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Alderman questions audit delay

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At least one alderman says he has a lot of questions concerning the backlog of audits not completed since 2017 and he's looking for direct answers.

Ward 1 Alderman Justin Clearman said he expected Tuesday night's regular city board meeting to be tense.

"I believe there are going to

be some very tough questions answered," Clearman said.

A five-year audit backlog came to light during the budgeting process last month after a Neshoba Democrat reporter asked for the most recent audit during a public meeting.

Aldermen went on to approve an \$11 million budget that included a pay raise for non-elected city employees and a 1-mill tax increase.

A required letter of engage-

ment was never signed by the city to do financial audits, the accounting firm Watkins, Ward and Stafford said after the audit issue was exposed.

Marsha McDonald, a partner in the firm, said the company not only never received a signed letter of engagement from the city but also received only a minimal amount of information from the City Clerk to do an audit.

Clearman said he wants to

question City Clerk Nikki M. Walton, but she apparently was not expected to be at the meeting last night due to illness.

McDonald said last month their requests to Walton were repeated.

"We did an information request to the City Clerk for what would have been needed to perform the audit; however, only a minimal amount of that information request was satis-

fied," McDonald wrote in a letter to the city withdrawing.

Clearman was adamant about getting answers.

"I've got a lot of questions to ask tonight and I need a bunch of answers to those questions and not a head nod or a smile," Clearman said. "I need direct answers from the City Clerk and if I don't get what I'm asking for I'm going to be very upset."

Clearman, a Republican, is

new to the board.

"I just don't think that all new guys coming in were given all the information we needed to be able to go into the fiscal year in the way we are and it is just very disappointing," Clearman said. "I've got a notebook full of questions to ask and I want answers to them. The more we delay on getting those answers the worse off we are. I'm See **AUDIT**, page 2A



Pictured after the contest are front row Sydney Watkins, Samantha Chaplain, Allandra Dunaway; second row, Ty Smith, Zoie Grant, Hunter Adkins, Destiny Kirksey, Emma Rhinewalt, Jessy Thrash, Trinity McLain; third row, Eli Brown, Matt Weir, Zach Brown, Nathan Killen, Jesse Pettigrew, Tanner Sharp, John Harvey, Brayden Pickett, Ethan Coghlan, Jorja Ray, Noah Wade and Emma Bryan.

Neshoba's Big Blue band takes All-Superior

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Neshoba Central's Big Blue Marching Band won All-Superior Saturday at the Northeast Regional Marching Championship hosted at Northeast Mississippi Community College and claimed the Grand Champion title.

"The students did an outstanding job, and I am so proud of their accomplishments and hard work," said Daniel Wade, Neshoba Central Big Blue Band director. "This was a great day for our students and last year 2021 recent BIG BLUE alumni."

The Big Blue Marching Band competed against 29 bands from Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee to claim the awards at the Northeast Regional Marching Championship hosted by Northeast Community College on Saturday in Booneville.

Allandra Dunaway, a Neshoba Central High School senior, received the Best Soloist Award and a \$1,825 scholarship to Northeast Community College.

Neshoba Central's High School band is made up of 135 students from eighth through 12th grade and the band's show is titled "Portraits of America" The show is titled "A Portrait of Amer-

ica" featuring traditional music such as "America the Beautiful" and also original music and sounds from Dvorak's New World Symphony.

Wade said the Neshoba Central Big Blue Band had not been to a marching contest since 2019 due to the pandemic and other reasons.

The Big Blue band awards earned include All Superior, Band, Color Guard, Percussion and Drum Major. Scoring included Best Class 5-A band, Best Class 5-A Color Guard, Best 5-A Drum Major, Overall Best Color Guard of the Championship, Class 4-A, 5-A, 6-A Sweepstakes Award, and Northeast Regional March Championship Grand Champion.

NO MONEY

Supervisors tell Sheriff 'no' on cars

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There is no money in the budget for new patrol cars, Sheriff Eric Clark was told during Monday's meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Clark pointed out there is a lot of wear and tear on a law enforcement vehicle each year. He is trying to get three new cars each year and planning to rotate out the older vehicles and maintain a good working fleet.

"They didn't have anything in the General Fund budget for cars," Clark said. "They took it under consideration."

There are other sources of money such as cash seized during drug busts, but not enough to buy new cars, Clark said. The SO has been buying handcuffs and flashlights not budgeted with drug monies.

"We have less than \$20,000 in our drug fund," Clark said. "We have been using our drug fund to buy equipment the county didn't have budgeted. We have bought handcuffs, binoculars and uniforms. We had to buy a printer for the Sheriff's Office. We have had to use our money to fill the void. If we had money to purchase a car, I would."

He also pointed out that while his department has made plenty of drug arrests, those being arrested don't have that much money on them to seize.

"It's not like we are on the interstate," Clark said.

In other matters, supervisors voted to:

- Approve the removal for X26 tasers from the Sheriff's inventory, and approved a six-month subscription to Covert Wireless for Cameras for \$264.

- Accept the September 2021 daily meal log and detailed billing report for the jail. Supervisors approved a \$1 an hour See **CARS**, page 2A

CENTRAL DISPATCH

Police department response time to be cut

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**
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Emergency response times will be faster when the county's 911 dispatch center starts taking calls, Philadelphia Police Chief Eric Lyons says.

The switch could come toward the end of the year after the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors on Monday approved an inter-local agreement. Under the agreement, the city will pay the county \$138,000 per year, or \$11,500 per month for Neshoba County Communications to dispatch calls.

"This is still in the planning stages and it will take getting used to," Lyons said. "We expect a few hiccups. But once we get the kinks worked

out, it will be one of the best things we have ever done."

"If Communications received a 911 call for us, they would take the information, and contact our dispatcher," Lyons said. "Then the PD dispatcher would call the Philadelphia officer and repeat the information. This takes time."

"When the change comes, Communications would be able to dispatch our officers to that call without having to transfer. That will save a lot of time in getting the officer dispatched to that call for assistance with the emergency."

The Police Department has seven dispatchers. Lyons said they can apply to become a dispatcher for the county, or they can remain with the PD

taking care of other day-to-day duties.

"We have two or three who are getting ready to retire," Lyons said. "The four or five we have left will be doing daytime things here, answering the phone and handling walk-in business. They work on affidavits. They will be doing things they are doing now. In a nutshell, no one will be without a job, no one will be laid off."

The Police Department building is located on Main Street next to City Hall. The doors are open 24/7 but Lyons said that could change.

"We are looking at closing the doors, maybe from midnight until 6 a.m.," Lyons said. "Officers will still be in the

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Performs play

Photo by COLEMAN EAKES

PNC Arts Council members Damien McMillan, Tim Moore Curtis Pace and Allison Palmer perform during an Oct. 2 play production at the Senior Citizens Center.



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Choctaw Central Homecoming Queen crowned

Choctaw Central celebrated homecoming during football game with Kosciusko Friday night. Pictured are, front row from left, Freshman Maid Khyal Johnson, Sophomore Maid Fantasia Lewis, Junior Maid Catherine Jim, Crown Bearer Ja'Kaizen Solomon, Flower Girl Isabelle Flint, Junior Maid Emalayah King, Sophomore Maid Ashlynn Stephen, Fresh-

man Maid Teresa Willis; second row from left, Senior Maid, Kylie Williamson, Homecoming Queen Kyla Farmer, Senior Maid Skye Bell; back row from left, James Sampson, Braysom Samuel, Avandar Shumake, Logan Lyons, Peyton Mingo, Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben, Brennen Henry, Micheal J. Willis, Jalen Willis, Coby Willis.



Union Homecoming Queen crowned

Madison Buckley, fifth from the left, was named homecoming queen at Union High School Friday night. Members of the homecoming court are, from left, freshman maid Erica Lay, sophomore maid Sydney Coward, junior maid Maddie Cook,

senior maid Xan Tucker, 2021-2022 Homecoming Queen Madison Buckley, senior maid Georgia Cooper, junior maid Jailyn Stribling, sophomore maid Lauryn Roebuck and freshman maid Aly Milling.

2 new COVID deaths reported in past week

By STAFF REPORTS
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Neshoba County recorded 60 new COVID-19 cases and two new deaths in the past week, according to the Mississippi State Department of Health's Oct. 5 report.

Neshoba County has now recorded a total of 6,555 cases

of COVID-19 and 203 deaths since the pandemic began in March 2020.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians reported five new positive cases of COVID-19 and no deaths in the past week as of Oct. 3, with the total number of positive cases for the Tribe standing at 2,451 with 123 deaths.

The Tribe reported four new hospitalizations.

As of Monday, 27% of Neshoba County's population is fully vaccinated, according to MSDH.

Vaccinations are being administered at Walgreens at 1002 W. Beacon Street in Philadelphia, according to the MSDH.

Statewide, since the pandemic began in March 2020, 283,051 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been recorded by the MSDH along with 208,051 probable cases, totaling 491,724 cases. There have been 6,533 confirmed COVID-19 deaths, along with 3,216 probable deaths, totaling 9,749 deaths.

Dispatch

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building but we won't have someone at the desk.

"We don't usually have someone walk in at 4 in the morning," Lyons said. "It is rare that happens. Anyone who needs to talk to an officer can still call 601-656-2131. Maybe when we close, 2131 will ring at Communications.

Officers will still be available."

The department is in the process of switching to the Mississippi Wireless Information Network (MSWIN) radio system. The department plans to order the new equipment

possibly this week. Lyons said the issue was to be discussed during Tuesday's board of alderman meeting. If all goes as planned, Lyons said the police department could be connected by December.

Cars

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raise and change in job status of a jailer who is taking on additional maintenance responsibilities.

- Accept the resignation of one of the jail employees.
- Reject the bid for a 75 CY

Ton End Dump trailer.

- Approve hiring Crowder Engineering & Surveying for the County Road 236 improvement project. Supervisors also posted a weight limit on the Bear Creek Bridge on County Road 602.
- Approve the quarterly budget allocation for the Tax Assessor/Tax Collector officer totaling \$118,949.
- Accept a settlement of

bond funds to the county as unclaimed property though the Circuit Clerk's Office. Supervisors also approved a \$1 an hour raise for deputy clerks in the office. Supervisors set the County Registrar's compensation at \$19,320.

- Approve a travel request to attend the Statewide Fire Coordinators Meeting Wednesday at the Fire Academy.

• Approve notice of intent for participation in the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program for a community storm shelter.

• Approve Neshoba General's resolution requesting that the county apply for \$1,250,000 CAP Loan from MDA for the nursing home project.

Audit

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ready to find out what is going to happen."

The latest audit available to

the public shows the city of Philadelphia ended fiscal 2016 with a \$264,963 surplus. At the time, it was the third surplus reported since the Mayor and Board of Aldermen doubled taxes in 2014 to help pay for new parks.

Tristan Rowell of Rea,

Shaw, Giffin & Stuart, LLP, Certified Public Accountants told officials in September 2017 when the 2016 audit was delivered that "overall, the big picture is the city seems to be in good shape."

The city of Philadelphia has not completed audits for

Fiscal 2018, 2019 or 2020.

The city has since hired the Pearl accounting firm of Windham and Lacy to catch the city up on audits.

Clearman said he looked forward to hearing what the new firm had to say about the audits.



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Neshoba Central students intern at hospital

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

Project SEARCH intern McKenzie Street wants to work in a pediatrics clinic when she completes her studies at Neshoba Central High School.

An ongoing internship at Neshoba County General Hospital sparked her interest, through the unique, business-led, transition-to-work program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The nationwide Project SEARCH program comes under the umbrella of the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.

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

Abby Butler, Jacob Clayton and Street are the first Neshoba Central students to participate in the program, working in such fields as radiology, purchasing and dietary at the hospital. Medical records and environmental services may be added in the future.

Interns spend the first hour of each day on curriculum, which is taught in a training room at the hospital.

Josh Burton, Neshoba's Project SEARCH instructor, said the interns work three 10-week rotations in various areas from August to May.

They are trained to do a variety of tasks in each field, from stocking towels, linens and gowns, to cleaning and sanitizing machines.

They do patient transports, deliver packages and supplies and put together disposable silverware packages for the cafeteria.

Street, who also works part-time at a Philadelphia restaurant, favors the radiology department, hence her interest in a pediatrics setting.

She likes to check patients in on a computer when they arrive in the radiology waiting room, prior to their outpatient procedures.

"Mckenzie doesn't want to work in the food industry after she finishes school," Burton said. "I told her, 'If you work hard, you never know what will happen.' She works hard and keeps us straight. If we mess up, she lets us know!"

Brandi Nickles, coordinator for Project SEARCH for the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, and Burton said the goal was for the interns to gain many transferable skills that would qualify them for a job not only in a hospital setting but also in business and industry settings.

The interns perform tasks, which free medical professionals to spend more quality time with their patients, they said.

Nickles said the interns



Project SEARCH interns and Neshoba Central High School students McKenzie Street and Jacob Clayton conduct a review of sanitation supplies at Neshoba General Hospital. Neshoba Central partnered with the hospital to implement Project SEARCH.

hone in on their time management skills as well.

"That's huge," she said.

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

By the end of the program, interns will have completed their resumes and portfolio

and, hopefully, be ready to enter the workforce.

The program is looking for areas businesses that are interested in either hosting Project SEARCH interns or hiring Project SEARCH graduates.

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

"We look forward to working with these students to help them develop competitive skills for future employment opportunities," he said.

Annette Watkins, marketing and public relations director at Neshoba General, said officials hoped to get the internships underway in 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic caused a year's delay.

"It is very fulfilling for us at the hospital to watch these young adults come in and gain life skills that they can take with them forever," Watkins said.

An open house is planned later this month for the interns to meet and greet invited guests from the hospital, school and community as well as their family members.

While the interns are not guaranteed jobs under the program, the focus is to ensure that they gain employable skills to utilize after high school.

Neshoba Central hopes to expand Project SEARCH to six interns in the future, depending on the number of opportunities available.

Beth Bowman, job skills trainer for Project SEARCH said the program "provides two things for students with disabilities that they may have not ever had -- the dignity and respect that comes from being an employee and a worker. For the first time, they are part of a team with clear objectives, goals and direction."

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

Balderas tapped by Tribe as manager of Choctaw Shopping Center

By **SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS**
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Sandy Balderas has been named general manager of the Choctaw Shopping Center Enterprise.

"I feel great about being hired as a General Manager for the Choctaw Shopping Center Enterprise," Balderas said of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. "It's a new avenue than my previous field, but I am excited to fulfill this job."

Balderas, who has worked with Choctaw Federal Credit Union in the Choctaw Town

Center for the past 10 years, said she started her new position as general manager approximately three weeks ago.

Balderas said she is looking forward to ensuring Choctaw Shopping Centers tenants are being taken care of and ensuring the shopping center is in tip-top shape.

"I hope to bring in more businesses to the Choctaw Town Center," Balderas said.

The Choctaw Shopping Center consists of office/building space for any business.

Balderas said she hopes to bring businesses in that both the Tribal community and non-



Sandy Balderas is excited to begin her new job.

Tribal communities will visit.

Currently, the Choctaw Shopping Center houses the Piggly Wiggly, Trustmark Bank, Fluff & Fold Laundromat, Patridge Propane, Choctaw Federal Credit Union, Choctaw Post Office, Choctaw Housing and Loan Program, Rez Nutrition, Seasonal Tenant H&R Block, Pearl River Insurance, El Rodeo as well as the Fitness center.

Balderas lives in the Tucker community with her husband, Evaristo Balderas. They have been married for 11 years and have five children and one grandson.

Balderas holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Belhaven University.

"I am currently studying accounting at Mississippi State University with an expected graduation date of December 2022," Balderas said.

Some of her hobbies include working with beads, making traditional attire for her children and grandson and spending time with family and friends grilling and enjoying each other's company.

"We love traveling and visiting places as a family," Balderas said.



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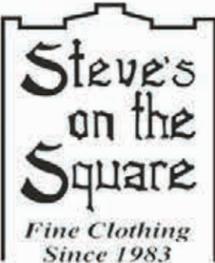
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Failure without consequence

Achievement is rewarded in America, and failure typically isn't, but such fundamentals have fallen out of whack in Washington. President Biden and his administration commit blunders that menace the nation, and nothing happens. That's troubling. If leaders face no consequences for the damage they cause, the American people will suffer instead.

On Jan. 20, Mr. Biden undertook his lofty role when he intoned: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." Though Mr. Biden recited the presidential oath of office, he apparently has missed its implicit point: to safeguard the nation's people.

It has taken Mr. Biden less than nine months to utterly bollix his duty — by handing Afghanistan over to America's enemies and by welcoming to the United States unfamiliar and unvetted individuals, likely to number in the millions.

Recent Senate testimony by Pentagon leaders — Joint Chiefs of Staff Mark Milley, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, and head of U.S. Central Command Kenneth F. McKenzie — disclosed that the president disregarded a recommendation to leave 2,500 troops in place to prevent the collapse of the U.S.-backed Afghan government. Moreover, Mr. Biden dissembled when he claimed in an Aug. 19 ABC News interview that he received no such advice from his advisers before the disastrous withdrawal.

Subsequent chaos in Kabul resulted in the killings of 13 U.S. troops, the helter-

skelter evacuation of 95,000 Afghans to the United States, and the abandonment of U.S. armaments worth billions and American citizens numbering thousands. Although his top military leaders framed the operation as "a strategic failure, Mr. Biden has clung to the delusion that the Afghanistan withdrawal as "an extraordinary success."

NATO faces day of reckoning amid Afghanistan withdrawal, China's rise. Senators' calls for their resignations in the name of accountability led Gen. Milley and Mr. Austin to respond, in essence: Go pound sand. Military failure without consequence is a formula for future defeat.

In a similarly incompetent fashion, the president is botching his duty to secure the southern border. On his orders, U.S. authorities disregard both a federal court ruling that illegal immigrants should remain in Mexico while petitioning for asylum and Title 42 of the Public Health Service Act, which authorizes an outright halt to immigration health emergencies.

The most recent border-crisis episode saw at least 12,000 Haitians who recently crossed into Texas en masse rapidly dispersed across the nation. Americans are welcoming by nature, but they can't help but bristle when settlements of uninvited refugees suddenly appear in their midst. It's little wonder that the president's job approval has fallen to a dismal 45 percent.

With no opportunity until 2024 to hold Mr. Biden accountable for his mismanagement of the nation's affairs, his failures are to be the inheritance of future generations. The country doesn't deserve this.

— *The Washington Times*

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Is Biden a Bernie Dem?

Cradle Catholic Joe has become our most pro-abortion president.

"We've got the president of the United States on our side," said Sen. Bernie Sanders Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

"Got 96% of the members of the Democratic caucus in the House on our side. We got all but two senators at this point in the Democratic caucus on our side. We're going to win this thing."

The socialist senator from Vermont may be overly optimistic about how the party deadlock on Capitol Hill unfolds. But about the balance of forces inside the party, and the direction where it is headed, Sanders is probably not wrong.

Progressive Democrats won the week.

President Joe Biden confirmed it by casting his lot with the liberal-left on the sequencing of the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill and \$3.5 trillion social safety net bill pending in Congress.

When Biden went to the Hill Friday, it was thought he was coming to rescue and liberate the Senate-passed infrastructure bill being held hostage by progressives until they got their way on the larger bill.

Progressives had threatened to sink the roads-and-bridges bill in Speaker Nancy Pelosi's House, unless they received solid assurances that both houses would simultaneously take up and approve the \$3.5 trillion bill.

When Biden reached the Hill, however, he threw in with the hostage-takers. He asked for a delay in House passage of his own infrastructure bill, until the demands of the progressives were addressed and met.

Pelosi agreed and has put off any House vote on the infrastructure bill until the end of October.

Biden had ditched the Biden Democrats and cast his lot with Sanders & Co. Let's hold off voting on my own infrastructure bill, until we can also deliver what the progressives demand of us, he was saying.

The real impediment blocking progress, Biden said, was two senators, Joe Manchin and

Kyrsten Sinema, who are blocking the resolution of the issue, which is that all Democrats should agree to enact both bills.

By capitulating to the progressives' demand — which translates to, "Both bills or no bill!" — Biden revealed where he thinks the power in the party resides, where the future is, and what he wants as his legacy.

This is not the first time Biden has moved left to accommodate a rising consensus. As vice president, though a self-proclaimed devout Catholic, Biden stepped out in front of Barack Obama to endorse same-sex marriage.

During the 2020 campaign, Biden abandoned a lifetime belief about abortion and pledged to remove the Hyde Amendment — a restriction on federal funding of abortions — from federal law.

Cradle Catholic Joe has become our most pro-abortion president.

But while the moderate-versus-progressive faceoff could still end in a rout for the left, the probability is that the infrastructure bill becomes law and the social safety net bill ends up between Manchin's \$1.5 trillion ceiling and its current \$3.5 trillion price tag.

One way to solve the sticker-price problem is through subterfuge — reduce the duration from, say, 10 years to five, in the expectation that no future GOP administration would terminate an entitlement program upon which millions of Americans had come to depend for half a decade.

As Milton Friedman reminded us, "Nothing is so permanent as a temporary government program."

Nevertheless, this is truly the "transformative" legislation that The New York Times depicted as providing "a cradle-to-grave reweaving of a

social safety net."

This Build Back Better bill would provide family and medical leave for illness and the birth of a child, affordable child care during infancy, two years of universal pre-kindergarten, child credits and federal income tax credits, and two years in a community college.

If passed in its present form, government will have an ever-present role in the life of a child, almost from conception until his or her early 20s.

This would also include established programs of welfare, Medicaid, aid to education, subsidized housing, rent supplements, school breakfasts and lunches, and food stamps.

If this bill does not die in the fall, what will America look like a few years hence?

Government will have expanded in both size and the numbers of employees, and in relation to a shrinking private sector. A panoply of new programs will expand eternally with the cost growing inexorably. The dependency of U.S. citizens on their government will grow.

And this doesn't even touch upon another aspect.

The IRS is to be expanded, and corporate taxes, estate taxes and capital gains taxes are to rise. Government will also step in to force a shift away from coal and oil and gas, with which the country is hugely endowed, to wager America's future on solar and wind.

Hopefully, Manchin and Sinema will employ the leverage they have to prevent the worst of the damage this historically high level of spending — with inflation already rising above 5% — will do.

But as to whether the Democrats are a Bernie party or a Biden party, Joe settled that Friday with his capitulation.

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

FLASHBACKS

OCTOBER 10, 1941

The Philadelphia Tornados play the strong team of Clarksdale Friday night, October 10th on the Clarksdale gridiron. The Clarksdale team is reputed to be one of the strongest teams in the Big Eight Conference.

Everything can happen at a Dodgers game and did, even Eddie Bettan's wanting to pinch-hit for Herman Franks in the final game with the Phillies which the Dodgers, who are fondly called "Them Bums" even outside the borough of Brooklyn, won 5-1.

OCTOBER 5, 1951

The Philadelphia Exchange Club met Wednesday at the Benwalt Hotel. At this meeting the club voted to send State President Felton Grubbs as delegate to the National Convention in Miami, this week.

This year, there are six boys from Philadelphia who are on East Central Junior College football squad. These boys were all outstanding players while at Philadelphia. These boys are Steve Webb, Sam Thomas, Dorman Pope, Billy Cole, A.J. Kilpatrick, and Joe Tolbert.

OCTOBER 5, 1961

Miss. Patsy Sheppard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.D. Sheppard of the Madden-Dixon community, was named Neshoba County Farm Bureau Queen at the annual meeting last Thursday night at the VFW home here. Selected to reign with Queen Patsy was King Truett Hobby, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Floyd Hobby of the Arlington community.

OCTOBER 7, 1971

Neshoba Central's wingback James Latimer picks up 15 yards on a key play in Friday night's homecoming game against West Lauderdale. The Rockets won 18-7 Latimer picked up 74 yards in eight carries.

Miss Debra Diane Goldman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Goldman of Carpentersville, Ill., former residents of Winston County, is the first entrant in the 1972 Miss Teenage Aurora Pageant from the Elgin, Ill., area. Debra moved with her family to Carpentersville last June.

OCTOBER 8, 1981

Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council members Greg Nowell and Jim McCoy dig the pits to be used in barbecuing the pigs for the thirds annual Oktoberfest set for Saturday at Burnside Lake Park.

Pam Johnson of Standing Pine community will be crowned 1981 homecoming queen at halftime of the Choctaw Central and Thomas-town game. Members of her court are Dora Mingo of Pearl River, freshman maid; Melinda Sam of Red Water, junior maid; Anita Jim of Pearl River senior maid and Amanda Williams of Pearl River sophomore maid.

OCTOBER 2, 1991

Mrs. Herman Alford expressed the appreciation of her family for the tributes to her late husband and for the

naming of the Herman W. Alford Memorial Highway.

Philadelphia Elementary School participated in the Binney and Smith Crayola Dream Makers Art Contest. The theme of the contest was imagination. 14 winners were selected for the school to participate in the Southeastern division.

OCTOBER 3, 2001

Kristy Mayo recently received the Star Greenhand Award at the Neshoba Central FFA banquet from Rusty Smith, advisor.

The United Way of Neshoba County kicked off its 2002 fund-raising campaign Tuesday morning at a breakfast in the Neshoba County Coliseum with a goal of \$75,000. United Way dollars fund 16 area agencies.

OCTOBER 5, 2011

A Neshoba County man told authorities he wrecked his pickup truck two years ago but could not remember where. The pickup was pulled from a canal on Lakeside Drive on Thursday after being spotted by a fisherman, police said.

Christina Boswell, sifts through a pile of donated jeans during the annual "sale" at the Neshoba County Public Library last Thursday to benefit Relay for Life. Items donated ranged from toys and books to sweaters and shoes. Library Director Madonna May said they raised \$4,949.65 during the sale.

RICH LOWRY

Democrats on another spending binge

If Democrats get their reconciliation bill, it won't be because they convinced the American public that its true cost is zero.

As the political prospects of the bill have sagged, Democrats are trying to recalibrate by arguing a generational spending binge really won't cost anything at all.

Citing provisions to offset the spending, Biden has said that the bill is "going to cost nothing." House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has repeated the same argument.

Trying to redefine the cost of a \$3.5 trillion bill as zero must rank among the most patently absurd attempts to change reality through a talking point ever attempted.

It's mind-bending logic that would mystify Lewis Carroll.

It's the kind of reasoning you'd expect of any bankrupt person or someone blissfully unaware that he or she is about to go bankrupt.

It's the equivalent in its transparent, willful implausibility of Donald Trump's pledge that Mexico would somehow, at some time, despite all its denials, pay for the border wall.

The fact is that spending money is, by definition, spending money.

Heretofore, this contention would have been uncontroversial. Indeed, before the reconciliation bill ran into turbulence, the point of it was that it would involve spending boatloads of money — like FDR and LBJ did.

The best defense of the Biden/Pelosi argument is that it

Democrats are trying to recalibrate arguing a generational spending binge really won't cost anything at all.

depends on what the meaning of "cost" is.

"If Democrats intend to invest \$3.5 trillion," Steve Benen of MSNBC writes, "But they also intend to pay for all that without adding to the national debt, then for all intents and purposes, the package costs nothing."

Put aside that the reconciliation instructions say that the bill can increase the deficit by up to \$1.75 trillion over a decade.

Regardless, even if the bill is fully financed through tax hikes, it still costs something — or the tax increases wouldn't be necessary in the first place.

Think about it: Most of us who don't live in San Francisco — notoriously hit by a shoplifting spree — pay for the goods we take from stores. Of course, that means what we bought cost something.

I defy any married man to go out and buy a Ferrari 812 Superfast/GTS with \$340,000 in cash and then go home and try to tell his wife that it cost nothing because he paid for it.

That it was paid for doesn't make it less costly — indeed, it had to be paid for exactly because it costs what you'd expect of a car that goes 0-60 mph in 2.8 seconds.

It would be cold comfort to a gambler if he lost \$100,000 in the Legends Room at the Bellagio but incurred no debt in the course of doing so. He'd still be down a hundred grand.

Catherine Rampell of The Washington Post has noted the alleged unfairness of the different accounting for Republican tax cuts and Democratic spending proposals.

Tax cut bills tend to be described by using their net cost — e.g., if a bill cuts taxes by \$1 billion and raises taxes by \$100 million, it's called a \$900 million tax cut.

On the other hand, increases in spending are identified with their gross cost — e.g., if a bill increases spending by \$1 billion and raises taxes by \$900 million to pay for it, it's still called a \$1 billion spending increase.

As even she concedes, though, it makes sense to refer to the net cost of a tax bill if it is offset by other tax increases. The net number is the figure for the overall cut.

If the \$3.5 trillion reconciliation bill were entirely offset by spending cuts, it'd be fair to say that its overall cost is zero.

This, of course, is not what's happening. At the end of the day, assuming the bill doesn't collapse, Democrats will probably have to settle for more like \$1.5 trillion or \$2 trillion. And no matter what they say now, that's not nothing.

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BIBLE SELECTION

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.

— Proverbs 27:1 (ESV)

County's unemployment rate drops to 6.3%

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Neshoba County's August unemployment rate dropped six-tenths of a percent when compared to the previous month, according to figures from the Mississippi Department of Employment Security figures.

The rate stood at 6.3% in August 2021. That's a drop of 2 percentage points when compared to the 8.3 unemployment rate in 2020.

Neshoba County's labor force in August stood at 10,060 people, a decrease of 380 people when compared to July. Of that, 630 people were out of work in August.

Mississippi's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2021 was 5.9%, decreasing eight-tenths of a percentage point from the previous month's rate of 6.7%. When compared to the August 2020 rate of 7.7%, the rate decreased by 1.8 percentage points.

The number of unemployed

	AUG 2021	JULY 2021	AUG 2020
Neshoba	6.3%	6.9%	8.3%
Kemper	8.3%	9.4%	9.3%
Leake	5.9%	6.3%	7.3%
Lauderdale	5.7%	6.5%	6.9%
Newton	6.3%	7.2%	7.3%
Scott	4.7%	5.4%	5.3%
Noxubee	8.9%	8.9%	11.8%
Winston	6.7%	7.5%	8.5%
Attala	6.5%	6.7%	8.6%

decreased 11,800 over the month, while the employed total decreased 9,200 from the prior month.

The nation's unemployment rate for August 2021 was at 5.3%. That decreased four-tenths of a percentage point over the month and was 3.2 percentage points lower than the year-ago rate of 8.5%.

Mississippi's nonfarm employment increased 3,700 over the month and was 28,400 higher than one year ago. Industry sectors registering the largest

monthly employment gains were government; and educational & health services with the start of the new school year.

For August 2021, 32 counties in Mississippi posted unemployment rates less than or equal to the state's rate of 5.9%. Rankin County posted the lowest unemployment rate for August at 4.0% followed by Union County at 4.3%. Jefferson County had the highest unemployment rate for August at 18.6% followed by Wilkinson County at 13.4%.

OBITUARIES

Claude Kelso Fisackerly, IV

Mr. Claude Kelso Fisackerly, IV, age: 25, of Union, was born on April 1, 1996 and passed away on Friday, October 1, 2021.

He was loved and will be missed by his Mother, Anne Easom Fisackerly of Union; Father, Claude Fisackerly, III of Philadelphia; Sister, Elizabeth Fisackerly of Union; Maternal Grandparents, A.G. Easom and Sarah Easom of Sebastopol; Paternal Grandmother, Helen Jenkins of Indianola

He is survived by several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

A memorial service will be to follow at a later date.

Joe Douglas Thompson

Joe Douglas Thompson, a beloved husband and father, passed away at home in Sevierville, TN, on Monday, September 27, 2021. He was 69.



Joe Thompson

Joe was born in Union, Mississippi, and attended Neshoba Central High School. He later attended The University of Southern MS and became a member of the National Guard. Joe married his beautiful wife Cynthia Kay Luke of the MS Gulf Coast in 1971. Joe and Kay were married 50 amazing years and had one devoted daughter, Carrie.

Joe and his family remained in Union until 1999, at which time he and Kay fulfilled their lifelong dream of moving to the Smoky Mountains in Eastern Tennessee. Joe's life of humor, service, and love included mission work that took him to share God's word in Honduras and Guatemala, where he was affectionately known by the locals as their Gringo Loco. While right at home and loved everywhere he went, Joe's place of greatest peace, remained in the Smokies.

An electrician by trade, Joe truly had a servant's heart and never met a stranger. Mr. Joe was known to many as the man who could, and would, fix anything. He offered himself for countless hours to helping any family, friend or neighbor in need. Joe was a dedicated member and long time deacon of First Baptist Church in Union, MS and later continued his faithful service at Pigeon Forge Baptist Church.

Joe especially enjoyed watching westerns, coffee with his sweetheart Kay on the porch, napping with his dogs close by, homecooked meals, afternoon drives and watching Hartfield Academy football. His kind blue eyes, twinkled brightest when he was with his family who adored him.

Joe is preceded in death by his father, Sidney Thompson, his much admired step father F.C. "Dude" Foster, his mother Hazel Thompson Foster, and his brothers Willie Roy Rhodes, Billy Thompson, Jerry Thompson and a step-sister Rita Foster.

He is survived by his loving wife Kay Thompson, his daughter Carrie, her husband Rusty Clark and their sons, Trey, Brockman, Banks and Cooper. Joe is also survived by his dear mother-in-law Chloe Luke who thought of him as a son. He also leaves behind two brothers, Mike Thompson and Sidney Thompson and numerous nieces and nephews. Our precious Poppy will be so greatly missed here on earth but we take comfort knowing he is now with our Heavenly Father.

In lieu of flowers the family asks friends to consider making a donation to Samaritan's Purse, a Christian humanitarian aid organization, at <https://www.samaritanpurse.org>

A memorial service for Joe was held Thursday, Sept. 30, at Atchley Funeral Home in

Sevierville. Online condolences may be made at www.atchleyfuneralhome.com. A celebration of life will also be held at First Baptist Church in Union, MS on Tuesday, Oct. 5 with visitation beginning at 10:00 am and service to follow at 11:00 AM.

Annie L. Chestnut

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie Lois Chestnut were held on Saturday, October 2, 2021, at 12 P.M. from Jerusalem Temple Church with Minister Gregg Magee officiating. Burial was at W.C. Calloway Memorial Cemetery. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Chestnut, 84, formerly of Philadelphia, passed away on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at Singing River Hospital in Gulfport.

She is survived by three sons, Lester Peden, Jr. of Petersburg, IL, Christopher Peden of Merrillville, IN, and Tremayne Chestnut of Colorado Springs, CO, one daughter, Irene Magee of Gulfport, MS, two stepdaughters, Candance Chestnut and Lisa Thompson, two sisters, Bobbie Calloway and Pauline Walden, two brothers, Therman Calloway and Everett Calloway, 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Samuel Jackson, Anthony Moore, Andre Wilson, Willie P. Peden, Duane Peden and Gyron Peden.

Donna Lagunas Quarles

Funeral service for Ms. Donna Lagunas Quarles was held 2 PM Monday, October 4, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Ricky Wilcher officiating. Burial was in East Lawn Cemetery, John E. Stephens Chapel was in charge.

Mrs. Quarles, 69, passed away Monday, September 27, 2021 at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville, FL. She lived most of her life in Neshoba Co.

She was a member of North Calvary Baptist Church. Her hobbies were family, gospel music, and getting manicures. She is preceded in death by her parents, Ramon Lagunas and Audrey Apperson Lagunas; sister, Carol Lakes.

Survivors include her husband, Michael W. Quarles; daughters, Jennifer Baldwin (Bryan), Crystal Collins (Glenn); sons, Greg Watkins, Billy Watkins, Michael D. Quarles, Joseph Quarles; brother, Danny Lagunas; (17) grandchildren; (5) great-grandchildren; (5) nephews.

Marlene Johnson Grimes

Funeral service for Mrs. Marlene Johnson Grimes was held 2 PM Saturday, October 2, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Mack Alford and Bro. Edward Grimes officiating. Interment was in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Johnsonville Community. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Grimes, 85, passed away Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at Neshoba General Hospital. She was the Valedictorian of her class and worked as Business Manager for Neshoba General Hospital for many years. She enjoyed cooking, needlepoint, loved her animals. Mrs. Grimes also played, coached basketball and softball.

Preceded in death by parents, James Miller Johnson, Grace Myers Johnson; sister, Carolyn Perkins; brother, Paul Johnson.

Survivors include her husband, John S. Grimes Jr., daughter, Vicki Kay Grimes; sons, Jamie Ross Grimes (Debbie),

Edward Hollis Grimes (Susan), John Miller Grimes (Cana); sister, Judith Stauffer; brother, Douglas Johnson; 3 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, several nieces and nephews.

Floyd Williamson, Jr.

Visitation was held at First Pentecostal Church of Philadelphia, MS, Wednesday, September 29, 2021 from 5 pm until 8 pm. Funeral services were held at Parkway Pentecostal Church in Madison, MS, Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 1 pm. There was a preceding visitation at Parkway Church from 12 noon until 1 pm. Graveside services followed at Floral Hills Cemetery in Pearl, MS. Bishop Jerry Wayne Dillon, Rev. Albert Reid, Rev. Jason Dillon and Rev. Tim Vowell officiated.

Floyd Williamson, Jr., 68, of Pearl, MS passed away Monday, September 27, 2021, at Baptist Hospital in Jackson, MS.

Junior was a native of the Arlington Community of Neshoba County. He was a graduate of Neshoba Central High School in 1971 where he played football during his high school years and proudly wore the #65. He worked as a carpenter all of his life and enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his family. Mr. Williamson was a proud member of Parkway Pentecostal Church in Madison, MS for 11 years and a previous member of First Pentecostal Church of Philadelphia.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 26 years, Gloria Williamson; daughters, TaRita Ben(Cyrus), LaShanda Kennedy(Jason); sons, Shane Berry(Jody), Jonathan Berry (Erica); grandchildren, Cody Berry (Bari), Tanner Berry, Lane Kennedy, Kayla Berry, Peyton Kennedy, Brodie Ben, Kali Berry, Autumn Jenks, Eden Ben, Selah Ben, Adinae Berry, Remilia Berry, Jonathan Kyle Berry, Jr.; great-grandchildren, Paisley and Paxton Berry; brother, Randal Williamson (Lisa); sister, Jean Kirkland(Eddie); a host of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Williamson was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Mary Williamson.

Pallbearers are Heath Prejean, Randy Watkins, Brian Lillis, Eric Coleman, Nathan Kirkland, Alex Organ and Lee Robertson

Honorary Pallbearers are T.J. Burrows, Perry Willis, Keith Lillis, Dewayne Hill, Randy Clay and David Byars.

Ruth Elizabeth McCoy

Funeral services for Ruth Elizabeth McCoy were held Friday, October 1, 2021 at 11 am from New Zion Pentecostal Church with Rev. Randall Dunaway officiating. Burial followed in Henry's Chapel Cemetery. Visitation was held Thursday, September 30, 2021 from 5 pm until 8 pm at McClain-Hays Chapel. McClain-Hays was in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. McCoy, 69, of Philadelphia, died Tuesday, September

28, 2021 at Rush Hospital.

Ruth lived in Neshoba County most of her life. She graduated from Neshoba Central High School and Meridian Junior College.

Survivors include her mother, Elsie Illene McGee; her husband of 45 years, Terrell McCoy, Sr; sons, Terrell McCoy, Jr., Robert McCoy; brothers, Randy and Ronald McGee; sister, Brenda Collins; grandchildren, Christian Beckham, Devon Johnson.

Mrs. McCoy was preceded in death by father, Audie McGee; sister-in-laws, Kim McGee, Tammy McCoy, Sissy McCoy, Michelle McGee; cousin, Lisa Channell.

Jay Elliott Shoemaker, Sr.

Funeral service for Mr. Jay Elliott Shoemaker, Sr. will be held 10 AM Saturday, October 2, 2021 at Macedonia Baptist Church with Rev. Gabe Swan and Rev. Robert Patrick officiating. Interment will be in Conehatta Community Cemetery. Visitation will be begin at 11 AM Thursday, September 30, 2021 at Macedonia Baptist Church. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Shoemaker, 41, passed away Sunday, September 19, 2021 in Conehatta, MS. His hobbies included fishing with kids, socializing with family and friends, stickball.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joe Shoemaker.

Survivors include wife, Lillie Steve Shoemaker; daughters, Jaycee Shoemaker, Jaycee Shoemaker; sons, Jayden Shoemaker, Daysen Shoemaker, Jay Shoemaker, Jr., Jayzin Shoemaker; mother, Regina Farve Shoemaker; sisters, Angela Dixon, Karidy Shoemaker; brothers, Vincent Smith, Vince Smith, Jeris Shoemaker, Mitch Shoemaker.

Reverend Dr. William W. Horlock, Sr.

Reverend Dr. William W. Horlock, Sr. of Atlanta passed away on October 2, 2021. Rev. Horlock was born in P i c a y u n e,



William Horlock Sr.

Mississippi. He attended Forestdale School from the first through the twelfth grade. He was President of the Future Farmers of America Club, President of the 4-H Club and editor of the school newspaper.

After high school Rev. Horlock married Jerrell Thrash and became head teller at the Merchant & Farmers Bank in Meridian, Mississippi. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean conflict. After dis-

charge from the Marine Corps, Rev. Horlock enrolled in Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi graduating with a Bachelor of Arts. He then received a Master of Theology from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Rev. Horlock was awarded an honorary Ph. D. from Newberry College in 1989.

Rev. Horlock's first appointment with the United Methodist Church was to organize and build St. Andrews United Methodist Church in Marietta, Georgia. Once the church was established and the building constructed, he organized a day care for children with Muscular Dystrophy, a program later taken over by Cobb County School System. After successfully establishing a growing church, he joined the staff of the Protestant Radio & Television Center on the Emory University campus. PRTVC was an ecumenical organization producing religious programs for radio and television. Rev. Horlock eventually became president of PRTVC and lead this organization for over 15 years. In 1984, The PRTVC's signature radio program, The Protestant Hour, was awarded the George Foster Peabody Award from the University of Georgia.

Rev. Horlock was a member of the Georgia Association of Broadcasters, The World Association of Christian Communicators and the Doraville Kiwanis Club serving in various leadership positions including president.

In retirement, Rev. Horlock enjoyed touring the country on his motorcycle and in his motor home. He also enjoyed spending time at the lake and beach with his family.

Rev. Horlock was a loving father, grandfather, husband and son and a positive influence on all he encountered.

Rev. Horlock is preceded in death by his parents Harry G. and Jimmie L. Horlock and his wife of 43 years, Jerrell Thrash Horlock. Rev. Horlock is survived by children Susan (Farrell) Conlon, William (Lucy) W. Horlock, Jr., Laura (Larry Pankey) Horlock, his beloved grandchildren, Katie (Andrew) Sheppard, Megan Conlon, Grace Horlock, Michael Conlon, Will Horlock, Zachary Pankey, Carol Clair Horlock, Luke Pankey, Madison Pankey, Jack Pankey and most recently, great granddaughter Murphy Sheppard. He is also survived by sister Ann McGowin, cousin, Charlotte Welsh Tullos and his longtime friend Margie Carroll.

Funeral service will be held Friday October 8, 2021, at Dunwoody United Methodist Church 1548 Mt. Vernon Rd. Dunwoody, Georgia at 2:00 pm. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Thursday October 7, 2021, at H.M. Patterson & Sons-Oglethorpe Hill Chapel, 4550 Peachtree Rd. Atlanta, Georgia

30319. Interment will take place at Arlington Memorial Park in Sandy Springs, GA.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Millsaps College 1701 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39210-0001.

Barbara Loretta Benson Walters

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Barbara Loretta Benson Walters June 10, 1962 - August 14th, 2021

Barbara graduated from St. Martin High School in Ocean Springs, MS. She worked as a librarian for the county of San Diego, California. She loved people and loved her job. She enjoyed reading, playing Bingo, and life in general. She resided in Imperial Beach, California with her significant other- Vernon Everett.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Moley Frank Benson (father), Patricia Louise Benson (mother) and James L. Page (brother).

Barbara left behind three daughters: Desiree (Maurice) Ohler and 3 grandchildren, Summer (Pete) Otten and 3 grandchildren, Jackie (Tyler) Walters and 4 grandchildren. Four siblings: Bob Smith and 2 children, Peggy (PeeWee) Cole and 3 children, Diane Riker and 2 children, Frank Benson and 3 children, as well as numerous uncles, aunts, great nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends. She was loved by all.

"When Tomorrow Starts Without Me When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand That an Angel came and called my name

And took me by the hand The Angel said my place was ready in Heaven far above And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love But when I walked through Heaven's Gates I felt so much at home For God looked down and smiled at me And told me "Welcome Home"

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Barbara Walters

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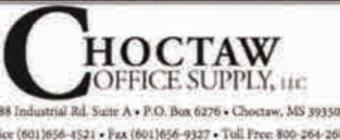
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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

Forgiveness of sins and life eternal

Paul and Barnabas, driven out of Antioch in Pisidia, travel about 90 miles to Iconium. Undeterred by the persecution they suffered in Antioch, they go into the synagogue and speak the word of God's grace to the people in the city. And we see that "a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed" (Acts 14:1).

In verse 2 we see those who didn't believe stirred up opposition toward the apostles and the new converts. Nevertheless, the apostles continued to preach boldly for the Lord (verse 3). The city became divided, some with the apostles, and some with the unbelieving Jews. The opposition became so intense the apostles had to flee the city to avoid being stoned (verse 5).

A truth throughout the New Testament is that the gospel divides people. The city of Iconium was divided over Christ. A passage like this anticipates eternity where there will be a clear distinction among those who belong to Christ and those who do not.

In Luke 16 Jesus tells a story of a rich man and a poor man. The poor man, Lazarus, went to heaven. The rich man went to hell. The point of division spiritually between the two was not economics, but the word of the Lord. Being poor in this world doesn't compare to a rich inheritance with the Lord. Conversely, being rich in the world is no consolation at the judgment. Lazarus embraced the word of the Lord, the rich man did not.

It is the Lord himself who makes distinctions between people. In Luke 12 he said, "Do you think I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." Jesus began with the division among family members over him, but it extends to all relationships in the world. Ultimately, the difference among souls is who does and does not know Christ.

Jesus used the "I am" statements to declare his divinity and to show that he alone was the way to life with God. By saying, "I am the bread of life," he meant there is no other way of life. "I am the Good Shepherd" means there is no other shepherd who lay down his life for his sheep. You cannot be reconciled to God except through Christ. The good news is he receives all who come to him.

The apostles fled from persecution, but they were undeterred by it. They continued to preach the gospel (Acts 14:7). The conflict was no surprise to them. The Lord had told the apostles to expect trouble. The Lord was spit upon, scourged, and put to death by men. It is no surprise his people will be too. Paul himself had been offended by the gospel before his conversion. He knew how great the resentment is in the breast of man's sinful nature at the truth of Christ.

This passage warns how great a difference there is between the converted and unconverted. Those who are converted are united to Christ and have the Spirit of God. The unconverted are strangers to him. They want to stone to death messengers of God sent to proclaim the good news of forgiveness of sins and life in the name of Christ.

God has sent Christ to be the Head, the King, and the Savior of sinners. Those who come to Christ are united to him. They are welcomed as God's children. They are the objects of great love from God. He esteems them as his jewels and his delights are with them.

The converted have a perfect righteousness imputed to them. God looks upon them as being one with Christ. The unconverted have all their sins against them, and are under the guilt of all the sins they have committed and will commit. The whole of their sin lies upon them.

There is a great difference between those who belong to Christ and others because Christ is a person of infinite dignity, a person infinitely near to God the Father. And he is great with respect to his work as a Mediator. He came to do the greatest work that ever was wrought. Those who are his are the beneficiaries of all he conquered and won. The riches of Christ are unsearchable (Ephesians 3).

This is cause for love and praise from those who know Christ. It is he who has made you to differ and blessed you. And it's an encouragement for those who have rejected him in that he still stands ready and willing to receive all who are willing to come to him.

The Rev. Chris Shelton is pastor of Union's First Presbyterian Church.

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U.S. Rep. Kelly grills generals on Afghanistan

By JOHN LEE
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U.S. Rep. Trent Kelly grilled top military brass on the Afghanistan withdrawal during a hearing in Washington last week.

Kelly and fellow members of the House Armed Services Committee heard testimony from the Department of Defense during the hearing Wednesday, Sep. 29.

Kelly is a Neshoba County native and attended Union High School, which he referenced during the hearing on national television.

Kelly questioned Lloyd J. Austin III, Secretary of Defense, U.S. Department of Defense Chairman General Mark Milley, and General Kenneth McKenzie, Jr., USMC, Commander, U.S. Central Command.

"Thank you for being here," Kelly said to begin the hearing and went on to criticize Milley and expressed his disapproval of Milley going to the press.

"I understand the conversation with the Chinese leader," he told Milley.

"What I don't understand is you going to the press. That disappoints me that you talked to the press about that. The other stuff I'm okay with, but I'm not okay with you talking to the press. I want to talk a little bit about Bagram. There are two runways at Bogram and only one



U.S. Rep. Trent Kelly grills generals about Afghanistan during a Congressional hearing last week.

at Hamad Karzai, is that correct?"

"That's correct," Milley said.

"So there are strategic values to two runways versus one, would you agree with that?" Kelly asked.

"It's entirely dependent on the mission," Milley said.

Kelly asked about the drone strike on Aug. 29 that killed 10 innocent civilians, who set the rules of engagement, and what level they were.

"It was the U.S. Military's rules of engagement," McKenzie said.

"Was that President Biden's, or was it Secretary Austin's?" Kelly asked.

"They are wholly neutral

to the party and power," McKenzie said.

Kelly referred to a New York Times article on March 3 that described a policy change of the Biden Administration that placed greater restrictions on drone strikes and raids conducted outside conventional battlefield zones.

"Previously authorized by ground commanders, these operations now require White House approval," Kelly said. "The strike on August 29th, the one that killed 10 innocents, did it require presidential approval prior to the strike?"

"No, it did not," McKenzie said.

Kelly asked what level the

approval authority was for the strike, which McKenzie said was the Target Engagement Authority. He said the individual who approved the strike was at the Flag Officer level.

"At what point, General McKenzie, and this is for all three of you, at what point did you know that the strike was bad and that it hit civilians?" Kelly asked.

"We knew it had hit civilians around four or five hours after the strike occurred, and the U.S. Central Command released a press release saying that," McKenzie said.

"We did not know that the target of the strike was a mistake until sometime later. It took us a few days to run that down."

"Secretary Austin, when did you know it was a bad strike that killed civilians?" Kelly asked.

"As soon as General McKenzie reported that there were civilians injured," Austin said.

"So four or five-hour time frame, that's all I need," Kelly said.

"Typically, as soon as that happens, we investigate it and begin the investigation," Secretary Austin said.

Kelly asked when they knew civilians were killed in the strike, and Austin confirmed it was several hours after the strike occurred. He then asked about a second strike and secondary explo-

sion, and who was killed.

"I'd prefer to pass you that name in a classified setting," McKenzie said. "I think it was a facilitator, and it was a good strike. We got someone who while not directly involved in the attack on Abbey Gate on the 26th, it certainly fell within that circle."

"Classified would certainly like to know that," Kelly said. "I just don't understand. I went to Union Public High School with 1100 students.

15,000 U.S. citizens in Afghanistan, 5,400 out. That leaves thousands, not hundreds, left there who want to get out. And I know for a fact that every office here we had people calling us wanting to get out; U.S. citizens that were not allowed to get in the gate, were kicked off the base, or were just not allowed out. And with that I just ask guys, we gotta get our folks home."

Kelly, a Republican, represents the 1st District.

Supervisors begin redistricting process after Census

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The process of redistricting began Monday and some residents may soon find themselves living in new supervisor districts without having moved.

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors spent Monday afternoon going over maps and census data as they began the redistricting process.

"The board was going off the census information and looking at different options for redistricting," said Jeff Mayo, county

administrator. "They are looking at where can we move people around to get the deviation where it needs to be. There are going to be some changes."

Neshoba County's population after the 2020 Census was 29,087. Divided by five districts, the ideal population per district would be 5,237. Anything less or more is referred to as a deviation.

The populations in District 1 and District 5 have changed since the 2010 census. District 1 has 6,610 people or an increase of 409 people from the 2010

count. District 5 has 5,237 people or 543 less than the 2010 census. Districts 2, 3 and 4 fall close to the ideal number.

This is where it gets tricky. District 1 is a minority district with a Native American majority. District 5 is the minority district with an African American majority. When shifting population blocks around to even up the numbers, supervisors must maintain those majorities. The Neshoba County racial makeup is 56.8% white, 21.8% African American and 17.1% Native American.

Redistricting happens every 10 years on state and local levels after the U.S. Census Bureau data comes out. States, counties and cities are divided into districts or wards with near equal population numbers. In the years between censuses, populations often shift. Racial makeup can change. Thus, political lines must be reapportioned to make them as near equal as possible. Maintaining the racial majorities in a district is also a factor to ensure equal representation.

COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 9/26-10/4

• Talyn Beamon, 19, of 1066 Frog Level Lane; disorderly conduct

• Michael Lee Bishop, 47, of 11461 Hwy 486; possession of controlled substance, suspended drivers license

• Edward Shane Clark, 46, of 13770 Rd 610; disturbance of family

• Chrishada D Clay, 24, of 80 Goodman Estates B12, Goodman; possession of paraphernalia

• Carolyn Lynette Cleaver, 63, of 154 Ragsdale, Madison; driving under the influence-1st offense, careless driving

• Dakota Clemons, 39, of 117 Grant Dr; failure to pay

• Faith Coleman, 19, of 105 St Francis Dr; disorderly conduct

• Klenton Crocker, 38, of 510 Cumberland Ave B6; serving sentence

• Kelli Davis, 36, 11101 Rd 149; hold for investigations, petit larceny-less than \$1000.00

• Theresa Irene Dunham, 53, of 5605 Mosby Rd, Meridian; possession of controlled substance, suspended drivers license

• Maria Edwards, 43, of 10110 Rd 430, Union; careless driving, seat belt violation, suspended drivers license-DUI, driving under the influence/refusal to take test, motor vehicle theft-felony

• Desmond Cortez Gibson, 24, of 105 St Francis Dr 17; suspended drivers license, child restraint law X2

• Tabitha Carter Henson, 54, of 328 King Ave S; failure to appear

• Pamela Denise Johnson, 68, of 12321 Rd 325, Union; failure to appear

• Marty Amos Jones, 38, of 1007 Hopewell Rd, Little Rock; hold for investigations, possession of controlled substance

• Jonathan Lancaster, 24, of 165 Silas Demsey Rd, Louisville; hold for investigations, grand larceny-more than \$1000.00

• Joe Luckett, 54, of 174 A Grown Williams Rd, Canton; driving under the influence-1st offense

• Thomas Quintana, 36, of 11590 Hwy 482; possession of marijuana-1st offense, contempt of court

• Richard Rash, 43, of 10420 Rd 296, Union; failure to appear

• Jason Reed, 38, of 11470 Rd 149; hold for investigations, petit larceny-less than \$1000.00 X2

• Charles Dillan Savell, 29, of 1705 Vincent Rd, Decatur; possession of controlled substance, no insurance, speeding-1 to 20 miles over limit, possession of paraphernalia

• Stacy Sims, 53, of 10061 Rd 759; hold for investigations, petit larceny-less than \$1000.00 X2

• Tyler Smith, 26, of 12091 Rd 389; hold for investigations

• Robert C Spratling, 25, of 597 E Magnolia St, Durant; possession of controlled substance

• Angel Tubby, 39, of 518 Hwy 487 E, Carthage; failure to appear, driving under the influence-1st offense

• Wendy R Tubby, 29, of 1106 Robin Hood Cir; contempt of court

• Torondo Alexander Willis, 27, of 144 Park Place; contempt of court, driving under the influence-1st offense

• Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 9/27-10/4

• Brittany N Boyd, 28, of 614 Ivy St; civil contempt-failure to appear or complete jury service

• Dale Chickaway, 46, of 239 Isabbel Ranch Rd, Vero Beach, FL; public drunk

• Sylestina Cotton, 42, of 147 Big Spring Creed Rd;

DUI-1st offense

• Angela R Davis, 36, of 519 Line St; civil contempt-failure to appear or complete jury service

• Kelli N Davis, 36, of 7720 Carter Rd, Moss Point; contempt of court-default in payment of restitution

• Michael Davis, 43, of 231 Bell Ave; MV-drivers license-none

• Jackie Dunn, 40, of 10351 Rd 573; contempt of court-justice court

• Dwayne E Jacobson, 46, of 1407 Kitchener Rd, Conehatta; civil contempt-failure to appear or complete jury service

• Jarrett J Jayroe, 19, of 1066 Frog Level Lane; controlled substance-possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle

• Julianne Jefferson, 28, of 294 East Tucker Cir; contempt of court-municipal court

• Michael D Sanders, 40, of 10010 Rd 812, Carthage; controlled substance-possession of paraphernalia, MV-improper equipment, controlled substance-possession of schedule 1 or II - 1/10th gram-2grams or 2-10 dosage units

• Clayton T Sharp, 20, of 10020 Rd 761; DUI-3rd offense, fleeing or eluding law enforcement officer in a motor vehicle-results in serious bodily injury to another, MV-reckless driving, MV-drivers license-improper, MV-no insurance

• Kendrick Steve, 31, of 1863 Will Brown Rd; contempt of court-default in payment of restitution



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Savell family inspired by Cajun cuisines

By SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS
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Jessica Savell and her husband Patrick love trying new things in the kitchen when they cook for their four children.

The children are not picky eaters, which allows the family to try new recipes and new types of cooking.

"Patrick works with all the meat," Jessica said.

While Patrick prepares the meat for the grill, Jessica can be found in the kitchen making all the side dishes and anything else needed to complete the meals.

Jessica's mother, Robin Fortenberry, and grandmother, Jo Beth Tolbert, taught Savell how to cook classic Southern food. One of her favorite things to cook is her mother's cornmeal pie recipe.

"I can remember being about 5 or 6, and my grandmother and I would go get fresh eggs from outside and come in the kitchen and make homemade biscuits and eggs," Jessica said.

Cajun cuisine inspires all of her cooking, she said.

"My daddy is a captain of a riverboat, and every time he would come home when I was younger, he would cook Cajun food and have new recipes," Jessica said.

Her father, Ken Fortenberry, introduced her to Cajun cooking, which is why she loves it so much.

One of her favorite ingredients is crawfish, and she incorporates her Cajun-style of cooking into all of her recipes.

As much as Jessica loves to cook, she gives credit to her husband for his contributions.

"He is more of a cook than me," Jessica said.

They switch cooking days and if Jessica cooks Patrick will clean. If Patrick cooks, she will clean.

Patrick works at Brown Bottling Company, and Jessica works as a financial analyst for Raytheon Technologies.

The Savells attend New Zion Pentecostal Church on Fork Road and are enjoying a busy fall with band competitions and sports.



From left, Wyatt Savell, Madelynn Savell, Patrick Savell, Hunter Herrington, Jessica Savell and Hadley Savell.

COOK OF THE WEEK

CRAWFISH/SHRIMP ETOUFEE

- 1 stick butter
- 1 tbsp flour
- 3 tbsp bell pepper, chopped
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 clove garlic, minced
- 1 can(s) cream of celery soup
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp black pepper
- ½ c green onion, chopped
- 1 tsp parsley
- 1 lb crawfish tails or cooked shrimp
- Dash(es) paprika
- Pinch of red pepper flakes

to taste

Melt butter; Add flour. Stir in onions, bell pepper and garlic. Cook until tender. Add soup. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Add salt, pepper, green onion and parsley. Add crawfish tails or cooked shrimp. Cook over low heat till seafood is heated through. Add paprika for some pink color to the dish and red pepper flakes to taste. Serve over

cooked rice.

CORN MEAL PIE

- 4 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- ½ cup butter
- 4 T. Cornmeal
- 1 T vanilla

Mix all ingredients together, put it in a pie shell, bake it on 375 until the top is golden brown.

CRAWFISH CORN-BREAD

- 1 cup cornmeal
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ cup chopped jalapenos
- ¾ cooking oil

- 1 can cream corn
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese
- 1 pound crawfish tails

Mix everything together

then put in a 9x13 baking dish and bake on 350 for 40-50 minutes. To make it less spicy cut the amount of Jalapenos and to add more spice add more jalapenos.

Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS
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It was a marvelous Maroon Friday for Shane and Katelyn Reed in Starkville on September 24, but it had nothing to do with the MSU Bulldog football game that weekend. They welcomed a son who has been named Woods Reed with joy! He has two big little sisters, Brighton and Marian Reed, who were so excited to meet their precious baby brother. Philadelphia grandparents are Woody and Lisa Reed. His Aunt, Amy Eubanks, who also lives in Philadelphia, was happy to have a nephew. Congratulations!

September had a fifth Wednesday which made the members of the Fifth Wednesday Bridge Club happy! Members met at the Holland House on September 29 for an afternoon of lunch and bridge. Hostesses for the occasion were Susan Burt and Jan Williams who welcomed their guests with a tray of tasty appetizers and beverages while they visited before lunch. Jan said the blessing and everyone sat down to a luscious lunch prepared by Susan with dessert by Jan.

After lunch, members drew tallies and went to their tables to spend the afternoon playing bridge. There were the usual moans and groans from those who did not get good cards, as

well as those who were quietly counting all of their high card points. After three rounds of bridge, a game of Bingo was played with the decks of cards. Alice Rowe was the lucky winner!

Those enjoying the afternoon were the hostesses, Susan Burt and Jan Williams, Shirley Cox, Joyce Dansby, Marianne Enochs, Ray Fleming, Carol Oliphant, Pat Posey, Alice Row, Charlene Webb, and guests, Beth Henson and Helen Thomasson. Thank you to our gracious hostesses for a very enjoyable time.

Congratulations to Erica Clemons Moore for her inclusion in the Mississippi Business Journal's List of Leading Business Women in Mississippi for 2021.

Erica serves as the Director of Public Relations, Guest Services, Internal Communications, and Special Projects for the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw, Mississippi.

Neshoba County School District's Teacher of the Month was Miss Marlee Parkes. She teaches 7th grade math in the Neshoba County Middle School. The MS Principal, Jacob Drury, and Assistant Principal, Jesse Smith, presented Miss Parkes with a certificate and a gift card from Main Street Junction. Thank you to the Junction for donating the gift card!

Congratulations to the Philadelphia High School band which placed 3rd overall in competition held on September 25! The Drum Major received a Superior Rating; the Color Guard/Dancers/Majorettes an Excellent Rating, and the Drumline a Superior Rating. Congratulations to each and every member of the band who worked so hard to achieve this honor! Congratulations also to the band director and all who helped!

The Rotary Club of Philadelphia was honored to present three high school seniors as Students of the Month during its September 25 meeting.

Kameron Tucker, Philadelphia High School, Jala Johnson, Neshoba Central High School, and Makayla Hickman, Choctaw Central High School were presented by Tammye Jones, Student Coordinator for the Philadelphia Rotary Club. Congratulations!

Call in your news to Just Among Friends, 601-656-4000, or mail it to the Democrat, P.O. Box 30, Philadelphia, 39350; friends@neshobademocrat.com

Breast Cancer Awareness

All profits from the sale of Charity Pink Kademi Logo Tees and Pura Vida "Boarding 4 Breast Cancer" bracelets will be donated to Anderson Regional Cancer Center-Chemo Room in memory of Casey Mars.




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Circus comes to town

Circus clowns Randy Zerbini (pink) and Andy Zerbini (blue) perform a comedy skit where they don't speak and only communicate with a whistle in their mouth and various props they use throughout their performance as part of the Zerbini Family Circus in Philadelphia last week.



ECCE Homecoming Court announced

East Central Community College has announced members of the 2021 Homecoming Court who were selected during elections held recently on the Decatur campus. Court members and their respective hometowns include (front row, from left) sophomore maids Taylor Gregory of Louisville, Maggie Kirk of Louisville, Alex Weir of Hickory, Kenay'zha Germany of Union, and Kiersten Selman of Madison; and (back row, from left) freshman maids Zoey Bell of Philadelphia, Amelia Kirk of Louisville, Mabry Mayfield of Carthage, and Brayleigh Gregory of Louisville. The court will be presented and the queen will be announced during halftime of the Warriors' Homecoming football game against Copiah-Lincoln at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, in Bailey Stadium on campus.



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For program info/enroll a child, call Jermaine Harris, County Unit Director, 601-880-6322.



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CHURCH FUNDRAISER
Amazing Grace Church 334 Front Ave, Philadelphia, MS 39350 is hosting a building fund fundraiser. Donations are welcome. Date: October 16-21, 2021. Plate choices: Ribs, Catfish, Pan Trout. Side choices: baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad. Dessert choices: caramel cake, sweet potato pie, banana pudding. Beverages: ice tea, lemonade. Pick up time: 10AM to 3PM. For more information call 601-575-7754.

picked up at the Extension office or we can email you an entry form. Please see our Facebook page at "Neshoba County Extension Office" for more details. Feel free to call the office at 601-656-4011 or email us at abw456@msstate.edu

in a drop box outside of the front door.
If you have any questions, call 601-656-8783 Ext3.

NESHOPA COUNTY SWCD NOW TAKING TREE ORDERS
The Neshoba County Soil and Water Conservation District will be taking tree orders through November 30th, 2021.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WALK
Tabernacle C.O.G., 1110 Luke Road, Preston, MS 39354 will be hosting a Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, on October 9, 2021. Place: American Legion Post 238, Phila., MS. Time: 8-9AM. Selling t-shirt for \$10. Walk: 9-10AM. Guest Speaker: 10-11AM.

SPOOKY SPECIES COSTUMET CONTEST
Neshoba County 4-H will be hosting a Spooky Species Costume Contest at 5:30 p.m. on October 28, 2021 at the Neshoba County Coliseum at 12000 HWY 15 N, Philadelphia, MS 39350. All TAME animals can participate. Ages 18 and under can compete in the costume contest. Entry forms can be

Order forms are available from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday outside the office or you can call 601-656-8783 Ext. 3 and we will e-mail or mail you an order form to you. The office is located at 511 East Lawn Drive in the USDA Building. We are asking that you pay for the trees when placing your order. You may drop off your payment and order form

FAMILY REUNION
Thomas Caradine Family Reunion Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Lake Tiak-O'Khata 10:am. Extended Families -Elisha Fedrick, McCrory, Barrett, Hembree and others, everyone welcome. For more information , Contact Barbara Caradine 205 921-4141 or Susan 601 504 0055.

CHURCH HOMECOMING
Homecoming for Mt. Carmel Baptist Church of Edinburg will be Sunday, October 10th. at 10:30 AM. The Homecoming speaker will be Bro. Keith Fulton. Tim Frith & the Gospel Echoes will be with us during the morning service as well as after the Fellowship meal. Please join us.

REUNION CANCELLED
The 2021 Kea/Fryery reunion is cancelled due to Covid 19. Hope to see everyone in 2022.

CHURCH HOMECOMING
New County Line Baptist Church will have homecoming services on Sunday October 10th beginning at 10AM. We will have preaching service and special music. Lunch will follow service in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to attend. Church is located on Hwy 427 near Edinburgh.

CEMETERY HOMECOMING
Mars Hill Community Cemetery, Road 729, will have its annual Homecoming on October 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. with a stew supper. All are invited to attend.

HARVEST FESTIVAL
Fellowship Baptist Church for our Harvest Festival on October 30th at 5:00 pm. 19213 Highway 21 South Philadelphia

FAMILY REUNION
The Family of Henry N. and Carrie E. (Fortenberry) Warren will be holding a family reunion on October 9, 2021 at 11:00. Reunion will be held at North Side Park under a pavilion. In the event of bad weather will be held in the cabin.
For more information contact Susan Shoffner at (601) 562-1769 or (601) 656-4594.

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CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NEVALENA DENSON BILLY, DECEASED
A. NO. 2021-433

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Letters of Administration having been granted on the 22 nd day of September, 2021, by the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned upon the Estate of Nevalena Denson Billy, 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 22 nd day of September, 2021.
 /s/ Alvin Nickey
 Alvin Nickey,
 Administrator of the Estate of Nevalena Denson Billy, deceased
 SUBMITTED BY:
 Kevin W. Brady, MSB 100753
 Choctaw Legal Defense
 P.O. Box 6255
 Choctaw, Mississippi 39350
 Phone: (601) 650-7449
 Attorney for Administrator

Notice of Intent to Apply for an Indian Community Development Block Grant
 Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
 October 6, 2021

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians intends to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for an Indian Community Development Block Grant to renovate certain Katrina cottages used as rental units located in the Pearl River Community.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians invites comments concerning the project. Please comment before October 21, 2021. Comments should be addressed to Darlene Willis, Tribal Housing and Loan Director, P.O. Box 6010, Choctaw, MS 39350-6088 or delivered to the Tribal Office at 101 Industrial Road, Choctaw, MS 39350.

INVITATION FOR BIDS
 Eight New Houses
OPEN TO ALL BIDDERS
 DATE ISSUED:
 October 6, 2021
 BY:
 Choctaw Housing Authority
 P. O. Box 6088
 Choctaw, MS 39350
 PROJECT: (8)
 New 3-Bedroom/2-bathroom houses
 Plan 3A (left & right drive) & Plan 3B
 LOCATION: Pearl River Community
 Choctaw, MS 39350
 Neshoba County
CONTRACTING OFFICER: Eric T. Willis, Executive Director
DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES:
 The contractor shall provide project administration, job supervision, skilled and common labor, equipment, adhere to the Davis-Bacon Labor Law, provide Indian preference, provide insurance as required by Choctaw Housing Authority, perform and complete all requirements as specified in the specifications. **The Contractor will be given two-hundred and twelve (212) calendar days to complete the job .**
 Bid forms and specifications may be picked up at the Choctaw Housing Authority Procurement Office. For more information call Peggy Thompson, Procurement Officer at (601) 656-6617. **Also, each bid must be accompanied by a certified check or a bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid.**
Bid Packets are \$100.00 (non-refundable) for each set of plans.
 A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for **10:00 a.m. on October 20, 2021** at the Choctaw Housing Authority conference room located at 13660 HWY 16 West, Choctaw, MS.

Sealed bids are due no later than : 10:00 a.m. ON November 4, 2021 - BID OPENING at the Procurement Office, Attn: Eric T. Willis. No late bids will be accepted. *Choctaw Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive informalities. Indian Preference will be given to all qualified Indian-Owned companies.*

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BOSTICE BAXSTRUM, DECEASED

CIVIL ACTION NO.:2021-188

BOSTICE DANYELL HUNTER PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Letters of Administration having been granted on the 28th day of September, 2021, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate Bostice Baxstrum, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date or they will be forever barred.

/s/
 BOSTICE DANYELL HUNTER, ADMINISTRATOR

Prepared by:
 STEVEN D. SETTLEMIRE
 SETTLEMIRE & GRAHAM, PLLC
 4110 East Beacon Street
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ELC-1 (Adopted 3/22/89)
 Exhibit 1

Notice of Cancellation

Pursuant to the provision of Section 69-27-31, Mississippi Code 1972 Annotated, and the established procedures of the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission, the special election that was to be held on October 26, 2021 for the Neshoba County Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners for beat 5 has been cancelled.

Nick Ivy
 Executive Director, MSWCC

Title of Abandonment

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID CR-236 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS – MILL & OVERLAY PROJECT #21-1394 NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Sealed or electronic bids will be received by the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors at the Office of Chancery Clerk at the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 107, in Philadelphia, Mississippi until 1:30 p.m. on Monday, November 1, 2021, for Mill & Overlay of 0.67 Miles of CR-236 in Neshoba County, MS, CES Project #21-1394.

The work includes milling, base repair, construction of stress relief layer, shoulder paving, hot mix asphalt overlay, striping, & signing.

Sealed bids will be received until the designated date and time at the Neshoba County Courthouse, Philadelphia, Mississippi. Electronic bids will be received until the designated date and time via electronic online submission through QuestCDN for a thirty dollar (\$30) fee. All bids will be thereafter publicly opened.

To bid electronically, contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance with electronic bidding and starting a free membership.

Detailed plans and specifications for the above described work are on file in the Chancery Clerk's Office at the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 107 in Philadelphia, Mississippi. Plans and Proposals may be secured by contacting Marty Crowder, P.E., County Engineer, 1150 West Main Street, Ackerman, Mississippi 39735, 662-285-2062. The cost is fifty dollars (\$50) for printed plans and fifty dollars (\$50) for proposal package, non-refundable. The contract documents (plans & proposal) are also available in digital form at QuestCDN.com and may be downloaded for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00. This contract is QuestCDN eBidDoc™ number 8040761. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or Support@QuestCDN.com for assistance.

The Award, if made, will be made to the lowest and best qualified bidder on the basis of the published quantities. The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprise will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Certified check or bid bond for five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors must accompany each proposal. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish separate performance and payment bonds each in the amount equal to 100% of the contract price at the time of execution. All Bidders responding to this Advertisement for Bids must comply with all applicable requirements of Chapters 3 and 5 of Title 31 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, including, but not limited to, the requirements relative to holding a Certificate of Responsibility and payment of a special privilege tax; both items administered by the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors.

No Bidder may withdraw his Bid within Sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Within the limitation of the state law, the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bids received, or to accept any bid that is deemed most favorable to the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors.

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi dated September 20, 2021.

/s/ Kevin Cumberland
 KEVIN CUMBERLAND, PRESIDENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Publication Dates: September 29th & October 6th, 2021

IN CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANITA FARMER MCMILLAN, DECEASED
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021-288

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary 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, Barry J. McMillan, upon the Estate of Anita Farmer McMillan, 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 MY SIGNATURE** this the 20th day of September, 2021.

/s/ Barry McMillan
 BARRY MCMILLAN
 Executor of the Estate
 Of Anita Farmer McMillan, deceased

Submitted by:
 MARY A. NARRON, MSB #9994
 P.O. BOX 6212
 Choctaw, MS 39350
 PHONE: (601) 259-7849
 Attorney for Executor

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2010, East Gate Properties of Philadelphia, Inc., a Mississippi corporation (the "Borrower.") executed that certain *Land Deed of Trust* (the "Original Deed of Trust.") to Robert Thomas, as trustee (the "Original Trustee."), for the use and benefit of The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, a Mississippi banking corporation (the "Beneficiary"), which instrument was recorded in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi (the "Recording Office.") on March 17, 2010, at Deed of Trust Book 2010, Page 1851; and,

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2014, Borrower and Beneficiary entered into that certain *Modification to Deed of Trust* (the "2014 Amendment."), thereby modifying and amending the Original Deed of Trust, which 2014 Amendment was recorded in the Recording Office on August 13, 2014, at Deed of Trust Book 2014, Page 6927; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2015, Borrower and Beneficiary entered into that certain *Modification to Deed of Trust* (the "2016 Amendment."), thereby modifying and amending the Original Deed of Trust, which 2016 Amendment was recorded in the Recording Office on January 5, 2016, at Deed of Trust Book 2016, Page 179, and re-recorded on January 5, 2016 at Book 2016, Page 191; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2017, Borrower and Beneficiary entered into that certain *Modification to Deed of Trust* (the "2017 Amendment.") and together with the 2014 Amendment, the 2016 Amendment and the Original Deed of Trust, collectively, the "Deed of Trust"), thereby modifying and amending the Original Deed of Trust, which 2017 Amendment was recorded in the Recording Office on March 27, 2017, at Deed of Trust Book 2017, Page 2151; and

WHEREAS, as of October 4, 2021, pursuant to that certain *Substitution of Trustee* (the "Trustee Substitution."), Beneficiary substituted Alan Lee Smith (the "Substituted Trustee.") as trustee of the Deed of Trust, in the place and stead of the Original Trustee and of any other substituted trustee, which Trustee Substitution was recorded in the Recording Office on October 4, 2021 at Book 2021, Page 8769, and thereafter spread upon the land records maintained by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby (the "Indebtedness.") having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, Beneficiary has called upon the Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and make foreclosure thereof according to the terms of said Deed of Trust and applicable Mississippi law, for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, with the proceeds thereof to be applied in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust and related loan documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alan Lee Smith, acting solely in my capacity as Substituted Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me pursuant to the Deed of Trust and applicable Mississippi law, do hereby give notice that I will, between the legal hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 27, 2021**, offer for sale at public outcry at the north door of the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 E. Beacon Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described real property situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to-wit:

REAL PROPERTY TRACT IV: Lots 1 and 2, being the East ½ of Block E-6 of the Southeast Division of the City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi, according to plat thereof on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, LESS AND EXCEPT: those lands in Lot 2 deeded to the State Highway Commission of Mississippi as recorded in Deed Book A-188 at Page 715 dated April 3, 1991. Parcel #06330C-00E-032.000 The foregoing real property, together with all improvements and appurtenances erected thereon, and all fixtures of any and every description attached to said real property (collectively, the "Property.") shall be sold together on an "As Is, Where Is" basis without warranty or recourse, express or implied, as to title, possession, use

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and/or enjoyment, and subject to the following:

1. Any unpaid taxes against the Property;
2. Any recorded easements, conditions, covenants, rights-of-way or subdivision plats affecting the Property;
3. Any dedication of roads affecting the Property and any governmental zoning and subdivision ordinances or regulations in effect; and,
4. Any prior or superior liens, judgments, deeds of trust, or other interests of record and/or existing as a matter of law regarding the Property.

I shall convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee. **WITNESS MY SIGNATURE** on this the 4th day of October, 2021.
 /s/ Alan Lee Smith
 ALAN LEE SMITH, acting solely in my capacity as Substituted Trustee

Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C.
 Attn: Alan Lee Smith, Esq.
 P.O. Box 14167
 Jackson, Mississippi 39236
 (601) 351-8932

Publication Dates:
 October 6, 2021; October 13, 2021; October 20, 2021; and October 27, 2021

Invitation for Bids
 Stumpage for Sale

Sealed bids will be received by the Kemper County Board of Education in DeKalb, Mississippi up to and no later than 4:00 P.M., October 14, 2021, for the purchase on a lump sum basis for all timber, standing or down, designated for harvesting on 70.00 acres in Section 28, Township 11 North, Range 16 East, Kemper County, Mississippi. Bids should be addressed to Kemper County School District, P.O. Box 219, DeKalb, Mississippi 39328 or hand delivered to 159 Main Avenue, DeKalb, MS 39328. No faxed or emailed bids will be accepted. The envelope should be clearly marked to indicate that it contains a timber bid for Section 28, Township 11N, Range 16E, containing 70.00 acres' m/l. All bids will be opened at 5:00 p.m. on October 14, 2021, or as soon as possible thereafter. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
 COUNTY OF NESHOPA

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 17, 2010, executed by ROMA JEAN BARRETT, CHARLES BARRETT, conveying certain real property therein described to MICHAEL LYON, as Trustee, for ONE REVERSE MORTGAGE, LLC, Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi filed and recorded October 8, 2010, in Deed Book 2010, Page 7451; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; and WHEREAS, Rubin Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee; and NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on **November 4, 2021** within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the north door of the Courthouse proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SE ¼ OF THE SE ¼ OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST, NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT AN IRON PIN FOUND MARKING THE SE CORNER OF THE SAID SE ¼ OF THE SE ¼; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SAID SE ¼ OF THE SE ¼ FOR 1,063.74 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST FOR 209.75 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND BESIDE A POST; THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST FOR 335.52 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST FOR 335.24 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE RUN NORTH 76 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST FOR 545.43 FEET TO A FENCE CORNER FOUND; THENCE RUN NORTH 12 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST FOR 262.31 FEET TO A FENCE CORNER FOUND; THENCE RUN NORTH 83 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST FOR 129.73 FEET TO A FENCE CORNER FOUND; THENCE RUN NORTH 71 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST FOR 104.34 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE RUN NORTH 82 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR 159.46 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE RUN NORTH 32 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR 257.58 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE RUN WEST FOR 66.26 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE CONTINUE WEST FOR 182.13 FEET

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TO AN IRON PIN SET ON THE EASTERN RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 325; THENCE RUN NORTH 14 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EASTERN RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR 219.67 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE RUN SOUTH 72 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST FOR 199.12 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 72 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST FOR 156.50 FEET TO A METAL PIPE FOUND; THENCE RUN NORTH 57 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST FOR 590.19 FEET TO A METAL PIPE FOUND BESIDE A FENCE CORNER BEING USED AS THE NE CORNER OF SAID SE ¼ OF THE SE ¼; THENCE RUN SOUTH 06 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SAID SE ¼ OF THE SE ¼ FOR 338.87 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE FOR 83.01 FEET BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 11.15 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **11650 ROAD 325, UNION, MS 39365**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

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

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE INTEREST OF W.D.D., A MINOR

REBECCA HALL, PETITIONER
 CAUSE NO. 21-247

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO:
 The Putative Father of W.D.D.
 a minor child named in the Petition

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT(S)

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

You are summoned to appear and defend against said *PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN(S) OF A MINOR UNDER SECTION 202 AND FOR OTHER RELIEF* at 9:00 o'clock, a.m., on the 18 th day of November, 2021, in the courtroom of the Neshoba County Courthouse at Philadelphia, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 20 th day of September, 2021.

/s/ Guy Nowell
 GUY NOWELL, Chancery Court Clerk
 Neshoba County, Mississippi

IN CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GREGORY KEITH TUBBY, DECEASED
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021-189

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 5 th day of May, 2021 by the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned Winter Tubby, upon the Estate of Gregory Keith Tubby, 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 MY SIGNATURE this the 31 st day of August, 2021.

/s/ WINTER TUBBY
 WINTER TUBBY
 Administratrix of the Estate
 Of Gregory Keith Tubby, deceased

Submitted by:
 MARY A. NARRON, MSB #9994
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 Choctaw, MS 39350
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 Attorney for Administratrix

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ANN

Public Notices

BENN, DECEASED

DENISE JOHN AND MELANIE DIANNE BENN
 CAUSE NO.:2021-140

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 2nd day of September, 2021, by the Court Clerk of the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to the undersigned upon Shirley Ann Benn, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date or they will be forever barred.

/s/DENISE JOHN
 CO-ADMINISTRATRIX

/s/MELANIE DIANNE BENN
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Nick Ivy
 Executive Director, MSWCC

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
MONICA D. RAMSEY, PLAINTIFF V.S. ERIC ALEXANDER RAMSEY, DEFENDANT
SUMMONS TO: ERIC ALEXANDER RAMSEY 1346 DICKENS STREET FAR ROCKAWAY, NY 11691

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

Van Winkle's late-game kick delivers Warriors win

By SCHOOL REPORTS
Special to the Democrat

With less than 10 seconds on the clock, East Central freshman Jaren Van Winkle kicked the winning field goal to put the Warriors on top, 17-14, over Pearl River on Thursday night in junior college football action.

Van Winkle's 45-yard field goal sailed through the south endzone goal post. It was Van Winkle's first of the year and sealed the low-scoring bout. The Warriors now stand at 2-3 overall and, more importantly, to 2-1 in MACCC South Division play. The Wildcats of PRCC fall to 1-4, 0-3 on the year.

The first quarter was slow to start as the two teams' six opening drives combined for just 30 yards of offense. The Wildcats broke that streak as an interception set PRCC deep in the Warriors' territory at the 26-yard line. Just five plays later, PRCC quarterback Will Young punched it in from one yard. The kick was good and the Wildcats led 7-0.

Early in the second quarter Desmond Williams snagged his second interception and cut a PRCC drive short at the Warriors' 20-yard line. The Warriors followed with a grueling, 12-play drive that ate over eight minutes off the clock. The drive was highlighted by back-to-back big runs from Larry Wilson. It was capped off by a one-yard touchdown rush from former PRCC Wildcat turned ECCC Warrior, Llanes Dickerson. Van Winkle knocked in the extra point to tie the game at 7-7 with just 3:55 remaining in the half.



Jaren Van Winkle celebrates after kicking the winning field goal to lift East Central over Pearl River last Thursday night.

Two plays into the ensuing Pearl River possession Anthony Thomas got in on the turnover action as he posted an interception at the Wildcats' 25-yard line.

The Warriors were quick to strike as quarterback Caleb Parten connected with Dickerson who scored his second touchdown on the first play from scrimmage. Williams kept ECCC's stellar, lockdown defense going as he picked off yet another pass — his third of the half — on the next drive which sent the teams to halftime with the Warriors on top, 14-7.

The third was another slow-paced quarter of offensive action as the teams paired up for 46-yards offensively, mostly due to strong effort defensive play from both teams.

In the fourth, PRCC's first possession started at the Warriors' 41-yard line. The great field position was once again short-lived as ball-hawking Williams picked up his fourth interception of the night on the third play from scrimmage. Williams passes ECCC's Juwon Hayes-Keyes in most interceptions in one game in the modern era as Hayes-Keyes hauled in three — also against Pearl River — back in 2016.

The Warriors did not capitalize on the turnover, and on the following Wildcat drive, Young knotted the game again, this time at 14-14, with another one-yard touchdown run with 7:30 left on the clock.

After back-to-back punts, the Warriors took over at their own 20-yard line with just 3:53 remaining in the contest.

The Warriors began a

march down the field with a big reception from John Hilbert followed by rushes of 10, 10, and 13 yards from Wilson. The plays put the Warriors on PRCC's 28-yard line but in a fourth and four situation with less than 15 seconds remaining. Van Winkle entered the game and nailed the 45-yarder to lock in the 17-14 ECCC victory.

The Warriors were just outpaced by the Wildcats as PRCC posted 204 yards to ECCC's 201. Parten finished the night 6-for-20 through the air for 77 yards and one score. Wilson rushed a season-high 27 times for 92 yards, while Dickerson posted 12 yards and a score. Carlois Walker had 32 yards on four touches. Dickerson led receivers with 25 yards on one catch, while Wilson hauled in a team-high three, for 19 yards.

The Warrior defense shined throughout the night as Equandric Ross wrapped up a team-best 13 tackles, while Ke'Sean Johnson had seven. Ryan Whitfield (Noxapater) and Peyton Posey (Union) both posted one sack each in the contest. The secondary led the way for ECCC as the team posted five total interceptions, the most on record at ECCC in one contest, with four from Williams and another from Thomas, and three additional breakups.

The Warriors are on the road next Thursday as they travel to Perkinston to face the nationally-ranked Mississippi Gulf Coast Bulldogs, who are also coming off a late-game win after defeating the Co-Lin Wolves 14-13 in Wesson.

Neshoba Central senior accepts softball scholarship to play at Ole Miss

By SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS
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Neshoba Central's Tenly Grisham recently accepted a scholarship to play softball at the University of Mississippi

beginning in spring 2023.

"I am excited and grateful to play for Ole Miss," said Grisham, who is a senior this year at Neshoba Central.

Grisham is the daughter of Jason and Kendall Grisham of the Pearl River Community and

plays third base for Neshoba Central where she will graduate this year.

"The opportunity to play at Ole Miss is a dream come true," Grisham said. "I just want aspiring athletes to know they can do anything they set their mind to.

Just keep working hard to make yourself better at the game. Your rewards will come."

Grisham started playing softball at the age of 5 in the Choctaw Recreation League and later joined the Northside Park League where she helped the team win its first World Series Championship.

"I was a little girl with the willingness to compete in a game that I loved to play," Grisham said.

Since then, Grisham has played in states throughout the

nation with her travel softball team and in Native American softball tournaments.

Grisham has played on the nationally ranked Neshoba Central Softball varsity team since she was in the seventh grade and has eight state championship rings, four rings for slow-pitch softball and four rings for fast-pitch softball.

Grisham said she plans to major in pediatric dentistry while attending the University of Mississippi.

"Ole Miss' campus is beauti-

ful, and the coaches and I just clicked," Grisham said.

Grisham is often compared to her older cousin Hailey Lunderman Ellingburg who is also a former Neshoba Central Softball standout who also played at Ole Miss, Grisham's mother said.

Grisham's love of the game has also inspired her to teach younger children how to play softball, and she spends her time after school working with children.



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Sports



Photo by COLEMAN EAKES

Neshoba Central defenders wrap up the Canton ball carrier during a 46-7 thrashing last Friday.

Rockets improve to 6-0 on season

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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Neshoba Central celebrated homecoming Friday with a 46-7 victory over Canton in prep football action.

The Rockets improve to 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the Region 2-5A standings. They will visit Ridgeland this Friday in a key region game. The Titans, who defeated Callaway 29-19 last week, come in at 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the region standings.

"It's going to be a big game," Coach Patrick Schoolar said. "They have only lost one game. We have a big stretch starting here."

Following the Ridgeland game, the Rockets visit Jim Hill on Oct. 15, and then come home to host undefeated Vicksburg on Oct. 21 and Callaway on Oct. 28.

The Rockets took the opening kickoff and scored on the third play of the game. Quarterback Eli Anderson connected with Elijah Ruffin on a 75-yard TD pass. Hunter Bavetta kicked the extra point and the Rockets led 7-0 with 10:30 left in the first quarter.

That's how it stood until late in the second quarter. Anderson found Dez McWilliams on a 29-yard TD pass play. Bavetta kicked the extra point and the Rockets led 14-0 with 2:04 left in the half.

With time running out in the half, defensive lineman Maxton Woodward stripped the ball from a Canton runner and returned it 25 yards for a touchdown. Bavetta kicked the extra point and the Rockets led 21-0 at the half.

The Rockets scored a safety and two touchdowns in the third quarter. LaDamien Jones sacked the Canton

quarterback in the end zone for a safety, making the score 23-0. Later, Canton recovered a fumble and returned it for a touchdown. The extra point was good and the Rockets led 23-7.

Neshoba Central then added two touchdowns with Anderson connecting with Bryceton Spencer on TD passes of 35 yards and 10 yards. Bavetta kicked the extra point and the Rockets led 37-7 at the end of the third quarter.

Bavetta kicked a 36-yard field goal with 8:30 left in the games, making the score 40-7 in favor of the Rockets. On the ensuing kickoff, Joseph Vargas recovered a fumble. Mekhi Gaddis scored on a 21-yard rush. The try for two failed and the Rockets wrapped up the victory.

The Rockets had 251 yards passing and 101 yards rushing on 16 carries,

giving them 352 total yards.

Anderson completed 14-of-27 passes for all of Neshoba Central's passing yards. Ruffin caught five passes for 113 yards while Dez McWilliams caught five passes for 81 yards. Spencer had two catches for 30 yards and Ja'Naylon Dupree caught two passes for 27 yards. Zander Kirkland had nine rushes for 29 yards and Ken Drummond had two rushes for 25 yards.

Jaharon Griffin had four solo tackles, four assists and two tackles for loss. Jones had four tackles, one for a loss. Ruffin and Beau Holley both had two tackles, two assists and 1.5 tackles for loss. Kelbee Holmes had three solo tackles and one assist. Anthony Hobson had a sack.

Tornadoes open region play against Warriors

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Philadelphia Tornadoes open Region 5-2A play Thursday night when they visit Nanih Waiya.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

The Tornadoes evened their record to 3-3 Friday night with their 42-22 victory over Mize. Nanih Waiya dropped its region opener to Newton High School 36-14 Friday night. The Warriors stand at 2-3 overall.

"It was a much-needed victory," Coach David Frey said. "Our defense has to play a lot better. We still aren't

there yet. We need to hurry up and get there.

"The offense has played well. We had one turnover and we didn't punt any Friday night. That was a positive."

Mize took the opening kickoff and tried to punt on fourth down. But the snap to the punter was mishandled and the Tornadoes took over on the Mize 21-yard line. On first down, Chancellor Greer ran into the endzone for a touchdown. Greer scored the two-point conversion and the Tornadoes led 8-0.

Mize took the kickoff and put together a 17-play, 63-yard drive.

Dave Garner scored on a 1-yard run. The try for two was successful and the game was tied at 8-8.

The Tornadoes quickly answered when quarterback Marcus Beamon connected with Trey Posey on a 57-yard TD pass. Beamon ran in the two-point conversion and the Tornadoes led 16-8 as the first quarter ended.

Later in the second quarter, Greer scored on a 59-yard run. The try for two failed and the Tornadoes led 22-8. That's how it stood at the half.

The Tornadoes added two touchdowns in the third quarter while Mize scored once and the Tornadoes carried

a 36-16 lead in the final quarter.

Beamon scored the Tornadoes' final points in the fourth quarter on an 11-yard run. The extra point try failed and Philadelphia led 42-16. Mize scored its final points as time was running out.

Frey said he was looking forward to this week's game against his alma mater, Nanih Waiya. He said the Tornadoes would practice three days this week as they prepare for the Warriors.

"Offensively, Nanih Waiya is going to be tough," Frey said. "They like to run the ball. They are gritty and tough. It is going to be a tough game."

Warriors drop regional opener 35-30 during Homecoming

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Choctaw Central Warriors battled until the final minute of play before falling to the Kosciusko Whippets 35-20 Friday night in prep football action.

It was homecoming night for the Warriors. They took the opening kickoff and drove 75 yards in 15 plays to take the early lead. Quarterback Eli Joe scored on a 5-yard run. The kick was good and the Warriors led 7-0 with 5:10 left in the first quarter.

The Whippets came back with a scoring drive of their own. Quarterback Ethan Wood connected with Lee Wade for a 39-yard TD pass play. The kick was good and the game was tied at 7-7 with 3:09 remaining in the first quarter.

The Whippets forced Choctaw Central to punt and then put together another scoring drive. A 54-yard run by Ceavon Toliver put the Whippets on the Choctaw Central 3-yard line. On the next play, Davion Roby carried the ball into the endzone for a touchdown. The kick was good and the Whippets led 14-7 with 10:42 left in the half.

Kosciusko scored two more touchdowns in the quarter. Wood hit Roby on a 47-yard pass play, and then completed a 48-yard TD pass. With 4:08 left in the second quarter, Kosciusko led 28-7.

On the ensuing kickoff, Jeriah Jimmie returned the ball 87 yards to give the Warriors a first down on the Kosciusko 12-yard line. On the next play, Joe ran it in for the touchdown. The kick was true and the score stood at 28-14 at the half.

In the third quarter, Joe scored on a 1-yard run. The kick was no good and Choctaw Central trailed 28-20.



Photo by BRADLEY ISAAC

Jeriah Jimmie runs for daylight in Choctaw Central's game with Kosciusko Friday night. The Whippets won the game, 35-20.

That's how it stood until the final minute of the game. The Warriors were trapped back on their two yard line. On fourth, Choctaw Central rolled the dice and went for a long pass that fell incomplete. Kosciusko

took possession and ran it in for a touchdown. The extra point kick ended the scoring.

The Warriors dropped to 2-3 overall and 0-1 in the Region 4-4A standings. They will visit Louisville

Friday. Kosciusko improved to 4-0 and 0-1 in the standings. They host West Lauderdale Friday.

Gambles cost Rebels 42-21

By DALE MCKEE
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Ole Miss head football coach Lane Kiffin may need to be reminded of the quote by professional gambler Terry Murphy: "A gambler never makes the same mistake twice. It's usually three or more times." Alabama's offense made the Rebels pay for the gambles as the Tide rolled, 42-21. Next up for No. 17 Ole Miss is No. 13 Arkansas this Saturday morning.

Will Rogers threw for 408 yards and three touchdowns in leading Mississippi State (3-2, 1-1) over Texas A&M, 26-22, in College Station. The Bulldogs will have an open date this week before hosting Alabama.

Georgia and Kentucky remained undefeated while Auburn, Tennessee, South Carolina and Vanderbilt also won. This week in SEC play, No. 2 Georgia buses down to No. 18 Auburn. Vanderbilt travels to No. 20 Florida, South Carolina visits Tennessee, LSU flies up to No. 16 Kentucky, and No. 1 Alabama heads to unranked Texas A&M.

Southern Mississippi fell at Rice, 24-19, in their C-USA opener. The Golden Eagles (1-4, 0-1) lost heralded freshman quarterback Ty Keyes on the first series of the game, and Jake Lange replaced him. Lange, a walk-on from Jackson Prep, passed for 304 yards and a touchdown. Lange was intercepted three times and was sacked five times in the contest. This week, the Eagles will host Homecoming against UTEP.

SWAC

Jelani Eason tossed a 2-yard touchdown pass to Caleb Johnson on the final play of the game, giving Mississippi Valley a 17-16 win over North Carolina Central. The win also ended Valley's nine-game losing dating back to 2019. Valley goes to Bethune-Cookman. Jackson State and Alcorn both had open dates this past week. Jackson State (3-1, 1-0) will travel to Alabama A&M while Alcorn (2-2) will host Grambling this Saturday.

Burns wins Sanderson Farms

Shreveport native and LSU graduate Sam Burns won the 2021 Sanderson Farms Championship as he finished with a 67 on Sunday at the Jackson Country Club to shoot a four-day total of 22-under. Nick Watney and Cameron Young were one shot back. It was Burns's second win on the PGA Tour following May's Valspar Championship. Burns made his professional debut in 2017 at the Sanderson Farms Championships, where he finished tied for 43.

JUCO

Jones and East Mississippi both remained perfect in Mississippi JUCO play. Jones (5-0, 2-0) earned a key South Division win as the Bobcats used a stout defense in a 28-13 win over Hinds (3-2, 1-1). East Mississippi (5-0, 3-0) picked up a key win over Northwest, 30-21, in North Division play.

Surprising Coahoma romped over winless Holmes, 41-10; Gulf Coast nipped CoLin, 14-13; and East Central defeated Pearl River, 17-14, as the Warriors' Jaren Van Winkle drilled a 45-yard field goal with seven seconds to play. Other winners were Northeast over Itawamba and Southwest over Delta.

Pros

For the first time in 638 days, the Saints hosted a game in New Orleans in front of a sellout crowd. The Saints blew an 11-point lead late in the fourth quarter and fell to the New York Giants, 27-21. The Saints (2-2) will travel to Washington this Sunday.

Dale McKee is a Waynesboro resident who has been writing sports in Mississippi since 1973. Listen to Dale's Brouhaha Sports Show with Marshall Wood on Tuesday and Friday at 6 p.m. on WABO FM 105.5 in the Waynesboro area. To listen to the broadcast online go to wabo105.com and click listen live. This week's guest is David Murray of DawgsBite.com.

Rebel defense holds back explosive offense

By **ROBBIE ROBERTSON**
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Leake Academy football coach Brian Pickens said all along that Madison St. Joseph would be a challenge for his team.

Pickens was right as the Rebels scored 24 unanswered points to take a 27-7 win over the Bruins on Friday night for homecoming.

The Rebels are now 6-1 on the season and will host East Rankin on Friday night for senior night.

Pickens said the Bruins gave the Rebels a stern test, especially in the secondary.

"They were very talented," Pickens said. "Watching them on film, you could tell it was going to be a challenge for us, especially in the secondary. We knew they would throw it more than anybody else we had played. Our defense came in with a good scheme and the secondary did a good job. After that one big play, we were able to keep them at bay."

The Rebels got the ball to start the game and put together an 11-play drive that eventually stalled at the St. Joseph 8. Cole Arthur then booted a 25-yard field goal with 6:22 left in the first to give Leake a 3-0 lead.

The Bruins answered right back as a short pass completion turned into a 79-yard touchdown pass with 5:38 left in the first. The PAT was good and St. Joseph led 7-3.

The Rebels put together a seven-play, 58-yard drive. Canon Parks scored on a seven-yard touchdown run with 2:58 left in the first quarter. Arthur booted the PAT and Leake led 10-7.

The Rebels punted on their next two possessions and added a 27-yard field goal from Arthur to take a 13-7 lead at the half.

"Our offensive line did a good job," Pickens said. "From film, we knew we were going to get multiple fronts and thought we were going to see a lot of blitzes. But they didn't blitz all night and made some changes so we had to make some adjust-



Photo by KALIE PARKS

Leake Academy running back Whitt Welch runs for the end zone while Gavin White leads the way Friday against Madison St. Joseph.

ments. We controlled the game upfront. They ran a little more than they had and we controlled

the defensive front as well." The Bruins got the ball to start the second half and put

together a 15-play drive that eventually ended on an interception by Kade Marble.

Parks then ripped off a 62-yard run and Whitt Welch finished off the drive with a 17-yard run with 3:16 left in the third. Arthur booted the extra point and Leake led 20-7.

The Rebels added one last score in the fourth quarter as they drove 51 yards on nine plays. Rhett Atkinson scored on a six-yard run with 7:00 left in the game. Arthur's PAT gave Leake a 27-7 lead.

The Rebels had 344 yards of total offense with 327 rushing and 17 passing.

Parks led the offense with 152 yards on 22 carries while Atkinson had 93 yards on 15 carries. Welch rushed for 82 yards on 12 carries.

On defense, Riley Myers led the Rebels with six solo tackles and three assists. Nick Gomillion had five solo tackles and four assists while Bryce Watkins had four solo tackles and one assist and an interception. Ethan Dunn had two solo

tackles and three assists while Kade Marble had two solos and one assist with one interception.

The Rebels will finish out a three-game homestand this week as they host East Rankin in another district contest.

The Patriots are 3-4 on the season. After a forfeit win against Oak Hill to open the season, East Rankin beat Columbia 10-8. They then lost three in a row, falling 48-0 to Madison St. Joseph, 41-8 to Park Place and 43-0 to Ethel. After a 20-14 win over West Lincoln, East Rankin lost 44-0 last week to Lamar.

"They played us really hard last year, as hard as anybody," Pickens said of East Rankin. "I think they will come in with the same level of competitiveness this year. It seems like East Rankin plays us hard every year. The most important thing is it's a conference game and these are the games that are important. These are our in-season playoff games and we will have to practice hard and work on the things that we need to work on."

Silliman ends impressive softball season for 25-4 Lady Rebels

By **ROBBIE ROBERTSON**
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The Leake Academy Lady Rebels saw their season come to an end on Monday in the Class 5A State Tournament.

Leake opened the tournament on Saturday with a 7-0 win over Natchez Cathedral before losing 6-5 to

Brookhaven.

The Lady Rebels then battled through the loser's bracket and beat Simpson 17-9 on Saturday and Copiah 5-4 on Monday. The Lady Rebels then fell 5-0 to Silliman to see their season come to an end.

Leake Academy finishes the season with a 25-4 record and finished third in Class 5A. They

also finished as Class 5A North State champions and District 2-5A champions.

Silliman 5 Lady Rebels 0

The Lady Rebels struggled at the plate and saw their season come to an end on Monday in a shutout loss.

Silliman scored single runs

in the third and fourth and pulled away with three in the sixth.

Leake only had three hits, led by Jenna Chamblee who was 2-for-3 while Miley Billie also singled.

Lynleigh Burt pitched 5 1/3 innings and gave up five runs on six hits and two walks. Raylea Atkinson pitched the last 2/3 of

an inning.

Lady Rebels 5 Copiah 4

The Lady Rebels banged out 13 hits and took a one-run win over the Lady Colonels on Monday in an elimination game.

Leake had 13 hits in the contest, led by Lily McDonald who

was 3-for-4. Miley Billie and Jenna Chamblee were each 2-for-4 while Raylea Atkinson was 2-for-3. Emery Warren also singled and drove in two runs.

Lynleigh Burt pitched all seven innings and gave up four runs on nine hits and struck out three.

Yellow Jackets score big win against SE Lauderdale for Homecoming

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It was a very happy homecoming for the Yellow Jacket Nation.

Union returned to its winning ways while taking a 40-0 victory over Southeast Lauderdale in the first Region 5-3A game for both teams.

Quarterback Kenyon Clay was back from injury. He put Union on the scoreboard at the

4:10 mark in the first quarter when he ran five yards for a touchdown that signaled he had returned to lead the Jackets. The kick was unsuccessful and Union led 6-0.

With 42 seconds left in the first quarter, Ky'Yon Harris scored on a 10-yard touchdown run. Eli Rigdon kicked the extra point. At the end of the first quarter, the Jackets held a 13-0 lead.

Much of the second quarter

was a defensive battle between the two teams. Then with 5:53 to go in the second quarter, Clay threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Harris. Clay also ran in the two-point conversion after the previous touchdown, giving Union a 21-0 lead.

Clay was not finished with his scoring onslaught. He ran for a 47-yard touchdown to touchdown. The PAT by Rigdon was good and Union led 28-0 Southeast Lauderdale at the

half.

The Jackets took the second-half kickoff. They drove the ball down the field with a combination of passing and running plays. Clay capped the drive off with another rushing touchdown. The extra point try was unsuccessful and Union led 34-0.

With 3:55 remaining in the third quarter, the Jackets took advantage of a short field and William Hughlett ran 17 yards

for a touchdown. The extra point try failed and the Jackets led 40-0. There was no scoring by either team in the fourth quarter.

The Yellow Jackets dominated the stat sheet. Clay completed 5-of-9 passes for 63 yards and threw for a touchdown. He rushed for 96 yards and three touchdowns.

Carlos Hickmon led the Jacket running attack with 11 carries for 98 yards. Ky'Yon

Harris rushed for 43 yards and a touchdown. He also caught a 17-yard touchdown pass. A.J. Wilson added 54 yards rushing, while William Hughlett ran for 24 yards and a touchdown. The Jackets had 398 yards of offense. The Jackets' defensive efforts held the Tigers to 100 yards of offense for the game.

The next opponent for the Jackets will be the undefeated Bulldogs of Enterprise.

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