm adopted," Clark said. "I was born in New Orleans. My parents, Chester and Lou Clark, adopted me and brought me to Union when I was 5 months old."

He was curious to find out about his family origins and decided to take a DNA test.

"It turns out I am 99% Scandinavian," Clark said. "I am of the last Vikings. I started wearing a hat with horns."

Clark said he already has plans for expansion and that includes later purchasing more equipment and constructing another building on the site.

"We are getting into the market at a slow pace," Clark said. "We are running orders, crawling right now until we

get all of our people trained. But I feel like the future is bright for this company."

"My intention is to sell every piece of metal within 100 miles of here," Clark said. "I just have to figure out how to do it. My main concern is time and quality and catering to these contractors. They are getting the best piece of metal they can get at a good price. And we can deliver it that day or the next."

Right now, Clark and six employees are operating the business. Buck Fanning runs the machines and turns out the product.

"It is a technical business and Buck does a great job back here," said Clark. "He worked for me on the construction and I moved him here."

"We had technical guys come in and it didn't take him long to really figure out how to run the machines. He programs all of these machines to do what it needs to do."

Fanning had no previous experience in metal fabrica-

tion.

"This is something that came up and I wanted to try it," said Fanning who has worked for Clark for nearly four years. "I still have a lot to learn but I have gotten the hang of it. I learn something new every day."

Mayor James A. Young said Viking Metals is a great addition to Philadelphia.

"Not only are they putting people to work but they are making things," Young said. "Manufacturing has always been a mainstay in our economics, whether it is lumber, metal, or motors, whatever. That's the key to our stability. We want people to feel like they can come to this county and this city and be a welcomed part of our community. We are looking for high-paying jobs, technical jobs. We are thankful for Viking Metals and to anyone else out there looking, we say that Philadelphia's doors are wide open."



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## Climate change fail

Diviners of the future have always commanded audiences eager to have a leg up on what's about to go down. Even kings and presidents hang on to the words handed down by prophets of Earth's coming climate. With a fresh forecast for the state of the planet due, it is only fair to Americans who must deal with its conclusions that the predictions lack nothing in validity.

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is set to release one of its periodic assessments on Monday, this one explaining the physical science undergirding its global-warming theory. Americans should welcome clarification. No matter how often they're told modern civilization is threatening the planet's delicate ecosystem by releasing heat-trapping carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, the evidence doesn't fully add up.

The theory faces several shortcomings: For one, computerized climate models have been forecasting temperatures rising at unrealistically steep rates, forcing scientists to search for explanations that can rescue their credibility. "It's become clear over the last year or so that we can't avoid this," Gavin Schmidt, director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, tells the journal *Science*.

The models project global warming, triggered by rising carbon dioxide emissions, climbing as much as 5 degrees Celsius over preindustrial levels — almost double the warming indicated by currently observed patterns, according to the publication. And when fed carbon dioxide readings extracted from air bubbles trapped in Ice Age glaciers, the models calculate a drop in atmospheric temperature twice as deep as the 6 degrees Cel-

sus that actual geological records indicate. Something is amiss.

Secondly, it is not unreasonable to wonder whether the white-hot ball in the sky has some effect on the Earth's climate. Cyclical solar intensity indicated by regular rhythms in sunspot activity has been associated with rising and falling temperature patterns during periods long before atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations began to rise in tandem with the advent of industrialization. Concluding current warming is all the doing of unnatural human activity may overlook the larger cycles of nature itself.

If climate models exaggerate the effect of carbon dioxide on planetary temperatures, then the periodic IPCC reports could end up serving as a faulty basis for extreme countermeasures. Global restrictions on the use of carbon-based energy — discretionary now — could become mandatory, resulting in restrictions on the use of affordable oil and natural gas and a net decline in humanity's overall well-being.

Ominously, the costs of the so-called "green" revolution are coming into focus. South Africa asserted recently that developed nations ought to boost their contributions for climate-change mitigation projects in poorer countries from \$100 billion to \$750 billion annually. Similar wealth-redistribution schemes are due for negotiation when the U.N.'s 26th Conference of the Parties kicks off in Scotland on Oct. 31.

It is only fair that the global body makes a full accounting for the causes of climate change. Anything less would leave the world shortchanged.

— *The Washington Times*

## Correction

An editorial on July 28 about the drug epidemic in Neshoba County incorrectly

identified Steven Kilgore as a circuit judge. Steven Kilgore is the District Attorney.

## FLASHBACKS

**AUGUST 15, 1941**  
Madison (Matt) Tinsley, who was inducted into the Army in April, has already received his first stripes. Stationed in Battery C of the Third Battalion at the Field Artillery Bragg, N.C. He is now Corporal Tinsley.

**AUGUST 9, 1951**  
Mrs. Grady Shumaker has been named secretary for the Philadelphia City Schools, taking the place of Mrs. J.A. Nowell, who, with her husband went to Woodville, where Mr. Nowell is superintendent of the school there. Mrs. Shumaker is the former Corrinne Moore.

**AUGUST 10, 1961**  
James Ernest Hurdle Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Hurdle Sr., of Philadelphia, has enlisted in the Army Security Agency at the Meridian Recruiting Office. He was counseled prior to enlistment by his army recruiters, Sfc. Charles Addis and Sgt. Langue Butler. Jim is presently taking army basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and upon completion of training he will specialize in one of the many technical

skills of the Army Security Agency.

**AUGUST 12, 1971**  
Leigh Barrett of Atlanta, Georgia, presents the trophy his Junior Achievement Company received to Ron Young, executive of American Telephone and Telegraph Company. The trophy was awarded for outstanding sales in competition with 75 other Atlanta Junior Achievement Companies. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Majure of Philadelphia.

**AUGUST 13, 1981**  
The five finalists in the Miss Neshoba County Pageant were; Teresa Leopard, Jo Jo Thrash, Rita Breazeale, Tammy Williamson, and Tammy Bates. Rita Breazeale was crowned the new 1981 Miss Neshoba County, and she was crowned by the 1980 Miss Neshoba County, Melody Smith.

**AUGUST 7, 1991**  
Floyd Jones grew this 2 pound tomato in his Burnside community garden recently. The tomato was 17-3/8 inches in diameter. He sold the tomato on the spot to a customer at

the Neshoba Democrat for \$10.

**AUGUST 8, 2001**  
Choctaw Central High School has named their new girl's basketball coach and it is Walter Wilson. Wilson led the CCHS boys' team to four trips to the MHSAA State Tournament and a Class 2A State Championship in '98. Willis Tullos was the previous girl's basketball coach and has stepped down to take another job at CCHS in July. Tullos did however lead the Lady Warriors to three state championships.

**AUGUST 10, 2011**  
Standout golfer, Justin Hundley, of Philadelphia, has signed a national letter of intent to continue his career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Hundley was a two-time All-District selection at Neshoba Central High School, where he also received most valuable player honors his senior year. The people present with him while he was signing are: his parents, Anglea Hundley and Sammy Clemons Jr., of Philadelphia, and ECCC golf coach, Chris Clark.

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

## Headed for a failed state?

Suddenly, Sunday, a riveting report came over cable news:

The U.S. embassy was urging all Americans to "leave Afghanistan as soon as possible." Message: Get out while you can.

Adding urgency was news that three northern provincial capitals, including Kunduz city, had fallen to the Taliban, making it five provincial capitals overrun since Friday.

The huge investment in blood and treasure by the United States over two decades to remake Afghanistan appears about to be wiped out, whole and entire, and we appear about to sustain our worst diplomatic and political defeat since the fall of Saigon.

Not once in this century has the U.S. decisively won one of the wars it launched — in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Yemen or Libya. And the sole superpower status we enjoyed as the 21st century began is gone with the wind.

Yet America's hawks are urging us to give a new war guarantee to Taiwan, should Beijing exercise its claim, though former President Richard Nixon and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger assented in 1972 that Taiwan is "a part of China."

Before we issue any war guarantee to Taipei, we might consider the Pentagon's evaluation of the results of a recent war game in which the U.S. confronted China over Taiwan.

How did it go? Says vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. John Hyten, "Without overstating the issue, it failed miserably.

"An aggressive red team that had been studying the United States for the last 20 years just ran rings around us. ... They knew exactly what we were going to do before we did it, and they took advantage of it."

Are we Americans prepared, in any way, for an air-sea-and-missile war in Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific over islands they claim as their historic national territory

RICH LOWRY

## Dems applaud unconstitutional act

Is a president of the United States flagrantly defying the Constitution an authoritarian act? A threat to democracy? Something that at least should be discouraged or frowned upon?

Judging by the reaction of Democrats and center-left commentators to the lawless last-minute decision of President Joe Biden's CDC to extend an eviction moratorium sure to be struck down in the courts, the answer is emphatically "no." At the same time, we are constantly being told that, say, a Texas election bill to prohibit drive-thru voting or Tucker Carlson's latest monologue represents dire democratic backsliding, almost none of Biden's allies are raising a peep against a measure that represents exactly the sort of highhanded unilateral rule practiced by authoritarians everywhere.

Indeed, Biden's handiwork is being celebrated. What can he do as follow-up? Suspend habeas corpus? Quarter troops in people's homes?

Biden's move is of a piece with similar executive power grabs by his immediate predecessors. That doesn't make it any better, in fact, it makes it worse. It means that executive lawlessness is becoming an ingrained part of our system. In its own right, Biden's move is especially egregious.

Trump initially issued an eviction moratorium and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention followed up with its own moratorium and extensions, even while suffering setbacks in the courts.

There was never any warrant for any of this. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit wrote that the legal theory the

*Is America becoming a failed state under Biden and the Democrats?*

tory but we have never claimed as ours?

Here at home, the COVID-19 pandemic, now in a fourth wave, is infecting 100,000 Americans every day, with hospitalizations rising commensurately. For that third of a nation still unvaccinated, the delta variant is a potential death sentence.

Despite this medical crisis that is common to us all, our political divide is manifesting itself in savage battles over vaccinations, masks and mandates.

And while COVID-19 continues to infect, hospitalize and kill, scores of thousands of Americans are being annually lost to drug overdoses and opioids. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 93,000 overdose deaths occurred across the country in 2020, and 3 in 4 fatal overdoses can be attributed to opioids.

More Americans are dying yearly from overdoses and opioids than all the Americans dead during the war in Vietnam.

The U.S. trade deficit numbers just came in for June, where the deficit in goods alone increased to \$91 billion for the month. This translates into \$1 trillion a year.

The largest component of that trade deficit is with China — an extraordinary level of U.S. dependency on a foreign nation for the vital necessities of its national life, let alone on an adversary like China.

On our southern border, an invasion of our country is taking place.

Every month President Joe Biden has been in office, illegal border crossings have increased. In June, Border Patrol recorded 178,000 border arrests — a 571% jump from June 2020. Border arrests have already reached their highest since 2000 and are on track to reach 1.8 million this

year. Biden is failing in his first constitutional duty — to defend the United States from foreign invasion. We Americans no longer decide who comes into our national home and whom we shall adopt as new citizens. Others decide, others determine our future, for us.

We defend the borders of scores of nations; we cannot, or Biden will not, defend our own. And, as former President Ronald Reagan reminded us, a country that can't or won't defend its borders isn't really a country anymore.

In our great cities, public shootings and killings have begun to exceed those of previous years. Police, under attack and abuse from the elites and people they protect, are resigning and retiring in record numbers.

Consider. America is unable to win the wars she chooses to fight. She cannot or will not control and defend her borders from a mass migrant invasion. She cannot halt an outbreak of criminality and killing in her great cities. She has not run a trade surplus in four decades. Her dependency upon foreign producers is unprecedented. And her budget deficits continue to break records every year — as does her soaring national debt.

Is that not the description of a failed or failing state?

Asked by a despondent young friend if the defeat at Saratoga and potential loss of the American colonies meant the ruin of Britain, Adam Smith assured him, "There is a great deal of ruin in a nation."

Britain would go on from the loss of her 13 colonies to create the greatest empire since Rome.

Yet if there is "a great deal of ruin in a nation," we Americans certainly appear to be testing those limits.

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representatives were against it — democracy had spoken.

That should have been the end of it, especially given that the White House said it had searched for a legal justification for an exemption and found none.

When Biden reversed course and had the CDC issue another extension, he was, incredibly enough, explicit that "the bulk of the constitutional scholars say it's not likely to pass constitutional muster."

It's not often a president of the United States admits he's affirmatively violating his sworn duty to uphold the Constitution, but Biden did it — and got full-some praise from congressional leaders of his own party.

Even though they have custody of the branch of government that is supposed to pass laws, Chuck Schumer and Pelosi were absolutely delighted that the head of the executive branch had, once again, effectively passed one on his own.

The true test of devotion to our system is if public officials honor it even when it produces unwelcome outcomes, or whether they try to find extra-legal workarounds. Trump abysmally failed this test after the last election, and Democrats — as they did under Obama — are showing they are fine with unconstitutional governance so long as it produces their preferred results.

Remember that during their next lecture about how to protect American democracy.

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## BIBLE SELECTION

Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than — **Luke 12:6-7 (ESV)**

# 2 face marijuana charges after traffic stop

By DUNCAN DENT  
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A traffic stop by Neshoba County Sheriff's deputies at Byrd Avenue and Rea Street led

to the arrest of two locals for possession of drugs and traffic violations on Aug. 1.

Janiya Edwards, 20, of 10261 Road 763, was arrested and charged with two counts of

contempt of court, one count of possession of a controlled substance and two counts of disobeying a traffic control device.

Gavin Grady, 38, of 10520 Road 747, was arrested and

charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Edwards was driving a Tan Chevy Tahoe and was stopped for disobeying a traffic control device near the intersection of

Byrd Avenue and Rea Street, Sheriff Eric Clark said. Clark said that the controlled substance is marijuana.

Jail records show that Grady bonded out around 6:40 a.m. on

\$10,000 in bond on Aug. 1.

Edwards remains in the Neshoba County Detention Center.

# Philadelphia man arrested for felony controlled substance

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An early morning traffic stop on July 25 near the inter-

section of Highway 21S and County Road 365, led to the arrest of a Philadelphia man on drug charges, Sheriff Eric Clark said.

Darrion Burnside, 26, 10201 Road 2434 was arrested and charged with felony possession of a controlled substance, possession of parapher-

nal, expired license tag and a seat belt violation.

Clark said that the controlled substance is marijuana. Burnside was driving a

Maroon Chevy Tahoe and was stopped at a safety checkpoint, he said.

Jail records show Burnside was brought in around 3:30

a.m. the morning of Sunday, July 25, and bonded out on \$8,500 in bond later that afternoon.

## OBITUARIES

### Lamar Binford Watkins

Lamar Binford Watkins was born July 1, 1934 in Neshoba County, MS and died August 1, 2021 at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland, MS.



Lamar Watkins

He graduated from Dixon High School in 1951, East Central Jr. College, Decatur, MS in 1953 and later attended Mississippi College in Clinton. He served as warehouse manager for Parts, Inc. in Jackson for several years. In July 1970 he was employed by the City of Ridgeland as their first paid Police Officer. He served as Town Marshall, Police Officer, Chief of Police, and Court Clerk, and retired in March, 1998. After retirement he and his wife, Bobbie, joined Campers on Mission which they thoroughly enjoyed.

He married Bobbie Anne Lofton from Free Trade Community in Leake County, MS. in 1959 and they have one daughter Cindy. They moved to Ridgeland in 1961 and have lived there since.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Ridgeland, MS. since 1962 and served on various committees, taught Sunday School and was a life time Deacon. He moved his membership in 2006 to Pine Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Lamar Watkins and Bera Arnold Watkins, of the Dixon Community in Neshoba County, MS.; his sisters, Jo Russell, of Delhi, LA., Edwina Webb of Philadelphia, MS. and Jelene Brown of Columbia, MS., and brother, Wendell Watkins of Philadelphia, MS.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbie Lofton Watkins of Ridgeland, daughter, Cindy Watkins Bryant and her husband Michael of Star, MS; and grandchildren, Michael David Bryant, Mary Kathryn Bryant, and grandson Zebulon Matthias Bryant.

A graveside service will be held on August 4, 2021 at 10:00 am at Jessamine Cemetery in Ridgeland, MS

### Anton D. Cole

Funeral services for Mr. Anton Derece Cole were held on Saturday, August 7, 2021, at 2 P.M. from Jerusalem Temple Church, with Rev. John W. Smith officiating. Burial was at Donald Rest Cemetery. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Cole, 48, of Philadelphia, passed away on Monday, August 2, 2021 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian.

He is survived by his mother, Donna Cole of Philadelphia, MS, his children, Donclair, Matrell, Sinclair, Cordes, Tyler, Amya, A'Jayla, Kianna and Caden Cole, one granddaughter, Kyleigh Cole, his children's mother, Angela Cole, five aunts, one uncle and one great aunt.

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity served as pallbearers.

### Melba Jean Bell Smith

Funeral service for Ms. Melba Jean Bell Smith will be held at 10

AM Thursday, August 12, 2021 at Hope Indian Baptist Church with Deacon Williamson Isaac officiating. Interment will be in the MS Veterans Cemetery in Newton, MS. Visitation will be held beginning at 10 AM Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at Hope Indian Baptist Church. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Smith, 71, passed away on Sunday, August 8, 2021 at her home. She is preceded in death by her husband, Roger Smith; parents, Frank Keen Bell, Sr. and Ivenia Lewis; sisters, Annie Billy, Judy Billie, Mary Silmon; brother, Frank Bell, Jr.

Survivors include her daughters, Vanessa Smith and Priscilla Morris; brother, Harlon Dewight Bell; 7 grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Melford Smith, Vincent Smith, Sebe Smith, Tristan Ellingburg, Barry Jim, Jr., Vincent Baker, Jr.

### Willie Ray Dykes

Funeral service for Mr. Willie Ray Dykes was held at 2 PM Sunday, August 8, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. David Richardson officiating. Interment will be in the Bethesda Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Dykes, 67, passed away Friday, August 6, 2021 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian, MS. He enjoyed remodeling houses and was Baptist by faith.

Mr. Dykes is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas C. Dykes and Virginia Ruth Bozeman; 3 sisters and 2 brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Janice Dykes; daughter, Angelina Dykes; sons, James Brandon Dykes (Alexis), Willie Ray Dykes; stepson, Billy Wade Watkins; brother, Tom Dykes; 6 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers are Casey Parker, Jon St. Clare, Preston Green, Ryan Ladd, Gage Hamilton, Alexander Lawson, Austin Cumberland, Daniel Townsend.

### Dr. Zudith L. Manning

Dr. Zudith L. Manning, 78, passed away Friday, August 6, 2021 at her home. She received her Ph.D. through University of Tennessee in Early Childhood Development.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Milton Glenn Smith and Zudye Belle Willis; sister, Jo Holman; brother, Mike Smith.

Survivors include her son and daughter in law, Mike Nelson and Dr. Holly Hannon; sister, Cheri Williams; 1 grandson, Michael Nelson, Jr.

Visitation and gathering will be held 4-6 PM Sunday, August 15, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services.

### George Scott Burnet

After a brief illness, George Scott Burnet, 74, died July 30, 2021, at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian, MS. A native of Jackson, he lived in Mississippi most of his life, working in retail grocery business management for Kroger, K-Mart, and Vowell's stores statewide.

The only son of the late Eugene Joseph and Mary Scott

Burnet, he was born November 19, 1946. He graduated from Provine High School, attended Hinds Community College, and was a six-year veteran of the Mississippi National Guard. A history buff, he loved mental games—from dominoes to crossword puzzles—and he adored his dachshunds, Dee D and Dexter. He was known as "Scotty" to his family and classmates and "George" to his work colleagues and friends later in life.

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Sandra K. Gray Burnet, Walnut Grove, MS; son Scott Burnet (Rebecca), Martin, GA; daughter Marie White (Kim), Hensley, AR; son Bill Stevens (Sherry), Ellisville, MS; daughter Ashley Burnet Smith (Bradley), Laurel, MS; and sisters, Jeanne Luckett (C.B. Carroll), Jackson, MS, and Mary Porter (Rick), Terry, MS. He was preceded in death by daughter Deborah Rhoudes, Cloudercroft, NM.

Other survivors include grandchildren Christopher Burnet and Corinne Burnet, Martin, GA; Katie Burnet, Lavonia, GA; Chastity Voss, Redfield, AR; Sophia White, Hensley, AR; Jeremiah Stevens and Joshua Stevens, Ellisville, MS; David Plont, Jr., Knoxville, TN; Taylor Hendricks, Bolivar, MO; and Victoria Rhoudes, Andrews, TX.

In a generous act of service, Scotty left his body to the University of Mississippi Medical Center to benefit science. There will be a celebration of his life at a later date. The family thanks the Rush Foundation Hospital staff for their compassionate care.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or <https://www.stjude.org/donate>.

### Rev. David Eugene Linton Sr.

Funeral services for Rev. David Eugene Linton Sr. was held at 2 PM Sunday, August 1, 2021 at New Zion Pentecostal Church. Interment was in Henry's Chapel Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

Rev. Linton was born February 27, 1940 in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to Adam Edward and Eddie, Edith Linton and passed from this life July 27, 2021 at 81 years of age.

He was married to Alice Benson on August 19, 1962 in Philadelphia, Mississippi

**THE LORD'S DAY**

*Morning Worship*  
11:00 a.m.

*Sunday School (All Ages)*  
9:45 a.m.

*Wednesday Evening Activities*

**Family Night Dinner**  
6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**Bible Study and Prayer Service**  
7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

**Children's Program**  
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Pastor David Stormont  
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He was the pastor of Faith Tabernacle in Foley, Alabama for 15 years. Over several years, he was an interim pastor for many struggling churches, helping them to mature and grow. His passion was to build a work for the kingdom of God. He was the pastor of Cathedral of Praise in Elizabethtown, NC for 17 years before retiring and moving to Matthews, North Carolina in 2016

Bro Linton is preceded in death by His parents, one sister, Faye Ruth Coale Two brothers Robert Howell and Jimmie Dan Linton He had a baby brother who died shortly after birth

He is survived by his wife of almost 59 years, Alice Benson Linton—His forever sweetheart Two sons, David Eugene Jr. James "Ed" Linton and wife Jenna Hendrix Linton Two daughters, Danita C. Costas and husband Jaime Alicia L Metcalf and husband Mick One sister Mary "Tooti" Moye Eleven Grandchildren --Ashlie Hill, Taylor Williamson, Maci Linton, Chelsea Costas, Alyssa Costas, Jerrad Costas, Breanna Hodge, Deanna Hodge, Adam Hodge, Olivia Linton, Wyatt Linton

Three great grandchildren—Knox Hill, Avery Hill, and Lee Williamson

Plus a great host of church family and friends.

### J. H. Pilgrim

Funeral service for Mr. J. H. Pilgrim will be held 1 PM Thursday, August 5, 2021 at Christian Life Apostolic Church. With Rev. Hank Pilgrim and Rev. Bennie Alford officiating. Visitation will begin at 11 and go until time for service. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge.

Mr. Pilgrim, 75, passed away Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at Specialty Hospital in Meridian, MS. He lived in Kemper/Neshoba Co. his whole life. He was Pentecostal by faith. His hobby was playing dominos.

He is preceded in death by his parents John Wesley Pilgrim and Mary Estelle Eakes Pilgrim; sisters Dorothy Kirkland, Faye Thomas; brothers, Dewitt, James, John, Paul D., William, Tom and Hubby Pilgrim.

Survivors include his wife Charlotte Pilgrim; sons, Ken Pilgrim, Jerry Pilgrim; (4) grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers: Wes Pilgrim, Hayden Pilgrim, Jeffery Pilgrim, Johnathan Pilgrim, Shelby Dennis, Chris George, Eugene Eakes.

### Sky Antinio Shumake

Funeral service for Mr. Sky Antinio Shumake will be held at 2 PM Friday, August 6, 2021 at the Conehatta Gym/Facility Building with burial in the Conehatta Community Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 5:30 PM Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at the Conehatta Gym/Facility Building. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Shumake, 29, passed away Sunday, July 25, 2021 in Philadelphia, MS. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his kids.

Survivors include his daughter, Hamaya Shumake; sons, Skyler Shumake and Malakai Shumake; parents, John Edward Willis and Theresa Shoemake; sisters, Stephanie Shoemake, Tiffany Shoemake, Jessivy Willis, Hofante Willis, Kelli Jim, Trelene Willis, Tiana Willis, Trista Willis.

### Joseph David Chaney

Memorial Services to be held at a later date.

Mr. Chaney, 47, died Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

He was a graduate of Neshoba Central High School class of 1993 and was a long time employee of CUI Security. He was a jack of all trades, loved to ride and work on motorcycles, dearly loved his family and would help anyone anytime. Mr. Chaney was a member of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church.

He is survived by his mother, Jeanette Chaney; son, Dakota Austin Chaney; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and their families.

Mr. Chaney was preceded in death by his father, David Curtis Chaney.

### Gloria Wilson

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ria Ann Wilson will be held on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at 11 A.M. from Jerusalem Temple Church, with Bishop Stan Jones officiating. Burial will be at Donald Rest Cemetery. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Wilson, 59, of Philadelphia, passed away on Friday, August 6, 2021 at Rush Hospital in Meridian.

She is survived by two daughters, Aneiski Wilson of Meridian, MS, and Uneka Wilson of Philadelphia, MS, one sister, Betty Scott of Meridian, MS, and nine grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Jacquez Groves, Markeos Davis, Mitchell Talley, Terry Short, Michael Talley and Liquandetricus McCallum.

### Master Zylen Max Willis

Funeral service for Master Zylen Max Willis will be held at 2 PM Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at Faith Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Shelley People officiating. Interment will be in the Pearl River Community Cemetery. Visitation will be held beginning at 2 PM Monday, August 9, 2021 at Faith Missionary Baptist Church. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge of arrangements.

Master Willis, 6, passed away Saturday, August 7, 2021 at his home. He enjoyed staying home and watching tv.

Survivors include his mother, Hildreca Willis; sister, Jaybee Bell.

Pallbearers are Billy Lewis, Jr., Danny Anderson, Jr., Joshua Bell, Antonia John, Aleron Lewis.

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CONEHATTA COMMUNITY CEMETERY

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JOHN E. STEPHENS CHAPEL  
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MASTER ZYLEN MAX WILLIS  
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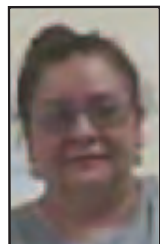
# Conehatta woman facing 3rd DUI

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An early morning traffic stop near the intersection of Highway 488 and County Road 147, led to the arrest of a Conehatta woman for her third DUI after narrowly avoiding a wreck with law enforcement on July 30.

Rita Jenkins, 46, 423 Hoyer Pace Road, Conehatta, was arrested and charged with careless driving and driving under the influence, her third such offense, officials said.

Jail records show that Jen-



Rita Jenkins

kins was brought into custody just before 2:29 a.m. and bonded out on \$20,300 in bond later that afternoon on Friday, July 30.

Jenkins was driving a Silver Kia Rio and was stopped after a near collision with a Sheriff's patrol vehicle, Sheriff Eric Clark said.

# 2 arrested with meth at safety checkpoint

By DUNCAN DENT  
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A safety checkpoint at the intersection of Highway 19 south and County Road 298 netted two felony drug arrests on the first of the month.

Jerry Lynn Hester, 54, of 3517 Ferigrick St., Pascagoula, was arrested and charged with felony possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

Kayla Nicole Sims, 32, of 12661 Road 270 was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Sheriff Eric Clark said that both suspects were arrested with felony amounts of crystal methamphetamine.

Neshoba County Jail records show that the two



Jerry Hester

individuals were arrested around 15 minutes apart in the early morning hours of Aug. 1, a Sunday.

Sims has been denied bond.

Hester remains in custody as of Thursday on \$15,600 in bond. Clark said he was scheduled to go before a judge Thursday regarding the failure to appear charge.



Kayla Sims



## Highway 19 bridge re-opened

Traffic is flowing more smoothly for people using Highway 19 south to enter or exit Philadelphia after the Mississippi Department of Transportation completed work to replace a bridge there late last week. MDOT completed work last Fri-

day night on the bridge next to Bumpers and the stretch of highway re-opened to traffic that night. Work on replacing the bridge that had been closed since May began in early June.

# Billie appointed director of Public Safety

By JOHN LEE  
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Gabriel "Butch" Billie has been named the Tribe's new Director of Public Safety, Choctaw Indian Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben announced.

Billie, who holds 16 years of law enforcement experience and various federal commissions and certifications, served in the U.S. Marine Corps before he entered law enforce-

ment. Ben said Billie's status as a veteran and many years of experience in the law enforcement field will serve him well in his new role.

"Butch has worked in Choctaw Wildlife and Parks, the Choctaw Police Department and most recently in the Criminal Investigation Divi-



Gabriel Billie

sion, all of which are part of the Department of Public Safety," Ben said. "I know he will thrive in this position."

As the director, Billie has oversight of all areas under the Tribe's Department of Public Safety, including Choctaw Wildlife and Parks, including animal control; the Choctaw Police Department; Choctaw

Security; and the Choctaw Detention Center, adult and youth.

Misty Brescia, director of the Office of Public Information for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, said the Department of Public Safety maintains a skilled workforce and employs approximately 140 employees.

"We made Mr. Billie's appointment official on Aug. 3," Brescia said.

## COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 8/2-8/9

- Dustin Alexander, 37, of 13986 Chunky Duffee Rd, Union; probation violation
- Bryant Bebbler, 39, of Frog Level RV Park; aggravated assault with weapon or other means to produce death
- Caroline Carter, 57, of 10280 Rd 402; felony pursuit
- John Nathan Davis, 35, of 10343 Rd 393; failure to appear
- Ricky Edmond, 52, of 10250 Rd 1321, Union; serving sentence
- Jack Franklin Edwards, 55, of 10230 Rd 428, Union; failure to appear, possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia, careless driving, expired license tag, no insurance
- Pierceson Farve, 30, of 2645 South Oswald Rd; possession of controlled substance, speeding-more than 20 miles over limit, probation violation, suspended drivers license
- Anthony Dooral Harris, 36, of 105 Loretta Dr, Quitman; possession of marijuana-vehicle, no drivers license, no insurance, possession of firearm by convicted felon
- Kyle L Henry, 38, of 654 James Billie Rd; failure to appear X2
- Jerry Lynn Hester, 53, of 3517 Ferigrick St; possession of paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance, failure to appear
- Jerrion D Hickman, 26, of 1126 West Ave Lot 1; serving sentence, failure to appear
- Jerrion DeJuan Hickman, 26, of 1/2 209 Sherwood; serving sentence
- Deanrick Isom, 28, of 333 Lagoon Rd; no charges listed
- James Jenkins of 11741 Rd 383; no charges listed
- Randall James Jenkins, 36, of 10660 Rd 2826; failure to appear X2
- Charles D McCool, 32, of 181 Sonny Jones Rd; contempt of court
- U'Marcus M Parker, 35, of 93 Gibson Rd, Union; driving under the influence-1st offense, suspended drivers license
- Mark Starke Patterson, 32, of 821 Wilson St, Forest; driving under the influence other substance, no insurance
- Jarred L Posey, 41, of 11581 Rd 387; possession of controlled substance
- Larry Prince, 44, of 1129 Weyerhauser; driving under the influence-1st offense, suspended drivers license, expired license tag, no insurance
- Autumn Rose Ray, 20, of 16211 Rd 505; contempt of court
- Jenna Tubby, 33, of 425

- Lewis Rd; disorderly conduct
- Ginger Willis, 40, of 1126 West Ave; serving sentence
- Chanon W Wilson, 24, of 931 Black Jack Rd; serving sentence
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Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 8/2-8/8

- Joshua R Anderson, 39, of 317 Breland St; contempt of court-municipal court
- Ken D Beasley, 34, of 3210 Mystic Lakeway, Northport, AL; DUI-1st offense, MV-driver's license/improper, MV-tag-none or expired
- Bryant Bebbler, 39, of Lot 39; aggravated assault-use of deadly weapon
- Melinda D Ben, 41, of 137 Ballpark Rd; DUI-1st offense, alcoholic beverages-unlawful possession, MV-careless driving
- Shshena Bobbit, 24, of 503 Lamar St; civil contempt-failure to appear or complete jury service, controlled substance-possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle
- Frederica Cotton, 28, of 10169 Rd 773; contempt of court-municipal court, controlled substance-possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle
- Bridgette J Crapps, 32, of 17833 Hwy 21 S; shoplifting
- Richard Cumberland, 32, of 10121 Rd 2819; controlled substance-possession of paraphernalia, MV-reckless driving, disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers
- Austin Davis, 22, of 1439 Myrleville Rd, Yazoo City; kidnapping, rape-assault with intent to ravish
- Taylor M Davis, 29, of 10161 Bounds Ave; contempt of court-municipal court, larceny-trespass less than - joyriding
- Nicole B Hedrick, 34, of 4732 Thoroughbred Dr, Mil-

- ton, FL; false pretense
- Llyod J Land, 24, of 1919 Remes Rd, Carthage; contempt of court-default in payment of restitution
- Wesley E Miles, 24, of 11631 Rd 383; contempt of court-municipal court
- Regina M Miller, 39, of 260 Davis Rd; public drunk, disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers, controlled substance-possession of paraphernalia
- Charles E Reed, 23, of 934 Wickware Rd, Newton; aggravated assault-use of deadly weapon
- John T Simmons, 39, of 14751 Rd 210, Union; contempt of court-default in payment of restitution, controlled substance-possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle, MV-failure to yield to blue lights
- Richard D Simmons, 34, of 1280 Lena Floyd, Collinsville; credit cards-credit card numbers-use with intent to defraud-\$100 or more, contempt of court-municipal court, murder-commission of felony-first degree
- Christopher J Smith, 22, of 7073 Lauderdale/Toomsuba Rd, Toomsuba; controlled substance-possession of paraphernalia, controlled substance-possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle, alcoholic beverages-unlawful possession
- Jerry W Smith, 63, of 250 Martin Luther King St; contempt of court-municipal court
- Derek Thompson, 38, of 935 Hugh Mitchell Rd, Conehatta; public drunk
- Valerie L Thompson, 45, of 11357 Hwy 25 S, Louisville; controlled substance-simple possession of marijuana-less than 30 grams, hold-detainer for other agency, controlled substance-possession of paraphernalia
- Shalonda L Tubby, 27, of 382 Oswald Rd; DUI-1st offense, contempt of court-municipal court X2

- Brandon Williams, 21, of 505 Deer Trail Lot 14; DUI-2nd offense
- Vernalline Williams, 39, of 376 Choctaw Rd, Conehatta; civil contempt-failure to appear or complete jury service
- Antonious D Yarbrough, 46, of 379 Loper St; information only



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# Masks mandated at schools as cases rise

By SCOTT HAWKINS  
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The city and county schools have imposed mask mandates as COVID cases countywide have risen nearly 10 percent this week.

A COVID testing line at Neshoba General was inundated this week, officials said, as Neshoba County's caseload rose by 451 including one new death.

Neshoba County's total positive COVID-19 cases now stand at 4,938, up from 4,487 last week and the county's death toll is now 182 deaths, up from 181 since the pandemic began in March 2020.

"After consultation with medical personnel and careful consideration, the NCSDD will require masks of all students and staff until August 20," the Neshoba County School District wrote in a Facebook post late Sunday.

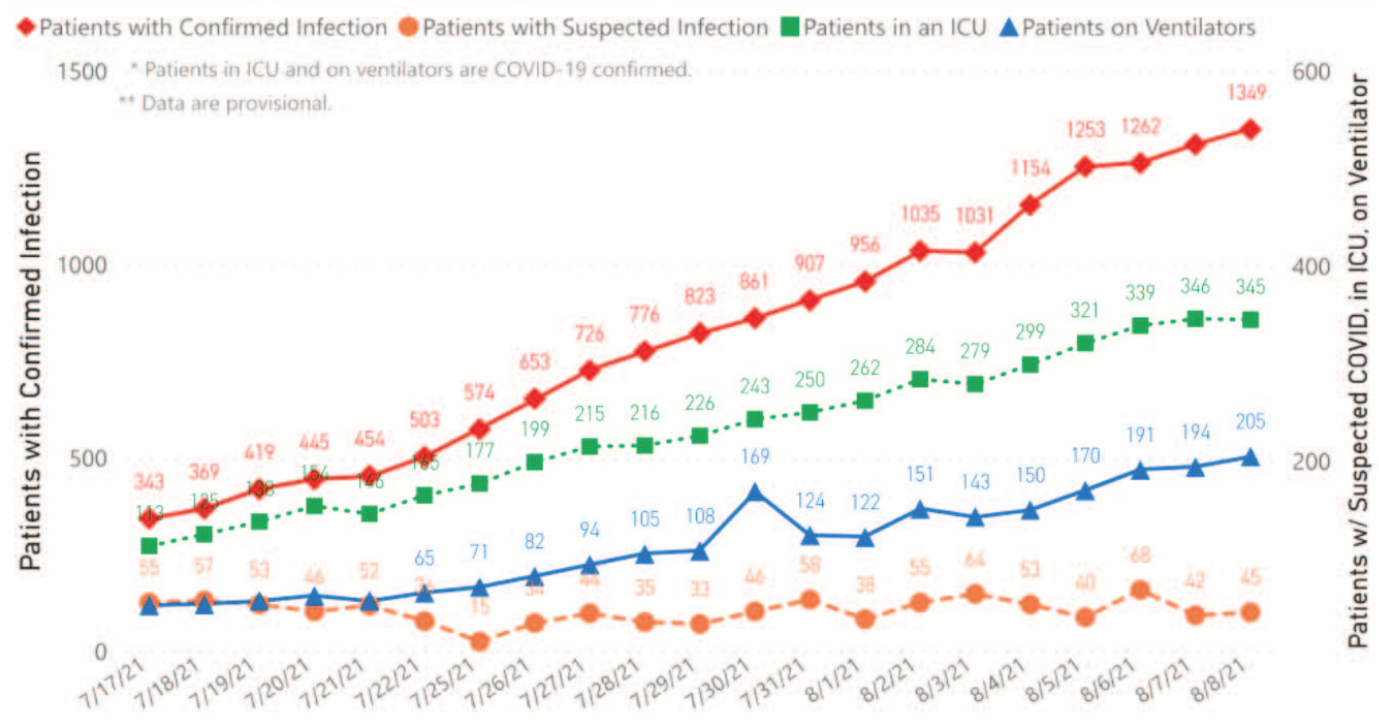
"Leading up to August 20, we will reevaluate the situation and decide if we can go mask optional again or not. Currently, the county has a 42% positivity rate.

"All visitors will be required to wear a mask when entering the schools.

"We know this may not be a popular decision but please be patient as we work through this situation."

The Philadelphia Public

COVID-19 Hospitalizations Reported by MS Hospitals, 7/19/21-8/8/21 \*\*\*



Hospitalizations, patients in ICU beds, and patients on ventilators continue to rise across the state.

School District said Tuesday they have a mask mandate. Choctaw Tribal schools have a mask mandate on buses and in facilities.

State and national leaders have attributed the rise in COVID-19 case numbers nationwide to the Delta variant

of the disease and numbers throughout the state and nation have risen in recent weeks.

Last week, Neshoba General instituted drive-thru testing and due to an overwhelming response asked people who had been tested not to call for results that can take up to four hours.

"Give our team 3-4 hours and they will contact you ASAP with the results," a Facebook post said Monday. "We apologize for any inconvenience, but we are working as fast and hard as we can for our community!" The post went on to say, "Please pray for our staff, as we

continue to advance the health of the community we serve by providing value-centered, excellent care!!!!" Pre-register for a COVID screening by calling (601) 663-1221 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. M-F Please have your insurance

information available, when you call, officials said.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has reported 39 new positive cases of COVID-19 and no new deaths in the past week as of Aug. 8, with the total number of positive cases for the Tribe standing at 2,043 with 114 deaths since the pandemic began in March 2020. Six new hospitalizations have been reported.

As of Tuesday, 22% of Neshoba County's population is fully vaccinated, according to MSDH, and 26% of the county's population had received one of the 13,641 total doses of COVID-19 vaccines administered in the county.

Vaccinations are being administered at Walgreens at 1002 W. Beacon Street and Walmart at 1005 W. Beacon Street, according to MSDH. Find COVID vaccine availability near you at vaccines.gov/search.

Statewide, since the pandemic began in March 2020, 223,063 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been recorded by the MSDH along with 145,486 probable cases, totaling 368,549 cases. There have been 5,308 confirmed COVID-19 deaths, along with 2,377 probable deaths, totaling 7,685 deaths.

Neshoba has the lowest vaccination rate in the state.

# Police investigate car, train accident that sent one to hospital

By DUNCAN DENT  
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Police are investigating a wreck that occurred on Ivy Street involving a passenger

vehicle and a train that sent one juvenile passenger to the hospital last week.

Philadelphia Police Det. Bobby Pattillo said the accident occurred around 3 p.m. on

Tuesday, Aug. 3. Officers were dispatched to Ivy Street at the railroad tracks where a vehicle had struck the train as it was going past. One occupant of the vehicle, a pas-

senger, was transported to Neshoba General with minor injuries and was released that day, Pattillo said. "According to officers on the scene and statements from

the engineer the vehicle just ran into the side of the train," Pattillo said. "The driver did not see the train coming." Pattillo said that there were three occupants of the vehicle,

the driver and two juvenile passengers. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

# Meridian man faces possession of drugs, stolen firearm charges

By DUNCAN DENT  
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A traffic stop on Posey Avenue on Aug. 1 led to the arrest of a Meridian man with a

felony amount of prescription medication, illegal drugs and a stolen firearm, officials said. Derrick Cox, 36, of 3831 42nd St., Meridian, was arrested and charged with two

counts of felony possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana in a motor vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a stolen firearm and improper

equipment. Sheriff Eric Clark said Cox was driving a Silver Range Rover with no taillights when he was pulled over on Posey Avenue on Sunday, Aug. 1, in

the afternoon. Clark said that marijuana, Adderall and oxycodone were discovered either on Cox's person or in the vehicle as well as a stolen firearm.

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The rise of synthetic opioids and stimulant drugs, as well as amplified mental health conditions related to Covid-19, has caused the highest number of overdose deaths ever. Over 87,000 American lives were taken by drugs!

Facts about these dangerous drugs:

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Methamphetamine, also known as meth, is an addictive stimulant drug. Some people notice an urge to use meth after the first use.

Sometimes people use meth in combination with heroin, prescription opioids or other drugs. This greatly increases the likelihood of health problems, overdose and death. Illegal drugs can be mixed with dangerous drugs or toxic chemicals, such as fentanyl, that can cause poisoning or death. Just a sprinkle of fentanyl is deadly.



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



# Lowrey inspired by women in her life

By COLEMAN EAKES  
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**A**lex Lowrey loves to cook. She graduated from Mississippi University for Women with a degree in biology and is considering law school.

Lowrey, 23, of Philadelphia plays the keyboard at Christian Life Apostolic Church in DeKalb where she is the music director alongside her mother who is the choir leader.

Lowrey is the daughter of Olivia and Stephen Lowrey who own Lowrey Logging LLC, started by her dad. She has two brothers, Grant and Graham.

She is the granddaughter of Clytee Lowrey and Kenneth Lowrey and is also the granddaughter of Faye Anthony and the late Oliver Anthony who founded Anthony's Syrup Co.

Lowrey said her grandmothers, Faye and Clytee, her aunt Sheila and her mother, Olivia, are at the top of the list of people in her life who inspire her in the kitchen.

"They have all been inspirational and influential women all of my life in so many areas of my life," she said.

Lowrey and her family love to have pizza night where she makes her own pizza dough, and invites family and friends over, including her grandparents, her aunt Sheila and uncle Gary, and her best friend Clover Eakes-Lilley.

"It's so much fun to all make our own pizzas and just hang out together as family," Lowrey said. "Pizza night is always something I look forward to."

Lowrey said she likes to experiment with recipes and try new things.

"Cooking isn't really something you can put in a box," she said. "You can add more, add less, add something extra that's not even in the list of ingredients. I try not to take it too seriously and I've kind of become a master at just 'winging it' and it sounds crazy, but that's really how you become a better cook."

Lowrey said one of her favorite things to do is go to Walmart with her mom to pick up groceries for the meals she has planned to cook for the following week.

When she was 16 she began helping her mother in the kitchen and has been there ever since.

"Alex cooks and I'm left with the mess!" her mom said. Cooking is Lowrey's interest and she encourages others to pursue their interests.



Alex Lowrey

"Find a hobby that you enjoy and that you're good at," she said. "Everyone is good at something. Practice doesn't really make perfect but the feeling of fulfillment when you complete a meal and it turns out good is always great."

## CHICKEN PARMESAN

- 5 boneless chicken breasts
- Salt to taste
- Pepper to taste
- 1 tsp Cumin
- 1 tsp Oregano
- 1 tsp Garlic Powder
- ½ tbsp Onion Powder
- 3 Cups Mozzarella (shredded)
- ½ Cup Parmesan (grated)
- 1 Jar (23 oz) Marinara
- ½ Cup All Purpose Flour
- 1 ½ cup of Italian breadcrumb crumbs

## COOK OF THE WEEK

Preheat the oven to 425 F. Combine Italian bread crumbs, cumin, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, onion powder, oregano and parmesan in a bowl. Combine eggs, salt, and pepper in a bowl and whisk. Place flour in a separate bowl. Clean chicken and dredge flour, dip in egg mix and toss in breadcrumb mixture. Pour half the jar of marinara into a 9x13 dish. Place chicken into sauce. Place remaining sauce on top of chicken. Top with mozzarella cheese on each piece. Bake for about 25 minutes. Serve with garlic bread or fettuccine alfredo.

## CHICKEN ENCHILADA SOUP

- 3 tbsp olive oil
- Small white onion
- 4 tsp minced garlic
- About 1/3 cup flour
- About 4 cups chicken stock
- About 2 cups shredded chicken
- 10 oz. can red enchilada sauce
- 14 oz. can black beans (rinsed and drained)
- 14 oz. can corn (drained)
- ½ cup cooked white rice
- Cumin
- Salt
- Pepper
- Paprika
- Taco Sauce
- 1 cup heavy cream (or half and half)
- 14 oz. can diced (or crushed) tomatoes with juice

- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- Dried Cilantro

- 1 packet)
- 1 ½ tsp sugar
- 1 ¼ cups warm water

Cook half a cup of rice and set aside. Shred rotisserie chicken and set aside. Heat oil in a pot and sauté onion until cooked. Add garlic and sauté for another minute. Whisk in flour and cook for another minute. Pour in chicken stock and stir until no lumps remain. Add in chicken, enchilada sauce, beans, corn, tomatoes, and rice. Add taco sauce and seasonings to taste. Stir in cheddar cheese and serve!

Whisk warm water, yeast, and sugar together in a small bowl. Mix flour and salt in a larger bowl. Stir the wet ingredients into the dry and mix until it becomes difficult to stir. Flour your counter and pour the contents of the bowl onto it. Knead until dough is smooth, place a ball of dough under a towel for about an hour. Cut into 6-8 pieces and shape into small balls. Cover them and let them rise under a towel for about 15 minutes. Roll out your ball of dough and place whatever toppings you want on your pizza.

## PIZZA DOUGH

- 3 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp salt
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 ¼ tsp active dry yeast (or

## Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS  
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Sharks were everywhere at Wyatt Little's 5th birthday party on Sunday, August 1st, but his guests were not fazed by the sight! Since it was a swimming party, some type of aquatic life was to be expected.

A big yellow warning sign alerted everyone to "Beware, Great White Sharks"! Tables covered in blue cloths resembling water held all kinds of goodies- treat bags that were shark heads with their sharp teeth showing, Shark heads rising out of the water decorated the table. A tray of frosted cookies was served from the dining table. A magnificent birthday cake iced in blue with a shark's head emerging from the top layer was an eye catching centerpiece. A huge Happy Birthday banner flanked on each side with a shark, welcomed the children to these yummy treats.

A very excited Wyatt opened the many presents which his guests had brought. Everyone loved to see what was inside each package and exclaimed along with Wyatt. After opening gifts, Wyatt and his guests proceeded to the swimming pool area which had gates with a yellow warning sign on each gate.

"Beware of Great White Sharks". The word "shark" made of inflatable letters hung above the gates to the pool area. Colorful pool toys floated on the blue water. It was a beautiful day for pool fun supervised by watchful adults. It appears that this precious little boy had a very special birthday party! His parents are Barrett and Kelly Dansby Lit-

tle and his younger brother is Whitt. Also attending were his grandparents, Steve and Deena Dansby.

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Congratulations to Brooke Winstead who was the recipient of a \$30,000 scholarship awarded by the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program. Brooke has completed her first year of medical school at UMMC on the Jackson campus. She graduated last year from the UMMC School of Pharmacy and is a licensed pharmacist. She decided to fulfill her dream of becoming a physician and applied to medical school where she was accepted.

Her very supportive husband is Tanner Winstead with whom she recently celebrated their first Wedding Anniversary. Best wishes for a wonderful second year!

~  
The Fair was such fun for Don and Sharon Tingle McKay who had their children and grandchildren visiting from Texas and Corinth. It was the first Fair for two month old Eleanor Johnson whose parents are Brent and Mollie Claire McKay Johnson. Richard and Glyn McKay and sons, Flecher and Isaac came from Arlington, Texas.

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Hostesses for the bridal shower given recently by Spring Creek Baptist Church ladies for Anna Spears were: Debbie Lashley, Gayle Sharp, Kem Robinson, Brenda Yates, Cindy Stroud, Libby Waddell, Charlene Deweese, Christy Ferguson, Ruth Whitehead, Amanda Pierce, Linda Goforth, Brenda Johnson, Jane Fulton, and Sheila Blount.

Anna has been a member of Spring Creek since her early childhood and was so very pleased to be honored by her church family in such a thoughtful way. She and Jordan Davidson will be married on August 28, 2021.

~  
What fun — a "Fair Fiesta" honoring Margaret Jordan and Sam Webb was held during the Neshoba County Fair! Hostesses were her sister, Frances Gamblin who was here from San Juan, Puerto Rico, her mother, Cynthia Williams Jordan, Sarah Mars, Hadley Mars Chalmers, Liz Booker, Melody Webb, Sadie Shields and Cherie Gamblin.

White chairs and tables covered in white table cloths were set out in front of the cabin. Wide strips of serape fabric in bright colors went across the round tables, and pots of flowers were placed in the center. Colored lights were on the porch ceiling and brightly colored balloons were massed inside the cabin. It was a cheerful, festive sight.

Margaret wore a sundress in serape fabric with a white banner from one shoulder to the other and the words, "Bride to Be" written across it in silver glitter. She also wore the obligatory bridal veil to complete her ensemble.

Sam Webb and Margaret Jordan will be married on November 20, 2021.

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# 'Road Warrior' Rockets ready for 2021 schedule

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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You might call the Neshoba Central football team the Road Warriors this season as they have six road games with four of their first five being played away from Rocket stadium.

The Rockets will be playing in Region 2-5A along with eight other teams. Those teams include Holmes County Central, Jim Hill, Forest Hill, Callaway, Vicksburg, Provine, Canton and Ridge-

land. "The Jackson Public Schools didn't play last year," said Rockets coach Patrick Schoolar. "I have an idea about Provine and Callaway but I don't know that much about Jim Hill and Forest Hill. We lost Cleveland Central.

"We will be on the road a lot but that is the schedule I drew," Schoolar said. "This is how it shook out."

The Rockets finished 9-2 last season and made it to the quarterfinals of the Class 5A playoffs. They will be playing

without star running back Jarquez Hunter, who has signed to play with the Auburn Tigers. Coach Schoolar said this year's team has put in a lot of work during the off season.

"We played in a 7-on-7 league in Starkville over the summer and went 12-4," Schoolar said. "We played against some good defenses in Starkville, Louisville, West Point, Noxubee. We also got second place in the Auburn tournament. There weren't any other Mississippi teams.

We were playing against teams for Alabama and Georgia. Valdosta and Phoenix City was there. We played against some good teams and did well."

According to the Mississippi High School Activities Association, fall practices started Monday, Aug. 9. Teams will be allowed to play a jamboree/ scrimmage game Aug. 20, and the season kicks off Aug. 27. Neshoba Central has a practice game at Germantown on Aug. 20, and opens the season at home

Aug. 27 against South Panola. "We are in a division with nine teams," Schoolar said. "We have always played Germantown but couldn't get them on the schedule this time. We set up a scrimmage game."

The Rockets open at home against South Panola. Then they travel to West Lauderdale, Forest Hill, Holmes County and Provine before returning home Oct. 1 against Canton. Afterwards they visit Ridgeland and Jim Hill before returning home to play Vicks-

burg and Callaway. "South Panola is always good and we'll have our hands full in the first game," Schoolar said. "We want to play the best competition we can find. We have come a long way in five years."

"When I first got here, we weren't very good. People would call us, wanting to play. Now, we have good players. We have been together for a while and we have built a solid program. We are a solid 5A program and we only play 5A and 6A teams."

## Union ready for step up in new classification as they prep to play 3A football this year

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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The Union Yellowjackets will be stepping up in classifica-

tion from Class 2A to Class 3A, and Coach Jordan Wren has his team getting ready for the challenge.

The Yellowjackets finished

10-3 last season. From that, they have seven starters returning on offense and nine coming back on defense.

"We had a good summer,"

Wren said. "It rained a lot. But when we were able to get outside, we got a lot accomplished. Our last two weeks were very good. And out of the 11 on defense, I am losing two so we will have nine coming back next year."

The Yellowjackets will see their first action Aug. 20 when they travel to West Lauderdale for a jamboree game with the Knights.

They open the season at home against Choctaw Central on August 27. They then host Scott Central on Sept. 3. The Yellowjackets' first road game will be at Leake Academy in the first meeting between the two schools. The Rebels are the

defending Midsouth Association of Independent Schools Class 5A state champions. They close out the non-region part of their schedule with Newton County on Sept. 17 and Choctaw County on Sept. 24.

The Yellowjackets will play in the Region 5-3A along with Southeast Lauderdale, Clarkdale, Enterprise, Forest and Morton.


"Weeks two-through-five, the combined record from last year is 42-6," Wren said. "We had issues finding games. We have a really good quarterback. A lot of schools we played in the past said they didn't want to play us and that put us playing a lot tougher non-district sched-

ule. It will be good for us. They will all give us a good game."

Kenyon Clay is returning at quarterback. He is committed to Southern Miss and will graduate in December so he can get in class at USM and go through spring training.

Wren said the Yellowjackets are ready for the challenge of their new district. Over the years, they have played most of the teams in it, off and on.

"They are going to have more depth," Wren said. "Some of them have as good of athletes as Scott Central and Philadelphia. They just have more of them."



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## Lady Rebels add 3 more Ws on the diamond

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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The Leake Academy softball team picked up three more wins this past week as they got rolling with regular season play.

The Lady Rebels took two more games from Newton County Academy, winning 9-4 on Tuesday and 10-0 on Thursday. Leake finished out the week on Friday with an 18-3 win over defending champion Hillcrest Christian on Friday.

Leake will return to play this week as they host Marshall on Monday and travel to Winston on Tuesday. They will finish then play at Marshall on Thursday before playing in the Tri-County Tournament on Saturday.

### Lady Rebels 18 Hillcrest Christian 3

The Lady Rebels needed just three innings to take a run-rule win over the Lady Cougars on Friday.

Leake scored nine in the first, eight in the second and one in the third.

Leake outhit Hillcrest 16-4 in the contest as Jenna Chamblee went 4-for-4 with a double, triple, three runs scored and two RBIs. Emeri Warren was 3-for-3 with a triple with two runs scored and two RBIs while Miley Billie was 3-for-4 with a double and two runs scored. Caroline Cheatham was 2-for-2 with a triple, three runs scored and two RBIs while Raylea Atkinson was 2-for-2. Grace Maxey had a home run, scored three runs and had two RBIs while Lilly McDonald also doubled and drove in two runs.

Atkinson started on the mound and pitched all three innings, giving up three runs on four hits and two walks while



Leake Academy pitcher Lynnleigh Burt throws a pitch to the plate against Hartfield on Saturday.

striking out five.

### Lady Rebels 10 NCA 0

The Lady Rebels took their third win over the Lady Generals with a one-hit shutout on Thursday.

Leake scored one in the second, seven in the fourth and two in the fifth.

Leake outhit NCA 13-1 in

the contest. Jenna Chamblee was 2-for-3 and drove in four runs while Lilly McDonald was 2-for-3 with a double. Grace Maxey was 2-for-3 with two runs while while Raylea Atkinson was 2-for-3 with a double and two runs scored. Caroline Cheatham was also 2-for-2 while Emeri Warren also doubled.

Lynleigh Burt started in the circle and got the win as she gave up just one hit and one walk while striking out two.

### Lady Rebels 9 NCA 4

The Lady Rebels pulled away late to take a five-run win over the Lady Generals on Tuesday.

Leake scored single runs in the first five innings while NCA scored one in the second and three in the fourth as the Lady Rebels led 5-4 going to the seventh. But Leake scored four runs in the seventh to pull away and take the win.

Leake had 13 hits in the contest as Miley Billie was 3-for-4 with three doubles and two RBIs. Emeri Warren was 3-for-4 while Emmajane Leopard was 2-for-4 with two runs scored. Grace Maxey was also 2-for-4 and scored two runs while Lilly McDonald scored two runs and had two RBIs. Olivia Rudolph also doubled and drove in two runs.

Lynleigh Burt started in the circle and pitched all seven innings, giving up four runs on eight hits.

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF NESHOPA  
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2018, Sammie D. Boler and Tammy Boler, executed a Deed of Trust to Charles E. Smith, Trustee for the use and benefit of The Commercial Bank (1), which Deed of Trust is recorded in Book 2018 at Page 9652 et seq in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, at Philadelphia, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust authorized the appointment and substitution of another Trustee in the place of the Trustee named in said Deed of Trust and The Commercial Bank pursuant to said Deed of Trust, substituted John G. Compton as Trustee in the place of Charles E. Smith by written instrument dated November 5, 2019 and duly recorded in Book 2019 at Page 9777 thereof in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set out in the Deed of Trust and the said Substitute Trustee having been requested and directed by said The Commercial Bank, to execute the trust; and in strict accordance with the Deed of Trust aforesaid and the laws of the State of Mississippi, the dates for publication of this Notice of Substituted Trustee's Sale in Neshoba Democrat, a newspaper published in the City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi, having been set at the following, to-wit: the 11th day of August, 2021; the 18th day of August, 2021; the 25th day of August, 2021; and the 1st day of September, 2021. I will on the 8th day of September, 2021, during the legal hours, at the main door of the Neshoba County Courthouse in Philadelphia, Mississippi, offer for sale, at public auction and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in the County of Neshoba, State of Mississippi, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Lot Number 17, Cook Subdivision, according to a plat on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Title to said property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 3rd day of August, 2021.

JOHN G. COMPTON  
MSB #6433  
Substituted Trustee

Witherspoon & Compton, LLC  
P.O. Box 845  
Meridian, MS 39302  
Telephone: 601-693-6466  
Facsimile: 601-693-4840  
jcompton@witherspooncompton.com

**NOTICE FOR BIDS**

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Commissioners of Philadelphia Utilities, Philadelphia, Mississippi, that sealed bids will be accepted until Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. for the sale of surplus vehicle described as follows:

One (1) 2015 Ford Taurus  
White in Color  
Mileage: 24,628  
VIN: 1FAHP2D84FG154467

This vehicle will be sold as is where is without warranty. Vehicle may be examined by bidders at Philadelphia Utilities Water Plant at 226 West Myrtle Street prior to submitting bid.

Envelopes containing bids should be marked "SEALED BID" on the outside. Each bid submitted should specifically state the VIN number. All bids should be mailed to Philadelphia Utilities, c/o Kirk Morgan General Manager, Post Office Box 88, Philadelphia, MS 39350 or may be delivered to the office of Philadelphia Utilities at 435 East Myrtle Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi. The Board of Commissioners of Philadelphia Utilities reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Published by order of the Board of Commissioners of Philadelphia Utilities, Philadelphia, Mississippi, on this the 17th day of June 2021.

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August 4, 2021, August 11, 2021

**CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD JAMES ISAAC, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2020-834**

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**TO:** The heirs at law of **RICHARD JAMES ISAAC**, deceased, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of **RICHARD JAMES ISAAC**, 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 Margaret Bell, Administrator of the Estate of **RICHARD JAMES ISAAC**, deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at **1:00 P.M. on the 20th day of October, 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 27th day of July, 2021.

*/s/ Jennileen Young*  
CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT CLERK

NESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
EXPENSE SUMMARY FOR: 8/2/2021  
001-000 GENERAL COUNTY 34527.88  
001-100 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 18332.02  
001-101 CHANCERY CLERK 5917.70  
001-102 CIRCUIT CLERK 6.95  
001-105 TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR 1096.24  
001-151 MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING/GROUND 10996.68  
001-152 DATA PROCESSING 2952.62  
001-153 REAPPRAISAL 14777.00  
001-160 CHANCERY COURT 389.34  
001-161 CIRCUIT COURT 2705.32  
001-163 JUVENILE COURT 2490.71  
001-164 JUVENILE DRUG COURT 66.14  
001-167 CORONER/MEDICAL EXAMINER 63.82  
001-169 COUNTY ATTORNEY 840.00  
001-170 PUBLIC DEFENDER 948.93  
001-171 COURT ADMINISTRATOR 595.39  
001-200 SHERIFF ADMINISTRATION 20855.01  
001-220 CUSTODY OF PRISONERS 13741.35  
001-232 MEDICAL SERVICE - PRISONERS 1896.10  
001-260 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 3589.29  
001-420 HEALTH CENTER 3934.68  
001-440 MENTAL HEALTH 1800.00  
001-450 WELFARE ADMINISTRATION 1965.41  
001-452 COUNCIL ON AGING 106.78  
001-500 LIBRARY ADMIN 20083.33  
001-530 PARKS AND RECREATION 10833.33  
001-540 RECREATION/COLISEUM 6455.08  
001-550 SCHOOLS 4626.09  
001-630 SOIL CONSERVATION 3262.50  
001-631 COUNTY EXTENSION 1936.99  
001-676 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTH 6666.66  
097-265 COUNTY WIDE E-911 10286.06  
106-254 LINWOOD VFD 52.66  
115-205 FORTFEITURE MONIES 659.00  
120-221 INMATE CANTEEN FUND 489.16  
130-540 COLISEUM EXPENSES 100.00  
150-300 COUNTY UNIT ROAD 35441.17  
160-300 COUNTY WIDE BRIDGE & CULVERT 3434.78  
160-890 CO WIDE BRIDGE-LEASE/PURCHASE 8385.32  
202-800 HOSPITAL CAP LOAN 20304.21  
400-340 SOLID WASTE 7621.03  
650-000 ASSESSMENTS 47214.76  
690-000 ECCC MAINTENANCE 11980.71  
691-000 ECCC BUILDING 7987.16  
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: 352415.36  
THIS IS A SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 2, 2021 LISTING THE TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS BY EACH DEPARTMENT/FUND PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MISSISSIPPI CODE ANN. § 19-3-35. A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL EXPENDITURES REPRESENTING THESE TOTALS IS RECORDED IN THE DOCKET OF CLAIMS AND IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE CHANCERY CLERKS OFFICE OR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS. /S/ GUY NOWELL CLERK OF THE BOARD NESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KATIE THOMPSON, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2021-297**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 21st day of July, 2021 by the Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned upon the Estate of Katie Thompson, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to probate and register the same, as provided by law, with the clerk of the court, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice. Failure to probate and register any such claim within said ninety (90) day period will forever bar the claim.

WITNESS THE SIGNATURE of the Executrix, this the 21st day of July, 2021.

*/s/ Beth Henry*  
Beth Henry, Executrix of the Estate of Katie Thompson, deceased

SUBMITTED BY:  
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P.O. Box 6255  
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Telephone: (601) 650-7449  
Attorney for Beth Henry

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

NESHOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, AND P.G.F., Z.B.F. AND Z.J.W., MINORS, BY AND THROUGH THEIR NEXT FRIEND, MARCUS D. DAVENPORT PETITIONERS  
CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. 2020-157  
VS.

SANTANA PRESLEE WILLIAMSON, JAMES MICHAEL FRANKLIN AND UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER RESPONDENTS

**CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS**

**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**TO: Unknown Putative Fathers**, who are not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose post office addresses are 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, P.G.F., Z.B.F., and Z.J.W., 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

Ashley Lynn Buchanan and David Brian Frank.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9, O'CLOCK A.M. ON THE 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021, IN THE COURTROOM OF THE NESHOPA 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 12th day of July, 2021.

*/s/ Guy Nowell*  
GUY NOWELL, CHANCERY CLERK NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI 39350 (SEAL)  
BY: W. Savell, DC  
Deputy Clerk

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**CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WANDA GAIL THOMPSON DAVIDSON, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2021-151**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 20th day of July, 2021 by the Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned upon the Estate of Wanda Gail Thompson Davidson, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to probate and register the same, as provided by law, with the clerk of the court, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice. Failure to probate and register any such claim within said ninety (90) day period will forever bar the claim.

WITNESS THE SIGNATURE of the Executor, this the 20th day of July, 2021.

*/s/ Farrell Davidson*  
Farrell Davidson, Executor of the Estate of Wanda Gail Thompson Davidson, deceased

SUBMITTED BY:  
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Attorney for Executor

**CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNIE MARIE BELL, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2021-149**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 20th day of July, 2021, by the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned upon the Estate of Annie Marie Bell, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to probate and register the same, as provided by law, with the clerk of the court, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice. Failure to probate and register any such claim within said ninety (90) day period will forever bar the claim.

WITNESS THE SIGNATURE of the Administrator, this the 20th day of July, 2021.

*/s/ Hayward Bell*  
Hayward Bell,  
Administrator of the Estate of Annie Marie Bell deceased

SUBMITTED BY:  
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P.O. Box 6255  
Choctaw, Mississippi 39350  
Phone: (601) 650-7449  
Attorney for Administrator

**SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE**

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2013, William Ernest Daniels and Martha V. Daniels, husband and wife executed a certain deed of trust to Resource Title, LLC, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as beneficiary, as nominee for Proficio Mortgage Ventures, LLC, 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 2013 at Page 10125; and

WHEREAS, Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC has heretofore substituted LOGS Legal Group, LLP as Trustee by instrument dated June 17, 2021 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 2021 Page 5451; 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, Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC, 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 August 18, 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:

The following described property lying and being situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to-wit:

One acre square in the SW corner of the E 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, Section 23, Township 12 North, Range 11 East, more particularly described as beginning at the SW corner of said twenty and running East along the quarter section line 70 yards, thence run North 70 yards, thence run West 70 yards, and thence run South 70 yards to the point of beginning, containing one acre in the SW corner of the E 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, Section 23, Township 12 North Range 11 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. The improvements thereon being known as 10511 Road 3403, Philadelphia, MS. 39350 Being the same lot or parcel of ground which by Deed dated 7/9/07 and recorded 7/9/07 among the Land Records of Neshoba County, State of Mississippi, in Liber/Book 2007, folio/page 2392, was granted and conveyed by and between William Ernest Daniels, unto William Ernest Daniels and Martha V. Daniels

I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this 7th day of July, 2021.

Tammy Scott, Officer  
LOGS Legal Group, LLP  
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE

LOGS Legal Group LLP  
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Flowood, MS 39232  
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10511 Road 3403  
Philadelphia, MS 39350  
21-026906

Publication Dates:  
July 21, July 28, August 4 and August 11, 2021

**SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE**

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2006, Justin C. Stovall and Heather Thompson Stovall executed a Land Deed of Trust to L. Scott Pickle, Trustee for the benefit of First Financial Bank, Beneficiary, which Deed of Trust is filed for record in Book 2006 at Page 8998 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi ("Deed of Trust 1"); and WHEREAS, on September 27, 2006, Justin C. Stovall and Heather Thompson Stovall executed a Land Deed of Trust to L. Scott Pickle, Trustee for the benefit of First Financial Bank, Beneficiary, which Deed of Trust is filed for record in Book 2006 at Page 9010 in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk ("Deed of Trust 2"); and WHEREAS, on October 22, 2008, Justin C. Stovall and Heather Thompson Stovall executed a Deed of Trust to L. Scott Pickle, Trustee for the benefit of First Financial Bank, Beneficiary, which Deed of Trust is filed for record in Book 2008 at Page 10379 in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk ("Deed of Trust 3"); and WHEREAS, on February 17, 2010, Justin C. Stovall and Heather Thompson Stovall executed a Deed of Trust to L. Scott Pickle, Trustee for the benefit of First Financial Bank, Beneficiary, which Deed of Trust is filed for record in Book 2010 at Page 1239 in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk ("Deed of Trust 4") (Deed of Trust 1, Deed of Trust 2, Deed of Trust 3, and Deed of Trust 4 are collectively referred to as the "Deeds of Trust"); and WHEREAS, the Deeds of Trust authorized the appointment and substitution of another Trustee in the place of the Trustee named in the Deeds of Trust or subsequently substituted therein, and First Financial Bank appointed and substituted Chad J. Hammons as Trustee therein, by instrument dated June 7, 2021, and duly filed for record in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2021 at Page 5015; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the terms and conditions of the Deeds of Trust, and the entire indebtedness secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable pursuant to the terms of the Deeds of Trust, and First Financial Bank, the holder of the notes and the Deeds of Trust, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee so to do, I will, on the 20th day of August, 2021, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during 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 at 401 Beacon Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, for cash to the highest and best bidder, the following described land and property lying and being situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

**TRACT ONE:**  
W 1/2 of NE 1/4, Section 29, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, containing 80 acres, more or less.  
**TRACT TWO:**  
Begin where the South line of County Road No. 814 crosses the East line of the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East; then run South 210 feet; then run West 210 feet; then run North 380 feet to the South line of County Road No. 814; then run in a Southeasterly direction along the South line of Road 260 feet to the point of beginning, being 1.4 acres, more or less, in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.  
**TRACT THREE:**  
Commence where the South line of Road 814 intersects the East line of the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, and thence run Northwesterly along the road 620 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run Southwesterly perpendicular to the road 210 feet; thence run Northwesterly parallel to the road 210 feet; thence run North 210 feet; then run South 400 feet to the North right of way of Road No. 814; thence run in a Southwesterly direction along the North right of way of Road No. 814, to the Point of Beginning, being 1.8 acres, more or less, in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.  
**ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT:**  
Commence where the South line of Road 814 intersects the East line of the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, and thence run Northwesterly along the road 620 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run Southwesterly perpendicular to the road 210 feet; thence run Northwesterly parallel to the road 210 feet; thence run North 210 feet; then run South 400 feet to the North right of way of Road No. 814; thence run in a Southwesterly direction along the North right of way of Road No. 814, to the Point of Beginning, being 1.8 acres, more or less, in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.  
**ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT:**  
Commence where the South line of Road 814 intersects the East line of the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, and thence run Northwesterly along the road 620 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run Southwesterly perpendicular to the road 210 feet; thence run Northwesterly parallel to the road 210 feet; thence run North 210 feet; then run South 400 feet to the North right of way of Road No. 814; thence run in a Southwesterly direction along the North right of way of Road No. 814, to the Point of Beginning, being 1.8 acres, more or less, in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.  
**ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT:**  
Commence where the South line of Road 814 intersects the East line of the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, and thence run Northwesterly along the road 620 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run Southwesterly perpendicular to the road 210 feet; thence run Northwesterly parallel to the road 210 feet; thence run North 210 feet; then run South 400 feet to the North right of way of Road No. 814; thence run in a Southwesterly direction along the North right of way of Road No. 814, to the Point of Beginning, being 1.8 acres, more or less, in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.

**TRACT SEVEN:**  
South 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 28, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, and improvements erected on and all structures and fixtures of any and every description attached to, the real property. Tracts 1 through 6 described above will be offered together for sale, and Tract 7 described above will be offered for sale. Thereafter, all of the real estate described above will be offered for sale together as a whole. The bid or combination of bids that bring the highest amount will be accepted as the highest and best bid. The poultry farm equipment described hereinabove will be sold with Tract 7, to the extent it remains on the property. No warranties or assurances are given with respect to the existence or condition of any such equipment.

In conjunction with the aforesaid sale of real property and at the same place and time as the sale, I will offer for sale at public outcry and sell to the highest and best bidder any and all equipment, machinery, fixtures, farm machinery and equipment, tools, poultry equipment, parts, accessories, repairs, replacements, improvements, and acccessions thereto located on the real estate described or situated within the poultry production facilities located on Country Road 167, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350. No representation is made as to the existence or condition of any equipment described above. The equipment will not be removed to the place of sale. All equipment will be sold as is and where is. The real property described in Tract 7 and any equipment will be offered together as a whole. There is no warranty relating to title, possession, quiet enjoyment, fitness, merchantability or the like in this sale and disposition of the collateral. I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 22nd day of July, 2021.  
*/s/ Chad J. Hammons*  
CHAD J. HAMMONS, SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE  
JONES WALKER LLP  
P.O. Box 427  
Jackson, Mississippi 39205  
(601) 949-4900

pendicular to the road 210 feet; thence run Northwesterly parallel to the road 210 feet; thence run Northeasterly perpendicular to the road 210 feet; thence run Southeasterly along the road 210 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 1 acre, more or less, in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.

**TRACT FOUR:**  
All of the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 East of County Road No. 814, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, containing 38 acres, more or less, Neshoba County, Mississippi.

**TRACT FIVE:**  
Begin where the East line of County Road 814 crosses the South line of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East; run thence North along the East line of Road 230 feet; thence East 300 feet; thence South parallel to road 230 feet; thence West 300 feet to the point of beginning, being 1.58 acres, more or less, in the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.  
**TRACT SIX:**  
The SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.

**LESS AND EXCEPT:**  
Begin where the East line of County Road 814 crosses the South line of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East; then run South 210 feet; then run West 210 feet; then run North 380 feet to the South line of County Road No. 814; then run in a Southeasterly direction along the South line of road 260 feet to the point of beginning, being 1.4 acres, more or less, in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.  
**ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT:**  
Begin where the North line of County Road No. 814 intersects the West line of the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, thence run North 540 feet to the Northwest Corner of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4; thence run East 170 feet; thence run South 400 feet to the North right of way of Road No. 814; thence run in a Southwesterly direction along the South line of road 260 feet to the point of beginning, being 1.4 acres, more or less, in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.

**ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT:**  
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**ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT:**  
Commence where the South line of Road 814 intersects the East line of the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, and thence run Northwesterly along the road 620 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run Southwesterly perpendicular to the road 210 feet; thence run Northwesterly parallel to the road 210 feet; thence run North 210 feet; then run South 400 feet to the North right of way of Road No. 814; thence run in a Southwesterly direction along the North right of way of Road No. 814, to the Point of Beginning, being 1.8 acres, more or less, in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.

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**ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT:**  
Commence where the South line of Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, intersects the East line of County Road No. 814; thence run East 300 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run North 1320 feet to the North line of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4; thence run East 330 feet; thence run South 1320 feet to the South line of the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4; thence run West 330 feet to the point of beginning, containing 10 acres, more or less, in the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.

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# Senior Spotlight: Posey ready to give it all this year

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You could say Philadelphia High School senior Trey Posey has football in his blood.

His grandfather, Bobby Posey, coached for years in Neshoba County and had long, successful career stops at both Philadelphia and Neshoba Central. His father, Bob Posey, played football at Neshoba Central and has been a part-time assistant football coach at Philadelphia High School for nearly 20 years.

"I have always been around football," Posey said. "I went to the games and practices. When I was younger, I always thought

one day. I would be playing here.

"Now that I am a senior and this is my last year, it seems like it went by pretty fast. I remember stuff I did my ninth-grade year like it was yesterday."

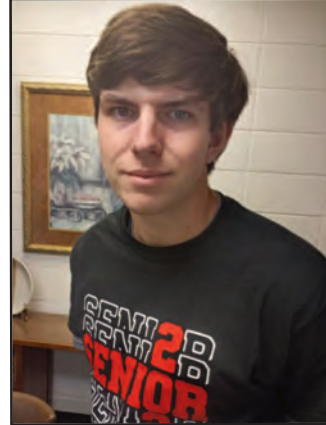
Posey and his Tornado teammates have been working out as they get ready for their Aug. 27 season opener at Noxubee County. He will play tight end and slot receiver this season.

Posey said he was not looking forward to the August heat when fall practice started last week. But the Tornadoes have been training all summer so they are somewhat used to it. "This summer, we worked

out Tuesday through Thursday," Posey said. "We came in around 7:30 a.m. and stayed until around 10 a.m. On Tuesdays, we went to 7-on-7 camps and that could last until 1 p.m. We played Newton, Scott Central and teams around here. We did pretty good. It was hot and that will help us during fall practice."

Football is not Posey's only concern at Philadelphia. He is a straight A student with a 4.0 GPA and is vying for the valedictorian honors. He is taking composite English, AP physics, dual credit algebra, AP government right now and dual credit history.

"It's wake up, go through



Trey Posey

my routine in the morning, get to school and see what each class has for me," Posey said. "After football practice, I

decide what is the most important assignment and which class comes first. That's how I focus.

"During football season, you get tired and it's tough. But if you get through it, you will be a lot better person. Football will teach you a lot of things, not just about football. But working hard, getting results, After football season, I will have a lot more time."

His favorites are as follows:

- Favorite subjects in school - science and history;
- Favorite dinner - a home cooked steak;
- Favorite movie - Either 'Remember the Titans' or 'The Longest Yard'; and,

• Favorite video game: Call to Duty.

Posey also likes to fish but hasn't had a lot of time for that lately. He is a member of the Philadelphia tennis team and made it to the third round of the mixed doubles state tournament with teammate Ruthie Storment. He used to play travel ball soccer but not since he started high school.

After graduation, Posey plans to attend East Central Community College and then attend the University of Southern Mississippi. He is interested in becoming a physical therapist.

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TITLE: CAFETERIA WORKER

#### EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS AND PREREQUISITES

- High School diploma or equivalent; experience may substitute for education
- Physical fitness and emotional stability to carry out the responsibilities of the job
- Experience in food service preferred
- Ability to understand and carry out instructions
- Maintain a good relationship with all cafeteria staff, school personnel and students
- Such other qualifications as may be set by the Board of Trustees

SUPERVISES- N/A

REPORTS TO- Cafeteria Manager and Food Service Supervisor

JOB GOAL- Responsible for the efficient operation of the school food service program within the budget restraints under the direction and guidance of the Food Service Supervisor and in coordination with the principal.

To comply with all rules and regulations of the U.S. Office of Child Nutrition, the USDA, and the Department of Health.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES- To support the Mission and Beliefs of the District when carrying out duties and responsibilities as assigned.

#### TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- Perform the duties assigned in relation to preparation of food, serving of food, cleaning all areas of the kitchen, or other assigned duties in the time allotted.
- Prepare all types of foods, such as: vegetables, meats, soups, salads, sandwiches, and deserts.
- Operate kitchen equipment, such as: ovens, steamers, electric mixers, and slicers.
- Setup steam tables and serving counters and serving food.
- Washing dishes, pots, pans, and silverware.
- Cleaning all areas in the cafeteria, such as; floors, tables, counters, and seving lines.
- Perform duties involved in the safe preparation and handling of food, operation, cleaning, and sanitizing of equipment and facilities, serving of food, cashiering, and recordkeeping.
- Attend training meetings as required.
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