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New Toyota dealership coming

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A new Toyota dealership is coming to Philadelphia off Highway 16 west and aldermen last week approved taxpayer funding for infrastructure improvements.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen passed two resolutions at their Oct. 19 meeting to help bring the new car dealership to town.

Doc's Toyota of Louisville

will be building a new Toyota dealership on the south side of Highway 16 across from the Bumpers, Mayor James A. Young confirmed on Tuesday.

Doc's Toyota is formerly known as Bullock Toyota and currently located in Louisville. "Construction is expected to start in January," said Tim McCown, general manager of the dealership that currently employs approximately 20 people.

"It will be a new Toyota

dealership," McCown said. "It should break ground in a few months. It will be brand new from the ground up. It will be repair, service, rental cars, a full dealership."

Under a TIF, a portion of the sales and ad valorem tax collections from the dealership is typically diverted to pay for water, sewer and road improvements. The amount of the borrowing and details were not announced.

A TIF is an economic development tool. Through the use of

TIFs, governments typically divert revenue from a defined area or district toward an economic development project or public improvements project.

A \$1.6 million TIF resolution was approved for Marshal Ford in 2015. A previous \$2 million TIF was approved by the city for a Lowe's in 2004.

The Board of Supervisors has not been approached about the Toyota TIF, County Administrator Jeff Mayor said Tuesday morning.

During last week's meeting the board passed two resolutions regarding the TIF.

The first resolution was an engagement resolution.

"The engagement resolution — authorizes Board Attorney Robert Thomas as your attorney, Butler Snow as bond counsel, and Steve Pittman as financial and government consultant, to proceed with the legal analysis and make sure you do everything you need to do," Sam Keyes of the Butler Snow law

firm told aldermen.

The second resolution declares the city's intent to proceed with the adoption of a taxing-financing plan. Keyes said state law requires a plan be in place before the city can proceed.

Aldermen passed both resolutions and set a public hearing for the second meeting of November to give details and answer questions from the public.

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ROAD CLOSED

\$4M work underway at Ellis Theater

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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After much planning and discussion, construction work on the renovation of the Ellis Theater got underway Monday.

The work is for the first phase of Marty Stuart's Congress of Country Music. The Ellis Theater project is expected to cost around \$4 million that is being paid for with a grant from the state of Mississippi and is expected to be completed by the end of next year, said Justin McDonald of Yates Construction.

The theater was originally built in 1926. When Stuart was growing up in Philadelphia, he and his friends often went to the movies at the Ellis. It will be completely restored and will serve as a performance theater and multi-purpose event space when completed.

In preparation, a new roof has been installed at the Ellis Theater. If you walk through the building today, you will see a vacant building. The stage is still there. But the seats and curtains are gone. The walls are bare.

When completed, the theater will include three box seat sections on the north wall. The seats, which have already been purchased, were once used at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. They have been refurbished and are in storage. In all, the theater will seat nearly 500 people when completed.

Yates Construction is overseeing the project. Three of the four contractors have been hired.

J&J Contractors of Collinsville will do all the work except for the fire protection, the electrical and the HVAC and plumbing system, McDonald said.

United Piping of Jackson will put in the fire protection system, adding a new sprinkler system

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diamond dreams



Photo by COLEMAN EAKES

The Diamond Dreams baseball league opened the season last week at Northside Park and participating Thursday night, from left, were first baseman Hayden Perkins, volunteer Julian Perez, Rivers Holdiness, Brantlee Nowell, in chair on base, volunteer Makayla Sanderson, pushing chair, and Marleigh McLendon. They were waiting to see if it was safe to run to second base. Forty-two players are signed up this year.

Police department giving out candy Saturday

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As part of their Halloween weekend enforcement, Philadelphia Police will be at Westside Park and the corner of Poplar Avenue and Main Street handing out candy Saturday night.

Philadelphia Police Chief Eric Lyons said they should have an officer stationed at these two locations starting sometime between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

on Saturday, Oct. 30, which is the designated date for trick-or-treating in Philadelphia this year since Oct. 31 falls on Sunday.

Each location will have an officer passing out candy for between three and four hours or until they are out of candy.

"In my opinion, these are places where there will be a lot of activity and we can kind of piggy back off of what the community is already doing," Lyons said.

"This way we can offer an officer presence while kids are trick or treating and people are out and about."

Lyons said handing out candy is just another way members of the police force can be a part of the community and offer face-to-face interaction between officers and the public.

"We want to be involved in the community as much as possible where we can interact with the community, specifically kids," Lyons said.

PHILADELPHIA VISIT INSPIRATIONAL

Heartbreaking: A renewed vigor to extend the love of God to all I meet

■ EDITOR'S NOTE: A group of journalism and political science students from Western Kentucky University were in Philadelphia last week ahead of a visit to the Two Museums in Jackson. Hannah Elizabeth Claussen was one of those students and she penned the following essay.

By HANNAH ELIZABETH CLAUSSEN
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What I learned was heartbreaking. As a journalist, I ask "Why?" on a daily basis, sometimes more than a 5-year-old child at a science fair. I like "why." "Why" gets to the bottom of things. "Why" is more than "how" — it explains motives and unearths arguments. This is the question that resonated through my mind as I walked through the Civil Rights Museum in Jackson, Mississippi. I can't fathom how people



At Mt. Zion, Hannah is third from the left in back. See photo, Page 8A.

could treat fellow human beings so inhumanely. Why could they not understand that God created us all equal? We are all made in the image of God.

I heard many stories from fortunate souls who lived to tell of the gross injustices they have suffered. My question

still echoes.

Imprisoned and beaten for no reason. Dehumanized and abused. Living in fear with no way out. The stories of perseverance and courage shine like candles in a dark room, a light when many could not find it. The evil was reprehensible but

their bravery should be lauded.

I can't imagine living in such a time. I think we all wonder what we would have done. It's hard to imagine myself not treating others with kindness when I meet them, but I think we forget how much the culture affected how even "good" people saw the world. When racism is all you know, how could you see the repugnance of it all? There are many things today that the culture says are good but few understand the moral iniquity of it all. Every generation has a downfall to different degrees, often more than one. Who will recognize these and stand up for what is right, when all oppose you? Where is our courage?

I think we all came back from this trip with a different outlook on life. Armed with knowledge of the past we have a new appreciation of the present. One of my biggest takeaways is a renewed vigor to extend the love of God to all I meet. Our politics and beliefs

don't matter, really. We're all flawed deeply, and what matters is our character and how we love others. At the end of the day we are all humans in need of love.

We all have our prejudices, I suppose — none of us are perfect. We are inherently sinful beings. But I urge you to consider your own prejudices and ask yourself my favorite question: "Why?"

Hannah Elizabeth Claussen, 21, is from Cadiz, Kentucky, and studies journalism and political science at Western Kentucky University. She currently lives in Bowling Green with her husband, Josh. After graduation in May she plans to move to the Nashville area with the intent of changing the world with words. In the meantime, she plans to continue copying people's grammar as a copy editor for the school newspaper.

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Andropis Seales slices fresh bacon for customers last Friday after the store had run out of bacon on Thursday.

Williamsville ran out of bacon last week

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Williamsville is back slicing bacon after a temporary supply chain shortage not seen in recent memory that one longtime customer called "unheard of."

Sid Williams said his wife saw people posting on social media about the bacon shortage

and the news was all over town by last Thursday evening.

Bacon is among the most purchased items at Williamsville and the Manning brothers of NFL fame even worked in the family store slicing bacon in their youth.

"Our country is officially in deep trouble. WILLIAMS BROTHERS IS OUT OF

BACON!!!!" David Jay of Union posted last Thursday on Facebook with a photo of the famous store.

Friday morning the store was back to slicing bacon.

"We got it back this morning," said Williams, one of the owners of the family business, last Friday. "We were out most all day yesterday."

He said he can count on one hand over the last 45 years when that's happened.

"It is just a shortage supply of everything. It is like we stayed out of a certain fish for two months. Stayed out of Bryan sausage for nearly six weeks. Wire and post and a lot of these things you can't get right now."

Status of books will determine speed of audit

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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If the city of Philadelphia's financial house is in order, a new auditing firm could be caught up on audits sometime in the first half of 2022, officials were told last week.

Tom Windham, CPA, of Windham & Lacey, PCCL, spoke at the Oct. 19 board meeting. The city has not completed a financial audit since the Fiscal Year 2017. Windham's firm has been hired to get the city caught up as quickly as possible.

"We have been doing this since 1991," Windham said. "We like working with small towns. We are familiar with the software you use. We understand how things are supposed to work. We have a staff of 25 people though all don't do audits. We have a large enough staff."

The firm has signed a letter of engagement with the city to do the 2018, 2019 and 2020 fiscal year audits.

Windham said his company is currently working with 15 cities auditing their financial reports. He said this is a busy time of the year but thought they could pick up the work with Philadelphia if everything is in order.

Ward 1 Alderman Justin Clearman asked how long it will take.

"I can't tell you that because we don't know," Windham said. "(City Clerk Nikki Walton) has been sending us things but we will have to get your books and see what kind of shape your books are in first."

"Then a lot of things we get from you, we have to confirm through outside sources. Those people will have to go back in their archives. It takes time. And we are sitting here in the middle of our busy season."

"We understand the urgency of where you are at and we will do our best to move it."

The Fiscal Year 2017, which was prepared for the city by Rhea, Shaw, Griffin and Stuart,

LLC, and given to the city April 26, 2019, and recently made public, will be the starting point.

"First, we will make sure it is solid," Windham said. "We do a little testing to make sure we are starting out with good numbers. From there, what we do is add on to the numbers, or build a picture of the finances."

"We will interview people and will look at the processes. We will test some of the processes to see if what they say is going on, is going on. If we can build a picture in our mind that everything is being done well, that eliminates the future work," Windham said. "Each year, we look at it to make sure the processes are still in place. Then we can move forward."

Windham said the hard work is at the beginning. If it all goes well, he said the Fiscal Year 2018 audit could be finished by Nov. 30. He noted that no issues were listed in the FY 2017 audit.

Ward 2 Alderman Jim Fulton asked if the city was in trouble with the state auditor for being

so far behind.

"There are towns and cities that are in much worse shape than you are," Windham said. "The state auditor's office was given authority 10 years ago where they can hold money out of your sales tax money and go hire their own firm to get it done. They have never done that."

He said it is preferable to have an audit done by the end of the next fiscal year but added that the law is vague.

Windham was asked how much of the audit work would be done on-site.

"Last year, COVID-19 caused everyone to re-evaluate how they do work," Windham said. "So, you know yourself, a lot of people started working at home. The same thing happened in the audit business. As much as we can do electronically, we will do. Also, we want to stay out of your employees' way. Auditors can be intrusive sometimes. We will spend some time here."

Ellis

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throughout the whole building. "You didn't have those 100 years ago," McDonald said.

Woodall Electric of Meridian is doing the electrical work. The contractor for the new HVAC system will be decided in the next few days.

Byrd Avenue from Main Street down to Byars Furniture has been closed for the duration of the project.

Philadelphia Mayor James A. Young said he believes the Ellis Theater project will be a great benefit to the community. "I've always said it is the

inconvenience of progress," Young said of Byrd Avenue being closed for between 12 and 18 months. "It has got to be done. We are so glad to see downtown Philadelphia getting."

Young thanked the Mississippi Legislature under the direction of former Gov. Phil Bryant for supporting the project with funding.

"The minute it is completed, the Ellis becomes a part of the national touring circuit," Stuart said in an earlier interview. "If you look at the Riley Center (in Meridian) and the acts it books, I think The Ellis will be comparable. You will see a steady stream of notable artist coming to Philadelphia to play at The

Ellis."

But that will be just part of the story. Not to be lost will be The Ellis' place in the local community. It will still be a place for local plays and events, and will become a training center for local talent.

"The original intent of the Ellis is to be a place for the productions staged by the Arts Council," Stuart said in an earlier interview. "It's about remembering the Arts Council first and foremost. It is designed for the kids in the community to have a place to embrace the arts and to express themselves. I thank the arts council for their patience. They are currently displaced and I thank those who are giving

them temporary stages to perform."

Stuart had that in mind when he set up student advisory groups at Neshoba Central, Philadelphia and Choctaw Central.

The second phase will be the construction of the Community Hall where the old audio building is located. Phase three will be building and setting up a museum. Stuart's extensive collection of Country Music artifacts will be housed and displayed. Stuart said educational programs will be offered there as well as revolving touring exhibits Phase four will be setting up a maintenance plan and curriculum to keep it all going.

Toyota

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In other actions at the board's Oct. 19 meeting, aldermen voted to:

- Approve the payment of \$10,869 to the Parks Commission to close out Fiscal Year

2021.

- Tabled an order to pay \$14,544 for work on the Booker T. Washington renovation project.

- Approve opening two new bank accounts and moving money from the General Fund for a better interest rate. The order moved \$870,046 for the ARPA account, and \$309,166 from the Modern Use account.

- Approve hiring Robert Windham to work part-time for Animal Control.

- Approve a request for the rental of seven hotel rooms for the fire department, which will be hosting a task force training at the Coliseum.

- Approve to accept three Homeland Security grants totaling \$305,000.
- Aldermen were informed

that the city has received the 2020 census data. Aldermen will be considering the data to redraw ward lines. There is no deadline to complete the work but attorney Robert Thomas said the city can't have another election until it is complete.

- The board went into executive session to consider personnel issues.



Camera system down this month

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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A camera system set up for the Philadelphia Police to monitor the Municipal Court Clerk's Office was down for some time earlier this month.

The camera system was established last year after a broken camera system was part of a dispute among the previous mayor and board over the status of a clerk who was fired and later re-hired.

Following weeks of controversy, the previous board set a policy to establish a video feed from the Municipal Court Office that is to be monitored at the Police Department next door.

Chris Stokes of Stokes Technologies LLC., who installed the system, told aldermen during their Tuesday night meeting that a software issue caused the connection between the court office and the police station to stop working earlier this month.

"It had not been used in the police department for several weeks," Stokes said, adding the camera still has backup recordings. "The mayor asked me to come up here and do a system check to make sure it is working. ... There have been no gaps in the surveillance."

Microsoft changed some software that caused the cameras to stop communicating locally, Stokes said.

"I had to find software that would help us get that capability back," Stokes said. "I implemented this at the PD last week. They are able to view the camera system now live."

The problem was discovered when Ward 1 Alderman Justin Clearman asked questions.

"I ask a lot of questions to see if everyone is keeping up with things," Clearman said. "By chance, (when he asked about the cameras) they said for the past couple of weeks, we haven't been able to see anything. I got that info from an anonymous source who let me know they were off. That's when I called Chris Stokes. In 30 minutes, I heard the mayor and the chief were calling him."

Police Chief Eric Lyons said he believes the cameras were not working for a couple of weeks.

"We view it through the Internet," Lyons said. "... They did away with Internet Explorer and that is what we were using. Once it stopped working, that's when the camera stopped working."

Lyons said the department does not have a designated per-

son who monitors the court clerk's department all the time.

"It is monitored," Lyons said. "We don't have a dispatcher who is constantly looking at the screen."

Clearman said having the cameras in operation is important.

"I don't know how long (the cameras were down)," Clearman said. "Two weeks sounds right. I don't think we were looking at anything substantial. It needs to be working when we are doing an audit. ..."

Mayor James A. Young he is happy the system is working now and Ward 2 Alderman Jim Fulton pointed out the importance of the system.

"My main thing is safety," Fulton said. "(If there is a problem), the police need to be called. That is for safety reasons."

Stokes said there are two accounts for the camera system — the main master account which allows changes to the system, and a user account for the police department, which allows viewing only. He handed the mayor an envelope. Stokes said he had reset the password, and on the piece of paper in the envelope was the only copy of the new password.

\$42M needed by county for broadband

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The lack of internet availability and cell phone service was brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors by a group of people from the Hopewell community recently.

"Tackling Internet is a huge issue," said County Administrator Jeff Mayo. "We did a Request For Proposals earlier in the year. The company gave a price for the whole network, \$42 million, to cover the county. We had two proposals. Even if you took a broadband needs assessment, you know how that is going to come out. The bid was rejected. It exceeds the bonding capacity of the county."

No action was taken. In other matters, supervisors voted to:

- Approve for Sheriff Eric Clark to apply for a FY2021 MS Justice Assistance Grant totaling \$3,750.
- Approve five pre-trial intervention cases from the district attorney's office at \$500 per case.
- Approve the hiring of two employees for the jail and the termination of another. Supervisors approved two employees to receive \$50 per hour pay raises for six continuous months of service.
- Approve the posting of a bridge on Road 107 in the southwest part of the county near the Newton County line for 17 tons tandem axle limit.
- Approve a road bore request from Central Water Association on Road 505.
- Accept an easement for the widening of a section on Road

- 614.
- Accept the submission of the circuit clerk's aging accounts receivable, and approved the distribution of cash for Circuit Court.
- Approve to pay \$1,000 dues for Tax Assessor/Tax Collector's state association.
- Approve for Emergency Management Department to remove a GPS receiver from its inventory.
- Approve a request from the North Bend VFD for repairs to the site access at 13230 Road 614.
- Approve the payment of an invoice totaling \$765 to Pritchard Engineering for pre-construction activities.
- Approve the adoption of final Fiscal Year 2021 budget in Audit Form.



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WALK SAFELY

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3. Put electronic devices down and keep your head up.
4. Walk, don't run, across the street.
5. Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street

TRICK OR TREAT WITH AN ADULT

Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision.

KEEP COSTUMES BOTH CREATIVE & SAFE

1. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers.
2. If possible, use light colors.
3. Choose face paint and makeup when possible. Masks can limit a child's vision.
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EDITORIALS

Follow the truth

Freshness is nice. Familiarity is, too, but the capture of social media by so-called “progressives” has subjected Americans to a torrent of outlandish images and words informing them that the arc of history demands they abandon the way of life they hold dear. Now returns Donald Trump to the public eye with his signature appeal to not only hold fast but push back. The competition among media outlets for attention is already stiff, but if Mr. Trump is determined to mount a counterbalance to the lethal left, he is welcome back to the fray.

Last week, the former president announced his start-up of the Trump Media & Technology Group, which includes Truth Social, a media network meant for his followers and other free-thinkers who reject the ideological guardrails of trendy media bosses. Truth Media is expected to debut in November with the launch of an app, he said, and he promised to add woke-free entertainment content later.

“I created Truth Social and TMTG to stand up to the tyranny of Big Tech,” said Mr. Trump in a statement. “We live in a world where the Taliban has a huge presence on Twitter, yet your favorite American president has been silenced. This is unacceptable. I am excited to send out my first Truth on Truth Social very soon.”

Indeed, the former president was unceremoniously banned from Twitter — for life — following the Jan. 6 Capitol riot, while Afghan terror-mongers are free to tweet their depredations to a global audience.

Facebook suspended him for two years and YouTube indefinitely. It doesn’t take a dipstick to gauge that media mavens like Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey are in the tank for the content which fueled the anti-American left’s campaign to expel Mr. Trump from power.

The creeping influence of various cyber-platforms has hooked Americans on an addictive blend of gossip and pseudo-news that most loathe, but few can refuse. An NBC poll earlier this year found 66 percent of respondents said they check their social media accounts at least once a day. Glaringly, 64 percent admitted that daily use of social media has more ill effects upon society than good. Clearly, the digital atmosphere of envy and spite is poisonous to social well-being.

Will Truth Social prove a healthier choice? Predictions are risky, but there seems to be a market for a Trump brand of countervailing political perspective: Digital World Acquisition Corp., a company that is taking his digital platform public, saw its stock price enjoy an 800-plus percent spike, at least temporarily, during post-announcement trading.

It is long past time to return to reliance on media platforms committed to balanced news — like The Washington Times. If Donald Trump wishes to challenge the crowded field of left-loving social media, there is always room on the right for patriots whose hearts are tattooed with the right, white and blue.

— *The Washington Times*

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Can Poland Be Poland?

“Let Poland be Poland!” That was the call of American conservatives, four decades ago, when the Solidarity movement of labor leader Lech Walesa arose in the port city of Gdansk to demand their freedom of the Communist system imposed upon Poland by the Soviet Union after World War II.

A decade later, Poland broke free of the Soviet Bloc and Warsaw Pact, and later joined the European Union and NATO.

The question that has arisen today also has to do with issues of Polish identity and independence.

Specifically, can Poland be Poland — and still remain in the EU?

In recent years, the ruling Law and Justice Party has revised its governmental structures. The judiciary has been subordinated, brought under greater central supervision and control, and a disciplinary chamber has been established and empowered to remove judges.

Such action, says the EU Commission in Brussels, violates basic EU law, which applies to all member states and trumps national law.

Brussels wants the chamber abolished.

Moreover, on issues such as homosexuality, abortion and the media, the Polish government has taken stands more consistent with its Catholic traditions than with the social agenda of a secularized Europe.

The same holds true for the Hungary of Prime Minister Viktor Orban. Poland and Hungary are ostracized as “illiberal democracies.”

At a rally of tens of thousands in Budapest Saturday, Orban told supporters that Washington, the EU in Brussels, and billionaire George Soros are using their money, media and networks to bring to power the Hungarian leftist opposition in next April’s parliamentary elections.

“But what matters,” said a defiant Orban, “is not what they in Brussels, in Washington and in the media, which is directed from abroad, want. It will be

Can Poland be Poland — and stay in the EU?

Hungarians deciding about their own fate.

“Our strength is in our unity ... We believe in the same values: family, nation and a strong and independent Hungary.”

Let Hungary be Hungary.

In this social-cultural-moral clash inside the EU, outsider Vladimir Putin comes down on the side of the traditionalists and nationalists in countries where Christianity retains a hold against secularism.

This weekend, Moscow released excerpts of Putin’s blistering attack on a woke West at last week’s gathering of the Valdai Discussion Club in Sochi:

“We’re surprised to see things happening in countries that see themselves as flagships of progress,” said Putin. “The struggle for equality and against discrimination turns into aggressive dogmatism verging on absurdity.”

“Opposing racism is a necessary and noble thing, but the new ‘culture of abolition’ turns into ‘reverse discrimination’ ... Here in Russia the absolute majority of our citizens don’t care what color a person’s skin is.”

“People who dare to say that men and women still exist as a biological fact are almost ostracized ... not to mention the simply monstrous fact that children today are taught from a young age that a boy can easily become a girl and vice versa.”

“Let’s call a spade a spade: This simply verges on crimes against humanity under the banner of progress.”

In the clash between Poland and the EU, German Chancellor Angela Merkel has urged that a solution be found acceptable to both, rather than engaging in a long and bitter battle that leaves one side victorious and the other estranged.

Yet, today, Poland is being threatened with economic sanctions, including a possible withholding of annual EU stipends and money set aside for EU nations to combat the COVID-

19 pandemic.

Responding to these threats, Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki is accusing the EU of “blackmailing” Poland and holding a “gun to our head.”

“If you want to make Europe into a nation-less superstate,” says Morawiecki, “first gain the consent of all European countries and societies for this.”

Membership in the EU is popular in Poland, and the government has not threatened a walkout, a “Polexit,” like the “Brexit” that British Tories voted for in 2016 and carried out.

Still, Brussels fears that successful Polish defiance of its demands could lead other EU nations to make demands, and the grand project of creating a European superstate, a One Europe whose member nations are accorded limited rights similar to those of the 50 states of the American Union, could collapse and fall apart.

National governments receive from membership in the EU not only the benefits of open markets, free trade and travel from one nation to another, but also, for nations like Poland and others in eastern and southern Europe, annual transfer of wealth from the EU.

The chokehold the EU has on its members is money. Brussels can cut off the funds transferred annually to Poland, as well as funds voted to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, together a goodly slice of Poland’s GDP.

The questions raised by the rebellious Poles are fundamental: Which takes precedence, when they come into conflict, Poland’s constitution and Poland’s laws, or the laws of the European Union?

Conflict appears inevitable, and the Poles will ultimately have to decide whether their country and constitution transcend EU law, or the reverse is now true.

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

FLASHBACKS

OCTOBER 31, 1941

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard announced that a referendum would be held Dec. 13 among cotton farmers on continuance of rigid marketing quotas for the 1942 crop.

The Red army announced evacuation of Kharkov Wednesday but claimed 120,000 German officers and men were killed in fighting for the Ukraine industrial city. The early morning communique issued by the Soviet bureau of information and transmitted by official wireless said also that a series of fierce German attacks on the Moscow front had been beaten off by soviet troops.

OCTOBER 26, 1951

A new vaccine developed by industrial research is said to give pigs immunity to hog cholera, which now costs farmers millions of dollars every year.

American industry is rapidly expanding its production facilities to meet the needs of the defense program and at the same time supply civilian consumers.

OCTOBER 26, 1961

Keeping litter size high and feed conversion ratios low are among the most important factors in a profitable hog enterprise, according to an economic study recently completed by the Miss. Agricultural Experiment station.

To reduce the possibility of flu epidemic, Native Americans are being offered free

cavvine this fall, following the recommendation of the Surgeon General’s Advisory Committee for Influenza Research. Dr. Herbert A. Hudgins, Area Medical Officer for Indian Health, through all Native America hospitals and health stations, is urging Native American beneficiaries, as well as employees who serve Native Americans to take immediate advantage of the Public Health Service offer.

OCTOBER 28, 1971

Employment for Neshoba County in September was unchanged from the August level but showed a substantial gain over September 1970.

The start-up this week of a new chip mill at Mpus Lumber Co. marks the final step in the company’s program to provide a complete market for all forest products grown in this area. The chip mill, which converts an entire tree into chips, will utilize previously unsalable low grade hardwood trees which will be brought to the mill in lengths from eight feet to full tree length in any diameter.

OCTOBER 29, 1981

A gas explosion rocked a Neshoba County church Sunday morning, causing extensive structural damage. There were no injuries. The explosion occurred at about 10:30 a.m. at Mt. Nelson Baptist Church on Highway 16, about nine miles east of Philadelphia.

OCTOBER 23, 1991

Julie Mabus, wife of Gov. Ray Mabus, visited Chahta Enterprise employees and the staff of the Choctaw Workplace Literacy Program Friday afternoon.

By purchasing a Christmas tree decoration through “Love Lights a Tree”, Philadelphia residents have an opportunity to honor a special person during the holiday season and aid in the crusade against cancer.

OCTOBER 24, 2001

Although an apparel plant that has made children’s clothing here for almost 40 years will close in December, the facility is being converted into a distribution center and a handful of people will keep their jobs, officials said.

Community leaders say the \$10 million water park and related development announced by the Choctaw Indians will be a useful tool in recruiting industry.

OCTOBER 19, 2011

Marty Stuart was in Philadelphia last week to meet with governmental and business leaders and others about a proposal to build a center or museum here to house his Country music collection.

Three men were charged with felonies over the weekend after Neshoba County Sheriff’s investigators received a tip that a stolen motorcycle appeared in a video posted on the social networking site Facebook, the authorities said.

RICH LOWRY

The new missile gap

The Chinese have repeatedly made it plain that they intend to hold U.S. bases and our homeland at risk.

The Biden administration is hesitant to call our competition with China a new Cold War, even though Beijing has zero qualms about making the parallels with our decades-long struggle with the Soviet Union abundantly clear.

We are once again discussing a “Sputnik moment,” a nuclear arms race, and a missile gap — all throwbacks to the 1950s-1980s — thanks to China’s aggressive pursuit of military capabilities designed to deter and defeat the United States.

Whatever Beijing may say and however we may try to comfort ourselves with cushioning delusions, the Chinese have repeatedly made it plain that they intend to hold U.S. bases and our homeland at risk.

The example of Sputnik, the primitive Soviet satellite launched in 1957 that raised the prospect of the U.S. losing the space race, was on everyone’s lips with a bombshell Financial Times report over the weekend.

According to the FT, the Chinese tested a nuclear-capable hypersonic missile that circled the Earth once before descending on its target, thus demonstrating “an advanced space capability that caught U.S. intelligence by surprise.”

It’s not clear why anyone would be shocked. It wasn’t a secret that China and Russia were developing these technologies, and indeed, it wasn’t a secret that China had leapt ahead of us.

(The Chinese, bringing the same transparency they’ve shown regarding the origins of COVID-19, say it was just a routine space launch.)

Hypersonic missiles bring a new element to the ever-evolving competition between missile

offense and defense.

As former state department official Christian Brose notes in his book “The Kill Chain,” ballistic missiles travel fast but in a predictable parabolic path. Cruise missiles, on the other hand, travel relatively slowly but are maneuverable and therefore unpredictable.

Hypersonic missiles are both unpredictable and fast — six times faster than a Tomahawk missile.

That means they are uniquely suited to defeat our missile defenses. Not only can’t we counter them, we can’t track them adequately at the moment.

Over the summer, the head of North American Aerospace Defense Command — yes, that’s NORAD of Cold War fame — said that the new missiles would pose “significant challenges to my NORAD capability to provide threat warning and attack assessment.”

The FT reports that the test missile missed its target by roughly two dozen miles. That’s a significant miss but wouldn’t necessarily be that much comfort if the missile were carrying a nuclear payload. And the targeting will presumably be improved — that’s one reason to carry out the test in the first place.

An MIT professor told the FT that just because China tested the capability doesn’t mean that it will deploy it. But the history of

expansionistic totalitarian states forbearing from fielding advanced weapons after pouring significant time and resources into developing them is not, to say the least, very encouraging.

It’d be best if we abandon all wishful thinking and admit the obvious.

We’ve had a zombie arms control policy focused on deals with Russia, while China has been aggressively adding new weapons and delivery systems.

We’ve allowed China to rob our technology and pour it into developing threats against us.

We’ve been much too slow in developing the next generation of weapons, including hypersonic missiles, and are modernizing our nuclear triad at a glacial pace while China is rapidly adding new capabilities.

The response to the new circumstances should reflect a Cold War-era urgency. The Biden administration has proposed more spending on hypersonic missiles, but the latest news should mean even more of an emphasis on their rapid deployment, so we can hold at risk Chinese assets and maintain our deterrence.

We should, with an eye to the growing Chinese missile threat, deploy missile-defense interceptors in Australia and more sensors in space, as well as work toward directed-energy weapons that would be the best counter to hypersonic missiles.

If we aren’t going to call it a new Cold War, we must — or risk falling further behind — treat it as one.

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addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

— Ephesians 5:19-20 (ESV)

OBITUARIES

Larry G. English

Memorial services for Mr. Larry Gene English will be held on Friday, October 29, 2021, at 11 A.M. from the Chapel of Beck Funeral Home.

Mr. English, 72, of Philadelphia, passed away on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at Neshoba General Hospital.

He is survived by one brother, Dwight English of Jackson, MS, two sisters Greta Monroe of Philadelphia, MS and Neva Hill of Milwaukee, WI.

Daniel Byrd

Funeral services for Mr. Daniel Byrd were held on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at 2 P.M. from Victory Christian Center with Pastor Granard McClendon officiating. Burial was at Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Newton. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Byrd, 72, of Philadelphia, passed away on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian.

He is survived by his wife, Kittie Byrd of Philadelphia, MS, five daughters, Cornelia Byrd and Danielle Byrd both of Illinois, Nicole Woods and Dionne Ball both of Alabama, Akaylia Sanders of Mississippi, nine sons, Daniel K. Byrd, Daniel L. Byrd, Jr., Marcus Byrd, and Kenyon McCullum all of Illinois, Joe Sanders of Atlanta, Robert Sanders, Christian Wilson, Martin Wilson, and Joshua Ware all of Mississippi, 28 grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, five brothers and three sisters.

Pallbearers were Christian Wilson, Martin Wilson, Joe Sanders, Omanon Stribling, Johnathan Ball and Bernard Ball.

Essie Mae Bennett

Graveside services for Mrs. Essie Mae Michael Bennett were held on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 11 A.M. from Morrow Cemetery with Rev. Harvey Olive officiating. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Bennett, 57, of Philadelphia, passed away on Friday, October 15, 2021 at her residence.

She is survived by two sons, Terrel Boyd and Terrance Boyd both of Philadelphia, MS, five grandchildren, Corderious Boyd, Camuri Boyd, Kye Gammage, Karlie Willis and Parker Boyd, two brothers, Willie Clay Michael and Walter James Michael, three sister, Glenda Clemons, Dorothy Griffin and Melody Kennedy, one uncle and nine aunts.

Pallbearers were Stanley Wess, Marcus Michael, Andra Clemons, Ellis Griffin, Charles Spivy, Danny Carter and Emmanuel Michael.

Bro. Jimmy Townsend

Funeral services for Bro. Jimmy Townsend were held Friday, October 22, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Larry Savell officiating. Burial followed in the Fellowship Cemetery.

Bro. Townsend, 74, of

Philadelphia, died Monday, October 18, 2021.

Jimmy was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, but he loved the role of "papaw" the most.

He was a member of gospel singing groups, "The Neighbors" and "The Gospel Light", prior to being called to the ministry. His calling to the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ took his foremost attention. During his ministry he pastored three churches in the Philadelphia area; Fellowship Baptist Church; Center Hill Baptist Church; and Mount Olive Baptist Church in the Stephens Town Community.

Jimmy was devoted to the Fairview Volunteer Fire Department where he served as chief for a number of years; and also served many years after this by doing whatever was needed.

Survivors include wife, Glenda Townsend; daughter, Kasey Byrd (Chris Byrd); grandchildren, Jonathan (Jessica) Townsend, Rein (Brittany) Townsend, Amber (Senet) Pinter, Audreyanna (Joseph) Grainger, Maddie Reynolds, Bella Reynolds, Madolyn Byrd, Joe Frank Byrd, Cody Byrd, Sadie Ann Byrd, and Mercy Grace Byrd; great-grandchildren, Sadiebeth Grainger, Ava Townsend, Anniston Townsend, Jessie-Lee Townsend, Timothy Pinter, Liam Grainger, and Lawson Grainger; sisters-in-law, Terri Garnett and Joan (Steve) Johnson.

Preceding Bro. Jimmy in death were parents, Thomas and Thermer Lee Townsend; son, Tim Townsend; sisters, Frances Daniels and Charlotte Fleming; brother, Bill Townsend; son-in-law, Steve Moore; brothers-in-law, Cecil Fleming, Norris Daniels, and Charles Garnett.

Pallbearers were Jonathan Townsend, Rein Townsend, Joe Frank Byrd, Matt Klobe, Gus Johnson, and Joseph Grainger. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Fairview Volunteer Fire Department.

Donations may be made to your local volunteer fire department, or your favorite charity.

Linda Eubanks Harrison

Funeral services for Linda Eubanks Harrison were held Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Dennis Duvall and Rev. Dan Howard officiating. Burial followed in Herbert Cemetery.

Mrs. Harrison, 76, of Philadelphia, died Monday, October 18, 2021.

She was a native of Neshoba County and longtime resident of the Herbert Springs Community. Mrs. Harrison was a member of Herbert Baptist Church where she served as church secretary for a number of years.

Survivors include sons, Johnny Stuart and Jeff Stuart, both of Philadelphia; daughter, Donna East of Amory; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Alice Crawford of Philadel-

phia; brothers, David Eubanks of Philadelphia and Rocky Parks of Louisiana.

Preceding Mrs. Harrison in death were husband, Buck Harrison; grandson, Jeb Stuart; mother, Eunice Eubanks; father, Ed Eubanks.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Childcare Ministries, or a favorite charity.

Henry Wallace Thomas

Funeral services for Henry Wallace Thomas were held Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Dwight Faulkenbery and Rev. Mark Cloys officiating. Burial followed in Bloomfield Cemetery in Neshoba County. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Thomas, 83, of Philadelphia, died Monday, October 18, 2021, at his home.

He was a native and lifelong resident of the Bloomo Community in Neshoba County. He worked for 37 years at U. S. Motors until retiring in 2000, and also served 37 years in the Army National Guard. He enjoyed farming and helping Steve with his chicken houses, which was very special to him. He also enjoyed raising vegetables, taking care of his bride of 61 years, and spending time with his family and grandchildren, especially his great-grandson. Mr. Thomas was a member of East Philadelphia Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for several years.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Peggy Thomas of Philadelphia; daughter, Stephanie (Dan) Perry of Philadelphia; daughter-in-law, Jane Thomas of Philadelphia; grandchildren, Steven Thomas of Hudson, New Hampshire, Rachel Thomas of Memphis, TN, Allison (Kyle) Barrett of Quitman, MS; great-grandson, Dax Barrett of Quitman; sister, Earline Akins of Philadelphia; brother, Jan Wayland (Jean) Thomas of Gilmer, TX; a host of nieces and nephews, and extended family.

Preceding Mr. Thomas in death were his son, Steve Thomas; sister, Juanita Fulton; brothers, James Earl Thomas, Clifton Thomas, Sam Thomas, and Y.J. Thomas.

Pallbearers were Jerry Brantley, Gary Akins, Keith Gaines, Ronald Parsons, Jerry Hardy, and James Thomas.

Tony Mitchell Myers

Graveside service for Mr. Tony Mitchell Myers was held 2 PM Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at Mars Hill Cemetery in Winston County with Rev. John E. Stephens officiating. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Myers, 70, passed away Friday, October 22, 2021 at his residence. He was born in Neshoba County and made his home in the Alice Community. He was a

logger and enjoyed fishing and coon hunting.

Preceded in death by his parents, William Mitchell Myers and Willie B Harrison Myers; Daughter, Brandi Myers.

Survivors: Wife, June Manning Myers of Philadelphia; Sons, Jacob Cartwright Myers of Philadelphia and Timothy Myers of Four Corners; (2) Grandchildren, Will Myers and Shawn Myers.

Pallbearers: Dewayne Breazeale, Mike Nance, Jackson Breazeale, Mark Boatner, Douglas Vowell and David Johnson.

Honorary pallbearers: Wendal Vowell, V.C. Manning, Bobby Ryles, Charles Manning, Travis Dorman, James Gainey, Chuck Watkins and Bill Coghlan.

Chatan Chumani Dumont

Funeral services for Infant Chatan Chumani Dumont will be held at 2 PM Monday, October 25, 2021 at Hope Indian Baptist Church with Rev. Robert Patrick officiating. Interment will be in Simon Isaac Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 12 Noon Saturday, October 23, 2021 at Hope Indian Baptist Church. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Infant Dumont, 21 months old, passed away Tuesday, October 19, 2021 in Choctaw, MS. He loved watching Cocomelon.

Preceded in death by his grandfather, Nathan Dumont, Jr.

Survivors: parents, Brittany Bell and Travis Dumont; brothers, Takoda Dumont, Xavier Dumont; grandparents, Jennifer Martin, Richard Bell, Sandra Cravatt.

Taylor Craig Bryant

Funeral services for Mr. Taylor Craig Bryant will be held at 10 AM Monday, October 25, 2021 at Pearl River Facility Building. Interment at 2 PM in Oakdale Baptist Church Cemetery in Flowood, MS. Visitation beginning at 10 AM Saturday, October 23, 2021 at Pearl River Facility Building. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Mr. Bryant, 35, passed away Tuesday, October 19, 2021 in Scott County. He lived in Pearl River Community most of his life. He enjoyed drawing, wood-working, socializing with friends and family. He had worked at Sonic in Philadelphia.

Preceded in death by his father, Cliff Bryant.

Survivors: Mother, Karon Willis Bryant; Daughters, Katana Atkinson and Razelle Bryant; Son, Wyatt Bryant; Sister, Holly Rodgers; Brothers, Cameron Bryant and Brannon Bryant.

Karen Bane

Karen Bane, 49, of Winamac, IN (formerly of Westville, IN) died October 19, 2021 in Valparaiso, IN. Born June 22, 1972 in Philadelphia, MS. Karen worked as a correctional officer at Westville Correctional Facility

for many years. She enjoyed woodworking and fishing. Karen will be sadly missed. Survived by: two children, Jonathon (Susan) Kalkok, and Kaitlyn Kalkok; her parents, Lester L. Bane and Martha [Nicholson] Bane; five siblings, Charles Bane, Steve Bane, James Keith Bane, Pamela Bane, and Sandy Kelly; and one niece, Amber Bane. Preceded in death by: her step-mother, Mona [Brown] Bane and one sibling, Patsy Podgorski. Visitation 12 Noon - 2 PM EDT and Services 2 PM EDT all on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at Frain Mortuary 305 E. Main St. Winamac, IN 46996.

Burial at Winamac Cemetery (McKinley Addition) in Winamac, IN. Memorial Contributions may be made to the family. Online Tributes may be offered at www.frainmortuary.com.

Larry James York

Funeral service for Mr. Larry James York will be held 10 AM Thursday, October 21, 2021 at Standing Pine Facility Building with Rev. Thomas Ben and Curtis Willis, Sr. officiating. Interment will be in Standing Pine Community Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 3 PM Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at Standing Pine Facility Building. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Mr. York, 62, passed away Sunday, October 17, 2021 at University Medical Center in Jackson, MS. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing, stickball team, Beaver Dam.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hester York, Sr. and Grace Jim; sister, Janice York; brothers, Hester York, Jr., Kenneth York, Daniel York.

Survivors: loved as daughters, Felicia Fortenberry, Vanora Sockey, Valora Sockey, Vamora Sockey, Varana Sockey; sisters, Brenda York, Betty York, Doris Guyette, Barbara York Hickman, Carlinda Lewis, Elizabeth Lewis Billy, Angela Denson Vaughn, Rita Denson Frazier; brothers, Jerry York, Sr., Emmerick York, Beasley Denson.

Pallbearers are Brian Willis, Greg Gomillion, Gabriel Chickaway, Dakota Hicks, Lyle Tubby, Daniel Bell, Daniel Ferris, Christopher Willis, Mike Barnett, Alex Farve, Creighton McMillan, Cliff Willis, Clifton Willis.

Valetta Maria Joe

Graveside service for Ms. Valetta Maria Joe will be held 2 PM Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at Holy Rosary Cemetery with Father Bob Goodyear officiating. Visitation will begin at 10 AM Monday, October 25, 2021 at Tucker Gym. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge of arrange-

ments.

Ms. Joe, 44, passed away Monday, October 18, 2021 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian, MS. She was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

She is preceded in death by her daughter, Ariana Ramirez; parents, Agen Joe and Peggy Willis.

Survivors include daughters, Alicia Joe and Jady Joe; son, Nicolas Joe; sister, Marlena Sanchez; brother, Myron Joe; 2 grandchildren.

Gloria Gilbert Fairchild

Funeral service for Ms. Gloria Gilbert Fairchild was held 2 PM Saturday, October 23, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Mike Sullivan officiating. Interment in Bloomfield Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Fairchild, 58, passed away Monday, October 18, 2021 at University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham, AL. She was a member of Herbert Baptist Church and enjoyed spending time with her beloved pets, Carmie and Brandy.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Angel Annette Anderson.

Survivors include parents, Ruby and Jethro Barrett, Jimmy Lee and Jeanette Gilbert; son, Jerry Elton Barrett (Lynn); sisters, Kim Borg (Ricky), Tracey Barrett (Josh Wright), Vickie Hamilton, Debra Taylor (Scott); brothers, Timothy Gilbert (Kimberly), Stephen Gilbert (Christina), Rick Gilbert (Lorena); grandson, Joshua Lee Barrett; 3 nephews, 5 nieces.

Pallbearers are Jonathan Grice, Kevin Belk, Randy Anderson, Steve Jones, Tim Gilbert, Steve Gilbert, Ricky Borg.



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Byrd Avenue may be closed for a year due to Ellis work

By STAFF REPORTS
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A portion of Byrd Avenue was closed off indefinitely Friday to accommodate construction and renovations at the Ellis Theater, according to Philadelphia Police in a Facebook post. City officials announced

Thursday that Byrd Avenue will be closed from Main Street to Walnut Street beginning Friday, October 22 at 5 p.m. until further notice.

Mayor James Young said the closure comes to accommodate the \$4 million in work being done on the Ellis Theater as part of the ongoing Marty Stuart's

Congress of Country Music project. (See story, Page 1A.)

"I am glad to see it," Young said. "We know there will be some inconvenience but there is progress happening downtown."

Young said the closure will cause logging trucks from a nearby lumber mill to have to take alternate routes during the

closure.

"The good thing about it is, it is not going to add any more miles to the truck drivers," Young said. "Those going to Weyerhaeuser coming from the south, coming up Range Avenue, can go back the same way they came."

Young said Weyerhaeuser

and truck drivers had been notified.

"Those who go out of Weyerhaeuser coming up the streets and hit Main Street, going to 16, it is not that much difference by them coming up Holland Avenue and hitting 16," Young said. "It's going to be a little bit of a change but not to the negative miles and

streets that they have to travel."

Aldermen approved the closure at the first city board meeting of October.

The official announcement does say "until further notice" but Young said the last estimate he heard was that the stretch of road would need to be closed for about a year.

Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

Jesus, savior of sinners

Paul and Barnabas, having returned to Antioch from their first missionary trip, recounted to the church all that God had done in bringing many Gentiles to Christ through the preaching of the gospel. Sometime after this, men came down from Judea and began teaching that the Gentiles converts must be circumcised and keep the Law of Moses in order to be saved (Acts 15:1, 5).

Paul and Barnabas voice their strong opposition to this doctrine, and the issue ends up in Jerusalem for the apostles and elders to settle the matter. The issue is of the greatest importance because it pertains to how a sinful soul can be made right with God, or be accepted by God as righteous.

A sinner's need for salvation was agreed upon; the debate centered on what the gospel said about the way in which one might be saved. The ones who disagreed with Paul insisted that observance of the law was to be included in the terms of salvation. In direct contrast, Paul insisted that there is no hope of deliverance by merit or obedience, but only by the grace of God in Christ.

We see in verses 8-11 that the apostle Peter agreed with Paul and declared, "We believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus." In verse 12, Paul and Barnabas related to the assembly the powerful working of the Holy Spirit among the Gentiles. He did this to emphasize that the Spirit worked in connection with faith, not because of any righteousness of men.

James, the brother of Jesus, then stood up and quoted the prophet Amos to show that the Lord had promised to call Gentiles by his name, and did so through the promised Christ, a descendant of David (verses 16-17). James agreed that God's word emphasizes salvation is entirely by grace.

So the Jerusalem Council concluded the issue for all generations of Christians. A sinner can only be saved through faith in Christ alone. Even the faith in Christ itself is not meritorious; it looks away from any good in itself to the work Christ has done on the sinner's behalf. Faith unites us to Christ and his benefits. This is good news because Christ is sufficient for our great need.

Jesus is the savior of sinners. The Father laid a cross upon him. He took the curse, the shame of our sin, and the wrath of God it deserved. He made an exchange with us, taking all the legal obligations of the law upon himself and thus cleansing us from all sin by his atoning death. He gave his life out of love for the purpose of gaining our love and devotion to the name of God.

Christ alone could pay the price of our sin. No man will be justified before God by his own righteousness or the works of the law. The hymn "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" states it well: "Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost; Christ's the rock of our salvation, his the name of which we boast. Lamb of God for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built."

The gospel teaches us the sinfulness and evil of sin. That is the first difference between a Christian and non-Christian. The non-Christian is not aware of his own inherent sinfulness. He doesn't see much wrong with him. He may think he is a fool at times for things he has done that have cost him pain, but he doesn't agree with God's condemnation of the world and of sin.

It is the Christian who sees the world under the just condemnation and wrath of God. He knows why there is misery in the world and why men bite and devour one another. It is due to sin. The world is under the power of the evil one, and Christ alone is the remedy to it.

I am a Christian; therefore I believe Christ died to make atonement for my sin. I know that this is the only way I could be delivered out of the condemnation of the world. Sin is so terrible only the death of Christ can deliver me. And he fully paid for all my sin. That is the gospel, the good news from God to sinners.

God gives salvation in Christ for his glory. He pours out his grace to sinners. Those in Christ are given eternal life and fellowship with the living God. They are called the children of God, and their names are written in the book of life. Therefore, exalt God's grace and make your boast in Christ.

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— 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

Aldermen promise action on Booker T. gym

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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Philadelphia aldermen were reminded last week about broken promises on the Booker T. Washington gym renovation and they promised it won't happen again.

The Rev. Johnny Beckwith reminded the board of past promises concerning the gym during their meeting last week. He is a member of the Community In Action, a group that has long provided a leadership role, especially in mentoring young people.

"I have been in the place many times in the past hoping to get reassured that the work to Booker T. Gym is going to finally be started this year and definitely no later than this year," Beckwith said.

"There is a history of promises that have been broken over the years concerning this project. I want to remind

new members of the board, when the \$6-plus million was received for the Northside Park project years ago, Booker T. Gym was in that original budget. But before it was all said and done, the money was all spent before they made it to Booker T."

Ground was broken in April 2007 for the Northside Park project. It was a city-county and Park Commission project. Work was also done at the Westside Park. But the gym renovation project was never completed, as Beckwith pointed out.

Mayor James A. Young was on the Board of Supervisors at the time. In the Dec. 7, 2007, edition of The Neshoba Democrat, Young expressed concerns about the Booker T. work being done when the overall project was divided into phases.

"I don't like the smell of that. I don't like the sound of

that but if that's the way it's done, we'll deal with it," then-supervisor Young said at the time. "For that amount of money, to phase these projects is unacceptable to me."

Young said then he did not want Booker T. to get lost in the phasing process, which could be one or two years down the road.

But apparently it did, according to an analysis by the Democrat. Some repair work has been done over the years to the roof and floor to preserve the building. Volunteers along with Citizens In Action members have also made repairs to make the building usable. Headstart uses the building as well.

Now, Young said he agrees with Beckwith about the historical significance of the Booker T. building

"His statement as to putting off the big ticket items that

was done years ago, had it been done then we wouldn't have the problems that we are having now," Young said.

Young said that in the intervening years the roof has been leaking and caused more problems.

"Now, it is so important that we follow through on what we started out with as a part of this upgrade and it will be done," Young said. "The previous board, prior to this one, was very positive in improving that particular facility and I said thank you to that board for moving forward and to get us where we are now."

Beckwith told aldermen to get it done this time.

"You can find money for whatever you want to do," Beckwith said. "If I had not been up here for years talking about Booker T., I would have taken a more humble approach. But that ain't worked so I am going to try

something different. I am going to organize, get some posters out, start picketing and writing signs and going on social media about this situation if it is getting kicked down the road again."

The city of Philadelphia is proceeding with an estimated \$475,142 project to renovate the gym.

This would include 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. There will be new restrooms and a new entrance lobby in what is now the back of the building.

The project will be paid for through money from a \$1.2 bond issue that was passed last year. Also, the city has filed applications for two grants.

Last month, the former Booker T. Washington High

School building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. 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.

Wagoner Engineers has been hired by the city to oversee the construction phases of the project.

Project manager Darion Warren said last month that he is waiting to hear from the Department of Archives and History concerning its approval of the final design plans. Once that's done, Warren has been approved by the board of aldermen to start seeking bids on the project.

Saturday night shootings under investigation by police department

By DUNCAN DENT
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Philadelphia Police have a suspect in custody following two shootings within minutes

of each other Sunday night.

"Both incidents remain under investigation and a suspect has been taken into custody," Philadelphia Police Det. Bobby Pattillo

said. "More arrests are pending and all names are being withheld at this time."

On Sunday, Oct. 24, at approximately 8:30 p.m. the Philadelphia Police Department

responded to several calls of shots fired in the area of A Avenue, Pattillo said.

Responding officers discovered a male subject who had been shot in the leg. He

was transported to UMMC where he remained on Monday afternoon.

Several shots fired were also reported in the area of Gum Street at about the same

time, Pattillo said, adding a vehicle was shot at that scene.

"Investigators are still working to determine motives, possible connections," Pattillo said.

New COVID-19 cases in Neshoba County remain stagnant

By DUNCAN DENT
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Neshoba County has recorded 32 new COVID-19 cases and no new deaths in the past week, according to the Mississippi State Department of Health's Oct. 26 report.

Neshoba County has now recorded a total of 6,656 cases of COVID-19 and 206 deaths since the pandemic began in March 2020.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians reported six new positive cases of COVID-19 and no new deaths in the past week as of Oct. 25,

with the total number of positive cases for the Tribe standing at 2,468 with 123 deaths. The Tribe reported five new hospitalizations in the past week.

Neshoba County Schools have reported no new COVID-19 cases among students or staff and no quaran-

times as of Oct. 15.

As of Oct. 25, 28% of Neshoba County's population is fully vaccinated, and 32% of the population has received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, according to MSDH.

Vaccinations are being administered at Walmart at

1002 W. Beacon St., Philadelphia, and Walgreens at 1005

W. Beacon Street in Philadelphia, according to the MSDH.

COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

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• Joel Ryan Armstrong, 29, of 21 Bridlepath Dr, St Rose, LA; hold for other agency

• Dusty Cain, 39, of 10370 Rd 282; contempt of court

• Melissa Comans, 48, of 13300 Rd 298, Collinsville; hold for investigations, grand larceny-more than \$1000.00

• Benny Edward Combs Jr, 59, of 925 South Green Point Trace, Fayetteville, AR; driving under the influence other substance

• Jade Crapps, 32, of 11551 Rd 418, Union; possession of paraphernalia

• Angela Davis, 36, of 519 Line St; failure to appear

• Tony Donald, 54, of 201 Russell St, Union; possession of controlled substance, suspended drivers license

• Melvin Lynn Galloway, 60, of 10200 Rd 1353; failure to appear

• Dontae C Harris, 20, of 536 Valley View Dr; trespassing, false ID information

• Johnny Hopson, 41, of 460 Henry Rd, Union; failure to appear

• Alicia M Jim, 50, of 110 Park Place Dr, Choctaw; contempt of court

• Alexandra John, 28, of 508 1/2 Bogue Chitto Circle Rd; serving sentence

• Shanitra Reann John, 24, of 130 Chitto Cove, Walnut Grove; contempt of court X2, failure to appear X3

• Chelsey Loper, 35, of 1046 Hwy 495, Meridian; failure to appear

• Danielle J Mclemore, 31, of 527 Buckley, Hickory; contempt of court

• Adrian Overton, 26, of 1549 Youngcrossing Rd, Louisville; hold for other agency

• Rita N Pilgrim, 36, of 10361 Rd 567; failure to appear

• Sanatra Rush, 29, of 2507 Sinia Rd, Preston; no drivers license, seat belt violation, no proof of insurance, improper equipment, driving under the influence other substance, careless driving

• Helena Nanette Sanchez, 47, of 14961 Hwy 488; failure to appear

• David Wayne Spivey, 61, of 214 Main St, Walnut Grove; possession of controlled substance

• Miranda Stephens, 41, of 265 Adams St; driving under the influence-refusal to take test

• Andy Stewart, 42, of 10420 Rd 387; disturbance of family 1st-domestic violence

• Christopher John Stewart, 41, of 12770 Hwy 15 N; disturbance of family 1st-domestic violence

• Brandon Lance Thomas, 27, of 115 Rolling Hill Cir; failure to appear

• Tiffany Michelle Tubby, 27, of 13051 Rd 147; contempt of court

Winston County Jail Docket from 10/18-10/24

• Fredrick Macon, 23, of 455 Samp St; contempt of court-municipal court

• Kenneth D Bobo, 33, of 10043 Rd 1728; hold-detainer for other agency

• Dar'tavion Boyd, 18, of 1066 Frog Level Ln Apt 55; shooting into dwelling house, contempt of court-municipal court

• Priscilia Burrage, 62, of 511 Pleasant Valley Rd; simple assault-attempt by physical menace to create fear

• Glenda Clemons, 41, of 10190 Rd 737; DUI-2nd offense

• Benny L Cole, 48, of 271 A Atkins St; contempt of court-municipal court

• Lafredrick Cole, 30, of

675 Suttle Rd, Preston; MV-careless driving, controlled substance-possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle, possession of controlled substance

• Nathan Cotton, 25, of 224 Indian Rd, Louisville; contempt of court-municipal court

• Ramsey W King, 30, of 357 Goat Ranch Rd; contempt of court-municipal court

• Hollyann K McMillian, 33, of 1250 McMillian Cir; contempt of court-municipal court

• Brianna Mitch, 21, of 121 Duplex Cir; contempt of court-municipal court, public drunk, disorderly conduct-disturbing the peace, disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers, resisting arrest

• Shannon C Nickey, 36, of 625 North Oswald Rd; contempt of court-municipal court

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Western Kentucky students visit Mt. Zion

A group of journalism and political science students from Western Kentucky University visited the historic Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in the Longdale community last Thursday as part of a visit the following day to the Two Museums in Jackson. They met with Mayor James A. Young and others here to discuss Philadelphia's progress since the murders of three young men in 1964 as part of a drive to register blacks to vote. The Mt. Zion church was burned to the ground by the Ku Klux Klan on June 16, 1964, to lure the men here from their headquarters in Meridian. They arrived in Philadelphia on Sunday, June 21, 1964, were pulled over leaving the church on trumped-up speeding charges, jailed and released that night, ambushed by the Klan, shot at point-blank range and buried in an earthen dam. On June 21, 2005, Edgar Ray Killen, 80 years old at the time, was convicted on three counts of manslaughter for his part in the conspiracy to commit the murders. Killen, a part-time preacher and sawmill operator, died in prison in 2018 at the age of 92. The murders at the time helped to propel passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Acts. — See essay, Page 1A.

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Opioids are a class of drugs that includes prescription pain killers and heroin. Mixing opioids with alcohol or other drugs can slow down or stop your breathing and your heart. Misuse of opioid drugs is a leading cause of accidental death in the United States.



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

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



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

Lyons hopes to hand down cooking to kids

By COLEMAN EAKES
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Food has always been a joy in Tarra Lyons' life. When she was growing up, her family would watch the Food Network together. It was their favorite thing to do together, Lyons said.

Lyons' mother, Yolonda, would let her and her brother Xavier help in the kitchen.

Lyons, a lifelong Philadelphia resident, said she started cooking with her mom when she was 7 years old.

Now a mother of two boys, Jace and Korey, and her newborn baby girl, Xara, Lyons loves to cook for her own family, including her husband, Chris Lyons, who owns Lyons Heating & Cooling Services LLC in Philadelphia.

Lyons loves all kinds of food but some stand out more than others.

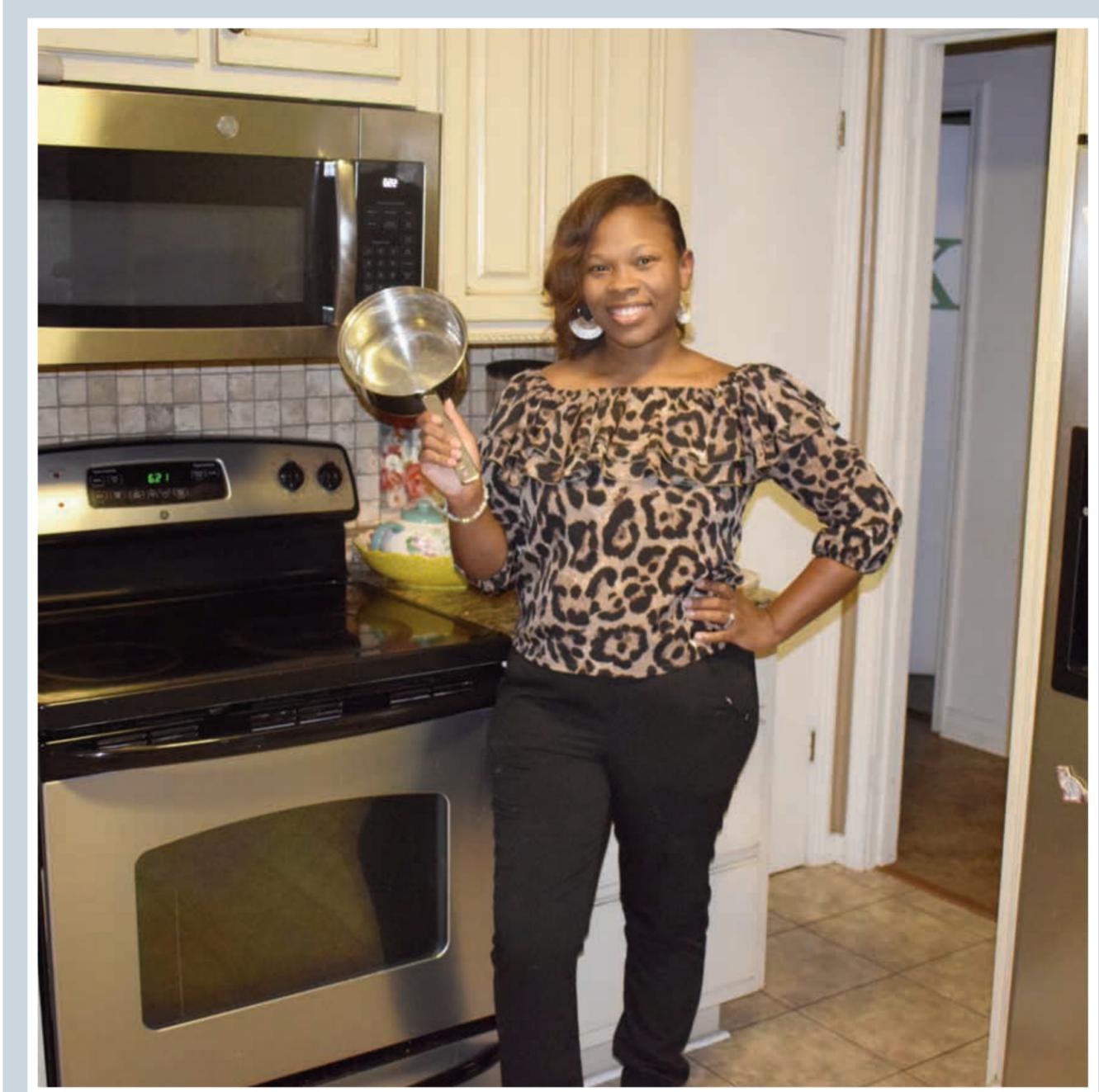
"Baked salmon with lemon Cajun butter and white rice," is among her favorite foods and would be her last meal is she had to choose. The recipe is included below.

"I love anything with white rice and I love the flakiness of the salmon ... I love to add garlic on the fish as well," Lyons said.

Lyons credits her mother with passing on a love for white rice, which she said her mother served with almost every meal.

Lyons said her grandmother Evelyn Young, who died this spring, was also a big inspiration for her in the kitchen.

The turkey recipe featured in this article was her grandmother's. Lyons, a stay-at-home mom, said she doesn't have any particular hobbies other than raising her children. She loves to cook and hopes to pass on her love of cooking to her children.



Tarra Lyons

COOK OF THE WEEK

MAMA'S CHICKEN AND RICE

INGREDIENTS:
1 1/2 cup of rice
4 cups of chicken broth
2 cans or 1 large can of cream of chicken soup
1 pound of chicken of your choice, (breast, chicken legs or thighs)
1/2 large onion
1/2 tsp. of black pepper
1 1/2 tsp. of salt
1 tsp. of garlic powder
1 tsp. of onion powder
1 tsp. of Tony's creole seasoning
1/2 stick of butter

DIRECTIONS:
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Rinse the chicken with water and pat dry. Sea-

son the chicken with black pepper, garlic powder, onion powder, 1/2 tsp. of salt, and Tony's Creole Seasoning. Rub seasonings into the chicken, front and back. Set chicken aside.

Chop or slice onions (your choice). Set onions aside. In a large casserole dish, sprinkle rice into the dish. Add in chicken broth, cream of chicken soup, and 1 tsp. of salt. Stir mixture. Add in chicken and onions on top of the chicken. Cut butter into pieces and sprinkle on top. Cover with aluminum foil. Bake for 1 1/2 - 2 hours.

TARRA'S BAKED GARLIC CAJUN SALMON IN BUTTER SAUCE

INGREDIENTS:
1 large salmon filet
2 tsp of Tony's seasoning
2 tsp minced garlic
2 tsp of garlic powder
2 tsp of salt
1 sliced lemon
1 stick of butter
1/2 cup of water

DIRECTIONS:
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Scale and gently rinse the salmon filet. Pat dry. Sea-

son one side of salmon filet with 1 tsp of Tony's seasoning, 1 tsp of salt, 1 tsp of garlic powder, 1 tsp of minced garlic. Flip salmon, sprinkle remaining seasoning on the other side of salmon, rub in both sides.

Place salmon in a large pan, place pats of butter and lemon slices on top of salmon. Add 1/2 cup of water into the pan. Cover with aluminum foil. Bake for 45 minutes. Remove aluminum foil, increase the temperature to 400 degrees, bake for an additional 5-10 minutes until browned.

Serve with rice or/vegetable of your choice.

GRANDMA'S TURKEY

INGREDIENTS:
1 large turkey
2 sticks of butter (softened)
1 tsp. of salt
1 tsp. of seasoning salt
1 tsp. of garlic salt
1 tsp of cayenne pepper
1 tsp. of garlic powder
1 tsp. of onion powder
1 tsp of black pepper
32 oz. of chicken broth
1 1/2 Chopped onions and bell peppers or 1 package of seasoning blend.

DIRECTIONS:

Rinse and clean the turkey. Pat Dry. Mix all seasonings in with the butter. Smear butter all over the turkey and under the skin. Let sit in the refrigerator overnight. Pour onions/bell peppers and chicken broth in a large roasting pan.

Add in turkey, cover with aluminum foil, bake overnight at 300 degrees for 7-8 hours, until tender.

Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS
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Congratulations to Forrest and June Fulton who celebrated 62 years of marriage on October 17, 2021! They have two children, Jim Fulton and Jan Fulton Copeland. Their grandchildren are Coker and Kip Fulton and they are blessed with a great grandson, Gunner Fulton, whose parents are Coker and Chelsea Fulton. The Fultons have always been active in the lives of their children and grandsons and now are enjoying Gunner, too.

The Friendship Sunday School Class of First United Methodist Church enjoyed a Halloween party in the home of Eric and Ellen Prince recently. Ellen sent invitations with pictures from a Halloween party the class had many years ago on them.

Great food, lots of talk, costume viewing, some karaoke, and fun were on the agenda for the evening. Everyone had a good time in the Prince's lovely home.

Those attending were: Amy Johnston, Gina Moorehead, Kent and Tammy Moore, Cecil and Kim Price, Ike and Carla Martin, Mike and Kim Donald, Eric and Ellen Prince, Tommy and Rhonda Jennings, Steve and Sue Ellen Smith, Kenny McClain and Jennifer Hernandez.

During halftime at the Ole Miss - Arkansas football game on October 9, the Ole Miss Handband performed the National Anthem using the American Sign Language. The members of the band have

worked hard to perfect their skills and perform, not only during ball games, but also at community events in Oxford and on campus.

One of the members is Burgin McClellan from Philadelphia who has been a member for several years. She loves being a part of the band and enjoys contributing to Ole Miss and the community. Her parents are Randy and Robin Tolbert McClellan.

Pat Thomasson has the distinction of being the first woman Board Chair for the Mississippi Manufacturing Association. Pat is the CEO of Thomasson Lumber who has received many honors during her career for her exemplary work, and is well deserving of this latest honor.

She is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and an avid Rebels football fan. During football season, she can usually be found cheering the Rebels at most home games. She is very active in community affairs and is a member of various local service organizations in which she has held offices. She is the daughter of Helen Thomasson and the late Hugh Thomasson. Congratulations!

Players of the Week are Philadelphia High School Tornadoes. Ariel Burnside was selected from the Tornadoes Volleyball Team. Two football players, Kevin Carter and Quintin Beamon, were chosen from the Tornadoes varsity football team. Mattie Hudson, local Sate Farm agent, presented each player with a commemorative T-shirt and a certificate. She is a staunch supporter of Philadel-

phia Public Schools. Congratulations!

Thursday, October 21st marked the 50th day of Kindergarten for the students at Neshoba Central Elementary School. The children celebrated with a video of what a day in the life of a child born in the 50's might have been like. The girls wore poodle skirts, pony tails tied with scarves, and even some bobby socks, and many of the boys wore jeans and black leather jackets over white T-shirts. They were so cute.

They traveled back in time to enjoy some of the fun that kids had then such as a Sock Hop where they danced and hula hooped, followed by a Coke float at the Soda Shop. Everyone went to another teacher's room where a backdrop was set up for individual pictures which will go home in their scrapbooks. It was a memorable day!

Neshoba Central School District recognized another local business, Windham Tractor, for its generous contribution to help purchase the new video/scoreboard for the Rocket Field. Neshoba School District appreciates not only Windham Tractor's assistance with the new scoreboard, but also their support for the entire district. Thank you for supporting our local schools!

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Rotary Students of the Month announced

The Philadelphia Rotary Club recently recognized October 2021 Students of the Month. From left are: Cadence Nickey, Choctaw Central High School; Trey Posey, Philadelphia High School; and Mallory Chunn, Neshoba Central High School. At right is Tammye Jones, Student Coordinator for Philadelphia Rotary Club.

Rigby accepted into Rural Dentist program

By STAFF REPORTS
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Ansley Rigby, a Union native and student at Mississippi College, was recently selected to participate in the undergraduate portion of the Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship Program (MRDSP). Rigby is the daughter of Brett Rigby and Annette Rigby.

Created in 2013, MRDSP identifies college sophomores and juniors who demonstrate the necessary commitment and academic achievement to become competent, well-trained rural dentists in our state. The program offers undergraduate academic enrichment and a clinical experience in a rural setting.

Upon completion of all dental school admissions requirements, the student can use the scholarship at the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry.

During dental school, each MRDSP scholar may receive \$35,000 per year based on available funding. Consistent legislative support of MRDSP translates to 9 dental students receiving a total of \$315,000 to support their education this fall. Additional benefits include personalized mentoring from practicing rural dentists and academic support.



Ansley Rigby

The MRDSP Scholar must provide four years of service in a practice in an approved Mississippi community of 10,000 or fewer people located more than 20 miles from a medically served area. The MRDSP provides a means for rural Mississippi students to receive mentoring during the dental school application process, earn a \$140,000 dental school scholarship in return for four years of service, and learn the firsthand from practicing rural dentists.

Of Local Interest

SPOOKY SPECIES COSTUME CONTEST

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

Revival for Mt. Carmel Baptist Church of Edinburg, will be November 7th thru November 10th. Revival Speaker will be Bro. David Ford of Globe for Christ Ministries. Sunday Services will be at 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Services for Monday thru Wednesday will be at 7:00 PM.

NESHOBA COUNTY SWCD NOW TAKING TREE ORDERS

The Neshoba County Soil and Water Conservation District will be taking tree orders through November 30th, 2021.

Order forms are available from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday outside the office or you can call 601-

656-8783 Ext. 3 and we will e-mail or mail you an order form to you. The office is located at 511 East Lawn Drive in the USDA Building. We are asking that you pay for the trees when placing your order. You may drop off your payment and order form in a drop box outside of the front door.

If you have any questions, call 601-656-8783 Ext3.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Mississippi will hold a meeting in Decatur on Oct. 30 at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held at Newton County Post 89 Hut located off of Highway 51. Lunch will be provided. This will be a Leadership Workshop and we invite all American Legion Auxiliary current members and anyone interested in our Mission of service to our veterans, military children and community.

This meeting is for those members of District 5 living in Forest, Carthage, Newton, Meridian, Philadelphia, Louisville, Dekalb and surrounding areas, as well as those who have missed any of our other workshops.

Any questions should be referred to Phyllis Moran at 228-586-9560, or District 5 President Wendy Walters at 662-674-5708.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

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

FALL FESTIVAL

New County Line Baptist Church will host its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, November 6th. Festivities will begin at 4:00 PM with a meal at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend. The church is located on Hwy 427, near Edinburg.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Come join us for Trunk or Treat at Salem Baptist Church on October 31st at 5PM. All are invited.

LINWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Linwood Fire Department will be taking nominations for and voting on 1 board member on December 7, 2021 at 5:30 PM. The meeting will take place at the new first station located on Road 325. This is our regular meeting that is open to the public.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Come be with us at Fellowship Baptist Church, 19213 Highway 21 South, for our Harvest Festival on October 30th at 5:00 pm.

Easiest way to get to the church is get on 21 from 15 like you are going to the Neshoba County Fair, and we are the first church on the right.

We will have Hotdogs, with all the fixings, candy, for the trick or treaters, and a costume contest with the 1st prize being \$20, 2nd prize being \$10, and 3rd prize being \$5.

Rules for contest: Historic figures, Super hero, and Biblical characters are all welcome. Nothing showing.

Come be with us for a night of food, fun, and fellowship.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Terry Anderson at (601) 650-6093.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF NESHOBA COUNTY

You are invited to become a "2020 Dream Builder" for our youth by supporting the future of our boys & girls through club programs such as:

- 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.



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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF DORA LUZETTA YOUNG, DECEASED

CIVIL ACTION NO: 2019-325

LUCY BAXSTROM PETITIONER

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, whether resident/ non resident of the state of Mississippi, claiming any right, title or interest as heirs of DORA LUZETTA YOUNG, deceased.

You have been made a Respondent in the Motion to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Lucy Baxstrom Petitioner, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-at-law of Dora Luzetta Young, deceased, as fully set out in the Motion on file in the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Motion to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 28 th day of December, 2021, in the courtroom of Neshoba County in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 14th day of October, 2021.

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

BY: /s/ D.C.

Steven D. Settlemares
Settlemares & Graham
410 East Beacon Street
Philadelphia, MS 39350
601-656-9597
MSBN 99674

INVITATION FOR BIDS

OPEN TO ALL BIDDERS

DATE ISSUED: October 25, 2021
BY: Choctaw Housing Authority
P. O. Box 6088
Choctaw, MS 39350

PROJECT: Rehab House #557
Pearl River Community

LOCATION: 140 Willis Road
Philadelphia, 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, adheres to the Davis-Bacon Labor Law, provide Indian preference, provide insurance as required by Choctaw Housing Authority, perform and complete all requirements as specified in the Scope of Work. **The Contractor will be given four (4) weeks to complete the job .**

Bid forms and specifications may be picked up at the Choctaw Housing Authority Procurement Office. **Bids must be accompanied by a 5% Bid Guaranty to be considered responsible and responsive.** For more information call Peggy Thompson, Procurement Officer at (601) 656-6617.

Sealed bids are due no later than **10:00 a.m. ON November 15, 2021 BID OPENING** at the Procurement Office, Attn: Peggy Thompson. No late bids will be accepted.

Choctaw Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities. Indian Preference will be given to all qualified Indian-Owned companies.

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF SARINA WILLIAMS ANDERSON, DECEASED
CAUSE NO.: 2020-386
TARINA ANDERSON PETITIONER

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, whether resident/ non resident of the state of Mississippi, claiming any right, title or interest as heirs of Sarina Williams Anderson, deceased.

You have been made a Respondent in the Petition to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Tarina Anderson, Administratrix, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-at-law of Sarina Williams Anderson, deceased, as fully set out in the Motion on file in the Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 1 st day of December, 2021, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Court in the Smith John Justice Complex located on the Pearl River Reservation, Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

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you desire.

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

/s/ TRIBAL COURT CLERK

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MSBN: 99674

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI PLAINTIFF
VS.
CAUSE NO. 00-388
JOSEPH S. SLAUGHTER DEFENDANT

JOSEPH S. SLAUGHTER PETITIONER
VS.
CAUSE NO. 00-388

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND ALICE EVANS RESPONDENTS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: ALICE EVANS:

You have been made Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Joseph Slaughter seeking Petition for Modification of Former Judgment. You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 16 th day of December, 2021, in the Courtroom of the Neshoba County Courthouse at Philadelphia, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 13th day of October, 2021.

Guy Nowell
Chancery Clerk
Neshoba County, Mississippi
401 E. Beacon St., Ste. 107
Philadelphia, MS 39350

CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BERT JAMISON ISAAC, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2011-1211DM

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The heirs at law of BERT JAMISON ISAAC, deceased, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of BERT JAMISON ISAAC, deceased, whose post office and street addresses are unknown to the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law. You have been made a Respondent in a Petition for Determination of Heirship filed in this court by the Petitioner Rebecca Steve, Administrator of the Estate of BERT JAMISON ISAAC, deceased. 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 6 TH day of JANUARY, 2022 , in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court at Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.
Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 19th day of October, 2021.

/s/ Kristina Jim CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT CLERK

NESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXPENSE SUMMARY FOR:

10/18/2021
001-100 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 32931.95
001-101 CHANCERY CLERK 59.45
001-102 CIRCUIT CLERK 739.55
001-105 TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR 1034.00
001-151 MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING/GROUND 19863.37
001-152 DATA PROCESSING 13986.28
001-154 VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE 134.41
001-160 CHANCERY COURT 5936.16
001-161 CIRCUIT COURT 3919.71
001-163 JUVENILE COURT 2901.00
001-164 JUVENILE DRUG COURT 26.70
001-166 JUSTICE COURT 182.90
001-167 CORONER/MEDICAL EXAMINER 372.50
001-171 COURT ADMINISTRATION 941.24
001-180 ELECTIONS 4557.57
001-200 SHERIFF ADMINISTRATION 18969.85
001-220 CUSTODY OF PRISONERS 2675.29
001-232 MEDICAL SERVICE - PRISONERS 3065.59
001-260 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 1009.64
001-450 WELFARE ADMINISTRATION 761.95
001-452 COUNCIL ON AGING 167.94
001-631 COUNTY EXTENSION 3196.48
001-676 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTH 76.19
097-265 COUNTY WIDE E-911 1140.00
097-890 CO WIDE E-911 - LEASE/PURCHASE 9757.79
104-172 LAW LIBRARY 244.01
106-251 COUNTY LINE VFD 2465.49
106-252 HOUSE VFD 3508.40
106-253 HOPE VFD 3226.01
106-254 LINWOOD VFD 3013.64
106-255 DIXON VFD 2744.78
106-256 TUCKER VFD 3776.26
106-257 FAIRVIEW VFD 2628.66
106-258 ARLINGTON VFD 3270.48
106-259 EAST NESHOPA VFD 2322.25
110-265 EMS SERVICES 4633.46
150-300 COUNTY UNIT ROAD 44537.46
150-890 CO UNIT RD - LEASE/PURCHASE 880.24
160-300 COUNTY WIDE BRIDGE & CULVERT 1361.62
400-340 SOLID WASTE 7011.90
400-890 SOLID WASTE - LEASE/PURCHASE 5628.69
650-000 ASSESSMENTS 6515.00
681-000 PAYROLL CLEARING FUND 716.65
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: 226892.51
THIS IS A SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 18, 2021 LISTING THE TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS BY EACH DEPARTMENT/FUND PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MISSISSIPPI CODE ANN. § 19-3-35. A COMPLETE

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LIST OF ALL EXPENDITURES REPRESENTING THESE TOTALS IS RECORDED IN THE DOCKET OF CLAIMS AND IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE CHANCERY CLERKS OFFICE OR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS. /s/ GUY NOWELL CLERK OF THE BOARD NESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Philadelphia Public School District Notice of Request for Architect/Engineer Qualifications

The Philadelphia Public School District is soliciting responses from qualified firms or individuals to provide architectural/engineering services on one or more projects on behalf of the Philadelphia Public School District. The full form of the Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") can be obtained by contacting the District's Superintendent, Lisa Hull at lhull@phillytornadoes.com. All responses must be submitted as set forth in the full RFQ. All interested parties are solely responsible for obtaining the full RFQ, for delivering the information requested by the RFQ before the stated deadline, and for all costs associated with preparing and submitting the response. The completed response must be delivered to Lisa Hull in the District's Central Office, 248 Byrd Avenue, Philadelphia, MS prior to 10:00 a.m. on November 9, 2021, in accordance with the instructions contained in the RFQ.

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES GENERAL FUND FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Revenues
Licenses & Permits 34,000
Inter-Governmental Revenues Federal Revenues
State shared revenues 5,168,050
Local shared revenues 225,000
Charges for services
Animal Control 1,500
Sanitation 360,000
Cemetery 37,000
Building Inspection 20,000
Landfill Fees 20,000
Fines and Forfeits 470,000
Miscellaneous 664,800
Total from all sources 7,000,350
The estimated fund balance at beginning of year 2,500,000
Total Revenue 9,500,350
The amount necessary to be raised by 20 (twenty) mills 1,530,000
Total available cash and anticipated revenue from all sources 11,030,350

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT
Personnel Services 553,387
Supplies 7,000
Other services & charges 1,083,766
Capital Outlay 5,000
Transfers 337,533
Grants 0
SUBTOTAL 1,986,686

CEMETERY
Personnel Services 190,319
Supplies 7,600
Other services & charges 4,500
Capital Outlay 12,000
SUBTOTAL 214,419

SANITATION DEPARTMENT
Personnel Services 123,946
Supplies 16,600
Other services & charges 450,700
Capital Outlay 2,000
SUBTOTAL 593,246

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Personnel Services 1,727,519
Supplies 95,000
Other services & charges 161,250
Capital Outlay 85,000
SUBTOTAL 2,068,769

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Personnel Services 1,704,792
Supplies 49,500
Other services & charges 89,000
Capital Outlay 77,000
SUBTOTAL 1,920,292

ANIMAL CONTROL
Personnel Services 60,072
Supplies 3,800
Other services & charges 2,100
Capital Outlay 1,000
SUBTOTAL 66,972

MUNICIPAL COURT
Personnel Services 162,609
Supplies 3,500
Other services & charges 12,000
Capital Outlay 2,000
State Fines 200,000
TOTAL 380,109

STREET DEPARTMENT
Personnel Services 695,450
Supplies 77,500
Other services & charges 275,000
Capital Outlay 79,500
SUBTOTAL 1,127,450

SUMMARY OF TAX LEVY
TOTAL REVENUES 8,530,350
GENERAL FUND 20
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 8,357,943
PHILADELPHIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 172,407
DISTRICT MAINTENANCE 55
DEPT SERVICE 4.45
TOTAL LEVY 79.45

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF JIMMIE LEE VAUGHN, SR., DECEASED
CAUSE NO.: 2020-747
JANET WAITER PETITIONER

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, whether resident/ non resident of the state of Mississippi, claiming any right, title or interest as heirs of Jimmie Lee Vaughn, Sr., deceased.

You have been made a Respondent in the Petition to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Janet Waiter, Administratrix, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-at-law of Jimmie Lee Vaughn, Sr., deceased, as fully set out in the Motion on file in the Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action

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at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 1 st day of December, 2021, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Court in the Smith John Justice Complex located on the Pearl River Reservation, Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

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

/s/ TRIBAL COURT CLERK

Steven D. Settlemares
Settlemares & Graham, PLLC
410 East Beacon Street
Philadelphia, MS 39350
601-656-9597
MSBN: 99674

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOREST PRODUCTS FOR SALE ON COUNTY SCHOOL LANDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Neshoba County School District at 580 East Main Street Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350, up to and not later than 10:00 A. M. on November 10, 2021, for the right to purchase all timber marked or designated for that purpose in Section 16, Township 11N, Range 11E, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the material for sale, conditions of sale and submission of bids should be obtained from the Assistant Regional Forester, Mississippi Forestry Commission, Philadelphia, Mississippi (601-656-1381). The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

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 7 th 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 7 th day of October, 2021.

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

Prepared by:
DOUGLAS J. GRAHAM
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MSBN: 101965

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

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Office of the Attorney General
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CAP LOAN PROGRAM PUBLIC NOTICE

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors, acting for and on behalf of Neshoba County, Mississippi (the "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

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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 home-stead 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, October 27, 2021 and November 3, 2021 in the Neshoba Democrat (newspaper)

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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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

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

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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

FELDER RUSHING

Don't plant big plants where you want little ones

By FELDER RUSHING
Special to the Democrat

Today I'm on a rant after being falsely accused of celebrating a bad plant, which segued into a discussion of pruning before devolving into a blame game.

I had posted, on an online garden site, a photo and comment about how deliciously sweet the little flowers of eleagnus shrubs smell this month. But someone reacting with "Yeah, but the plants are the Devil's spawn and you should never plant them."

Okay, let me back up. I realize that the popular plants get huge. You can hide a school bus behind just three of them. And they are informal, to say the least, with long, wild stems that are so scraggly they make my own shoulder-length gray hair look kempt.

Is getting big a bad thing? Nope. See, those "shrubs" are actually vigorous semi-vines that naturally clamber twenty feet or higher; I planted one in the back of my garden just so it would grow up in the trees and screen my neighbors. Plus they smell sweet in the fall, and provide small, delightfully sweet-tart fruits in the winter for me and our wild birds.



Eleagnus flowers are heavenly fragrant this month.

It's how they want to grow, yet we continue to plant them three feet apart under windows and complain because they have to be pruned every other month (while overlooking how the lawn has to be clipped every other

week). I hear every year from over-wrought gardeners about how utility companies come through and whack trees back from around overhead lines, when they are just doing their job (admittedly sometimes

lacking finesse) of keeping things running after ice storms.

This is not the power company or the trees' fault; the blame, and the price paid later, is on whoever failed to look up when planting in the first

place. The onus is on the gardener to practice what, in garden design jargon, is called "right plant, right place." Shouldn't plant big plants where you want little ones.

This also applies to larger issues related to "habitat" which I won't get into here. Just think twice about planting sun-loving vegetables or roses in deep shade, impatiens and hostas in broiling sun, daffodils in wet areas, or hard-scrabble prairie wildflowers in good soil.

Still, we all have stuff that needs pruning, and it can be a little tricky, especially going into winter with some shrubs looking like they need a good trim for neatness' sake. The temptation to just shear everything can mess some plants up.

Here's a tip for getting overgrown shrubs into shape. Summer bloomers like roses, crape myrtles, vitex, and altheas flower on new growth and can be cut any time from fall until Spring, no problem. But azaleas, spirea, forsythia and other Spring bloomers already have their flower buds, as do blueberries, hollies, and nandinas, so don't cut them hard from mid-Summer through Winter.

Instead of general shearing, simply reach down below the overall canopy and make a few thinning cuts to remove just the tallest stuff, without pruning everything. Do the harder stuff next spring.

Back to the eleagnus debate. As politely as I could, what I ended up telling the irate man who hates them because they get unruly and require constant pruning, is it's the fault of humans for planting them where little gumdrop shaped trifles would be easier. Stop blaming the naturally elephantine plants.

Think about this: Next time you find yourself grudgingly pruning an overgrown meatball shaped plant, don't berate the shrub; instead, consider moving it to a bigger spot.

Meanwhile, don't the eleagnus smell heavenly right now? Come back in December and sample their delicious little fruits.

Felder Rushing is a Mississippi author, columnist, and host of the "Gestalt Gardener" on MPB Think Radio. Email gardening questions to rushingfelder@yahoo.com.

Legals

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and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on **November 4, 2021** within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the north door of the Courthouse proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to wit:

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

COMMENCE AT AN IRON PIN FOUND MARKING THE SE CORNER OF THE

SAID SE ¼ OF THE SE ¼; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SAID SE ¼ OF THE SE ¼ FOR 1,063.74 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST FOR 209.75 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND BESIDE A POST; THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST FOR 335.52 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST FOR 335.24 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE RUN NORTH 76 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST FOR

545.43 FEET TO A FENCE CORNER FOUND; THENCE RUN NORTH 12 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST FOR 262.31 FEET TO A FENCE CORNER FOUND; THENCE RUN NORTH 83 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST FOR 129.73 FEET TO A FENCE CORNER FOUND; THENCE RUN NORTH 71 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST FOR 104.34 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE RUN NORTH 82 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR 159.46 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE RUN NORTH 32 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR 257.58 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE RUN WEST FOR 66.26 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE

CONTINUE WEST FOR 182.13 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET ON THE EASTERN RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 325; THENCE RUN NORTH 14 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EASTERN RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR 219.67 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE RUN SOUTH 72 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST FOR 199.12 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 72 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST FOR 156.50 FEET TO A METAL PIPE FOUND; THENCE RUN NORTH 57 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST FOR 590.19 FEET TO A METAL PIPE FOUND BESIDE A FENCE CORNER BEING USED AS THE NE CORNER OF SAID

SE ¼ OF THE SE ¼; THENCE RUN SOUTH 06 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SAID SE ¼ OF THE SE ¼ FOR 338.87 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE FOR 83.01 FEET BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 11.15 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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

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

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

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For more information, call:

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CARD OF THANKS

A special thank you from the family of John Culber-sonWe would like to thank everyone for the love and support shown to our family during the loss of our sweet daddy. Thank you to the Neshoba County Nursing Home and John E. Stephens Chapel for the care and support shown to our family. Thank you to each one that brought food, sent flowers or any other act of kindness we received, especially the prayers that were lifted up for us during this difficult time. A special thank you to Bro. David Hardy and Bro. John Stephens for the comforting words spoken and to Walker Beckham and Avery Kate Holland for the special music. Please continue to lift our family in your prayers.Sylvia Beckham and Family, Debbie Holland and Family

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During this flushing process, residents may experience discolored water and/or low water pressure. As a precaution, before doing laundry during this time period, we recommend checking your cold water for discoloration. If you have discolored water, it will be helpful for you to call us at 601-656-1601 to report the problem, and then run your water until it clears. Your calls will help us to note the scope of the areas affected by certain hydrants.

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Photo by STEPHANIE WARD PEEBLES

Neshoba Central's Maxton Woodward (53) and Anthony Hopson (99) follow a play against Vicksburg.

Rockets wrap up region title

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Neshoba Central Rockets wrapped up the Region 2-5A championship with a hard-fought 10-6 victory over the Vicksburg Gators on Friday night in prep football action.

The game decided the region championship. Both teams came in undefeated in the region. Both teams had scored a lot of points in their prior games and both fielded tough defenses. Neshoba Central will enter the playoffs as the No. 1 team out of Region 2-5A and Vicksburg will be the No. 2 team.

Neshoba Central took 10-0 lead early in the second quarter and did not score again.

Hunter Bavetta kicked a 29-yard field goal with 5:41 left in the first quarter to give the Rockets a 3-0 lead.

Vicksburg took the kickoff, ran a couple plays, and then fumbled the ball away. The two teams exchanged possessions. Then the Rockets drove in for a touchdown with quarterback Eli Anderson connecting with Ja'Naylon Dupree on a five-yard touchdown

pass. Bavetta's kick was good and the Rocket led 10-0 with 11:01 one remaining in the second quarter.

That's how it stood until late in the third quarter when Vicksburg quarterback Ronnie Alexander threw a four-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Henderson. The extra point try failed and Neshoba Central led 10-6 with 1:03 remaining in the quarter.

That set up a defensive classic to remember in the fourth quarter. Neither team let the other do much offensively. Then late in the game, Neshoba Central fumbled the ball away and Vicksburg had its shot. But five plays later, Rocket defender Jashawn Mathis made the play of the game. Vicksburg passed and Mathis jumped up and pulled down an interception. The Rockets ran the clock out to take the victory.

"The interception was a big time play," Rockets Coach Patrick Schoolar said. "We had a big fumble loss and turned around with a big interception. It sealed the game up.

"We knew scoring was going to be at a minimum for both teams," Coach Schoolar said. "Offensively, we tried

to move the chains some and flip the field. We weren't able to do any of that the second half. We hung on and survived. Our defense was awesome. They played an outstanding game.

"That team (Vicksburg) had been averaging 40 points and 300 to 400 yards per game. We held them to 37 yards rushing and that was a big deal for us," Schoolar said.

The Rockets had 270 total yards and nine first downs. Neshoba Central had 195 rushing yards on 30 carries. Quarterback Eli Anderson completed 10-of-13 passes for 57 yards. Vicksburg had 189 total yards. The Gators rushed for 37 yards on 27 carries and completed 9-of-19 passing attempts for 152 yards.

Zander Kirkland was Neshoba Central's leading rusher with 81 yards on 15 carries. Anderson rushed 10 times for 81 yards while Ken Drummond had 40 yards on three carries. Elijah Ruffin had four catches for 43 yards and Dupree had five catches for 12 yards.

Linebacker Jaharon Griffin finished with seven solo tackles, one assist and a fumble recovery. Ruffin had one solo

tackle, four assists, two for losses. Brayden Reynold had two solo tackles and two assists. Kelbee Holmes had four solos, six assists, three for losses, and a quarterback hurry. Mathis had three solos, two assists, two quarterback hurries and one interception. Maxton Woodward had one solo tackle, six assists and one sack. Anthony Hopson had one solo, five assists, three quarterback hurries and a pass breakup.

The Rockets are now 9-0 and 7-0 in the region. They are ranked No. 3 in the AP Class 5A poll and 10th in overall state poll.

The Rockets close out the season Friday night against the Callaway Chargers. Coach Schoolar said the Rockets could not take anything for granted.

"We can't take Callaway lightly," Schoolar said. "They have enough players to beat you. We have to be prepared to beat them. Then we will take a week off to heal up, rest a little bit, and then get ready for the playoffs. We'll see what we can do."

Warriors looking for a place in upcoming 4A playoffs

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Choctaw Central Warriors close out their 2021 regular football season Thursday night when they visit Leake Central in a game with playoff implications.

The Warriors come in with a 3-4 overall record after dropping a 43-21 decision to West Lauderdale last Friday night. Leake Central comes in with a 1-8 overall record. The Gators dropped a 49-0 loss to Louisville last week.

But more importantly, both teams stand at 1-3 in the Region 4-4A standings. The winner of Thursday's game will finish as the fourth-place team in the standings and will earn a place in the 4A state playoffs.

The Warriors looked ready to strike first in their game with West Lauderdale. They drove down to the Knights' 20-yard line. On fourth down, they attempted a 39-yard field goal but it was no good.

West Lauderdale came back with a scoring drive and took a 7-0 lead. The Knights scored again in the second quarter and led 14-0 at the half.

West Lauderdale scored early in the third quarter and went up 20-0.

Choctaw Central got on the scoreboard when Elias Bell caught a 17-yard TD pass from Eli Jimmie. The extra point was good and the Warriors trailed 20-7.

The Warriors drove down to the West Lauderdale 2-yard line early in the fourth quarter but ran out of downs. The Knights took the ball and drove down the field for a touchdown. They scored the 2-point conversion and West Lauderdale led 28-7.

Later, Elias Bell caught a 64-yard TD pass. The try for two failed and the Knights led 28-13 with 7:06 left in the game.

West Lauderdale answered with a touchdown and went up 36-13.

The Knights intercepted a pass and drove it in for a touchdown. The extra-point kick was good and the Knights led 43-13.

But the Warriors did not give up as they drove down for another touchdown. Elias Bell caught a 5-yard TD pass from Jeriah Jimmie. The duo of Jimmie to Bell connected again for the 2-point conversion to end the scoring.



Photo by BRADLEY ISAAC

Choctaw Central running back Bryden Wesley tried to get away from a West Lauderdale defender while Elias Bell (2) looks to make block.

Rebels earn No. 1 seed in playoffs, receive bye week

By ROBBIE ROBERTSON
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After a big win over Heritage last week, Leake Academy coach Brian Pickens was worried about a letdown against Lamar School in the regular-season finale.

He had no need to be worried as the Rebels reeled off 30 unanswered points and cruised to a 37-14 win over the Raiders on Friday night.

With the win, the Rebels are now 9-1 on the season and will be the No. 1 seed in the Class 5A playoffs. The Rebels get a first-round bye and will host the winner of Central Hinds and Pillow Academy on Friday, Nov. 5.

"It was an important game because it allowed us to do what we need to do in the playoffs," Pickens said. "We had put ourselves in posi-

tion to be the No. 1 seed with the win and have home-field throughout the playoffs. Everything was riding on the game. Our kids came out and did a good job. We knew Lamar had been playing a lot better and had gotten back on track. We knew that coach (Mac) Barnes has built a good tradition of moving the ball and scoring points."

The Raiders got the ball to start the game and took an early lead. After a big 58-yard completion, Lamar's Austin Acton scored on a 1-yard run. Zagar Cooper booted the PAT and Lamar led 7-0 with 9:03 left in the first quarter.

The Rebels answered with a big pass of their own. After four rushes by Canon Parkes to open the drive, Rhett Atkinson hit Levi Brown on a 55-yard pass with 7:11 left in the first

quarter. Cole Arthur hit the PAT and Leake tied the score at 7-7.

After swapping possessions, Leake hit another big play as Atkinson hit Brown on a 74-yard touchdown pass with 1:49 left in the first. The PAT by Arthur failed and Leake led 13-7.

The Rebels extended their lead early in the second quarter as they went 62 yards in seven plays. After six straight runs by Parkes, Atkinson scored on a 5-yard quarterback keeper with 8:15 left in the second half. Arthur hit the PAT and Leake led 20-7.

The Rebels got good field position at the Lamar 37 after a 19-yard punt return by Jake Brown. After a big 23-yard completion to Aiden Watkins, the Rebels found the end zone on an 11-yard touchdown run by Welch

with 2:14 left in the half. Arthur hit the PAT and the Rebels led 27-7 at the half.

The second half went quickly with a running block as the Rebels opened the third with a 30-yard field goal with 8:32 left in the third to extend the lead to 30-7.

Both teams scored once again. The Rebels had 352 yards of total offense with 181 passing and 171 rushing. Atkinson was 4-of-9 passing for 181 yards and two TDs. Brown had two catches for 129 yards and two TDs while Aiden Watkins had two catches for 52 yards. Canon Parkes led the rushing attack with 122 yards on 18 carries while Welch had 20 yards on three carries.

Bryce Watkins had five solo tackles and two assists to lead the defense.

Ole Miss ranked 10th in AP poll

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Ole Miss defeated LSU, 31-17, this past Saturday and moved up to No. 10 in the AP College Football poll this week.

Ole Miss (6-1, 3-1) used an ever-improving defense and a solid ground game to take down LSU for the first time since 2015.

This week the schedule is no easier as the Rebels will visit No. 21 Auburn. Enjoying the win was former Ole Miss quarterback Eli Manning, who during a halftime ceremony saw his jersey placed next to the jerseys of his father, Archie, and the late Chucky Mullins. A much-humbled Eli stated, "Seeing my No. 10 hang up there next to my dad's will be one of the greatest moments of my life."

Mississippi State (4-3, 2-2) passed Vanderbilt silly in posting a 45-6 win in Nashville. Will Rogers passed for four scores and 386 yards in leading the Bulldogs offense. This week the Bulldogs will celebrate Homecoming by hosting No. 12 Kentucky.

In other SEC action, No. 3 Alabama, No. 14 Texas A&M and Arkansas also came up winners. This week's SEC schedule is abbreviated as Georgia and Florida meet in the annual matchup and Vandy hosts Missouri.

Southern Mississippi made the news off the football field this week as they enjoyed the open week. The Golden Eagles are expected to join the Sun Belt Conference this week. The current Sun Belt members are Coastal Carolina, Appalachian State, Troy, Georgia State, Georgia Southern, Louisiana (Lafayette), UL-Monroe, Texas State, South Alabama and Arkansas State.

SWAC

Alcorn rolled over Texas Southern, 44-27, to remain undefeated in conference play. The Braves (5-2, 4-0) will travel to Southern University Saturday night. Jackson State (6-1, 4-0) downed winless Bethune Cookman, 42-12, and travels to Mississippi Valley this Saturday at 3 p.m. Valley (2-5, 1-3) fell to Florida A&M, 31-28.

Small Colleges

Delta State (3-5, 1-3) pulled the upset this week as they traveled to West Alabama and outscored the Tigers, 35-30. Mississippi College (3-4, 2-3) fell to Valdosta State, 41-14, while Belhaven (5-2, 4-2) won for the fourth straight time as they beat previously undefeated Howard Payne, 24-10. Millsaps (1-6, 1-3) lost to Centre, 66-34. This week DSU hosts Shorter, and MC entertains West Florida. Belhaven visits Mary Hardin-Baylor while Millsaps travels to Sewanee.

World Series

The Atlanta Braves took down last year's champs, the Los Angeles Dodgers, in six games and will now meet the American League winner, the Houston Astros, in the 2021 World Series. The Braves last played in the World Series back in 1999.

Odds & Ends

The ageless wonder Tom Brady became the first quarterback ever with 600 touchdown passes. Brady threw his record-breaking touchdown pass to Mike Evans in the first half of Tampa Bay's win over Chicago on Sunday.

Kentucky edged Alabama in the SEC Basketball Media predictions for the upcoming season. Mississippi State was ranked 8th and Ole Miss 9th in the overall 14-team standings. MSU opens the season on November 10th by hosting North Alabama while Ole Miss opens on Nov. 9 against New Orleans in Oxford.

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Rebelettes looking for another state title

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There's only one way to go for the Leake Academy girls basketball team.

The Lady Rebels are coming off another banner year in which they went 37-2 and won the Class 4A state championship and the MAIS Overall championship.

The Lady Rebels return three starters off of last year's team. Coach Amanda Hatch said she likes where her team is after starting the preseason off with a pair of double-digit wins.

"I like where we are but we definitely have things to work on," Hatch said. "That's why we

like to play early and measure up where you are against a good team like Pillow. We definitely saw some weaknesses in transition defense and communicating. That's something we are going to work on. I definitely think that our experience is a start. Even though they are young, they are definitely experienced. I like the group that we have."

Coming back for the Lady Rebels is junior Miriam Prince, who averaged 17.9 points a game last year and was named a preseason All-MAIS selection last week. Also back is junior Morgan Freeny (6.8 ppg) and Emeri Warren (6.7 ppg). Gone from last year's squad is all-



Leake Academy girls coach Amanda Hatch brings back three starters from last year's MAIS Overall champions.

stars Emmi Harkins (14.2 ppg) and Mabry Mayfield (6.0 ppg

and 6.3 ppg).

"I think for sure, it's hard losing teammates when you are close," Prince said. "I feel like this team is really close. Most of us are juniors and then there is little Katye. We are all really close and have good chemistry. I think this will make this team really special."

Also coming back for Leake is junior Allen Kaye Wilcox, who was a part-time starter last year. Sophomore Katye Jones will start at the post while junior Grace Maxey is first off the bench. Junior Natalie Vaughn and senior Laney Turner also provide shooting depth off the bench.

Hatch said repeating will

have its challenges this season.

"It's going to take a little bit of luck and some peak performance at peak times," Hatch said. "It's going to take keeping everybody healthy and just continuing to improve each and every game. There is a lot of good talent out there at other schools."

Leake will compete in district play with Park Place, Simpson, Lamar, Winston and East Rankin.

"It's a good district," Hatch said. "Simpson is always going to be competitive and play us hard. Lamar will get better with Coach (Joe) Miller there and East Rankin has a lot of athletes. It will be competitive."

Turnovers plague Tornadoes in 45-27 loss to Wildcats

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The Philadelphia Tornadoes scored all of their points in the second half but fell short 45-27 to the Kemper County Wildcats Friday night after having committed six turnovers.

The Tornadoes drop to 4-5 overall and 1-2 in the Region 5-2A standings. They close out the regular season Thursday night when they host the Newton Tigers, 6-3, 1-2. The winner will open the state playoffs as the third-place team out of Region 5-2A while the loser goes to the playoffs as the No. 4 team.

Late in the first quarter, Kemper County scored when Dincenzo Miller II ran 55 yards for a touchdown.

On the second play of the second quarter, Miller scored again on a 7-yard run. The extra point try failed and the Wildcats led 13-0.

Kemper County kicked off and quickly recovered a Philadelphia fumble on the Tornado 34-yard line. Seven plays later, Miller scored again on a 10-yard pass from Aaron Steele. The extra-point kick was blocked and the Wildcats led 19-0 until halftime.

The Wildcats eventually yled 32-0 until Chancellor Green scored in the third quarter on a 2-yard rush.

Later in the third quarter, Greer scored again on a 14-yard run. The extra point try failed and the Wildcats led 32-14.

Philadelphia went to the air

in the fourth quarter with quarterback Marcus Beamon connecting with Trey Posey on a 44-yard TD pass play. The extra point was no good and Kemper led 32-20.

The Tornadoes pulled to within one score of the Wildcats in with 3:45 remaining in the game when Imarion Black recovered a fumble and returned it 42 yards for a touchdown. Adrian Luke kicked the extra point and the Wildcats led 32-27.

Kemper scored two more times in quick fashion, one an interception return for a TD.

The Tornadoes had 332 total yards with 218 on the ground and 113 in the air.



Photo by TABBY GOLDMAN

Philadelphia's Talmer Burnside tackles a runner in Friday's game against the Kemper County Wildcats.

Yellow Jackets defeat Clarkdale Bulldogs 28-9 in regional matchup

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The goal is to always have a chance to make it to the state playoffs, but it is even better to have an opportunity to host a playoff game.

Union continued working to make the goal come true by defeating the Clarkdale Bulldogs 28-9 Friday night.

The game began with Clarkdale receiving the opening kickoff. The Jacket defense got off to a hot start, forcing a three and out by the Bulldogs. The Yellow Jackets began their first possession at their own 48-yard line after a Clarkdale punt. At the 7:19 mark in the first quarter, Kenyon Clay ran for an 11-yard touchdown. This began the scoring for the Yellow Jackets.

The attempt for a 2-point conversion was successful. Union led by a score of 8-0.

The second quarter began with a second interception by the Jackets' defensive player, Eli Rigdon.

The Jackets would take advantage of this turnover by marching down the field on a 52-yard drive that concluded with a 15-yard touchdown run

by Kenyon Clay. The kick by Eli Jenkins was good. The score was Jackets 15 Bulldogs 0.

Ky'Yon Harris joined in on the interception carousel for the Jackets. The second quarter ended as a defensive struggle for both teams. The score at halftime was Union 15 Clarkdale 0.

The Jackets second possession of the half was a 72-yard

drive that was capped off by an 11 yard TD reception by Kaleb Casey. The PAT by Eli Jenkins was successful. Union led 22-0 at the end of the third quarter.

With 4:24 to go in the game, Clay threw a 47-yard TD pass to Harris. The PAT was once again successful by Jenkins. The score was 29-0 in favor of the Jackets. The Bulldogs got on the scoreboard, with 41 seconds to go in

the contest.

The Jackets were led on the defensive side of the ball by William Hughlett, Tristan Wallace, Nate Killen, Carlos Hickmon, Eli Rigdon, A.J. Wilson, Jaylon Rogers, Tank Harrison and Ky'Yon Harris.

The Jackets regular season schedule will conclude on Thursday, Oct. 28 in a contest with the Morton Tigers.

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