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Aldermen call for financial reports

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Monthly income and expense reports were demanded last week by several aldermen in the wake of concerns over audits left undone for half a decade.

A monthly financial report showing, for example, expenses, where the city stands on its debt and where each department is on its budgeted spend-

ing was mentioned. "How much do we have in the bank?" Ward 2 Alderman Jim Fulton asked. "How much have we spent during the month? How much are our CDs are worth? What do we owe? And at what percentage has each department spent of their budget?"

Newly-elected Ward 1 Alderman Justin Clearman also demanded answers.

"I would think we should

already be getting this," Clearman said.

He plans to file a motion to freeze non-essential spending when the mayor and board meet next Tuesday night.

Clearman made the motion to freeze spending at last Tuesday's meeting but no action was taken.

The city had not received a financial audit since Fiscal 2016 as budgeting began for the new year that started Oct

1. The Fiscal 2017 audit was made public Oct. 1.

The board hired the Pearl accounting firm of Windham and Lacy last month to catch the city up on audits. The city had failed to sign a standard letter of engagement and provide basic documents, a previous firm said when they withdrew last month after The Neshoba Democrat asked for the most recent audit during a public meeting.

"I'm one vote but I feel until we get our audit together, we need to freeze any unnecessary spending," Clearman said. "Until we know what we have, I don't feel we should spend money on anything but the essentials."

Aldermen are putting together a list of what non-essentials would be. They will seek input from the city's department heads at Tuesday's meeting.

Clearman said he is looking forward to meeting with the new auditors Tuesday and hearing their plan of action.

"The audit is the No. 1 thing for me," Clearman said. "I think we are being a little nonchalant about this audit. That is my feeling. I don't want to keep doing the audit without meeting them and seeing what their game plan is. We need to know."

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CRIME

Neshoba student had gun at school

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A Neshoba Central student allegedly seen twirling a handgun in the school parking lot was arrested last week, the authorities said.



Alberto Smith Jr.

Alberto Smith Jr., 18, 1370 Jessis White Road, Noxapater, was arrested on Oct. 4 and charged with possession of a handgun on school property.

Smith was observed by a teacher removing, checking and reloading the magazine from the handgun, said Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark. Smith was also reportedly spinning the gun on his finger.

Clark said the incident happened in the teacher parking lot on the west side of the Neshoba Central High School building.

The teacher then reported a description of the vehicle, gun and Smith to the authorities. The school resource officer then made the arrest on campus around 3:45 p.m. Smith was out of jail later that evening on a \$5,000 bond.

Clark said Smith was waiting outside at his father's vehicle after being picked up from school. His father was inside the building at the time of the incident. The gun is believed to belong to his father, officials said.

Clark said they expect no further charges in the case although the county School Board will schedule an expulsion hearing for Smith.

Neshoba Central officials could not be reached for comment.



All of the hair stylists at Lisa's Sassy Scissors are wearing hot pink this month for Breast Cancer Awareness. Front row, left to right, are: Kailey Cahoon, Ashley Savell, Melinda Breazeale, Samantha Hoskins and Kay Duett. Back row: Adrienne Buckley, Wanda Shaw, Cheyenne Hen-

derson, Jennifer Winstead, Leslie White, Kelsey Tubby, Charley Mowdy, and Lauren Breedlove. — See the **Breast Cancer Awareness** section starting on C1.

Sassy stylists go pink for cancer awareness

By SARAH KATHRYN WATKINS
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Melinda Breazeale bought Lisa's Sassy Scissors salon in June and was diagnosed with melanoma the next month.

"When I was diagnosed with melanoma, I would do purple in my hair," Breazeale said.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"For breast cancer awareness, I'm doing hot pink," Breazeale said.

In keeping with the theme, all of the hair stylists at Lisa's Sassy Scissors at 214 Line Avenue

Unit 7 are wearing hot pink this month and Breazeale said a lot of clients are curious about the color theme.

"We explain that the pink in our hair is for the daughters, mothers, sisters, and friends who are all in the fight," Breazeale said. "We are here for you and are going to rock the pink hair for y'all."

Breazeale said many of the clients request to get pink in their hair.

Stylist Samantha Hoskins recently got to bleach and dye a male customer's hair bright pink in remembrance of his mother, who died of breast cancer.

"Be aware, go get checked, have your mammogram done, go to the doctor," Samantha Hoskins said regarding spreading awareness.

For other stylists of Lisa's Sassy Scissors, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is very personal.

Charley Mowdy and Cheyenne Henderson, both stylists, have lost someone dear to them from breast cancer.

"It's very common, and I feel a lot of people should have awareness for it," Mowdy said. "My great-grandmaw had breast cancer. Getting a mammogram could make your life last longer."

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Rotary Club Pancake Supper set for Monday

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Philadelphia Rotary Club's annual Pancake Supper is scheduled from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday at the Senior Citizens Center and the proceeds will benefit the community.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from any Rotary Club member. The pancakes may be picked up in a drive-thru and there will be no in-house dining.

Rotary Club President Elizabeth Frohse said proceeds would be used for different community projects. Last year, monies from the pancake sale were used to put a new roof on the pavilion at Northside Park.

"It funds our service projects," Frohse said. "We always give a large check to Northside Park."

"We give a donation and we work at Open Arms Feeding Ministry. We give to United Way and Stuff the Bus. We also buy dictionaries for all of the third-grade students at Neshoba Central and Philadelphia elementary schools."

"We were reading to the pre-K students (before the COVID-19 pandemic). They haven't let us back in yet. But the books we read, we give copies to the students to keep."

Frohse said the club strives to be safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Last year, we did the

drive-thru for the first time. Before COVID-19, people used to come in and sit down," Frohse said. "We served coffee, milk and soft drinks and it was a lot of fun. But we don't want to risk anything right now."

"We serve more than one thousand plates. That is a lot of pancakes and a lot of bacon. It is really good and it will be the cheapest meal in town that night."

Club members will start setting up the griddles around noon. It takes a little while to prepare a thousand meals.

"We will have people standing outside directing traffic," Frohse said.

"They will come in one way and go out the other."



Photo by COLEMAN EAKES

Band competition

Choctaw Central High School Band and color guard team members performed with 28 other schools this past Saturday at Neshoba Central in a state marching competition.



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Engagements & Weddings

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

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

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

Wedding copy must not exceed the equivalent of more than two 8 1/2 x 11 inch pages.

The Democrat reserves the right to edit articles to fit space requirements and style.

News of parties relating to engagements or weddings can be submitted.

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The standard obituary includes: service, burial and funeral home details, date of death, age, place of residence, a sentence or two of personal information (no opinionated comments) detailing occupation, education, church affiliation, military service, listing spouse or children, immediate survivors (list only spouses, children, siblings, number of grandchildren, number of nieces and nephews) and pallbearers. In-laws, aunts, uncles, friends and honorary pallbearers are not included in the free listing. The standard obituary may be up to 150 words in length.

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Grisham crowned Neshoba Central Homecoming Queen

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Terly Grisham, center, was crowned Neshoba Central High School's Homecoming Queen Oct. 1. She is pictured with her father, Jason Grisham, left, and Neshoba Central's 2020 Homecoming Queen, Anna Cumberland.

Kemper coal plant structures imploded

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Parts of the Kemper County power plant were imploded Saturday morning and the explosion could be heard as far away as the Neshoba County Fairgrounds, Arlington and even Decatur, according to social media reports. State Rep. Michael Ted

Evans, who represents parts of Neshoba and Kemper counties, confirmed the implosion on social media.

"They imploded some of the structures at the power plant," Evans said Saturday on Facebook. The implosion was reported at about 7:45 a.m.

Southern Company, based in Atlanta, is the parent com-

pany of Mississippi Power which owns the plant.

Construction on the \$7 billion facility began in 2010. Clean coal technology initially designed to run the plant suffered a setback in 2017 when efforts to start up the gasification portion of the plant were halted.

The plant was designed all along to run on natural gas as

well.

The Kemper Project, also called the Kemper County Energy Facility or Plant Ratcliffe, is a natural gas-fired electrical generating facility near the Moscow community in rural southeastern Kemper County about 20 miles east of Philadelphia.

Governor extends COVID state of emergency

By STAFF REPORTS
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JACKSON — Gov. Tate Reeves announced Monday that he extending Mississippi's State of Emergency for an additional 30 days.

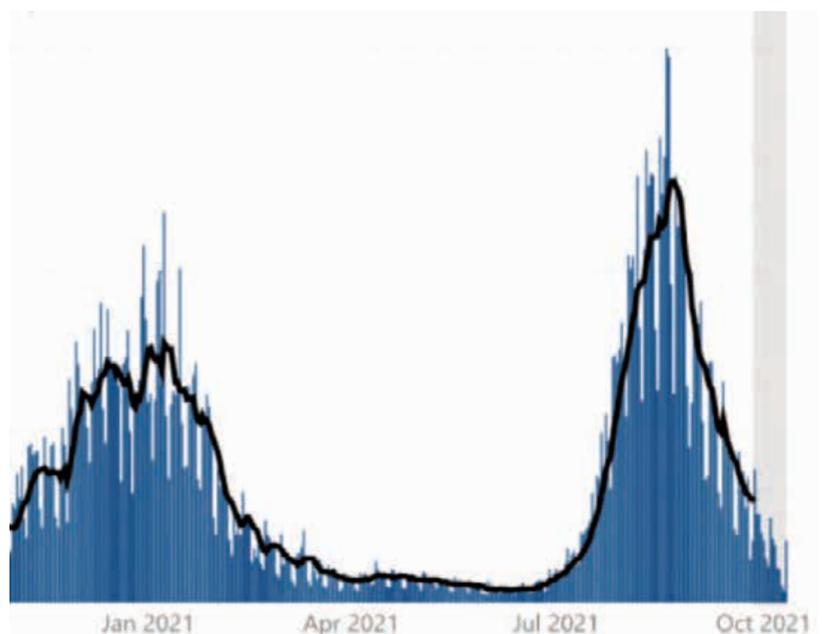
Reeves' announcement was in coordination with State Health Officer Thomas Dobbs and MEMA Executive Director Stephen McCraney to facilitate the state's COVID-19 response including expanded access to telemedicine and leaving other response options open.

"Once again, there will be no lockdowns or statewide mandates," Reeves said in making the announcement.

Over the past week, Neshoba County recorded 45 new COVID-19 cases and one new death, according to the Mississippi State Department of Health's Oct. 12 report.

Neshoba County has now recorded a total of 6,590 cases of COVID-19 and 204 deaths since the pandemic began in March 2020.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians reported three new positive cases of COVID-19 and no new deaths in the past week as of Oct. 11, with the total number of positive cases for the Tribe standing at 2,454 with 123 deaths. The Tribe report-



Cases continue to decrease dramatically throughout the state from the peak this summer.

ed four new hospitalizations. Neshoba County Schools have not issued a report on cases since Oct. 1.

As of Monday, 28% of Neshoba County's population is fully vaccinated, and 31% of the population has received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine,

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, 285,153 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been recorded

by the MSDH along with 210,979 probable cases, totaling 496,132 cases. There have been 6,618 confirmed COVID-19 deaths, along with 3,256 probable deaths, totaling 9,874 deaths.

Audit

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Earlier in the meeting, Clearman voted not to approve the claims docket.

City Clerk Nikki Walton was not present because of illness, and Clearman could not get an answer about one of the expenses to his satisfaction. He indicated he may not be voting to approve future claims dockets until the city is

caught up on its audits.

One expense all agreed that was essential was the purchase of MSWIN radio systems for the police and fire departments.

Fire Chief Pierce Clark said his department was down to

one radio channel and they "were one lightning strike away from having to make an emergency purchase."

The vote was 5-0 to purchase the PPD radio system for \$90,000 and the PFD system for \$130,000.

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Booker T. earns National Register designation

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The former Booker T. Washington High School building is now on the National Register of Historic Places as of Sept. 2.

The National Register listing is an honorary distinction recognizing the nation's significant historic places that merit preservation because of their significance in American History. The Mississippi Department of Archives and History confirmed the designation on Sept. 15.

Philadelphia Mayor James A. Young said he was pleased to learn of the designation of the building.

"This school is about educating people of our community, our fathers, our mothers that helped us get a start," Young said of the building that the city is in the process of renovating to become a recreation and community center. "Education was key to helping us understand the need to vote and the prosperity of the community."

The Booker T. Washington High School was the first public high school in the city of

Philadelphia built specifically to offer secondary education to African American students.

The building now holds three distinctive designations, including being designated a Mississippi Historical Landmark by the MDAH on Jan. 23, 2021, the State of Mississippi Register of Historic Places on March 18, 2021, and now the National Registry of Historic Places on Sept. 2, 2021.

The designations stemmed from the Booker T. Washington High School Class of 1965 celebrating its 50th Anniversary in July 2015. In honor of the 50th anniversary, the class of 1965 applied for the designations and placed a historical marker in front of the building.

"It's been a long time coming, but it was well worth the wait," said Bettye Blacks, a member of the Class of 1965. "These accomplishments give us (class of 1965) a great sense of pride. We consider the school a blessing that continues to guide our lives even today. We still have a lot of pride for the Booker T. Washington Hornets. We'll always be Hornets. We'll never be anything else."

Blacks said a designation ceremony is planned for Sunday, July 3, 2022, in the school building gym/auditorium as a part of the Booker T. Washington High School's 23rd Biennial High School Reunion. "At that time the National Registry Historic plaque will be placed on the building," Blacks said.

Young said plans for the renovation of the building are progressing and that Waggoner Engineering is working on plans to renovate the roof and



A rendering shows what the Booker T. Washington gymnasium will look like after renovations.

seal the windows and doors and that they expect to begin advertising for bids soon and hope work will begin before the end of the year.

Young said the building will be more than just a place to play basketball and games and he hopes it will house a community center with computers and will have historic information about the community for visitors to learn about the community's history.

"It will be more than just a recreation center but a learning

center and historical part of our community," Young said. "I am thankful to those who made this possible. A lot of sweat and blood went into it. To me, that is part of who we are. It has been a part of the community. It is more than just a building it is part of who we are as a community."

Young also thanked the board of aldermen for approving the project and said the center would be beneficial to the whole community.

Aldermen learned last

month the estimated price tag on the Booker T. Washington building renovation project could top \$500,000.

Darion Warren, project manager with Waggoner Engineering, told the board the estimated cost would be \$475,142, including the removal and replacement of the existing roof, replacing existing insulation with vinyl back insulation, repairs to the gym floor and any structural steel repairs that might be needed.

Warren said the price reflects the current cost of building materials.

Young said the city is hoping to receive a \$25,000 Community Development Block Grant and a grant from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

The city plans to pay for the work with money from a \$1.2 million bond issue that was passed last year along with any grant monies they receive.

Nursing Home to be renovated

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Part of the Neshoba County Nursing home will be renovated as officials move forward with a \$3 million project that has been in the works for nearly four years.

The focus will be on 74 of the nursing home's 160 resident rooms and one of the nursing stations.

"Basically, it is an HVAC and room renovation project," said Chief Executive Officer Lee McCall. "We are going to renovate Nursing Station No. 1. It's one of the older systems in the nursing home that needs replacing."

"Once we do that, we are going to replace all of the HVAC units in the affected rooms, renovate the rooms, put in new flooring. We will paint

and freshen the rooms up."

McCall said other portions of the nursing home have been renovated over the years. The county put the project out for bids a couple of years ago but the bids came back over budget.

"We expect the cost to be around \$3.1 million," McCall said. "When we bid it out before, we had projected the costs at around \$1.6 million and it came back at around \$2.2 million. With today's cost of materials, we wish we had gone ahead and done it then."

McCall said the existing construction was done in 1978 and they have added on.

"When the project came in over budget, we were going to sharpen it up some and rebid it," McCall said. "Then COVID-19 hit and it delayed it."

"It is at the point where we don't need to delay anymore. Now that we have gotten some protective measures for COVID in place, like getting residents vaccinated and proper testing, it is time to proceed with the bidding."

The county has applied for a \$600,000 CDBG to help with the costs. The county is also applying for a CAP loan.

"We applied for a CDBG grant during the spring and hope to get some kind of notification in the coming weeks," McCall said. "Once we receive that notice, we will proceed in bidding the project out. We want to bid it out and hopefully, construction can begin sometime early next year, maybe around February or later in the spring."



Tree removal

A crew was removing a large tree at a residence on Holland Avenue last week.

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EDITORIALS

Early voting and cheating

Early voting in Virginia's off-off-year race for governor has been underway for nearly three weeks already, having begun on Sept. 17, fully 47 days before the official Nov. 2 Election Day.

Also on the ballot are races for lieutenant governor and state attorney general, as well as all 100 seats in the House of Delegates of the General Assembly and a variety of local offices.

Early voting still is a relatively new phenomenon, not just in Virginia but across the country. It was not all that long ago when Election Day meant precisely that—Election Day. Either you voted that day—ordinarily, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November—or you didn't vote at all. The only exception back then was absentee balloting, which you had to arrange in advance if you knew that you would be out of town or otherwise indisposed on Election Day.

In other words, there was no early voting as we know it today, yet the republic survived quite nicely. Voters knew when primary and general elections were to be held and planned their schedules accordingly if they cared strongly enough to vote.

While there's some merit to having voting extend over more than just a single day to avoid long lines at the polls, Virginia's more than six weeks' worth, ending Oct. 30, is unnecessarily long.

George Soros-funded groups ramp up pressure on Joe Manchin, Kyrsten Sinema

We're open to more than just a single day, but if a would-be voter can't manage their time to make a trip to the polls over the course of, say, four or five days of early voting or on Election Day itself, a time-management course might be in order.

There are at least three reasons to curtail the number of early voting days.

First, the longer the polls are open, the greater the opportunities for cheating by

the unscrupulous. The potential for election integrity to be compromised is directly proportional to the duration of early voting.

The second is the substantial cost of operating the early-voting stations throughout the state that have to be staffed for more than six weeks. In addition to the general registrar's offices in each of Virginia's jurisdictions, there are at least 60 satellite polling stations across the state, according to the Virginia Department of Elections website. In Fairfax County alone, there are 16 such satellite stations open seven to eight hours a day.

A potential third problem with unnecessarily lengthy early voting is the electoral "October surprise." What if you cast your vote on Sept. 30, and a month later, on Oct. 30, a scandal surfaces involving the candidate you voted for—for example, a report of financial improprieties or a sexual assault charge?

More specifically, as it relates to the Virginia governor's race, how many early voters, for example, might now regret casting their ballots for Democrat Terry McAuliffe after he made this appallingly arrogant remark on education policy during a Sept. 28 candidates' debate: "I'm not going to let parents come into schools and actually take books out and make their own decisions," adding: "I don't think parents should be telling schools what they should teach."

Too bad. You can change your mind, but you can't change your vote.

For all these reasons, Virginia should roll back the length of early voting to a more reasonable number of days. Our inclination would be no more than a week—whether Attorney General Merrick Garland's far-left Justice Department and self-appointed liberal voting rights groups like the Brennan Center like it or not.

— *The Washington Times*

FLASHBACKS

OCTOBER 17, 1941

A most delightful occasion was had last Thursday night at CCC Camp West of Philadelphia when the Rotary Club were hosts to the local faculty. The banquet was held in the main dining room of the Camp through courtesy of Lieut. David Rainey, in charge. President Archie McMullen of the Rotary Club presided, with Shine Hays in charge of the program.

OCTOBER 12, 1951

Dr. Alton Ochsner, famed surgeon of Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans will be at the Third Biennial Meeting of the American Cancer Society, Mississippi Division, to be held at Hotel Heidelberg in Jackson on October 17. Dr. Ochsner is a past president of the American Cancer Society.

OCTOBER 12, 1961

The advance solicitation of funds for the Boy Scout drive here was more successful than ever, with \$1,420 being collected from 35 business firms or individuals Monday of this week. The over-all solicitation, under the direction of Chairman Charles Mars with 55 men making the canvass, is underway now and many of them have not yet been reported.

OCTOBER 14, 1971

Police found the marijuana

in three paper bags and in 53 plastic packages in a tub. The state lab in Jackson officially confirmed that the substance was "real marijuana" Wednesday but had not made an estimate of market value.

OCTOBER 15, 1981

Before a capacity crowd Donna Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thomas of Walnut Grove, was crowned homecoming queen during festivities at Leake Academy Friday night by Student Body president, Stacy Thaggard.

OCTOBER 9, 1991

Amanda Suzanne Fortune celebrated her first birthday on Sept. 25 with family, friends, and her big sister, Ashley. She is the daughter of Chris and Tonya fortune. Grandparents are Aubrey and Lucille Wilcher and Ed and Louise Clair. Great-great-grandparents are Mrs. Eunice Singleton, Mrs. Clyda Savell and Sam Wilcher.

The adult education program at Philadelphia High School has been expanded to include an additional teacher and the use of computer video equipment. The expansion is due to the Mississippi 2000 Project. At left is Donna Richardson the new teacher to the program, and Renee Wood, adult education teacher who has been with the program for several years.

OCTOBER 10, 2001

The Revel Walk was initiated by Nancy Wilkerson's sixth grade class at Leake Academy during the 1997-1998 school year. The walk is intended to be an ongoing project, which will hopefully continue to generate funds for the school. This year the 10th grade class will be selling bricks to be incorporated in the next phase of the walk.

On Sept. 19 Neshoba County General Hospital joined local schools for "See you at the Pole" day. Approximately 100 people attended. The Rev. Lavell Woodrick read from Psalm 27. His message stated that evil is present, good is present, and God is present. He said, "We must wait on God." Everyone held hands and prayed for our hospital, our nation, and our community.

OCTOBER 5, 2011

Officer David Brackett surveys the damage to the back left panel of his patrol car after it was involved in a two-vehicle accident on Beacon Street Saturday night. Police Chief Dickie Sistrunk said that Brackett was traveling east on Beacon at 8:17 p.m. when his patrol car was struck by a motorist who was attempting to cross Beacon to Williamsville Drive.

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Sink New World Order Tax!

Last Friday, in a triumph for transnationalism, 136 nations, including the U.S., agreed to mandate a global corporate income tax for all nations that will not be allowed to fall below 15%.

"Virtually the entire global economy has decided to end the race to the bottom on corporate taxation," said Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, who negotiated the pact.

Betraying a nervousness as to how such a minimum corporate tax, dictated by globalists, will be received in Congress, Yellen urged that it be adopted "swiftly." Yellen is right to be nervous.

The tax proposal is a giant leap forward toward a globalism that America has rejected, and its defeat should be made a priority of libertarians, conservatives, populists and nationalists alike.

What is this "race to the bottom" that so terrifies Yellen and her globalist allies? Simply the worldwide competition of independent nations to offer lower tax rates to entice successful companies to relocate to their shores and bring their jobs with them.

Yellen's "race to the bottom" is as American as apple pie.

High tax rates, corporate and personal, in states such as New York, New Jersey, Illinois and California have proven to be incentives to companies to pick up and relocate to low-tax states such as Texas and Florida.

That 15% global corporate tax rate is designed to prevent this competitive taxation, the beneficiaries of which are companies that have moved to countries such as Ireland, which has a corporate tax rate of 12.5%. The Irish corporate tax rate is less than half of the 28% Yellen and President Joe Biden have in mind to impose on the USA.

Why would free-market and free-enterprise Republicans vote to lock into U.S. law a corporate tax rate dictated by agents of the New World Order?

RICH LOWRY

War on gifted and talented programs

Gifted students have to check their privilege and get over themselves.

It doesn't matter whether they are minorities. It doesn't matter whether they were brought to the United States as children. It doesn't matter how poor their families may be. It doesn't matter if they have inspiring personal stories. It doesn't matter how hard they work.

No, the very fact that they are getting accommodated in classrooms and programs that don't necessarily represent the demographic makeup of school districts at large means that they need to be brought down a notch.

If there were any doubt that "equity" is now the most destructive concept in American life, the war on gifted and talented programs all around the country, from California (on the verge of eliminating tracking in math through the 10th grade), to Seattle (which eliminated its honors program for middle school students), to suburban Philadelphia (where a district is curtailing tracking for middle school and high school students), removes all doubt.

New York City has been a major battleground for the anti-gifted agenda that runs under the banner of desegregation, as if the offense of the George Wallaces of the world is no longer blocking the schoolhouse door but teaching exceptionally talented students at an accelerated pace.

Mayor Bill de Blasio just moved to significantly crimp the city's gifted programs, disproportionately utilized by white and Asian American kids, in a sop to racist bean-count-

Tax proposal is a giant leap forward toward a globalism that America has rejected.

To sign on to this 15% minimum tax would be to surrender our freedom of action to set our own tax rates in accordance with the values and beliefs of the party and administration the people vote into power.

Why would a great nation, especially this nation, agree to give up its freedom of action and have its surrender written into its national law and ratified by treaty?

Why forfeit a sovereign right to cut corporate taxes when and to whatever level we wish? Why deny ourselves a competitive advantage that can be gained by unilaterally cutting corporate tax rates?

Assume the rest of the world embraces this minimum corporate tax of 15% and the U.S. — to recapture and restore a manufacturing base we gave away to China — answered the world with a corporate tax rate of 7% or 8%.

Transnational companies would beat a path back to America's door.

While globalists might be appalled, why would nationalists give up irrevocably the freedom to act?

In the Trump era, a cut in the U.S. corporate tax rate to 21% helped to create one of the great booms of the modern era, before the pandemic struck in March 2020. Earlier that year, unemployment in all categories was at record lows.

As Ronald Reagan taught, corporations do not pay taxes; they collect them. They get them out of the revenue they receive from the customers who buy their products and services.

The corporate taxes of Ford and General Motors come out of the prices that are charged to buyers of Ford and GM cars and trucks.

The Democrat left's war on gifted and talented programs is a disgrace.

aters. As The New York Times notes, the mayor has been "criticized for not taking forceful action to fulfill his promise of tackling inequality in public schools."

Not that he hasn't tried. Earlier in his administration, he appointed a panel that recommended eliminating almost all the city's selective programs, alleging that they are "proxies for separating students who can and should have opportunities to learn together."

He attempted to ax the exclusive admissions exam for the city's top high schools, which the left hates for having the "wrong" demographics. The school's chancellor at the time, Richard Carranza, slammed "the narrative that any one ethnic group owns admission to these schools," i.e., in his perverted view, Asian American kids were unfairly achieving beyond their numbers.

Outraged parents defeated the plan. De Blasio then eliminated some admissions requirements at the city's selective middle and high schools. Now, he's re-engineering the city's approach to gifted students more broadly.

De Blasio wants to end an exam to identify gifted kids among rising kindergartners. Instead, he would spend tens of millions of dollars to train all the city's kindergarten teachers to fulfill the needs of gifted students in their classrooms. A new

And the corporate profits are a primary source of higher wages and salaries, bonuses, and the investment capital companies need to grow and create new jobs.

It is an article of faith among Republicans that lower taxes, personal and corporate, generate greater economic activity and prosperity. And that tax hikes are the ways and means by which rapacious governments consume the seed corn of an economy.

A second provision to which the 136 nations agreed is to have the profits of the world's largest corporations reallocated to the countries where their goods are sold and services are provided, not to the countries where they are located.

"Under the agreement," The New York Times writes, "technology giants like Amazon, Facebook and other big global businesses will be required to pay taxes in countries where their goods or services are sold, even if they have no physical presence there."

Adds the Times: "The separate tax aimed at the technology giants will reallocate more than \$125 billion of profits from the home countries of the 100 most profitable firms in the world to the markets where they operate."

Why would an America First party inside the USA, home country to more tech giants than any other, sign on to a plan that would transfer tax revenue away from the U.S. Treasury into the exchequers of foreign lands?

The GOP should use this moment to re-declare our independence when it comes to our internal taxation on individuals and institutions in the United States, and reassert that we will decide the proper rates here, and not subject to the veto of any other nation. The U.S. is not the EU.

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admissions process would use classwork and the evaluation of teachers to find students among rising third graders who need accelerated instruction and give it to students a period or two a day.

New York City's kindergarten test is open to legitimate criticism. By all means, school districts should take steps to ensure they are identifying gifted students from all sorts of backgrounds.

But ending dedicated classes for the gifted and insisting on classrooms with students of widely varying degrees of preparedness and ability isn't doing teachers, or anyone else, any favors.

The equality that matters is equality of opportunity toward the end of maximizing everyone's achievement, whether that means accelerating one student's instruction such that he or she is ready to go to college at age 16 or going at the pace appropriate to a kid who will have trouble earning a high school diploma.

All these kids are of equal worth and dignity. That doesn't mean, though, that they should be in the same classroom taught the same materials on the same timetable.

Anyone who knows anything about how the world works realizes that all of us have different aptitudes. That some kids are going to learn faster than others isn't a scandal, it's a function of a phenomenon that progressives are supposed to value — diversity.

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BIBLE SELECTION

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

— Psalm 62:1 (ESV)

Country Music Trail Marker being installed

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The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians will formally unveil a new Choctaw Indian Fair Country Music Trail Marker on Oct. 20.

Misty Brescia, director of the office of public information for the Tribe, said the marker is part of the Country Music Trail and both the Neshoba County Fair and the Choctaw Indian Fair were given markers this year.

According to the Mississippi Country Music Trail website, the Choctaw Indian Fair was a major destination starting in 1967 for country music in Mississippi, when Bob Ferguson, a Nashville-based country producer and songwriter, began booking artists he worked with, one of those artists being Connie Smith, wife of country music legend Marty Stuart.

Ferguson had a long relationship with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and eventually moved to Neshoba County.

The unveiling and placing of the trail marker will be from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 101 Industrial Road.



Members of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians received their first look at a new Country Music Trail Marker being placed on the Choctaw Indian Reservation earlier this year during the Choctaw Indian Fair. The marker will be formally unveiled in a ceremony on Oct. 20 at 101 Industrial Road.

OBITUARIES

Allie Jean Bozeman

Funeral service for Mrs. Allie Jean Bozeman was held 10 AM Saturday, October 9, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. David Richardson and Rev. John E. Stephens officiating. Interment was in Spring Creek Cemetery. Visitation was held 5-8 PM Friday, October 8, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel.

Mrs. Bozeman, 75, passed away Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at Specialty Hospital in Meridian MS. She was a member of Deemer Church of Jesus Name. Her hobbies were puzzles and fishing. She loved her family, especially her grands.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, Billy Ray Jenkins; parents Earl Virgil Smith and Allie Swindle Smith; sisters, Delma Slawson, Eva Johnson; brothers Richard, Jimmy Don, and Paul Smith.

Survivors include her husband, Dolen Bozeman; daughters, Jeana Williams, Billie Jo "BJ" Griffin (Glen), Tina Bozeman (Honey), Sandy Walker (Douglas), Penny Todd (Terry); son, Timmy Bozeman (Michelle); sisters, Christine Yates, Gladys Drury, Josephine Quinn, Sammie Hemphill, Carolyn Ann Jenkins, Rosemary Brady; brothers, Garland Smith, Bobby Joe Smith, Rex Allen Smith; (20) grandchildren; (12) great-grandchildren. Pallbearers: Drew Todd, James Todd, Zachary Todd, Harper Todd, Tyler Walker, Joey Griffin, Caleb McKee, Jay Jay Jenkins, Tyler Gillespie. Honorary Pallbearer: Kurt Walker

Helen Nowell

Funeral service for Ms. Helen Nowell was held at 11 AM Monday, October 11, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. John E. Stephens officiating. Interment in Fellowship Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

Ms. Nowell, 91, passed away Thursday, October 7, 2021 at her residence. She lived in Neshoba County all of her life. She was a homemaker and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church.

Preceded in death: Parents, Obe Francis Smith and Laura Ann McCrory Smith; (3) Sisters; (4) Brothers; Husband, Charles Nowell; Sons, Wayne and Danny Nowell; Granddaughters, Judy Jenkins and Angel Nowell; Great-Granddaughters, Shantel Jenkins and Shea Shea Jenkins; Great-Grandson, Jonathan Henley; Great-Great-Grandson, Zach Ivy.

Survivors: Daughters, Jeanette Jenkins (Albert), Mary Ann Parker and Kathy Sharp all of Philadelphia; (13) Grandchildren; (22) Great-Grandchildren; (5) Great-Great-Grandchildren; Host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers: David Sharp, Josh Henley, Jarius Carter, Deagan Jenkins, Logan Jenkins and Kooper Battle.

Larry Michael Griffin

Funeral service for Mr. Larry Michael Griffin was held at 2 PM Monday, October 11, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Toby Stovall officiating. Interment was in Black Jack Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Griffin, 68, passed away Thursday, October 7, 2021 at his residence in Union, MS. He lived in Neshoba County all of his life. He worked offshore for many years. He was in the National Guard, a mason and member of New Black Jack Baptist Church. Watching Braves baseball was his favorite hobby.

Mr. Griffin was preceded in death by his parents, Herman Lee Griffin and Myrna Barham Griffin.

Survivors: Daughter, Marley Gentry (Jason) of Philadelphia; Son, Justin Griffin (Christie) of Tupelo; Brother, James Wallace Griffin of Louisville; (10) Grandchildren; (2) Nephews.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Geraldine Mowdy

Services for Geraldine Mowdy were held Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. from Bethsaida Baptist Church with Dr. Billy James officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Mowdy, 86, died Saturday, October 9, 2021.

Mrs. Mowdy was a native of Hazelhurst, MS and a resident of Neshoba County for the past 30 years. She was a home maker for most of her life. Mrs. Mowdy enjoyed crocheting and loved spending time with her family the most. She was Baptist by faith.

Survivors include her daughter, Brenda Carol Northam (Joe); sons, Paul Wilbur Mowdy (Angela), Richard Earl Mowdy and Robert Dewayne Mowdy; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Wilkerson (Bob); numerous nieces, nephews, and their families.

Mrs. Mowdy was preceded in death by her husband Paul Junior Mowdy, parents, Hobson and Dora Mae Bishop; siblings, Mary Jane Ewing and Hobson Carey "Bud" Bishop, Jr.

Stephanie Genthon Kilpatrick

Stephanie Genthon Kilpatrick's heart was filled with love. She loved her family, her country, her nursing patients, and

her friends. Anyone who needed a hand or a place to stay could go to her; often she came to them first. We will gather at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Brookhaven on Saturday, October 30 at 10:30 am to celebrate the strong yet tender-hearted woman we all knew and loved. A reception will follow. We will gather again at 4:00 at the McClain-Hays Funeral Home in Philadelphia for visitation and a procession to Phillips Cemetery.

Please share pictures and remembrances here to commemorate her life.

Michael Sims

Funeral services for Mr. Michael Sims were held on Sunday, October 10, 2021, at 2 P.M. from the Neshoba County Coliseum with Brother Harris officiating. Burial was at Donald Rest Cemetery. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Sims, 65, of Philadelphia, passed away on Monday, October 4, 2021 at his residence.

He is survived by his wife, Dorine Sims of Philadelphia, MS, three sons, Michael Sims, Jr. of Virginia, Shadrick McAfee and Antwan McAfee both of Atlanta, GA, three adopted children, Johnathan McGee, Johndrees McGee and Oscar McGee, and ten grandchildren.

The Brothers of Saint Albany Masonic Lodge served as pallbearers.

Betty S. Cole

Funeral services for Ms. Betty Sue Cole will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 2 P.M. from Mt. Nebo M.B. Church with Rev. Arthur Taylor officiating. Burial will be at Donald Rest Cemetery. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Cole, 65, of Philadelphia, passed away on Friday, October 8, 2021 at Rush Hospital in Meridian.

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She is survived by four children, Denitra T. Cole-Hicks of Meridian, MS, Benny L. Cole, Cindy L. Cole, and Keith D. Cole all of Philadelphia, MS, eight grandchildren, Shekira Cole, Cortez Cole, Kedrianna Cole, Bailee Fairley, Roniya Cole, Kennedy Hicks, Kassidy Holder and Kaiden Carr, two great grandchildren, seven sisters and two stepbrothers.

Pallbearers are John Wallace Taylor, Kenyota Hicks, Cortez Cole, James Nixon Anthony Nixon and Lee A. Coleman.

Frank Hoskins

Funeral services for Mr. Frank Roosevelt Hoskins were held on Sunday, October 10, 2021, at 3 P.M. from Jerusalem Temple Church, with Bishop Stanley Jones officiating. Burial was at Mt. Ary M.B. Church Cemetery. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Hoskins, 88, of Philadelphia, passed away on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at his residence.

He is survived by five daughters, Bernita Tucker, Georgia Hoskins, Jennifer Hoskins, and Lisa Marshall all of Philadelphia, MS, and Kissy Hoskins of Savannah, GA, four siblings, Eugene Hoskins, Johnnie Hoskins, Dorothy Shaw and William Leach, eight grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Wayne Hoskins, Christopher Hoskins, Derrick Hoskins, Marchello Hoskins, Darrell Hoskins and Carl Peyton.

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Funeral service for Mr. Wilson Billy Jr. will be 2 PM Thurs-

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day, October 7, 2021, at Pearl River Facility Building with Rev. Robert Patrick and Deacon Williamson Isaac officiating. Interment will be in Pearl River Community Cemetery. Visitation will be 12 noon Tuesday, October 05, 2021, at Pearl River Facility Building. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge.

Mr. Billy, 60, passed away Thursday September 23, 2021, at Merit Health River Oaks in Flowood, MS. He was Catholic by Faith. His hobbies were carpentry, fishing, cooking, gardening, listening to country music.

He is preceded in death by his wife Judy Hickman; parents, William Michael Billy Sr. and Maggie Frazier Billy; sister, Glenda Billy; Jimmy Billy, Leroy Billy.

Survivors include daughters, Shanice Hickman, Karene Jefferson; son, Dakota Billy; sister, Patsy Martin, Manzie Billy.

Pallbearers: Alejandro Martin, Scotty Billy, Felton Willis, Aaron Johnson, Sam Comby, Frank Tubby Jr., Richard John, Raymond Frazier.

Henry Russell Hickman, Sr.

Funeral service for Mr. Henry Russell Hickman, Sr. will be held at 2 PM Sunday, October 10, 2021 at Pearl River Facility Building with Rev. Thomas Ben and Deacon Curtis Willis, Sr. officiating. Interment will be in

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the Bogue Chitto Community Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 11 AM Friday, October 8, 2021 at Pearl River Facility Building. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Hickman, 70, passed away Monday, October 4, 2021 at his home. He was a US Army Veteran and enjoyed spending time with kids, grandkids and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wallace Hickman and Lonie Frazier; daughter, J'onique Hickman Thomas; son, Henry Russell Hickman, Jr.; sisters, Pearl Hickman Willis, Betty Hickman Willis, Bessie Hickman Billie; brothers, Robinson Hickman, Ellis Hickman, Archie Hickman.

Survivors include his daughters, DecEmma Hickman, Shiela Isaac; son, DiJon Hickman; 10 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

Pallbearers are Tyler Willis, Richard John, Dorman Sam, Aljandro Martin, Harris Johnson, III, Kevin Willis, Raymond Wilson, Jr., Eric Hickman, Jr.

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Renovation planned for Justice Court building

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The Neshoba County Justice Court building on Byrd Avenue across from the Neshoba Coun-

ty Courthouse will be undergoing an exterior renovation in the coming months.

"We are going to redo the exterior of the Justice Court building including the awning

because it is in bad shape," said County Administrator Jeff Mayo. "All of the plaster will be fixed and painted with a new awning being installed. There will be a new door on the side

which is in bad shape." Justice Court has been using the building since approximately 2003, Mayo said. The two justice court judges along with one clerk and two deputy clerks

work in the building. There is no inside work schedule. The roof of the building was replaced two years ago. Bids are expected to be in for review around the middle of

November. When completed, the improved appearance will fit in with the Congress of Country Music project, which is across the street, officials said.

Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

Paul heals a crippled man

After being driven out of Iconium, Paul and Barnabas arrived at Lystra where they continued to preach the gospel (Acts 14:5-6). After Paul had spoken to the people, he looked upon a crippled man and commanded him to stand up. The man immediately rose up and began to walk.

The crowd responded to the miracle by concluding that Paul and Barnabas were Hermes and Zeus, gods who had come down in the likeness of men (verse 11). Historians tell us that the Roman poet Ovid had written of Zeus and Hermes assuming human form and visiting a region close to Lystra. Those who showed hospitality to them were rewarded, those who didn't were judged.

The people of Lystra make preparations to sacrifice to the apostles, thus worshipping them. When the apostles understand what is going on, they are aghast. They tear their clothes in dismay, and then declare that there is only one God who made all things, and who provides all that men have. Despite this instruction, they can scarcely restrain the people from worshipping them (verse 18).

Men were created by God in the image of God to be stewards of God's creation. Man is completely dependent upon God for life, joy, peace; all that is good. But because of sin, men seek meaning and fulfillment apart from God, and so have an inherent propensity toward idolatry.

Whereas men were made to look up to God and glorify him, in idolatry men pull God down and conform him to their own ideas. Idolatry is committed when men either set up false gods in place of the true God, or when men worship the true God in a false manner. There are innumerable ways this is done, but they have in common a refusal to serve the living God.

The root of all sin is the deficiency of obedience to some command of the first table of the law. The law begins with "You shall have no other gods before me." Men have many gross sins to repent of, yet the breeding ground for all of them is found in the violation of the first commandment.

The story of the Bible shows how prone men are to worship God according to their own will and not the will of God. Israel, rescued from the hands of Pharaoh in such a way that God's power was made

plain to them, nevertheless quickly made a golden calf rather than submit to God's leading.

The pagans in Lystra formed gods such as Hermes and Zeus to approve of their sinful desires. But sinful desires don't satisfy, they cause misery. Christ came and emptied himself that he might empty us of such sin and misery. He became poor that we might be rich, and abundantly so; even the unsearchable riches of God.

Paul tells the crowds that God has sent this good news to them to turn them from vain things to the living God who made the heavens and earth. Idols are vain in that they are futile; there is no help to be found in them. And they are vain in man's attempts to dictate to God how he should be.

Idolatry makes men think God is like they are. A man that is not a gracious man, in the pride of his sinful way, thinks God is like him. Some make God to be all of mercy and no justice; others who like to oppress people make God to be oppressive. Men think that since nothing happens to them that God must approve of their ways and the way they think of him. But these things displease the Lord.

Men may not be offended by being cast into the image of an ape so that they may act beastly, but God is jealous of his glory. The devil offered to Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and their glory if he would fall down and worship him. Jesus responded, "Be gone Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

There is no communion between God and idols. Christ came to save us from idolatry and restore us to peace and joy in the knowledge of God. Joshua warned the Israelites that they could not serve God and idols, and the Lord told us we cannot serve God and money.

Idolatry is a great evil, and Christians are to keep themselves from it. If one doesn't know the Lord, he must turn from idols to come to him. Christ died for idolaters. There were some in Lystra who are in heaven today rejoicing that the Lord saved them from their vain way of life to the living God.

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

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Conviction upheld in shooting of 4 teenagers

By SCOTT HAWKINS
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A man who sought to have a 60-year prison sentence reduced by arguing he only intended to harm one of the occupants when he shot into a car with four teenagers inside in 2019 has been denied an appeal by state Court of Appeals.

The aggravated assault conviction of Jeremy Jerome Brown in the May 2019 incident was upheld in the ruling on Sept. 28.

The court affirmed Brown's March 20, 2020, conviction in Neshoba County Circuit Court on four counts of aggravated assault.

"On appeal, he (Brown) argues that three of the convictions must be reversed because he only intended to shoot one of the car's occupants and did not injure or intend to injure the other three occupants of the car," the ruling states.

"Because the jury could have concluded beyond a reasonable doubt from the evidence that Brown intended to cause bodily injury with a deadly weapon to all the car's occupants, we find no merit to Brown's argument and affirm Brown's convictions and sentences."

According to the court record, at approximately 11:30 p.m. on May 31, 2019, three teenagers, Michelle Crouther, her younger sister Countess Crouther and a friend Dwayln

Culberson, went to a house party on Gum Street in Philadelphia.

"A little after midnight, Michelle and Dwayln decided to leave the party," the ruling states. "Countess was waiting on them in Michelle's vehicle. As Michelle and Dwayln started to leave, they saw a friend dancing on a truck. Michelle tried to get her to come on."

Brown, approximately 28 years old at the time, approached Michelle and told her she and her friend should leave the party because they were intoxicated.

"A verbal altercation ensued between Michelle and Brown," the ruling states.

"Dwayln testified that Michelle said 'something that [Brown] didn't like,' and she 'swung on him' but did not hit him. Brown kicked her, and she stumbled backward. Dwayln testified he was holding on to her and telling her 'let's go.'"

Michelle's friend, Kinte Hickman, ran over to help her and swung at Brown, hitting him possibly twice, the court record states. Brown's sister joined in and Brown jumped on Hickman, who broke free and ran down the street on foot.

"Kinte testified that after fleeing he caught a ride to go tell Michelle's mother what happened, although neither Michelle nor Dwayln knew where Kinte had gone," the

court document states. "At some point during the altercation, someone fired a 'warning shot' into the air to break up the fight."

Michelle and Culberson got into the vehicle, and Culberson later testified that as he and Michelle Crouther got into the vehicle, he saw Brown "fighting somebody over a gun. . . . [H]e was trying to get a gun out of somebody's . . . hand."

Brown succeeded in getting the gun.

The teenagers left with Dwayln driving Michelle's vehicle toward Michelle's house with Countess sitting in the front passenger seat, and Michelle sitting in the backseat on the passenger side.

"Around ten minutes after leaving the party, they arrived approximately a half-mile away in front of Michelle's grandmother's house on Border Street," the court document states. "Dwayln stopped the vehicle in the street, and Kinte came out of the house. Kinte got into the backseat of the vehicle on the driver's side. Michelle was seated in the backseat next to him."

Just after Kinte walked to her car from her grandmother's house and sat down in the backseat a black Chrysler "pulled directly right beside [them], and the back door opened, and . . . three shots went off . . ."

Kinte had not yet closed the car door, and the back passen-

ger door of the Chrysler was almost touching the open back driver's side door of Michelle's vehicle.

"Michelle, Dwayln and Countess all testified that before the shots were fired, they heard Brown's voice inside the Chrysler say, 'Where's Kinte?'" the court record states. "And once Brown identified Kinte in the vehicle, he started shooting. Although Michelle testified she heard three shots, Kinte testified that Brown shot four or five times. A bullet grazed Kinte's left shoulder."

Brown never exited the vehicle, and the vehicle left.

Brown was indicted on separate counts of aggravated assault, one each against Michelle, Countess, Dwayln and Kinte.

On March 11, 2020, he was tried by a Neshoba County Circuit Court jury and found guilty for separate counts of aggravated assault, one each against Michelle, Countess, Dwayln and Kinte.

"On March 20, 2020, the circuit court sentenced him to serve 15 years for each count in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections with the sentences set to run consecutively to one another and to any sentence currently being served," the ruling states.

Brown filed a motion for a new trial and that motion was denied and later filed an appeal seeking to reduce the convictions to one count.

COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 10/4-10/11

- Tennis Lee Baca, 35, of 173 Big Spring Creek Rd; possession of paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance, possession of marijuana-vehicle

- Frankie Lee Barnes, 59, of 14302 Rd 709; hold for investigations

- Joseph Beard, 26, of 245 Cora St; hold for investigations, driving under the influence/refusal to take test, possession of marijuana-vehicle

- A. Momit Abi Bell, 38, of 421 Bogue Chitto; possession of controlled substance, possession of marijuana-vehicle

- Dameon Wayne Chickaway, 25, of 312 Bogue Chitto Cir; bad check-1st or 2nd offense less than \$100.00 X3
- Isiah Clemons, 22, of 88 Valley View Dr; disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, possession of marijuana-1st offense

- Tyrone Collier, 49, of 10241 Rd 402; no charges listed

- Klenton Wade Crocker, 38, of 510 Cumberland Ave Apt B6; serving sentence

- Nytasia Meyon Crockett, 21, of 821 Reunion Court F54; hold for investigations

- Nytasia Meyon Crockett, 21, of 821 Reunion Court F54; hold for other agency

- Annette Dorman, 59, of 509 Valley View; petit larceny-less than \$1000.00

- Justin Doorman, 31, of 509 Valley View Dr; grand larceny-more than \$1000.00

- Jackie K Dove, 59, of 10351 Rd 573; theft of utilities
- Kevin Eakes, 46, of 10091 Rd 571; hold for investigations, possession of controlled substance

- Jose Harnades, 43, of 1150 Hwy 482; driving under the influence-1st offense

- Justin Harrell, 25, of 376 Rigdon Rd, Union; hold for other agency

- Anselm Keith Henry, 37, of 138 Bogue Chitto Dr; failure to yield to blue light/siren, disorderly conduct, reckless driving

- Tabathe Hickman, 40, of 312 Bogue Chitto Cir; driving under the influence-1st offense

- Melissa Irwin, 38, of 10770 Rd 763; possession of paraphernalia

- Marquize D Jones, 28, of 2893 Robert Butler Rd; driving under the influence-3rd offense-felony, careless driving, no drivers license, no insurance

- Emily Payton Knight, 26, of 10231 Rd 127, Union; no insurance, expired drivers license, careless driving, seat belt violation, possession of firearm on school property X2

- Daysianaea Kubasachi Lewis, 24, of 265 Goat Ranch Rd; disorderly conduct

- Sequoyah Lewis, 26, of 10169 County Rd 773; possession of paraphernalia

- Vincent Moore, 25, of 614 Windstar Ave; possession of marijuana-vehicle

- Nicolas Nene Jr, 41, of 546 Bogue Chitto Cr; failure to appear, possession of controlled substance X2, possession of paraphernalia

- U'Marcus M Parker, 35, of 93 Gibson Rd, Union; driving under the influence-1st offense, suspended drivers license-DUI

- Alberto Smith Jr, 18, of 1370 Jessie White Rd; possession of firearm on school property

- Michael Andrew Strickland, 24, of 309 Gordon St, Union; failure to appear

- Shirley Thorntor, 19, of 851 Sistrunk Lane, Carthage; possession of controlled substance

- Demestric A Tisdale, 40, of 765 Estes Mills Rd, Walnut Grove; disorderly conduct, resisting arrest

- Justus Vance, 28, of 13692 Rd 602 River Rd, Carthage; hold for other agency

- Samuel Wallace, 38, of 102 Duplex Cir; possession of paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance

- Douglas Sagon Wansley, 37, of 112 James St, Union; hold for investigations, possession of controlled substance X2

- Chanon W Wilson, 24, of 931 Black Jack Rd; serving sentence

- Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 10/3-10/10

- Carlos Allen, 20, of 735 Real Wooded Rd, Carthage; controlled substance-possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle

- Donteia T Bass, 30, of

- 10031 Rd 549; malicious mischief-misdemeanor-value under \$1000

- Robert J Brewster, 41, of 113 CR 141 Lot #4, Quitman; hold-detainer for other agency

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

- Nytasia M Crockett, 21, of 821 A Chestnut St; contempt of court-municipal court

- Darius Cummings, 31, of 603 Hillis St, Meridian; DUI-1st offense

- Jason L Goodin, 33, of 10120 Rd 2638; possession of controlled substance, disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers, resisting arrest, aggravated assault-on policeman in line of duty

- Brittany Hills, 20, of 824 Chestnut St; disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers, resisting arrest, accident-giving false information

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

- Amanda R Jones, 38, of 13930 Hwy 490, Louisville; possession of controlled substance

- Terrance Kessinger, 32, of 463 East Myrtle St Apt #4; possession of controlled substance, controlled substance-possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle

- Jerry W Mingo, 45, of 158 Mcfarland Rd, Heidelberg; DUI-1st offense, MV-failure to yield to blue lights/or stop, MV-no insurance, MV-improper equipment

- Jaethan Moore, 23, of

- 15591 Hwy 15 N; attempt to commit a crime-felony

- Jardeuis Peebles, 42, of 274 Lewis Ave; simple assault-causing bodily injury

- Kendrick Steve, 31, of 1863 Will Brown Rd; contempt of court-municipal court

- Charles J Turner, 30, of 404 Jenkins Qt Cutoff, Shuqualak; domestic violence-simple assault-1st or 2nd offense

- Brantly X Wilson, 33, of 426 Black Jack Rd; DUI-2nd offense

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Philadelphia aldermen enact pay raises for city employees

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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All current city employees received a \$1.25 per hour pay increase effective Oct. 5 after the Mayor and Board of Aldermen during last Tuesday's meeting approved the raises that were included in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget.

Aldermen also discussed when the raises would go into effect for new hires and probationary employees who are now on the payroll.

First, aldermen established

that anyone coming to work for the city would be a probationary employee for 90 days. After 90 days, they would receive the \$1.25 increase.

Ward 1 Alderman Justin Clearman said current employees, regardless of their length of service, should receive the raises as of Oct. 5, the day of the meeting.

"We just came up with this," Clearman said. "As of Oct. 5, I would say any new hire would have to wait 90 days before they get the \$1.25 raise. Anyone hired before today will go

ahead and get their \$1.25 raise."

The board voted to approve the motion.

In other matters, aldermen voted to:

- Approve the claims docket on a 4-1 vote with alderman Justin Clearman voting no.

- Approve a proclamation setting Saturday, Oct. 30, as the night for Trick or Treating in the city.

- Approve hiring Josh Ladd to work in the Streets Department at \$12 per hour.

- Approve a request to close parking on Byrd Avenue from the Ellis Theater to Main Street to make room for construction work on the theater.

- Approve a request to close parking in front of the old Super 10 building next to the Justice Court building for roof work. It will only be closed during working hours.

- Approve promoting Patrick Gray to foreman of the Street Department at the salary of \$20 per hour. He replaces the retiring Rex Savell. Nick Crockett was named the assistant foreman.

- Approve for an employee to attend a rubbish site operator course in Jackson to prepare him to test for certification. This covers travel and hotel. There is no cost for the course.

- Approve the hiring of Tyler McKee as a probationary fireman at \$11 per hour.

Ward 2 Alderman Jim Fulton told Police Chief Eric Lyons he noticed three Philadelphia policemen with patrol cars at the Neshoba Central football game on Oct. 1. Chief Lyons said he was aware they were there. He said they were working as security guards for the Neshoba County School District. He also explained those officers were on duty for the city the next day. They are allowed to take police cars home the night before a shift.

The mayor gave an update on the progress of improvements on Parkside Drive. The Street Department has put more gravel and slag on the road. It was recommended not to put a motor grader on it at this time.

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'Pam Bam' loves to travel and cook

By COLEMAN EAKES
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Pamela Hunter is the owner and operator of Pam Bam's Famous Soul Food, a food truck that is well-known and loved throughout Philadelphia.

Hunter started in the food truck business at the age of 51 after her husband, Tommy Hunter, died in 2019.

She said they had always planned to one day have a food truck and after he died she decided it was time to finally take that step and she started working her dream job of owning her own business.

Hunter not only cooks for many people in Philadelphia but she will often be called to cook in other cities, including Brandon and Jackson.

Hunter said she also will cook for events at colleges and churches whenever she is asked.

Not only has Hunter cooked for most of her life but she also does missionary work, including having traveled to Honduras to help people in need by giving them resources.

Cooking has always been a passion of Hunter's and she credits that to her grandmother and her great aunt for helping nurture her love for cooking.

"My great aunt called me 'Pam Bam,'" she said.

Hunter said her great aunt told her that if she was to ever open a restaurant she would have to call it "Pam Bam" and her food truck Pam Bam Famous Soul Food is in remembrance of her great aunt and her late husband.

Hunter said she loves her job and she loves meeting new people everywhere she goes and interacting and learning about them.

"Never give up on your dreams no matter how old you are because what God has for you will always be for you and no one else," said Hunter, the mother to three children and a grandmother to 13 grandchildren.



Pamela Hunter

COOK OF THE WEEK

SALMON

- 1 large cedar plank
- 4 (6oz) skinless salmon filets
- 1 cup finely diced mango
- ½ cup finely-diced kiwi
- 2 tsp chopped cilantro
- 1 tsp fresh lime juice
- 1 serrano chile, finely chopped
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp black pepper
- Soak the plank in water for 30 minutes
- Preheat grill

Add all ingredients together and set aside. Sprinkle salmon with ¼ tsp salt, ¼ tsp pepper. Place the plank on the grill rack for 3 minutes. Turn plank over, place fish on the charred side. Cover, grill 8 minutes or until the desired degree of doneness. Plate up, serve with your mango salsa on top of the fillet.

MEATLOAF

- 2 lbs ground beef
- 1 diced onion
- 1 diced bell pepper
- 1 tsp garlic
- 1 tsp Italian seasoning
- ½ tsp thyme
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp black pepper

Saute onions and bell pepper in a saucepan. Add garlic,

thyme, Italian seasoning. Let stand for 5 minutes. Then mix all this in with your ground beef. Cover with foil. Place a loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour and 15 minutes

- Meatloaf Sauce:
- 16 oz of ketchup
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- 1 tsp garlic
- 1 tsp Italian seasoning
- ½ tsp black pepper

HASHBROWN CASSEROLE

- 1 (2-lb) hashbrowns
- 1/3 chopped onions
- ½ stick margarine (melted)
- 10 oz shredded cheese
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 cans - cream of chicken
- Salt
- Pepper
- ½ stick butter on top

Preheat an oven to 375°F. Grease a 9 x 13 casserole dish. Combine ingredients in a large bowl and mix well. Pour into the casserole dish and bake for 30 to 45 minutes or until the top is browned. Let it cool for several minutes before eating.

Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS
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Congratulations to Bishop Clifton and May Jones who celebrated 55 years of marriage on September 1! Their children and grandchildren were so happy to help them remember this very special day.

This year Sam and June Nowell's annual "Fall Foliage Trip" took them to the mountains of New Hampshire and the quaint little town of Lincoln, which served as their base of exploration for the area.

Lincoln is nestled in the White Mountains which are gorgeous this time of year. Covered bridges were one of the interesting sights which are very special to this part of the United States. The original purpose of covering the bridges was to protect the wooden trusses from the weather so they would not rot. The long winters were, and are, filled with frequent heavy snowfalls. Covering them helped solve the problem. As time passed, the bridges evolved into historical treasures. Sam and June saw several which were so interesting. Their favorite was an older one which looked the part of its special history.

There were waterfalls tumbling down the mountainsides around Lincoln which added much enjoyment to the Nowell's sight-seeing excursions. There were colorful displays of pumpkins and apples for sale outdoors in the sunshine. The trees were wearing their fall clothing of bright red, yellow, and gold. The weather

was perfect!

Dining in locally owned restaurants was another treat which they really appreciated. They were amused to note a chardonnay from the "Chloe" winery on the menu where they ate their last dinner. They have a precious white lab pup named Chloe who had to remain in Mississippi with a sitter! Of course, they had to sample it.

Time passed quickly, as it always does when one is having fun, and Sam and June had to leave the towering mountains and return to Mississippi with many new memories to share with their family, friends, and Chloe.

Philadelphia's Class of 1981 held its 40th Class Reunion on October 2 at Dancing Rabbit Inn. There were 38 members of the class who attended.

The event was organized and planned by Tim Willis and Terri Cox McCarver. Sadly, Tim Willis passed away three weeks before the event. He was so excited about it and, according to Terri, had done most of the work. The finishing touches were done by Terri, Suzette Richardson Chunn, Mary Ann Williams Coghlan, and Lucy Ruffin Morgan. The Dancing Rabbit staff also did a wonderful job, and were so helpful.

The dining tables were covered in red tablecloths with black upholstered chairs around them. Each table had a centerpiece of three star shaped balloons in the Philly colors of red, black and white floating above. It looked so festive. The dinner was delicious, too.

A memorial table covered in a red cloth held a tray of candles and the names of those classmates and teachers who were no longer among the living. A DJ played music after dinner for those who wished to dance or just listen. Most of the evening was spent reminiscing and catching up on each other's lives. It was so much fun!

Our community seems to pull together when someone needs help and work together to provide whatever is needed. It is an awesome characteristic which many have experienced and appreciated through the years.

In keeping with this characteristic, a special blood drive for Mary Mosley Pickering was held on September 30 at Neshoba Central Hospital. The response was so great that 127 individuals donated blood. Mary Mo, as she is affectionately called, is undergoing treatment for leukemia. Since leukemia patients frequently need blood transfusions or platelets, this incredible donation of units was invaluable to her treatment. Her parents, Blake and Jessica Long Pickering, were overwhelmed by such generosity and appreciate each and every person who donated.

See FRIENDS, page 2B

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September 2021 Rotary Students of the Month

The Rotary Club of Philadelphia was honored to present three of our high school students as the September 2021 Student of the Month. Left to right: Kameron Tucker, Philadelphia High School; Jala Johnson, Neshoba Central High School; Makayla Hickman, Choctaw Central High School and Tammye Jones, Student Coordinator for the Philadelphia Rotary Club.



Philadelphia High Homecoming Court announced

Philadelphia High School will be celebrating homecoming Friday night during the Tornadoes' game with Lake High School. Members of the homecoming court are, from left, Abby Peebles, freshman maid; Pashae Roberson, sophomore maid; Grace Easley, junior maid; T'Kenzley Moore, senior maid; Hailey Donald, senior maid; Layla Carter, senior maid; Journee Willis, junior maid; Nayla Arnold, sophomore maid; and Kensleigh Shields freshman maid. This year's attendants are first graders Jordan Wash and Christian Spurlock.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF NESHOBA COUNTY

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- Power Hour (Tutoring)
- Mentoring Program
- Healthy Habits/Choosing the Best
- Passport to Manhood/Smart Girls
- Money Matters/Field Trips/Activities
- After-School Program (City & County Schools): 150+ children attend each day
- All-Day Summer Enrichment Program: 200+ children attend each day

Your donation is so appreciated and should be made payable to:

"Boys & Girls Club of Neshoba County"
P.O. Box 313
Philadelphia, MS 39350

For more info on how you can invest in our children, call 601-656-4343.
For program info/enroll a child, call Jermaine Harris, County Unit Director, 601-880-6322.



According to the latest figures, it now costs over \$500,000 to raise a child from birth. And the second year is even worse.

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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.

test. Entry forms can be 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

your order. You may drop off your payment and order form in a drop box outside of the front door.
If you have any questions, call 601-656-8783 Ext3.

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

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.

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 con-

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

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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CHAPTER 13 BANKRUPTCY
Court Fees Up Front

Jim Arnold, Attorney
601-656-6914

Friends
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Each month the Philadelphia Public School District selects a teacher as the subject of its Teacher Feature which is posted on social media along with a picture and some Fun Facts. September's teacher was Penelope Saxton who teaches at Philadelphia Elementary School.

She was recognized for a job well done. Not only is she a good teacher, she also is an amazing baker who makes very creative cookies in special shapes and decorates them! Cake baking and decorating is another one of her talents.
Mattie Hudson of State Farm of Philadelphia donated a gift card to McAllisters which was presented to the featured teacher. Congratulations!

A very welcome visitor arrived in Philadelphia from Dickson, Tennessee, recently to spend time with her Philly family. Delores Edmisson's daughters, Deena Dansby and Mickie Williams were beyond happy to have their mother with them again.
Her Philadelphia grandchildren and great grandchildren love to have their grandmother visit with them and always treasure the time they have together. Steve Dansby and Sid Williams were also glad to have this very special lady making new memories with their families.

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CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA ANN WILLIS, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2021-369

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 4th day of October, 2021, by the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned upon the Estate of Virginia Ann Willis, 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 4th day of October, 2021.

/s/ Lucinda Willis
Lucinda Willis,
Administrator of the Estate of Virginia Ann Willis 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

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIE G. STENNIS, DECEASED CAUSE NO.: 2021-155

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, on the Estate of Willie G. Stennis, Deceased, on the 7th day of October, 2021, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said Estate to have their claims probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, and that failure to probate and register their claims with the Clerk within that time will forever bar the claim.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the 7th day of October, 2021.

/s/Willie B. Stennis Henderson
WILLIE B. STENNIS HENDERSON

Prepared by:
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"County") took up for consideration the matter of authorizing and approving a loan on behalf of the County from the Mississippi Development Authority (the "Department") for the purpose of completing capital improvements identified as:

Building Improvements for Neshoba County General Hospital-Nursing Home

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Governing Body of the County does hereby declare its intention to enter into a loan agreement with the Department in the principal amount not to exceed one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000) for the purpose of completing the capital improvements identified above.

Section 2. The Loan will be secured by a Note executed and delivered by the County to the Department. Failure of the County to meet its repayment obligations shall result in the forfeiture of sales tax allocation or homestead exemption reimbursement in an amount sufficient to repay obligations due until such time as the indebtedness has been discharged or arrangements to discharge such indebtedness satisfactory to the Department have been made.

Section 3. The Governing Body proposes to authorize and approve the Loan from the Department in the amount and for the aforesaid purposes at a meeting of the Governing Body to be held at its regular meeting place at the Board of Supervisors meeting room in Philadelphia, Mississippi at 2:00 o'clock p.m. on the 15th day of November, 2021, or at some meeting held subsequent thereto. This date assigned to authorize and approve the aforementioned loan documents has been set to meet program requirements which mandate that four public notices be issued prior to loan closing. This will allow sufficient time for public comments.

The motion having received the foregoing vote of the Governing Body, the *President of the Board* declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted, on this the 4th day of October, 2021.

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

(SEAL)

/s/GUY NOWELL
CLERK

Published on October 13, 2021, October 20, 2021, and November 3, 2021 in the Neshoba Democrat (newspaper)

SECTION 00100 Advertisement For bids NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors Board Room, 401 E. Beacon Street, Suite 201, Philadelphia, Mississippi, until 11:00 a.m. on November 15th, for:

Neshoba County Courthouse Annex Exterior Improvements Neshoba County Board of Supervisors (Philadelphia, Mississippi)

P & M Project Number: 2021154

Bid documents are being made available via original paper copy or electronically. Planholders are required to log-in or register for an account at www.pryor-morrowplans.com to view and order Bid Documents. All planholders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. Electronic bids are not required; however, a submission of an electronic bid in lieu of a sealed bid shall be submitted at www.pryor-morrowplans.com. Questions regarding website registration, online orders electronic bidding please contact Plan House Printing at (662) 407-0193.

Bid preparation will be in accordance with Section 00200 – Instructions to Bidders, bound in the Project Manual.

BID GUARANTEE: Proposals shall be submitted with Proposal Security in the form of Certified Check or acceptable Bid Bond in an amount equal to at least five percent (5%) of the base bid; such security is to be forfeited as liquidated damages, not penalty, by any bidder who fails to carry out the terms of the proposal. The Bid Bond, if used, shall be payable to the Owner. Bonds on the project must be received on or before the period scheduled for the project and no bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the project. Bids must be firm for a period of forty-five (45) days after the scheduled time of opening.

PERFORMANCE-PAYMENT BOND: A 100% Performance-Payment Bond issued by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Mississippi will be required within ten (10) days after the successful bidder has been notified of the award of the contract to him.

CERTIFICATE OF RESPONSIBILITY: All bids submitted by a prime or sub-contractor for public works or public projects where said bid is in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to perform contracts enumerated in Section 31-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall contain on the outside or exterior of the envelope or container of such bid the contractor's current certificate number. No bid shall be opened or considered unless such contractor's current certificate number appears on the outside or exterior of said envelope or container or unless there appears a statement on the outside or exterior of such envelope or container to the effect that the bid enclosed therewith does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). When bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility,

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or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of the bid envelope shall be deemed in compliance by including the same information as an attachment with the electronic bid submitted.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities.

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi on October 4, 2021.

/s/GUY NOWELL
GUY NOWELL, CLERK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Publish: October 13, 2021 & October 20, 2021
END OF SECTION

TITLE OF ABANDONMENT
SCOTTY'S RECYCLING
13070 HIGHWAY 19 NORTH
PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350

MAKE: 2016 SILVER DODGE JOURNEY
VIN: 3C4PDCAB5HT544920
PLACE OF SELL: SCOTTY'S RECYCLING
SALE DATE: JULY 2, 2021 AT 9:00 AM
OWNED BY: CHRISTINA MARIE WOODY OR WILLIAM GUIDO SLATER
ADDRESS: 1012 KENNEDY ST., APT B ANDERSON, SC 29621
LEINHOLDER: CHRYSLER CAPITOL, PO BOX 961272, FIRT WORTH, TX 76102

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF EILEEN BEN BILLIE, DECEASED
CAUSE NO.: 2021-304
MARION MARIE WILLIS WILSON PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to the undersigned by the Court Clerk of the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, on the Estate of Eileen Ben Billie, Deceased, on the 25th day of August 2021, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said Estate to have their claims probated and registered by the Clerk of the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, and that failure to probate and register their claims with the Clerk within that time will forever bar the claim.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the 29th day of September, 2021.

/s/Marion Marie Willis Wilson
MARION MARIE WILLIS WILSON
EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF EILEEN BEN BILLIE

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

NESHOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, AND A. R. I. AND K. L. I., MINORS BY AND THROUGH THEIR NEXT FRIEND, MARCUS D. DAVENPORT PETITIONERS

MELISSA LYNN HENRY, STEVEN MIC'AL IRWIN, SCOTT CUMBERLAND, AND UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER RESPONDENTS

CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: **Steven Mic'al Irwin and Unknown Putative Father**, who are not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose post office address is not known to the Petitioners after diligent inquiry made by said Petitioners.

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by the Neshoba County Department of Child Protection Services by Marcus D. Davenport, Social Services Regional Director, and, A. R. I. and K. L. I., minors, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minors and demanding that the full custody, control and authority to act on behalf of said minors be placed with the Neshoba County Department of Child Protection Services. Respondents other than you in this action are others.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:00, O'CLOCK A.M. ON THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021 IN THE COURTROOM OF THE NESHOPA COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT 401 E. BEACON STREET, STE. 107, PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION.

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

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this 1st day of October, 2021.

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

Briana Keeler
Office of the Attorney General
P.O. Box 220
Jackson, MS 39205
Email: Briana.Keeler@ago.ms.gov

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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 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
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

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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 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 of 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, ADMINSTRATOR

Prepared by:
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Title of Abandonment MAKE/MODEL: 2008 DODGE CHARGER VIN: # 2B3KA33G68H174146

PLACE OF SELL: MOORE'S AUTO-MOTIVE REPAIR 11401 HWY 492 East Union, MS 39365 SALE DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2021 (6 A.M.)

COST: \$2575.66

IN CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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

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 22nd 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)

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day period will forever bar the claim. **WITNESS THE SIGNATURE** of the Administrator, this the 22nd 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 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 Court-house 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:

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FELDER RUSHING

Getting your yard in order is 'mulch' ado about nothing

By FELDER RUSHING
Special to the Democrat

Nothing duller than talking about mulch, but there are different approaches to this big deal in the garden. And in this season of deciding what to do with falling tree leaves, now is a good time to bring it up, so here goes, I'll keep it uncomplicated.

Heads up: A bit farther down I am throwing out a thoughtful but controversial recommendation.

Mulch is anything that protects soil and roots from splashing rain and extreme swings in temperatures, and still allow air and water get to roots. Helping keep weed seeds from sprouting is a plus, as is enriching the soil by decomposing to "feed" beneficial bacteria, fungi, and worms. They visually unify garden beds. I even mulch potted plants.

Best natural mulches include regular tree leaves, pine straw, chipped or shredded bark, straw (not weedy hay), compost, and the like. Even bagged grass clippings mixed with mowed tree leaves. I avoid environmentally unsustainable cypress mulch. And dyed mulch? Ugh.

Whatever you go with, my rule of thumb is put down just enough to completely cover the area, then that much more to allow for settling. It takes more pine straw than bark, but pine needles don't wash away as easily as bark, making it a good solution for slopes and beside walks.

But anything that can be spread an inch or two deep and still let air and water get to roots will do. Hard mulch materials include gravel, chipped slate, crushed granite or brick, oyster shells, and even rubber mulch (which smell kinda funny on a hot day). You can buy rolled sheets of woven landscape fabric, which is a great idea but don't allow leaves or other materials filter down to enrich



Mulches tie landscape plants together.

or feed the soil. And they don't look all that great without being covered with other mulch.

Heck, I supposed you could go with bottle caps or Mardi Gras beads; I use both in some of my potted plants, and they work just fine.

But back to falling leaves, which are a given to be dealt with. To me a neatly-mulched area indicates a caring attitude and a healthier garden. In fact, it astounds me how so many large-yard folks put bagged leaves curbside to be hauled away, when they can be put to

good use and actually look good in the process.

Not to be controversial, but my personal/professional opinion is that anyone who bags leaves, instead of expecting waste management guys take them to a landfill for free, should have to pay someone extra per bag to haul them off. There, I said it. They do this in England which as a country has never developed a system to haul yard debris except in emergencies like after major tree-felling storms - they nor-

mally only pick up household waste.

Me, I don't bag a single one, but rake or blow them up under shrubs, around trees, and into flower beds. Some are large, but can be chopped with a mower or string trimmer.

In fact, sometimes when I'm on a walk and see where someone has bagged a good blend of leaves mixed with grass clippings, I drive back later in my truck and haul them home to use as mulch

which really beefs up my earthworms which in turn dig my dirt for me.

My LSU landscape professor showed us how he cut his mowing by two thirds by using fallen branches and leaves to connect tree trunks, and plant ferns and shade shrubs there.

Main thing is, leaves are here, and useful. Using them creatively shows good garden sense and earth stewardship.



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Neshoba Central defenders Demarkez West and Maxton Woodward bring down a Ridgeland ball carrier during Friday's game.

Rockets defeat Ridgeland 42-35

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Neshoba Central Rockets picked up a big Region 2-5A victory on the road when they defeated Ridgeland 42-35 Friday night in prep football action.

The Rockets now stand at 7-0 overall and 5-0 in the region standings. Ridgeland drops to 4-2 and 3-1.

The Rockets will visit Jim Hill Friday night at the North field. The Tigers come into the game at 1-5 overall and 0-4 in the district. Last week, the Tigers lost at Holmes County Central 44-7. Ridgeland will be on the road Friday night when they visit the Vicksburg Gators.

"It was a great game offensively," Coach Patrick Schouler said. "The scoreboard doesn't look like it was a great defensive game. They had some big explosive plays but I don't think they had many long drives at all. Maybe, one or two. On the flipside, we were the same way. We had some big plays."

"When you work hard, good things happen. We put a lot of work during the off season and now it is paying

off."

The Rockets got on the scoreboard on the first down of their second possession when quarterback Eli Anderson connected with Dez McWilliams on a 70-yard TD pass play. Hunter Bavetta kicked the extra point and the Rockets took a 7-0 lead.

Neshoba Central forced Ridgeland to punt after four downs and quickly struck again. Anderson went to Elijah Ruffin, this time on a 25-yard TD pass play. Bavetta kicked the extra point and the Rockets led 14-0 with 3:28 left in the first quarter.

Ridgeland answered with a pair of touchdowns to tie the score. First, Titans quarterback Thomas Dyess passed to Ja'Braxton Boone for a touchdown. Dyess kicked the extra point and the Rockets led 14-7 with 8:50 left in the second quarter.

The Rockets took the ensuing kickoff, ran six plays and punted. Ridgeland took the ball on its 34-yard line, and eight plays later was in the endzone again. On fourth down, Dyess connected with Ayden Williams on a 23-yard touchdown pass. Dyess' kick was good and the game was tied at 14-14 with 4:07 remaining in the half.

Neshoba Central took the ensuing kickoff on its 31-yard line and drove for a score in eight plays. Anderson passed to Bryceton Spencer for a seven-yard TD pass play. Bavetta kicked the extra point and the Rockets led at the half, 21-14.

The Titans took the second half kickoff and ran four plays before Elijah Ruffin recovered a fumble for the Rockets on the Neshoba Central 38-yard line. Eight plays later, the Rockets had the ball in the endzone as Anderson connected to Ja'Naylon Dupree on a five-yard TD pass play. Bavetta kicked the extra point and Neshoba Central led 28-14.

The Neshoba Central defense forced the Titans to punt the ball away. Three plays later, Anderson went to Spencer on a 28-yard touchdown pass play. Bavetta kicked the extra point and the Rockets led 35-14.

Ridgeland took the kickoff. On first down, Kamari Payne bolted 58 yards to give his team a first down on the Neshoba Central four-yard line. Payne carried it the rest of the way on the next play. Dyess kicked the extra point and the Rockets led 35-21.

On its next possession, the Rockets

drove down to the Titans' 30-yard line. Dupree took a pitch and ran 30 yards for a touchdown with 11:50 remaining in the game. Bavetta kicked the extra point and the Rockets led 42-21.

Ridgeland came back to score two touchdowns before time expired. Williams scored on a 62-yard run with 10:57 remaining. Neshoba Central ran seven plays before having to punt the ball away.

Ridgeland took over and ran 19 plays which ate up a lot of the clock. The Titans punted but got the ball back two plays later on an interception. That gave Ridgeland the ball on the Neshoba Central 40-yard line.

On the next play, Williams ran 60 yards for a touchdown. Dyess kicked the extra point and Neshoba Central's lead was cut to seven points - 42-35.

Neshoba Central took the kickoff and with the help of a Titan off sides penalty, ran the clock out to take the victory.

Anderson threw for five touchdowns and 326 yards.

Rebels stop 2PAT try for victory

By DALE MCKEE
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If I were asked to describe the Ole Miss win over Arkansas, I would have to use the word "exasperating," aptly stolen from one of my favorite high school football announcers, who stole it himself from Miss Marianne Magnolia, on the show "Hee-Haw."

And if I were asked to describe the Texas A&M win over Alabama, I would steal a boxing headline from Oct. 1, 1975: "The Thrilla in College Station."

Ole Miss (4-1, 1-1) and Arkansas usually play games that go down to the final play, and last Saturday was no exception. The Ole Miss defense made the play of the game as Arkansas attempted a 2-point conversion with one second to play. The Rebels defense stopped the Razorbacks offense, preserving the win. Ole Miss coach Lane Kiffin, who gambled and lost on several fourth-down plays against Alabama, came back strong this past Saturday converting four of his five fourth-down play calls. The game produced 14 touchdowns and almost 1,300 yards of offense between the teams. Expect another high-scoring game this week when the Rebels, a 3-point favorite, travel to Tennessee (4-2, 2-1) Saturday night at 6:30 p.m.

Mississippi State (3-2, 1-1) rested up this week and will host No. 5 Alabama (5-1, 2-1) this Saturday at 6 p.m. Alabama is a 17-point favorite over the Bulldogs. The featured SEC contest will have Kentucky (6-0, 4-0) going to Georgia (6-0, 4-0).

Southern Mississippi fell to UTEP, 26-13, as they lost their fourth straight game. Jake Lange started his first game and is the third starting quarterback for the Golden Eagles this season. Lange threw for 239 yards and a TD while Frank Gore Jr. gained 101 yards of all-purpose yards. This Saturday, USM (1-5, 0-2) will host UAB (4-2, 2-0) with a 2:30 p.m. kickoff.

SWAC

It was a good week for the three Mississippi SWAC teams as all won. Jackson State (4-1, 2-0) blew past Alabama A&M, 61-15, to climb into sole possession of first place in the Eastern Division of the SWAC. Alcorn (3-2, 2-0) whipped up on Grambling, 24-20, and is tied with Prairie View (3-0) for first place in the Western Division of the SWAC. Mississippi Valley (2-3, 1-1) won their second straight game with a fourth-quarter comeback to down Bethune-Cookman, 20-14. This Saturday, Valley will host Alcorn and JSU entertains Alabama State.

JUCO

Jones and East Mississippi both remained perfect in Mississippi JUCO play. Jones demolished Southwest, 55-6, while East Mississippi downed Northeast, 34-19. Other winners were Gulf Coast, Hinds, Itawamba, Northwest and PRC. In two feature games this Thursday, Pearl River will host Jones in the 91st "Cat Fight" while East Mississippi will host Coahoma in a key North Division contest. Five Mississippi teams are ranked going into this week led by No. 2 Jones, No. 4 East Mississippi, No. 9 Gulf Coast, No. 13 Northwest and No. 19 Hinds.

MLB Playoffs

Major League Baseball is in the first round of the best three-of-five series. The American Playoffs have Boston and Tampa Bay with Houston and the Chicago White Sox in the other. The National League has Atlanta and Milwaukee and the Dodgers and San Francisco.

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 on your computer or smartphone go to Google Chrome, go to wabo105.com and click listen live. This week's guest is former New York Met catcher Barry Lyons.



Photo by BRADLEY ISAAC

Warriors drop decision to Louisville

Jayden Rush (3) looks for running room as the Choctaw Central offensive line clears the way against Louisville. The Louisville Wildcats proved to be too much for Choctaw Central as they took a 35-0 win over the Warriors Friday night in prep football action. The Warriors drop to 2-3 overall and 0-2 in the Region 4-4A standings. Louisville improves to 6-

1 overall and 2-0 in the region, The Warriors finished with 77 total yards with 59 coming in the air and 18 on the ground. The Warriors lost one fumble and two interceptions. Louisville had 399 total yards with 239 yards passing and 160 rushing. Choctaw Central will visit Northeast Lauderdale Friday night while Louisville will travel to West Lauderdale.

Rebels get forfeit win, face Heritage next

By **ROBBIE ROBERTSON**
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The Leake Academy Rebels didn't get to enjoy Senior Night last week when Friday night's game was canceled late Thursday night.

The Rebels were scheduled to play East Rankin Academy on Friday night. But the Patriots canceled on Thursday night, giving Leake an 18-0 forfeit win.

"It was out of our hands," Leake coach Brian Pickens said. "They called at the last minute and said they were going to forfeit. I hate it for the seniors that didn't get to have a Senior Night. And I hate it for those kids that were probably going to get to play a good bit. They work hard and deserved the chance to play. But it wasn't our decision."

The Rebels improve to 7-1 on the season and with the forfeit win secure the District 2-5A championship. The Rebels will get a stem test this week as they travel to Columbus to take on

undefeated Heritage. The Patriots are 8-0 on the season and are currently the No. 1 seed in the Class 5A playoffs. A win by Leake would catapult the Rebels to the No. 1 seed in the playoffs. A loss would send the Rebels to either the No. 2 or No. 3 seeds in the playoffs.

"They are really good," Pickens said of Heritage. "They have a really good quarterback who has Division I offers. He can really sling it and they have some receivers that can catch. They are really good on defense as well. They haven't given up a lot of points and their linebackers flow to the football. They like to throw the football and it will be a good test for our secondary. There are a lot of playoff implications so it's another big game for us."

Heritage has wins over Lamar (42-16), Jackson Prep (39-21), East Union (41-15), Washington (18-0), Starkville (30-0), Bayou (42-14), Wayne (42-16) and Magnolia Heights (35-9).



Photo by KALIE PARKS

Leake Academy's Levi Brown runs for some positive yards as Carter Walsworth (67) and Jarod Sims (51) block during an earlier game. The Rebels will visit undefeated Heritage Academy Friday night.

Greer scores 5 TDs to lead Tornados to victory

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**
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Running back Chancellor Greer rushed for 235 yards on 20 carries and scored five touchdowns to lead the Philadelphia Tornados to a 40-16 victory over Nanih Waiya on Thursday night in prep football action.

The Tornados improved to 4-3 overall and 1-0 in the Region 5-2A standings. Nanih drops to 2-4 and 0-2.

The Tornados will return to Harpole Field on Friday to celebrate homecoming while host-

ing the Lake Hornets. Lake comes in at 2-4 overall and 1-1 in the region standings. The Hornets picked up a region victory Thursday night when they defeated the Newton Tigers 24-0.

The Tornados led their hard-fought game with Nanih Waiya all the way. Philadelphia took the opening kickoff and put together a 16-play scoring drive that covered 57 yards. Chancellor Greer scored on a 13-yard run. Adrian Luke kicked the extra point and the Tornados led 7-0 with 8:07 left in the first

quarter.

Philadelphia scored again in the second quarter when Greer broke for a 49-yard TD run, capping a five-play drive that covered 60 yards. Luke's kick was good and the Tornados led 14-0.

The Warriors rebounded on the first down after the kickoff. Rico Moore ran 47 yards for a touchdown. Nanih Waiya scored the 2-point conversion and trailed 14-8 with 8:55 left in the first half.

Nanih Waiya took the ensuing kickoff and drove down to

the Philadelphia 23-yard line before running out of downs. The Tornados took over and five plays later were in the end-zone again as quarterback Marcus Beamon scored on a 6-yard run. The extra point try failed and Philadelphia led 20-8 at the half.

Nanih Waiya got back in the game as Moore ran 55-yards for a touchdown. Moore scored the 2-point conversion and the Tornados led 20-16.

Philadelphia took the kickoff and ran three plays before Beamon punted the ball, putting

Nanih Waiya on its one five-yard line. The Warriors ran 13 plays before running out of downs on the Philadelphia 43-yard line.

The Tornados took over and two plays later, Greer scored on a 40-yard run. The try for two failed and Philadelphia led 26-16 with two minutes left in the third quarter.

Philadelphia held the Warriors to four downs and took over at mid-field. On first down, Greer ran 50 yards for a touchdown. Luke's kick was good and the Tornados led 33-16

going into the final quarter.

Nanih Waiya never gave up. They took the ensuing kickoff and 12 plays before running out of downs.

On first down, Greer ran 40 yards for a touchdown. Luke's kick was good, ending the scoring.

Coach David Frey received three ice baths from his team as he celebrated his return to his alma mater. He graduated from Nanih Waiya in 2003 and coached there for three seasons before coming to Philadelphia.

Enterprise scores last to take 25-21 win over Yellow Jackets Friday

By **BEN LAND**
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The faithful fans of the Union Yellow Jackets and the Enterprise Bulldogs were very enthusiastic as they awaited the

showdown between their respective teams on Friday night.

After all the cowbells ringing, the bands playing and the fans cheering, the final score was Enterprise 25, Union 21.

Most of the first quarter was a defensive struggle between the two ball clubs. With 5:47 to go in the first quarter, Trace Roy put the Bulldogs on the scoreboard with a 32-yard field goal.

The Yellowjackets were sur-

prised by an onside kick and Enterprise marched down the field.

However, the Jackets forced a fumble and recovered it. This ended the promising drive by the Bulldogs. After the first quarter ended the score was Enterprise 3 Union 0.

The second quarter began and Union marched 97 yards with a concluding 2-yard touchdown run by Ky'Yon Harris. Eli Jenkins kicked the extra point and Union led 7-0.

The Bulldogs would retake the lead on a 41-yard touchdown run by Derryon Gray. Trace Roy kicked a successful PAT and Enterprise led 10-7.

Much like plays on a chessboard, it was Union's turn to respond and they did. Union's Ky'Yon Harris ran for a 1-yard touchdown and Eli Jenkins added to Union's score with a successful PAT. At the half, Union led 14-10.

The third quarter was a defensive battle. Neither offensive unit was able to reach the

land of milk and honey during the third quarter. The fourth quarter began with offensive fireworks by the Jackets. The Union coaches pulled one of their coaching tricks out of their bag. Union's running back, Ky'Yon Harris threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to the quarterback, Kenyon Clay. Jenkins' PAT was good and the Jackets took a 21-10 lead.

The Bulldogs responded with a 17-yard rushing touchdown by Parks Burt. The score stood at 21-17 with 8:44 left in the game.

It was a defensive struggle until the 2:14 mark in the fourth quarter. On the ensuing punt, Enterprise's Derryon Gray ran for a 75-yard touchdown. The Bulldogs went for a 2-point conversion and they were successful. Enterprise charged out to a 25-21 lead.

The Jackets had one last gasp but were stopped on fourth down by the Bulldogs. When the horn sounded, Enterprise remained undefeated.

The stats of the game showed the tremendous effort exerted by the Jackets. Kenyon Clay completed 5 passes for 93 yards. Clay was on the receiving end of a 15-yard touchdown pass. Caleb Casey was the receiving leader for the Jackets. He had five receptions for 93 yards. Carlos Hickmon led the Jacket rushing attack with 77 yards. Ky'Yon Harris had 14 yards rushing and he scored two touchdowns. He also showed his passing ability with a 15-yard touchdown pass to Clay.

On the defensive side of the ball for Union, Tristan Wallace led the team with six tackles and two-and-half tackles for loss. Eli Rigdon had five solo tackles and one tackle for loss. Ky'Yon Harris had four solo tackles and a half tackle for loss. Cameron Paschal had three tackles and a tackle for loss.

The Jackets will be preparing to travel to Forest next Friday for a gridiron battle with the Bearcats.

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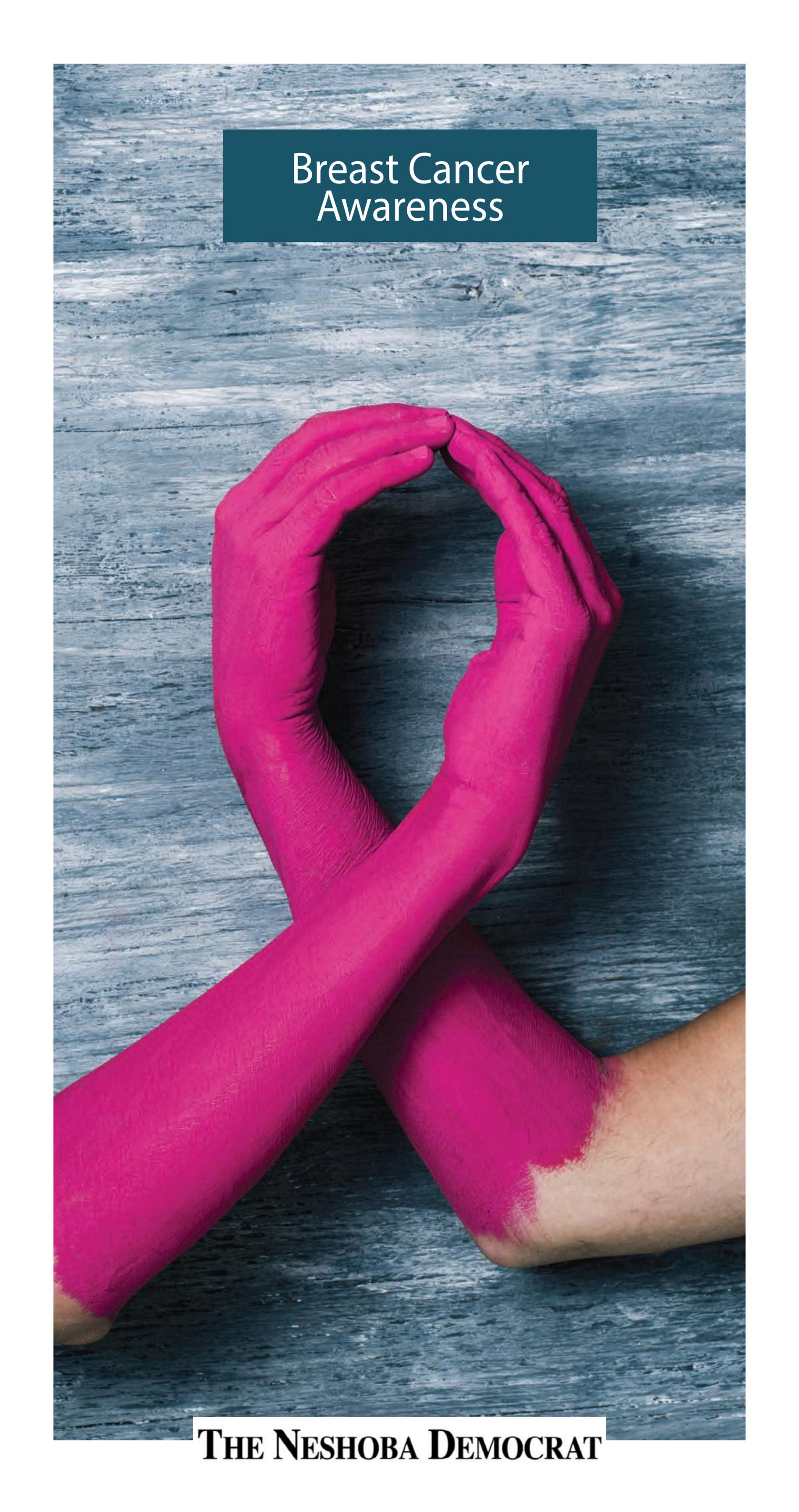
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Breast Cancer Awareness

Cancer survivors stress need for annual cancer screening tests

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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Each year, Cheryl Wilkerson faithfully reports for her appointment to have her mammogram.

She believes the yearly check for breast cancer can save your life. And in 2017, it saved her life.

"I went for my mammogram because I am over 40 and I always go," Wilkerson said. "And I encourage everyone to go."

Usually, it is a routine procedure but that time it was not.

"There was a spot behind my breast," Wilkerson said. "They went in and took two lymph nodes out. They had to get the radiologist to check it and sure enough, it came back cancer. My worst nightmare. We were fixing to go on a cruise. They told me don't let this worry you. Go on and enjoy your cruise. But how do you not worry about something like this?"

She and her husband, Jerry Wilkerson returned home from vacation and she had the surgery.

"I was in the early stage, thank goodness for my mammogram," Wilkerson said. "They did the surgery and told me I was going to have to take 35 rounds of radiation."

The radiation took a toll on her body but she stayed with it, even when the doctors suggested she take a break.

"By the 18th treatment, I was burnt solid," Wilkerson said. "We made a book, recording how it looked every day. They (the radiation staff) said, 'You can't do it today.' I said just go on and get it over with."

"The last four treatments I had to take were called booster shots, where they do it twice. I said go on, I can handle it. All my skin came off. I had blisters on top of blisters."

Cheryl and Jerry both work at the Neshoba County Gin Association. She said she tried to work during that time and will always appreciate the support she received.

"My boss said, 'I will work with you any way I can,'" Cheryl said. "He would even tell me, you are hurting, go on home. He knew I was hurting."

She got through the treatments but it certainly wasn't easy.

"I cried at night because I was hurting so bad," Cheryl said. "There was nothing I could do but keep on going."



Cheryl and Jerry Wilkerson

After the radiation treatment was over, the doctors decided she didn't need to take chemotherapy but she has to take medicine for five years. This has been hard, too.

"They have had to change me three different times to the sister pills because of the side effects," Cheryl said. "I have hot flashes at times, and I get cold sometimes. I have to sleep with an electric blanket on, even in the summertime because I have chills. I get up to go from the couch and go to my bedroom, I am freezing. My feet are like ice."

Then 10 minutes, later I am kicking the cover off."

But the good news was that Cheryl was cancer-free. However, cancer was not finished with the Wilkerson family.

"I felt like I could breathe a little bit," Cheryl said as she remembered leaving her doctor's office. "Then we stopped at the Shell station to gas up when we got a call from Jerry's doctor."

The results from Jerry's PSI test came back high and he was diagnosed with

aggressive prostate cancer.

"Here we go again," Cheryl said. "So, 2017 was a bad year for me and 2018 was a bad year for him. We have both been there for each other. We both knew what each other was going through."

In March 2018, as he awaited surgery to remove the cancerous part of his colon, they learned his colon had died and his organs had started shutting down.

"They had sent us to Jackson," Cheryl remembered. "We got there and the doctor said, 'Mr. Wilkerson, the bad news is that you only have two hours to live.' He had all of his nurses and doctors helping join hands and pray for Jerry. There was the most calming feeling that came into that room. Then they did surgery and Jerry pulled through."

"The doctor later asked Jerry what he was thinking when he told him that, and Jerry said he wasn't worried. He knew he would be OK," Cheryl said.

Jerry had to wear a colostomy bag for several months. Then in July, he went back to surgery and no longer had to use the colostomy bag. In September 2018, another surgery removed all the cancerous parts of his colon and he too, has been cancer-free.

"I'm doing OK," Jerry said. "Not the best but OK."

Cheryl continues to stress how important regular cancer screenings are.

"The tests can save your life," she emphasized. "I just can't say that enough."

Both are lifetime Neshoba County residents. Cheryl is from the House Community and Jerry is from Bloomo. They were friends in high school and graduated from Neshoba Central in 1975. They went their separate ways.

Then they met again at their 35th high school reunion.

"Everybody kept telling me, Cheryl that's who you need," Cheryl said. "I was single at the time and said I don't need anyone. He said, 'I will walk you out,' and he kissed me on the cheek."

"I called him the next day. We dated for three years. He was still in seminary in New Orleans. His mom said, 'Some girl called you.' His mom and my mom worked together," Cheryl said. "Now we have been married 13 years this September."

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Reduce Breast Cancer Risks

Women with certain risk factors are more likely than others to develop breast cancer, according to the National Breast Cancer organization.

Some women have an increased risk based on family heritage. There are other risk factors that can be controlled, according to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Get to know the risk factors

Except for skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the U.S. It can be treated successfully.

A few risks of getting breast cancer include:

Being a woman. Simply being a woman, is the biggest risk factor for developing breast cancer.

Age. Just like many other diseases, the risk of one getting it increases as one gets older.

Family history. If you've had one first-degree female relative (sister, mother, daughter) diagnosed with breast cancer, your risk is doubled. Understanding your history is key to beating breast cancer.



Prevention Strategies

Lifestyle habits that can help reduce your risk of breast cancer include:

Maintain a healthy weight. According to the National Cancer Institute, being

overweight or obese after menopause increases a woman's risk of breast cancer and can worsen outcomes after a diagnosis. Putting on a lot of extra pounds in the early stages of adulthood can nearly double your chance of developing breast can-

cer after menopause. But if you're able to avoid gaining weight, your risk is cut in half.

Eat less red meat. High consumption of red meat is related to a greater risk of developing breast and other cancers. Aim to consume more plant-based sources of protein, such as beans, nuts, and quinoa.

Eat more fruit and vegetables. Lower intake of fruits and vegetables is associated with breast cancer, particularly estrogen receptor (ER)-negative breast cancer. The USDA dietary guidelines recommend consuming two cups of fruit and two-and-a-half cups of vegetables each day.

Limit alcohol. Even moderate alcohol consumption is associated with a higher risk of breast cancer. Women who have between two and three alcoholic drinks per day have a 20% higher risk of the disease compared to those who do not drink.

Quit smoking. Several studies have demonstrated a link between smoking and an increased risk of developing breast cancer.

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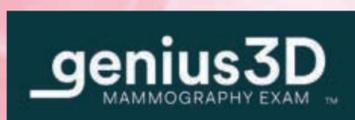
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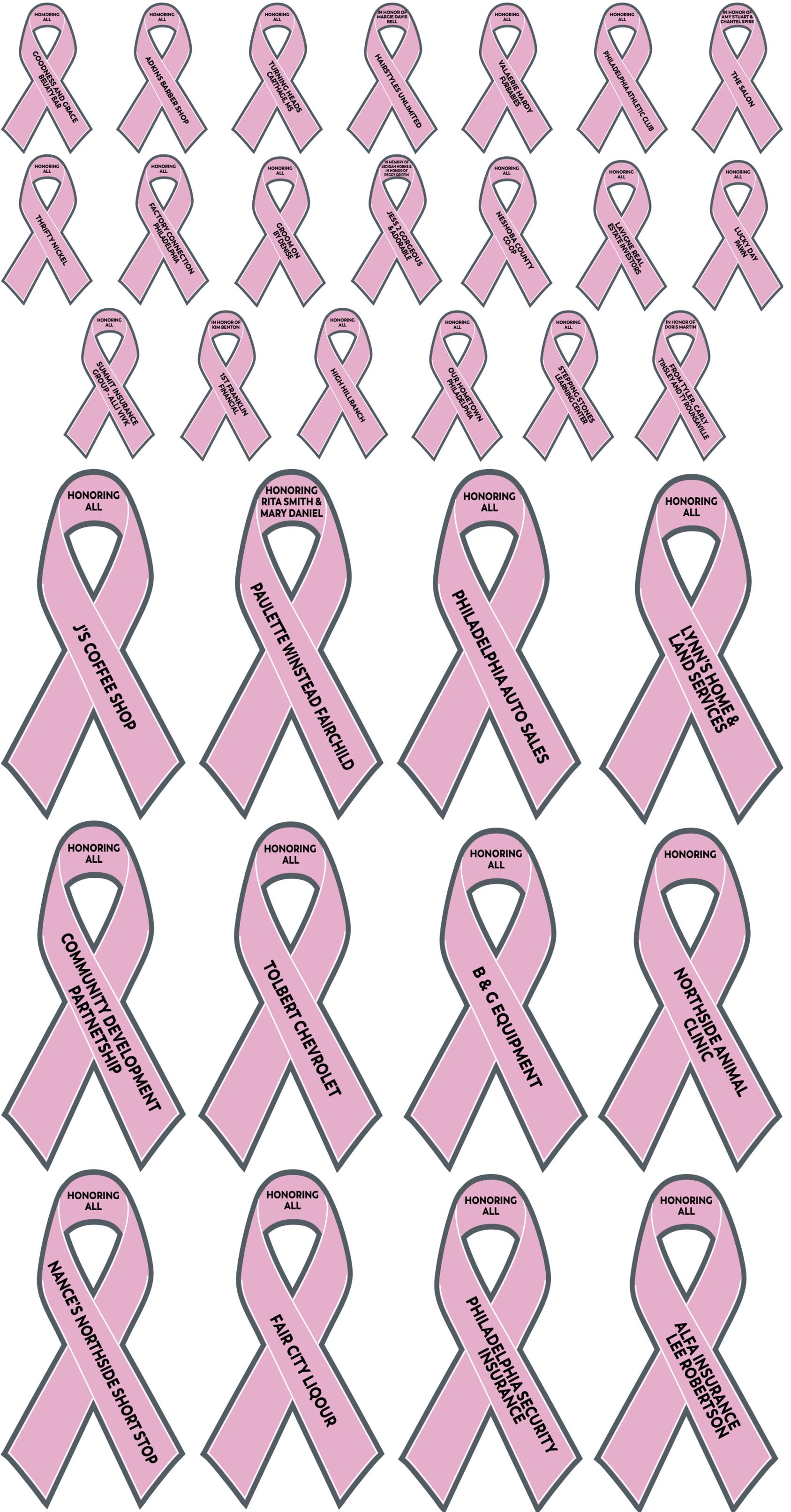
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Support Groups and Healing

Cancer support groups are meetings for people with cancer and anyone touched by the disease, including family members.

The benefits can be many. The top reason people join support groups, even those who have a good family support infrastructure, is to be with others who have had similar cancer experiences. Research shows that joining a support group improves both quality of life and survival, according to the National Cancer Institute.

TYPES OF SUPPORT GROUPS

Some groups focus on all kinds of cancer, while others are focused on one kind, such as a group for women with breast cancer, according to NCI. Some can be open to everyone or just for people of a certain age, sex, culture or religion.

Children and family members of patients also can benefit from support groups that focus on family concerns, relationship changes, financial worries and how to support the person with cancer. Some groups include both survivors and family members.

Online support groups take place through chat rooms, webinars, social media or moderated discussion groups.



Online groups offer flexibility to participants and are a resource for people who live in rural areas where an in-person group might not be available.

Some support groups are conducted by conference call, bringing together people from all over the country who have

been touched by cancer.

Here are some benefits of support groups, according to the NCI. They can:

- Help you feel better, more hopeful, and not so alone.
- Give you a chance to talk about your feelings and work through them.

- Help you deal with practical problems, such as problems at work or school.
- Help you cope with side effects of treatment.

WHERE TO FIND A SUPPORT GROUP

The NCI recommends

reaching out to the following sources in your community and online for support groups:

- Your local hospital.
- Your social worker.
- Other patients who have tried support groups.
- An online search for groups.

Personalized Survivorship Care

People are living longer after being diagnosed with breast cancer and need personalized survivorship care plans to meet their differing needs, according to a Dutch study, presented in May 2021.

WHAT ARE SURVIVORSHIP CARE PLANS?

Medical professionals and scientists estimate that there are about 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S. with the number expected to increase substantially, according to BreastCancer.org.

Yet, because of treatments, many breast cancer survivors are at a higher risk of developing other diseases as they age, including high blood pressure, heart disease and osteoporosis.

Survivorship care plans are written documents made up of two parts. One is a record of treatments the patient has received. The second part is a roadmap of what you can expect in the years after treatment, including any late or long-term side-effects and a schedule of how you'll be monitored for these side-effects and other health conditions, according to BreastCancer.org.

To make it easier for you and your doctors to develop a sur-



ivorship care plan, professional organizations such as the American Society of Clinical Oncology have developed templates you can use as a starting point.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR PATIENTS

Ask your oncologist about a

survivorship care plan.

Here are some questions you may want to ask your oncologist, according to BreastCancer.org:

- Ask for a survivorship care plan in writing that explains all the medical issues you need to consider and lists which screening tests you

need and when you should have them.

- Ask which doctor you should see for each medical issue.
- If your oncologist recommends that you see a specialist — a cardiologist for example — and you've never seen one before, you may want to

ask for a referral to a specific doctor.

- If there is anything in your survivorship care plan that you don't understand, ask your doctor or nurse to explain it.

It's also important to coordinate the plan with your primary care doctor.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS | NATURAL TREATMENTS

Exercise and Mindfulness Training

A combination of exercise and mindfulness training appear to better alleviate fatigue in breast cancer survivors than either technique alone, according to new research.

Fatigue and breast cancer treatment

As many of 90% of breast cancer patients must deal with fatigue, as it is the most common side-effect of treatment, according to BreastCancer.org. Some doctors estimate that nine out of 10 people have some fatigue during treatment. Even

rest can be ineffective in curbing fatigue, and it can last for months after treatment.

About the study

Few studies have examined the combination of exercise and mindfulness or relaxation training to ease fatigue. A new study published by the journal Psycho-Oncology divided women into three groups: aerobic exercise-only, relaxation-only and a combination group.

“Over the course of the week, the groups that took part in a combination of

exercise and mindfulness training reported a drop in fatigue levels from moderate to mild. The other groups did not show a comparable degree of improvement,” said Jason Cohen, a former graduate student in the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Exercise, Technology, and Cognition Laboratory, in a statement.

What this means for patients

If you’re having fatigue from breast cancer treatment, ask your doctor about

combining exercise and mindfulness training. Research shows that exercise can reduce the risk of breast cancer recurrence. Ask your doctor how much and how often you can exercise, as well as if there are types of exercise you should avoid, suggests BreastCancer.org.

Check for group exercise classes for cancer patients in your area. Exercising with others can help keep you motivated. You can look for online videos or courses to get started.



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS | HOW YOU CAN HELP

Spread Awareness

If you have been personally affected by breast cancer or have a friend or family member who has been affected, you may be looking for ways to help spread awareness and support breast cancer patients.

Here are some ideas from the National Breast Cancer Foundation and the National Foundation for Cancer Research.

1. Share your story of how breast cancer has impacted you on the National Breast Cancer Foundation’s website. During the month of October, the organization will share stories on their website as a “celebration of strength and a message of support to those currently on their own breast cancer journey.” Visit <https://bit.ly/3lT2HVH> to share.

2. Make a one-time or monthly donation to help a woman in need get screening or access to treatment. Visit <https://bit.ly/3AyJEnL> to donate.

3. Spread the word on your social media channels. Link to your favorite breast cancer research or aid organization.

You could also consider hosting a virtual fundraiser or a Facebook fundraiser.

4. Proudly wear a pink ribbon during October or year-round. It creates a conversation starter to help you share your story.

5. Alternatively to wearing a pink ribbon, participate in Breast Cancer Now’s Wear it Pink Day. On October 22, 2021, wear a pink outfit and coordinate with friends to help spread awareness. You can also host a fundraiser on the day.

5. Breast cancer patients may not always ask for help when they need it. Go out of your way to offer help proactively. Say something like, “Could I come over and walk the dog every afternoon next week?” or “Can I bring dinner for the family on your upcoming treatment days?”

6. Many chemo wards take donations of clothing, scarves and hats for patients. Reach out to local organizations to see what good or services they could use.

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