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## Leaders discuss roads again

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Almost \$4 billion is headed to Mississippi in a bipartisan federal infrastructure bill but it's unclear whether Neshoba County will get the nearly \$200 million needed to finish the Highway 19 four-laning and the Williamsville bypass, state and local leaders were told on Tuesday.

Leaders gathered at the

Depot on Tuesday to talk about several highway projects and needs.

Mississippi Central District Transportation Commissioner Willie Simmons addressed more than a dozen local government and business leaders that included Choctaw Indian Chief Cyrus Ben, state Sen. Jenifer Branning, Philadelphia Mayor James A. Young and others at 10 a.m. Tuesday morning.

"We don't know yet how all

that money will be shaken out," Simmons told the Neshoba countians gathered.

District Engineer Neil Patterson opened the presentation with an update on the ongoing Highway 19 widening project currently underway. He said that the \$35.6 million four-laning of 4.52 miles from Tucker into town is on schedule for completion in early October 2023.

Patterson said he was happy to see the federal infrastructure

bill pass and hoped to see some money come into the area.

"Everything we do costs money and more money," Patterson said. "We are thankful that the infrastructure bill passed, but I am not sure that the dollars will go as far as they would have pre-COVID."

Patterson said they are in the beginning planning stages of the Highway 19 project from Tucker to the House community, which started last April. He said

they are currently in Phase A, which includes moving utilities, obtaining the right of way and completing the plans for the project.

The current phase is estimated to take about three years before construction can commence, though as they secure funding, they could likely speed that process up, Patterson said.

The whole project is estimated to cost around \$50 million without accounting for inflation,

with \$46 million of that being for the actual construction of the roadway.

State officials also gave an update on the long-discussed \$130 million bypass from highway 19 to Williamsville that has been on the drawing board for three decades.

Patterson said that because of the enormity of the project, it was probably a ways off but that they were looking at a number

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## veterans day



Photo by BRADLEY ISAAC

Darlene Willis, featured speaker, Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben, Grand Marshall Bobby Willis, and Grand Marshall Edwin Thomas pose for a photo following the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Veterans Day cere-

mony held last Friday on the Reservation. The Tribe held a parade and honored past and present veterans of the U.S. Military. — See Veterans Day story, 5A.

## HOLIDAYS

### Christmas Parade set for Dec. 6

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This year's Philadelphia Christmas Parade is scheduled for Dec. 6 and organizers say they expect more than 100 entries.

Tim Moore, executive director of the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Chamber of Commerce, said organizers want this year's parade to be as close as possible to normal.

"We're hoping for a great Christmas parade this year," Moore said. "We usually average around 100 parade entries with Santa Claus being number 101."

Entries will be accepted until Wednesday, Dec. 1 and are available at the Depot, 256 W. Beacon Street.

Moore said the entry cost for the parade is \$20 and several returning floats are appearing, such as Citizen's Bank, Pearl River Resort and Neshoba General.

The parade will follow the same route as previous years, Moore said.

It starts at Poplar, goes down Main and around the Square, turns left at Church and ends near Philadelphia High School.

Grand Marshals this year are Citizen of the Year Ray Crocker, Small Business of the Year Steve's on the Square and Large Business of the Year Philadelphia Gun and Pawn.

"The parade is a time for everyone to come together, get in the spirit of the holidays, and enjoy a night on the town," Moore said. "We look forward to seeing everyone come out."

For more information about the parade, contact Tim Moore at 601-656-1000.

## WORKFORCE ADVANTAGE

### 74 Neshoba Central students become OSHA certified after weeks of training

By DEBBIE BURT MYERS

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and money because they don't have to be trained."

The group included engineering students and agriculture/FFA students. Engineering and agriculture are among the nine two-year career-technical programs offered at the high school.

Engineering teacher Sedera Anderson initiated the OSHA classes. This year, 38 of her students became OSHA certified in the general industry.

"Last year was our first year to offer this to our students," she said, noting that those students' success sparked an interest in others.

Having an OSHA certification on a resume is a big advantage, Anderson said.

"I've had several students who have come back here after taking jobs and said they felt they had an advantage by having so much knowledge about OSHA."

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Sedera Anderson's Engineering I students with certifications are, first row, from left, Lauren Henry, Cadan Jones, Hayden Barrett, Cody Estes, Leroyce Hernandez, Isaiah Newton, Kevin Cruz-Cortez, T.J. Phillips, Dayton

Crapps, David Smith and Preston Hill. Not pictured is Gavin Nickels.

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Deputy Priscilla Castro is the newest addition to the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office.

## Castro lands dream job with Sheriff

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Priscilla Castro has been working her dream job as a Neshoba County Sheriff's deputy for five weeks.

Castro grew up watching cop shows with her parents, Regina Burrage and Arthur Castro. She remembers thinking how cool the officers were but quickly saw the impact someone could make on their community by joining law enforcement.

"I have always liked helping people," Castro said. "I am a helping person. I want to make the world better. Things have gotten so bad but even one person can make a difference."

Sheriff Eric Clark said he

initially hired Castro as a jailer. He said her willingness to learn everything and her work ethic was immediately apparent and she quickly made it clear that she would like to pursue a career as a deputy.

"I knew from her work ethic, personality and the way that she dealt with others that she was a perfect fit for my administration," Clark said. "I pride myself in hiring the best for Neshoba County's law enforcement and she fits that description perfectly."

Castro graduated from Neshoba Central High School in 2017 and soon after joined the United States Army where she spent four years before being medically retired. She finished at the rank of E4 Spec-

cialist and was most recently stationed at the Aviano Air Base in Italy.

After she left the Army in January she moved back home and soon after got a job at Neshoba County Detention Center in May where she worked for about four months before going to the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy on Aug. 1.

"When I got out of the military it was time to start again and I decided to pursue a career in law enforcement like I wanted to," Castro said.

Castro said her first four weeks were busy. She has mostly spent her time training with the school resource officer learning the ropes and patrols at the Neshoba Central Schools.

"It has been a lot of learning and getting to know everybody but I am loving it," Castro said. "It is a great place to work in a great community and we have great leadership who is great to work with. Everyone has been so helpful."

In her free time, Castro likes to spend time with her family and best friend, Reagan Holley. She has a small photography business, Priscilla Captures. Her specialties are senior portraits and scenery pictures.

Castro describes herself as "outdoorsy" saying she has certifications in both scuba diving and skydiving.

Lately, she has been going to dirt track races in Columbus and Meridian.

## Dr. Willis shooting case headed to grand jury

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY

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The case of a family physician accused of firing shots at deputies in a January domestic dispute standoff is set to be presented to a December grand jury.

The physician, Dr. Jeffery Todd Willis, 59, faces multiple charges ranging from domestic violence to aggravated assault on a police officer.

He was hospitalized after the incident and when he left the hospital in March Willis turned himself in and was arraigned. He later posted bond.

District Attorney Steven Kilgore confirmed the case will be presented to the December grand jury.

The Mississippi Bureau of Investigations handled the case.

Willis, 13850 Road 602,

was charged with the following in March:

- Domestic violence-aggravated assault.

- Two counts of aggravated assault on a police officer and shots fired at officers on the initial call.

- Four counts of aggravated assault on a police officer while effecting an arrest.

- Two counts of simple assault on a police officer while effecting an arrest.

"While on scene a standoff ensued between law enforcement and the armed assailant," Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark initially said in a Facebook post after the incident.

Leake County deputies were called in to assist that apparently lasted for some time before the shots were fired and Willis was taken to a Meridian hospital where he survived after surgery for bullet wounds to the chest.

## Man faces drug charges after domestic dispute call

By DUNCAN DENT

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A Philadelphia man was arrested on drug charges after a domestic dispute call Saturday, officials said.

Jeremy Howard Henry, 29, was arrested and charged with domestic violence, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

Jail records show that Henry bonded out on \$2,200 in

bond on the morning of Sunday, Nov. 7.

Sheriff Eric Clark said that Henry was arrested when deputies responded to a domestic call at his residence on the morning of Saturday,

Nov. 6.

A large amount of marijuana was collected during the investigation.

Clark said that the amount of marijuana was just below a felony.

## Roads

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of projects that would accomplish some of the things a bypass would by getting large trucks off of city roads.

Patterson said they are looking to build connector roads into Weyerhaeuser from Deemer Road and from Deemer Road to Highway 19. Patterson said his latest estimates have the project at about \$20 million but is at an "impasse until he can set up a meeting with Weyerhaeuser."

They estimate it would be another two to three years until they could get started on that project after a meeting with the company.

Patterson also said they are looking at a redesign of High-

way 15 and 16 connector. Simmons called the current layout a "dangerous situation." Patterson said he favors a roundabout as a solution, but the project is still in the early stages of finding a solution.

Simmons said the state is in "pretty good shape" and that he is committed to getting needed projects funded.

"The state is in better financial shape than it has ever been in what I've been told," Simmons said.

The state has generated additional funds through sales tax on online sales and the lottery, as well as \$1.8 billion in American Recovery Plan Act Funds that have yet to be allocated, Simmons said. MDOT has received none of that money other than \$80 million from the lottery fund passed by the Legislature in 2018.

State Rep. Scott Bounds said the Legislature is considering wastewater and broadband projects for the \$1.8 billion in unallocated ARPA funds.

Young went on to say on Tuesday that he is aware that transportation issues are "inter-connected" and that in addition to funds awarded to local entities, any funds awarded to his office could go toward projects in Neshoba County.

Simmons said of the more than \$3.3 billion, "I am requesting the Legislature to follow its tradition of appropriating federal funds to the Commission and not earmarking funds in the appropriation process."

An item Simmons highlighted on a six-page handout said he wanted to provide funding to enhance and add lanes to Highway 19 and Highway 16 in Neshoba County and develop



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# Dixon Express Lane robber sentenced to 15 years

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A man apprehended by a passerby after he robbed the Dixon Express Lane in May 2019 pleaded guilty to strong arm robbery earlier this month.

The man, Alexander Davis Jr., 24, of Philadelphia pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 15 years in prison with five suspended, probation and court costs.

Davis entered the store at approximately noon that Sunday wearing a mask and carrying a gun, a .22-caliber pistol.

After he fled the store, the clerk ran out and shouted that Davis had robbed the store.

Gordon Adkins, now a Neshoba County Sheriff's Office investigator and veteran law enforcement officer who was in the area, jumped out of his truck and chased Davis down. While the two men struggled, another man stopped and assisted in apprehending the suspect.

There were several other pleadings and sentencing in Circuit Court this month, according to District Attorney Steven Kilgore, and those were as follows:

- Devon Mingo, 25, 207 549 Conehatta Road, Conehatta, pleaded guilty to two counts of burglary of a dwelling.

Mingo was arrested by the Neshoba County Sheriff's Department in March after they received tips from the public.

Mingo was sentenced to 11 years in prison on the first count with five year suspended, probation and court costs.

On the second count, he was sentenced to three years to serve consecutive to the other sentence and restitution.

- John Robert Jones, 42, 202 Rea St., pleaded guilty to strong arm robbery. Jones was sentenced to 15 years in prison with seven years suspended, probation, fines and court costs.

- Billy Ray Neese, 28, 12323 Road 325, Union, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine. He was sentenced as a habitual offender to five years in prison with three suspended, fines and court costs.

- Corey Rayborn, 33, 12410 Road 325, Union, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine. He was sentenced to five years in prison with three years suspended, fines and court costs.

- Kenneth Earl Shell, 49, of 545 Road 1054, pleaded guilty to two counts of sale of methamphetamine. He was sentenced to drug court, fines and court costs.

- Lil Jefferey Wells, 28, 10091 Road 549, pleaded guilty to grand larceny, burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, burglary of a barn and burglary of a storage building.

He was sentenced to seven years in prison with five suspended on the first count along with probation, a fine and court costs.

He received two years on the second count and a year each for the third and fourth counts, all to be served consecutively.

- Tellas Moore, 49, 421 Barham St., pleaded guilty to

failure to register as a sex offender. He was sentenced to five years in prison with two suspended, fines and court costs.

- Thomas Giles, 36, 17101 Frog Level Lane, pleaded guilty to two counts of business burglary. He was sentenced to drug court, a fine and court costs.

- James Michael Franklin, 26, 10491 Highway 21 north, pleaded guilty to two counts of taking away a motor vehicle, one count of felony fleeing, and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

On the first count, he was sentenced to six years with two suspended as a habitual offender along with a fine and court costs.

On the second charge, he was sentenced to two years in prison to be served consecutively as a habitual offender. He was sentenced to two years consecutively as a habitual offender for each of the other two charges.

- Jaquan Wingo, 21, 408 Pinehaven Dr., Carthage, pleaded guilty of six counts of aggravated assault.

On the first count, he was sentenced to eight years in prison with four years suspended, probation and a fine. In the other five counts, he was sentenced to serve two years concurrent for each.

- Kimberly Gentry, 45, 10762 Road 2426, pleaded guilty to two counts of possession of methamphetamine.

She was sentenced to one year in prison, a fine and court costs. On the second charge, she was sentenced to one year

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The death penalty was not

to be served consecutively with the first sentence.

- Humphrey Cole, 51, 12692 Highway 495 south, DeKalb, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine. He was sentenced to drug court, a fine and court costs.

- Joshua Wilkerson, 28, 1110 Gomillion Road, Walnut Grove, pleaded guilty to grand

larceny. He was sentenced to two years in prison with a fine and court costs.

- Rodney Donald, 49, 12600 Road 325, Union, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine and to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

On the first charge, he was sentenced to 12 years in prison

with four suspended, probation and court costs. He was sentenced to two years in prison on the second count.

- April Holmes, 24, 343 South Columbus Avenue, Louisville, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine. She was sentenced to drug court, a fine and court costs.

## Guilty verdict in pond murder

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY  
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A jury deliberated for approximately one hour in Neshoba County Circuit Court on Tuesday afternoon before returning with a guilty verdict in the capital murder trial of James Walter Kelly Jr. in which the victim's body was weighed down and anchored in a small pond in the Hope community.

The death penalty was not

considered in the case and a sentencing date for Kelly had not been set as of Tuesday afternoon.

The trial began Monday and the jury was sent out to deliberate just after lunch on Tuesday.

During the trial, the prosecution called seven witnesses, including two defendants who had pleaded guilty to their parts in the case earlier this year.

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# Opinion

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

## Lifeboats for the Dems?

Are Democrats Looking to the Lifeboats?

Not so long ago, President Joe Biden was being talked of as a transformative president, a second Franklin D. Roosevelt in terms of the domestic agenda he would enact.

And there was substance to the claim.

Early in his presidency, Biden had passed a \$1.9 trillion stimulus package. While his majorities in both houses of Congress were razor-thin, they proved sufficient to push through a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill.

Clusters of Republicans backed the Biden infrastructure bill.

A follow-on \$3.5 trillion Build Back Better social spending bill to rival New Deal and Great Society measures has broad support — though not for its sticker price — and, even today, still seems possible.

So, how are Biden and the administration he leads doing with the American people who put them into office? According to a stunning Washington Post-ABC News poll this weekend, not well, not well at all.

If the 2022 elections were held this November, registered voters would back Republican candidates over Democratic opponents 51-41.

The GOP voter advantage would translate into a rout of Speaker Nancy Pelosi's House Democrats, loss of the Senate, two years of gridlock and a lame-duck Biden presidency through 2023 and 2024.

If that Post-ABC poll is accurate, Democrats are staring into the abyss.

According to the poll, 70% of Americans have a negative view of how the economy is doing under Biden, while 38%, almost 4 in 10, believe the economy is in "poor" condition.

"About half of Americans overall and political independents blame Biden for fast-rising inflation," writes the Post, "... with more than 6 in 10 saying he has accomplished 'not much' or 'little or nothing.'" Seven in 10 independent voters believe Biden's presidency lacks any real achieve-

*A tidal wave may be coming, may swamp Pelosi, Schumer and sink Biden.*

ments.

Is this Biden likely to enter the history books alongside FDR?

Probably not. Only 8% of the nation thinks he has done a "great deal" in his first year, which corresponds to FDR's famous "First 100 Days" in 1933.

On how he is handling his presidency overall, Biden has the approval of 41% and the disapproval of 53% of all Americans.

Biden is 12 points underwater. While he has suffered attrition in his own Democratic Party, it is among independent voters that his losses have been staggering.

On the issues of whether the government is spending too much and whether parents should play a role in deciding what their children are taught in public schools, the GOP stance is overwhelmingly supported.

That same Sunday edition of the Post that described the Biden polls contained a lengthy political analysis of the relative strength of Vice President Kamala Harris and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg as potential Democratic nominees in 2024.

The unstated premise of the piece seemed to be that Biden's first term is his last, if he makes it through to 2024.

About the plunge in support for Biden's presidency, the questions are coming fast. Can he turn this around? Is the attrition inexorable? Are we headed for a broken presidency?

To answer the questions, consider the root causes of Biden's decline.

Four of the issue areas where Biden and the Democrats are on the defensive are: inflation, immigration, crime and education.

In October, the consumer price index was 6.2% above a year ago, the highest surge in inflation in 31 years.

The family necessities of food and gasoline are showing

some of the steepest price increases. Several months ago, Democrats were saying the price surge was "transitory." Few are saying that now.

The choked supply chain for commodities from abroad looks like it will take a long time to unravel. Americans are looking at a Thanksgiving with fewer turkeys and a Christmas with fewer toys.

As for the border crisis, which was put in Harris' portfolio, it is seeing the highest rates of illegal entries in decades, with more than a million having crossed our southern border since Biden took the oath. And they are still coming.

In the aftermath of the "Defund the Police!" protests and riots in the wake of George Floyd's death in Minneapolis in 2020, resignations and retirements of cops have gone hand in hand with an explosion of murders and homicides in America's major cities.

Chicago has become notorious for its weekly casualty count.

On the education issue, which now embraces the rights of parents to review what their children are being taught about race, sex and morality in their public schools — the issue probably cost Terry McAuliffe his chance to return as governor of Virginia.

And Republicans now seem in step with suburban parents as Democrats appear to be on the side of leftist teachers unions.

The returns from Virginia and New Jersey on Election Day seem to confirm what ABC and the Post found in their poll:

A tidal wave may be coming, and if it does not crest and break before November 2022, it will swamp Nancy Pelosi's House and Chuck Schumer's Senate, and it will sink Joe Biden's White House.

That's the climate change Democrats ought to be worrying about.

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RICH LOWRY

## Inflation is a dagger for Biden

The experience of the last Democratic president who presided over a significant bout of inflation wasn't a happy one, and if the Biden White House isn't haunted by that precedent, it isn't paying attention.

Arguably, galloping inflation did more than anything else to unravel Jimmy Carter's presidency.

Of course, we aren't anywhere close to the late 1970s, when inflation hit double-digits. But the latest numbers — with prices increasing 6.2%, the biggest annual increase in more than 30 years — should be a fire bell in the night for Democrats.

There have been two crises President Joe Biden created or exacerbated, at the southern border and in Afghanistan, and the latest numbers point to the possibility of a third and even more consequential one.

Large-scale forces are at play in the rising prices. His policy program has tended to make the problem worse rather than better, though, and the eroding buck is going to stop with him regardless.

For the longest time, the White House's response to inflation concerns was to high-handedly dismiss them. The White House scoffed at economist Larry Summers when he warned earlier this year that fiscal stimulus on a World War II-scale might "set off inflationary pressures of a kind we have not seen in a generation."

Contra Summers, White House economic adviser Jared Bernstein predicted in April that inflation would rise modestly for several months before fading back to a lower level.

*With gas prices up over 50%, maybe now isn't such a good time to kill fossil fuel.*

Well, here we are, close to the end of the year, with inflation indeed at its highest level in a generation.

Bernstein called rising prices "transitory," a word that has been used so frequently by inflation-doubters that it's become parodic. John Maynard Keynes famously said, "In the long run we are all dead," so in a similar spirit, it might be that everything is eventually transitory.

Rising prices are being driven by a global mismatch between demand and supply as the economy recovers from the pandemic while disruptions in production persist. At the same time, bottlenecks are disrupting the U.S. supply chain.

Inflation in the U.S. has been worse than elsewhere around the world, and Biden's agenda clearly wasn't designed with an inflationary environment in mind.

With gas and fuel oil prices up 50% or more over the past year, maybe it isn't such a good idea to layer massive new spending on top.

With labor shortages and supply disruptions plaguing

the economy, it might not be advantageous to continue to stoke demand with various payments and subsidies while discouraging supply, either by making it easier for people to stay out of the work force or by raising taxes and tightening regulations.

Biden is now redefining his infrastructure and Build Back Better proposals as anti-inflationary, though no one ever mentioned this when the bills were being conceived or sold over the past year.

Biden's best bet is that his jawboning and pushing at the ports and other points along the supply chain can make a difference, while companies untangle the mess over time. In the meantime, the global energy crunch could resolve itself as supply catches up to demand.

That would presumably diminish inflation next year. What is not going to work is trying to talk people out of the lived reality of higher prices.

It avails workers nothing if rising wages don't keep up with inflation. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, real average hourly earnings fell 1.2% from October 2020 to October 2021 and dropped 0.5% from September to October of this year.

Whether prices continue to outstrip wages might be the best metric for the scale of Democratic congressional losses next year and the ultimate fate of Biden's presidency.

*Rich Lowry is editor of National Review, a leading conservative magazine founded by William F. Buckley.*

## BIBLE SELECTION

Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights.

— Psalm 119:143 (KJV)

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### EDITORIALS

## Shovel ready? We'll see!

Democrats, with the help of 13 House Republicans, passed a \$1.2 trillion so-called infrastructure bill last week, which the Biden administration promises will lead to shovel-ready jobs come this spring.

"The president said we could see shovels in the ground in two to three months. How certain are you will have shovel-ready projects by the spring?" CBS's Margaret Brennan asked White House Senior Advisor Cedric Richmond this Sunday on "Face the Nation."

"We're very optimistic, almost certain," Mr. Richmond replied. "Remember, the president oversaw the American Rescue Plan, which we saw after the last Great Recession under the Obama administration that he oversaw, and it was very effective. He knows what he's doing. This is his plan. We have administration expertise to get it done, so I'm very confident we can get it done."

Mr. Obama's \$800 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in 2009 was "very effective?" Certainly, Mr. Richmond cannot be serious.

Mr. Obama's plan was meant to stimulate the economy, create jobs, and keep unemployment under 8%. It accomplished none of this. Instead, total employment fell by another 4 million jobs in two years, and unemployment soared to 10%.

Mr. Biden was tasked as the "sheriff" to oversee how stimulus monies were spent. The U.S. wasted \$2.6 billion in 19 "green energy" projects that collapsed, including \$790 million for Abound Solar and \$570 million for Solyndra.

Cree LED Light Company was also a

major recipient of the 2009 stimulus funds — which in turn sent a portion of that money straight to China. A year after it was rewarded with U.S. taxpayer monies, it opened its first plant in Huizhou City, China, with its CEO boasting how more than 50% of its employees live and work in China. Mr. Biden can be credited, it seems, for creating green jobs overseas.

At the Energy Department alone, more than 100 criminal investigations were launched into squandered stimulus funds. And by 2011, it emerged that some of Mr. Obama's biggest political donors were executives whose companies profited off the stimulus.

Mr. Biden's own chief of staff Ron Klain admitted in 2011 the number of jobs created from the 2009 recovery was "hardly a game-changer," and Mr. Obama even joked at a Jobs Council, "shovel-ready was not as shovel-ready as we expected."

In 2010, voters delivered Democrats the shellacking they deserved for such a stalled economic recovery, with Republicans picking up 63 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Don't expect much from last week's \$1.2 trillion infrastructure passage. If history has taught us anything, it's that enormous government spending overseen by Mr. Biden rips off the American taxpayer, ships jobs overseas, and is plagued with waste, fraud, and abuse.

If this is the "expertise" Mr. Richmond was referring to, the American people are in for a long three more years.

— *The Washington Times*

### FLASHBACKS

#### NOVEMBER 21, 1941

Angrily protesting the Defense Mediation Board's ruling against a union ship in captive coal mines, C.I.O. President Philip Murray and Thomas Kennedy, sec-treas., of the mine workers, resigned from the board Tuesday, and reports were current that the Army was preparing to cope with a new "emergency" in the pits.

A total of 301 Members joined the Red Cross in Neshoba county during the annual roll call conducted last week, Earl Yates, local chairman, reports. Quota for the county was 1200.

#### NOVEMBER 17, 1951

In an effort to curb the sale of intoxicating liquors in the city limits, Mayor Jimmie Haddock and Officer Hugh Barrett, raided several places last week and found six gallons of moonshine and four cases of beer.

The Mississippi Economic Council, an organization composed largely of business and professional leadership in the state, is seeking additional representation in Neshoba County, according to F.L. Grubbs, local county chairman.

#### NOVEMBER 17, 1961

A Browning 12 Gauge Automatic shot gun will be given away by the Neshoba County Jaycees Saturday, November 18th at 4 o'clock, at the courthouse. Proceeds of

the ticket sales go to help sponsor the Little League baseball and the Christmas parade.

At the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Philadelphia last Tuesday, a motion was made that the south side of Main Street be widened to the north side of the sidewalk, from Church Avenue to Holland Avenue.

#### NOVEMBER 18, 1971

Final plans were announced this week for a public hearing on the proposed 12,600 acre reservoir to be constructed in Neshoba County.

The Bobashela District, consisting of Neshoba, Newton, and Kemper counties, will hold its annual fall camporee this weekend in Decatur.

#### NOVEMBER 19, 1981

Sheriff Johnny Phillips said two men have been charged with aggravated assault in connection with the beating of a third man.

A new 5.5 mile section of State Highway 15 between the Linwood and Neshoba communities is now open to traffic.

City and county officials have officially set Dec. 15 as the date for a \$900,000 bond issue election to help finance the proposed Neshoba County Vocational Technical Center.

#### NOVEMBER 16, 1991

Mississippi Secretary of

### LETTERS

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# Veterans Day event honors Crocker, others who served

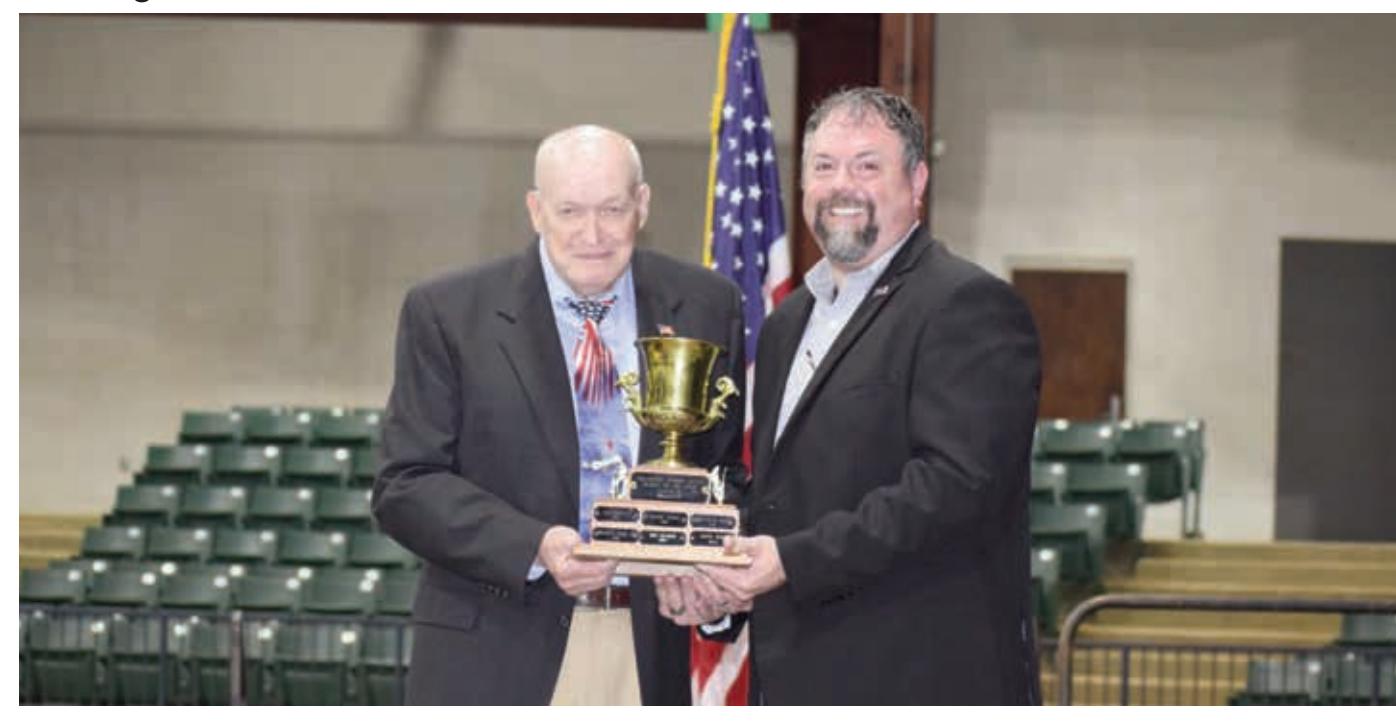
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Neshoba County residents celebrated Veterans Day last week to honor the men and women who have served in the nation's armed forces.

Many joined at the Neshoba County Coliseum last Thursday for the annual Veterans Day service. In addition, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians held a parade and ceremony on the Reservation Friday.

Bad weather forced the ceremony inside at the Neshoba County Coliseum for the first time. The service is usually held at Dewitt DeWeese Park near the Fallen Veterans monument.

Retired Col. Ray Crocker was the man of the hour. Not only was he the speaker for the program, but he was recognized with a plaque for being this year's Citizen of the Year. Crocker headed the effort to rebuild the Fallen Veterans Memorial plaza that was damaged by a tornado. It reopened last year during Veterans Day services.



Ray Crocker, left, receives the Neshoba County Citizen of the Year from Tim Moore during last Thursday's annual Veterans Day ceremony at the Neshoba County Coliseum.

"Veterans know that freedom is not free," Crocker said. "They know you have to be ready when the time comes to

move. When they were in the service, they had to train all of the time to be ready for whatever came up. But the biggest

thing is they knew freedom wasn't free, and they were willing to go and do what needed to be done to keep us free."

Crocker said this was the attitude the committee took when they started raising money to rebuild the memorial.

## 1 new COVID-19 death reported in county as cases shrinking

By STAFF REPORTS  
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Neshoba County recorded 24 new COVID-19 cases and one new death in the past week, according to the Mississippi State Department of Health's Nov. 16 report.

Neshoba County has now

recorded a total of 6,705 cases of COVID-19 and 210 deaths since the pandemic began in March 2020.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians reported three new positive cases of COVID-19 and no new deaths in the past week as of Nov. 15, with the total number of posi-

tive cases for the Tribe standing at 2,471 with 123 deaths. The Tribe reported one new hospitalization in the past week.

Neshoba Central Elementary School reported between one and five positive COVID-19 cases among students and between one and five cases

among teachers and staff during the week of Nov. 5. No students or staff have been quarantined.

As of Nov. 16, 29% of Neshoba County's population is fully vaccinated, and 33% 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.

Statewide, since the pandemic began in March 2020, 291,803 confirmed COVID-

19 cases have been recorded by the MSDH along with 217,914 probable cases, totaling 509,717 cases. There have been 6,836 confirmed COVID-19 deaths, along with 3,379 probable deaths, totaling 10,215 deaths.

## OBITUARIES

### Willie J. Griffin

Graveside services for Mr. Willie J Griffin will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at 2 P.M. from Unity Springs M.B. Church Cemetery with Minister Wardell Tanskley officiating. Beck Funeral Home, Inc is in charge of arrangements. Willie Griffin



Kirkland; sisters, Louise Adams, Infant Eva Jewell Warren; brothers, Leonard, Clayton, Willie, Lamar, and Charles Warren.

Survivors include daughters, Brenda Held (Harry), Wanda Kirkland (Pete); sons, Jackie Kirkland, Tommy Kirkland (Barbara), Michael Kirkland (Michelle); sisters, Anna Dee Spears, Betty Kelley, Diane Scarborough; brothers, Robert Warren and Ray Warren; (15) grandchildren; (21) great-grandchildren.

### Debbie Kay Posey Beckham

Funeral service for Mrs. Debbie Kay Posey Beckham was held 2 PM Monday, November 15, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Scott Boatner officiating. Interment was in Linwood Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel was in charge.

Mrs. Beckham, 68, passed away Friday, November 12, 2021 at her home. She lived most of her life in Linwood community. She worked for the United States Postal Service. She was a member of West Philadelphia God's House. Her hobbies were quilting, and riding motorcycles.

She is preceded in death by her father, Hays William Posey; brothers, Danny and Randy Posey.

Survivors include husband, Wayne Beckham of Philadelphia; mother and step-father, Katherine and Forrest Sink of Vicksburg; daughters, Melissa Watson (Patrick) of Philadelphia, Miranda Smith of Union; brother, Rick Posey of TN; (5) grandchildren, Kellie Watson, Alli Rae Bishop, Kaylee Bishop, Brantley Peebles, Coleman Smith; (5) great-grandchildren, Owen, Wyatt, Emersyn, Posey, and Saylor.

### James Vines

Funeral service for Mr. James Vines was held at 11 AM Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. John E. Stephens, Rev. Tim Vowell, and Rev. Nels Norris officiated. Interment was in Spring Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Vines, 62, passed away Thursday, November 11, 2021. He lived most of his life in the Spring Creek community. He was a member of North Calvary Baptist Church. He was the Manager at Yates Ready Mix. His pride and joy was his wife of 37 years, his son, daughter-in-law, and his namesake grandson.

He is preceded in death by his father, Baudie Vines.

Survivors include his wife,

Tammie Vines; mother, Orba Dean Vines; son, Phillip Vines (Elizabeth) sisters, Faye Mason (Doug), Sandra Latimer (William), Gayle Luke (Danny); (1) grandson, James William Vines; loving mother and father in-law, Hazel and Ted Callahan; brothers, sisters in-law; several nieces, nephews.

### Alice Faye Thomas

Funeral services for Alice Faye Thomas were held Monday, November 15, 2021 at 2 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Rick Benson officiating. Burial followed in Cooks Chapel Cemetery. Visitation was held Monday, November 15, 2021 from noon until service time at McClain-Hays Funeral Home. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Thomas, 83, of Philadelphia, died Friday, November 12, 2021.

She was a native of Noxapater and a longtime resident of the Shady Grove Community of Neshoba County. Faye was a wonderful homemaker and chef. Mrs. Thomas was a member of Nelson Baptist Church.

Survivors include children, Dianne Bozeman, Scott Thomas, Debbie McCaslin, John Thomas; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters, Reba Coward and Nancy Bateman; brothers, Johnny, Tommy and Jeffrey Coleman.

### Paul D. Sullivan

Funeral services for Paul D. Sullivan were held Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 2 p.m. from Coyle Assembly of God

Church in Preston, MS with Bro. Ryan Farmer officiating. Burial followed in Coyle Assembly Cemetery. Visitation was held Monday, November 15, 2021 from 5 to 8 p.m. at McClain-Hays Funeral Home and Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 1 p.m. until service time Coyle Assembly of God Church.

Mr. Sullivan, 91, of Preston, MS, died Saturday, November 13, 2021.

He was a lifelong resident of Kemper County. He loved to hunt, fish, go 4-wheeler riding and pull pranks on his family. Mr. Sullivan was a Christian by faith.

Survivors include sisters, Jewel Tucker and Wynan Johnson; brother, Royce Sullivan; several nieces, nephews and their families.

Mr. Sullivan was preceded in death by parents, Clarence and Emma J. Sullivan; sisters, Willie Lee Pratt and Eloise Dunn; brothers, Wilbur and James Sullivan.

### Sarah Jeanette Evans

Ms. Sarah Jeanette Evans, 84, passed away on Wednesday November 10, 2021. She was born in Kemper County on June 14, 1937. She was a long-time member of the Eastern Star. She was a book keeper. Her hobby was sewing.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Jack Evans; father, Rev. Leon Duncan and mother, Evelyn Kidnocker.

She is survived by her children Keith (Lisa) Kilpatrick, Suzette Robinson and Holly Davignon; brothers, W.L. Duncan and Lee Duncan.

She has (6) Grandchildren, Kristina Pratt, Lindsey Kilpatrick, Todd Robinson, Kayla Robinson, Dylan Robinson, and Justin Dove.

She has (5) great-grandchildren, Marley, Mila, tucker, Emery, and Rylee.

### Dorine Sims

Funeral services for Mrs. Dorine McAfee Sims will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 2 P.M. from Stevens Chapel United Methodist with Pastor Lydia Michelle Dailey officiating. Burial will be at Donald Rest Cemetery. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Sims, 61, of Philadelphia, passed away on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson.

She is survived by her children, Shadrick McAfee and Antwan McAfee both of Atlanta, GA, Oscar Gray of Brandon, MS, Jonathan McGee and Johnnae McGee both of Philadelphia, MS, and Micheal Sims, Jr. of Camp Lejeune, NC, 15 grandchildren, nine sisters and seven brothers.

Pallbearers are Kaski Moore, Timothy Boler, Justin Payton, Cedric McAfee, Micheal Shavers and Jonathan McGee.

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### Dorothy L. Kirkland

Funeral service for Ms. Dorothy L. Kirkland was held 11 AM Friday, November 12, 2021 at Pentecostals of House Church with Rev. Barry Fulton officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Griffin of Philadelphia, MS, three children, Phyllis Gully, Churnda Griffin and Willis Griffin all of Philadelphia, MS, nine grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, six brothers and four sisters.

Pallbearers are Michael Gully, David Clay, Deonte Griffin, Two-Rivers Griffin, Edwin Griffin and Scottie Stewart.

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# Pearl River Resort to reopen Silver Star buffet this Friday

By STAFF REPORTS  
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CHOCTAW — The Buffet at Silver Star Casino will reopen at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, just in time for Thanksgiving, the Pearl River Resort announced last week.

"The Buffet will be self-service and will feature old favorites like fried chicken, catfish, freshly carved prime rib, a variety of home-cooked vegetables, fresh salads and delicious desserts," resort officials said in a statement. "There will be new dedicated

food stations for Asian cuisine and pizza."

Along with social distancing protocol, gloves will be available upon request and personnel will change out serving utensils every 30 minutes. "To Go" plates will also be available.

The Buffet will have special reopening hours through the Thanksgiving holiday:

- Friday, Nov. 19 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Closed, Sunday through Wednesday, Nov. 21-24.

- Thursday, Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day from 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 27 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." — 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

## Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

### The Lord is our helper

It is a wonderful thing to know that you have divine assistance in your life. We are subject to many peculiar infirmities, both of body and soul, to bear up under. Those who belong to Christ have an advantage not possessed by those who live in unbelief; nevertheless, the Christian is particularly beset by spiritual warfare in his pilgrimage through the world.

Isaiah's message in this passage is that the Lord will be the help of his people: "Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I am the one who helps you, declares the Lord; your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel."

It is not very flattering to be compared to a worm, but the Lord is speaking to his people as they consider the opposition they face along with the tasks they have been given to do by the Lord; the feeling of inadequacy lies heavy upon them. Their own sins weigh upon them too, so that they often feel despondent and unfit to walk the path the Lord has laid out for them.

The Lord doesn't deny their inability or their sinfulness, but instead he says that he will be their help and that he is their Redeemer. A redeemer in Israel was the next of kin relative who had the right to take upon himself his relative's need in order to supply what was lacking. If he was willing, the redeemer had the right to deliver his relative from enslavement by taking his debts as his own, releasing his relative from the obligation to pay that which he was unable to pay on his own.

Psalm 22 prophesies that the Messiah will bear the dreadful curse that sin deserves. In verse 6 we read, "I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people." The psalm began with the familiar cry of Jesus on the cross before he died: "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" It was written by David but inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Christ is our Redeemer, our next of kin who took upon himself our debt and who promises to supply our needs. If you have a relative like Christ, you need not fear what you are lacking. I once spoke to an elderly lady who recounted how her husband unexpectedly lost his job during the depression. They were forced to move immediately. They had no assets and very little

money. I asked her if she was afraid at the time and she emphatically responded, "No, I had a father and mother who were still alive."

The lady knew her father would help if she needed it. How could she forget such a father? Those in Christ are never to forget Christ. Cicero once wrote of the decay of memory as men age, but said he never heard of a miser forgetting the place where he had buried his treasure. What the mind prizes most is longest retained in the memory.

All the fruitfulness of the Christian proceeds from the foundation of knowing Christ and his giving of himself for you. In verse 15, the Lord says he will make his people like a threshing sledge that can thresh mountains. A threshing sledge was a wooden platform with metal teeth underneath to cut up grain. To reduce a mountain to nothing would be a considerable achievement.

The point is that the Lord will be the strength of his people. When you read through the book of Acts, you see the great obstacles the apostles faced, the progress of the gospel despite those obstacles, the conversion of self-righteous Jews and pagan Gentiles, and the sufferings men underwent for the name of Christ; all demonstrate that the power of God was behind it. And the same Spirit of power is promised to us.

God promises to give strength as we need it: "When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the Lord will answer them: I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers on the bare heights and fountains in the midst of the valleys" (verses 17-18). When the believer is called to severe trials or difficult duties, he commonly receives aid proportioned to the urgency of his needs, and he is surprised to find himself held up by a power not his own.

So this passage is reminder to pray and ask for what you need. An old poem read: "For Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees."

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

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Patrick Cook's engineering students earning certifications were, from left, Helen Bea-son, Dylan Spears, A'leron Lewis, Noah Ben, Luke Perrigrew, David Miles, Dallas Bozeman, Trey Eubanks, William Schmid, Torrence Coburn, Deas Gray, Danh Pham, Madeline Watkins and Brooke Leader.

## OSHA

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guidelines," she said. "It gives them an extra boost."

The students underwent at least 10 hours of online training on 14 different levels.

The levels included such things as fire hazards, ladder safety, hazardous materials, ergonomics, among others.

R.J. Hudson, a senior Engineering II student, took engineering at the recommendation of a staff member.

"I signed up for the class and I really like it," Hudson said. "I enjoy building robots and learning about all types of different things which I didn't know affected our world day-to-day."

When Anderson first addressed the OSHA course, Hudson said he found it really interesting to know that there was a way to learn the actual rules and guidelines for workplace safety.

While he initially wanted to be a petroleum engineer, Hudson now has his focus on physical



Sedera Anderson's Engineering II students with certifications include, first row, from left, Madison Eickhoff, Brice Foster, Tyler Le, Ethan Doss, R.J. Hudson, Hayden Burrage, Gavin Clark, Samuel Gambill, Jordan Turk, Ethan Coghlan, Isaiah Beckham, Reid Dunn, Matthew Fowler,

therapy.

"I think an OSHA certification would be beneficial in any field," he said.

Agriculture instructor Derek Huffman said the certification is

already paying off for some of his students who have part-time jobs as they received a small pay increase.

They work in fields such as mechanics and forestry.



Ag II students receiving certifications were, first row, from left, Eli Etheridge, Riley White, Ryan Burt, Ethan Doss, Emalee Willis, Annesley Drury, Emma Smith, Dayton Byrd, Ken Burks and Isaac Allen. In back are Jayce Hindman, Alexis Bateman, Hunter Adkins, Nick Spears, Drake Vines, Reid Hall, Asher Eubanks, Wright Beckham, John Mark Coats and Sam Spears.

said. "The kids were excited about it, mostly, when they got done. They did part of the work on a computer at home and part during class. Every week, they had to have one of 14 modules completed. They all ended up finishing early."

Huffman said he is proud of his students, noting that their OSHA certifications will give them a big advantage when they enter the workforce.

Engineering I instructor Patrick Cook had 16 students to gain the certification.

The Neshoba County School District paid for the students to go through the program.

The OSHA 10 program promotes workplace safety and health and makes workers more knowledgeable about workplace hazards and their rights.

It provides training on the recognition, avoidance, abatement and prevention of workplace hazards.

Thirty-nine Neshoba Central High School students earned OSHA 10 certifications during the 2020-2021 school year.

work. So if they already have that, they can skip that step."

Huffman had nine students get certified last year compared to 20 this year.

"That's more than double," he

## COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

### Neshoba County Jail Docket from 11/8-11/15

11/08/2021 to 11/15/2021

- Justin D Belk, 30, of 10241 Rd 406; contempt of court X2

- Jacob T Champman, 22, of 195 Wolf Trail Rd; driving under the influence-2nd offense

- Toby Colston, 35, of 105 Woodcrest Ave Apt E8; contempt of court

- Daniel Day, 47, of 10540 Rd 541; failure to appear

- Robert Martin Donald, 50, of 11571 Hwy 6 E; hold for investigations, trespassing, petit larceny-less than \$1000.00

- Jackie Dunn, 40, of 10351 Rd 573; suspended drivers license, no license tag

- Patrick Tip Ellis, 28, of 10202 Rd 246, Union; no charges listed

- Patrick E Ellis, 28, of 1340 George Rd, Forest; failure to appear, possession of paraphernalia, contempt of court

- Bobby Groves, 37, of 324 Cherry Ave; hold for investigations, possession of firearm by convicted felon

- Bobby J Groves, 37, of 324 Cherry; no charges listed

- George Harmon, 38, of 204 Robinhood Cir; no charges listed

- George Harmon, 38, of 309 Robinhood Cir; hold for investigations

- Lejamie Hill, 29, of 308 Peral Ave; possession of controlled substance

- Felicia Hollinger, 33, of 10222 Rd 828; contempt of court

- Kevontae T Hopson, 21, of 197 First St, Scooba; possession of marijuana-vehicle

- Travis Allen James Jr, 19, of 6948 Hwy 488, Carthage; hold circuit court, indictment

- Julia Jones, 36, of 2204 Valley View Dr, Meridian; no charges listed

- Gerald D Lewis, 41, of 504 E Depot St, Lagrange;

GA; possession of paraphernalia, no proof of insurance, seat belt violation, possession of controlled substance

- Aimee J Mason, 44, of 17201 Rd 339; possession of paraphernalia, burglary of a motor vehicle, motor vehicle theft-felony

- Calvin Dwight Moncriease, 26, of 309 King Ave; failure to appear, contempt of court

- Darrel L Naylor, 45, of 4342 Leroy Naylor Rd; hold for investigations

- Kendall Wayne Pilgrim, 56, of 12360 Hwy 486; possession of controlled substance

- Billie Jean Pitts, 45, of 10140 RD 1519; hold for investigations

- Chelesa M Ray, 27, of 10150 Rd 2608; failure to appear

- Chadwick Barron Roberts, 46, of 10041 Rd 331, Union; petit larceny-less than \$1000.00, trespassing

- Jennifer Roberts, 52, of 10130 Rd 2608; hold for investigations, petit larceny less than \$1000.00, trespassing

- Corderro Seales, 32, of 105 St Francis Driver; no charges listed

- Kenny Shell, 49, of 10450 Rd 545; possession of controlled substance

- Daniel Clay Smith, 44, of 10491 Hwy 21 N; possession of controlled substance, possession of marijuana-vehicle, possession of paraphernalia

- James Collin Smith, 30, of 10222 Rd 828; malicious mischief over \$1000.00

- Nehemiah M Solomon, 21, of 11965 Rd 743; public drunk

- Patrick Lewis Stokes, 45, of 10418 Rd 3401; failure to appear

- Casey L Warren, 41, of 10060 CR 759; possession of controlled substance

- Jennifer Lynn Zachero, 37, of 71 CR 135, Quitman;

possession of controlled substance

### Winston County Jail Docket from 11/8-11/14

- Johnathan D Blair Jr, 22, of 310 Helen Keller Blvd, Tuscaloosa, AL; hold-detainer for other agency

- Desmond M Burnside, 27, of 233 Corene; hold-detainer for other agency

- Desmond M Burnside, 27, of 233 Corene; DUI-2nd offense

- Glenda Clemons, 41, of 10190 Rd 37; DUI-1st offense

- Norman Eakes, 41, of 251 Kelly St; hold-detainer for other agency, domestic violence-aggravated assault X2

- John D Ely, 26, of 17051 Hwy 21; DUI-test refusal, controlled substance-possession of schedule 1 or II-less than 1/10th gram or less than 2 dosage units, controlled substance-possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle, controlled substance-possession of paraphernalia

- Nittak Gibson, 22, of 328 James Billie Rd; MV-driver's license-none X2, MV-no insurance, contempt of court-municipal court, seatbelt violation X3, shoplifting, speeding 10 over, license-driving while revoked or suspended

- Cassie N Hamilton, 43, of 10261 Rd 357, Union; no charges listed

- Deric Hickman, 32, of 11870 Hwy 16; fleeing or eluding law enforcement officer in a motor vehicle

- Joseph B Holley, 21, of 304 Mimosa St; controlled substance-possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle, contempt of court-municipal court

- Nehemiah M Solomon, 21, of 11965 Rd 743; public drunk

- Patrick Lewis Stokes, 45, of 10418 Rd 3401; failure to appear

- Casey L Warren, 41, of 10060 CR 759; possession of controlled substance

- Jennifer Lynn Zachero, 37, of 71 CR 135, Quitman;

- Jeremy Morgan, 29, of 260 Rea St; contempt of court-municipal court, false identifying information

- Redith Partridge, 72, of 10531 Rd 630; DUI-1st offense

- Jessica Pisarik, 35, of 285 Goat Ranch Rd; DUI-1st offense, speeding 10 over

- Wesley O Willis, 28, of 10928 Hwy 489, Conehatta; DUI-test refusal

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HARDY, Dierks Bentley and Breland perform "Beers on Me" at the CMAs.

## HARDY represents Neshoba at CMAs

By STAFF REPORTS  
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Neshoba County natives HARDY and Marty Stuart were prominently featured in last Wednesday night's 55th Annual Country Music Awards broadcast on ABC from the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville.

Neshoba County native and rising country music star HARDY was featured early in the show when he performed

"Beers On Me" with Dierks Bentley and Breland. HARDY was a headliner at this year's Neshoba County Fair and wowed the crowds with a live show.

HARDY also was nominated for New Artist of the Year in a field that included Ingrid Andress, Gabby Barrett, Mickey Guyton and Jimmie Allen, who took the honor.

Neshoba County native Stuart and his wife, Connie Smith were also in attendance

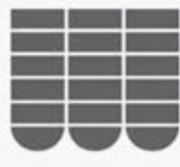
and later in the show got a call out from show host Luke Bryan congratulating Stuart for his induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Other winners at the 55th Annual CMAs were Luke Combs, Entertainer of the Year; Carly Pearce, Female Vocalist of the Year; Chris Stapleton, Male Vocalist of the Year; Old Dominion, Vocal Group of the Year; and Brothers Osborne, Vocal Duo of the Year.



### Food for the needy

Sandra Beckwith, Charles Pair, Patrice Turner, Paula Triplett, and Angie Edwards helping out with a food drive sponsored by the national fraternity Phi Beta Sigma. A substantial amount of food was generously donated by the citizens of Philadelphia for people in need.



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# Cooking comes second nature for Smith

By COLEMAN EAKES  
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**D**ylan Brooks Smith has always loved food and is a natural when it comes to cooking.

Smith grew up in the Spring Creek community and went to Neshoba Central and has always been surrounded by food and spent many years working in the food industry.

He first started working at the Porterhouse in Philadelphia when he was younger as a dishwasher and within a month, he moved on to the grill.

In 2004 he moved to Orlando and worked under a couple of chefs and managed two restaurants, Urban Flat and City Fire.

Cooking comes second nature to Smith.

"I really didn't have anyone teach me how to cook," Smith said. "I just sort of taught myself how, and I've also taught other people how to cook as well."

His daughter Laylah-Rose Smith is 12 years old and is already following in her father's footsteps baking birthday cakes for all of her family members and sometimes cooking meals.

Smith said he loves to watch "Master Chef" and "Hell's Kitchen," which star his favorite chef Gordon Ramsey.

"My favorite thing to cook has to be steak," Smith said. "I've always loved steak even as a kid."

Smith moved back to Philadelphia approximately eight years ago and is now a registered pest technician for Professional Pest Management.

Smith and his girlfriend Mystic recently became engaged and are excited to be marrying.

## COOK OF THE WEEK

### BACON-WRAPPED SHRIMP

**I**ngredients:  
1 pack of bacon  
1 block of cream cheese  
1 lb. medium shrimp (peeled and deveined)  
1 pack of Hollandaise Sauce  
BBQ Sauce

#### Directions:

Thaw shrimp. Take a slice of bacon. Lay shrimp at one end. Place a pinch of cream cheese (enough to fill center) in shrimp. Begin to roll shrimp, rotating side to side until you reach the end of the strip. Take the end and tuck inside the last layer of bacon to hold. Place in hot skillet cooking until bacon is crisp. Place on a baking sheet. Brush bacon with BBQ with sauce. Put in oven long enough to allow sauce to glaze (about 5 minutes on 350 F). While baking, prepare BBQ hollandaise. Follow directions on the hollandaise packet and add 2 Tbsp. of BBQ sauce. When you plate the shrimp, drizzle hollandaise on cooked shrimp and serve.



Mystic Herrington, Laylah Rose-Smith and Dylan Brooks Smith

### COWBOY STEW (KATRINA MASSENGALE)

#### Cowboy Stew (Katrina Massengale)

**I**ngredients:  
2 lbs. Ground beef  
2 Cans tomato sauce  
2 Can stewed tomatoes  
2 Can whole kernel corn  
2 Can diced potatoes  
1 Can black beans  
1 Can kidney beans  
1 Diced bell pepper  
1 Diced onion  
3 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce  
Seasoning salt and pepper

#### Directions:

Brown ground beef and drain. Add all ingredients in a stew pot or crockpot. Add seasoning salt and pepper to

taste. Cook for 25 minutes. Serve with cornbread or Frito lay corn chips.

### CRAB CAKES

**I**ngredients:  
Base:  
1 ½ Cup mayonnaise  
2 Tsp. Louisiana Hot Sauce  
1 Tsp. Maggi Liquid Seasoning  
2 Lemons juiced  
2 Tsp Salt/pepper  
2/3 Cup panko mix  
2 Can lump crab  
1 Backfin crab

Panko Mix:  
8 oz. Panko bread crumbs  
2 Tbsp. Romano cheese  
1 ½ Tbsp. Parsley (Chopped)  
1 Tsp. Salt/Pepper

#### Directions:

Make your base minus the crab and panko mix. Make your panko mix. Add backfin to crab to base and mix well. Add lump crab and panko mix into base folding very gently. Patty into about 4-inch round cakes. Heat oil in a skillet. Brown cakes on both sides. Will make 14 cakes, seven servings at two cakes each.

### BRUSSELS SPROUTS

**I**ngredients:  
1 ½ lbs. of Brussels Sprouts (thaw and slice in half)

1 Pack of bacon  
½ Cup chicken broth  
1 Cup heavy cream  
Parmesan cheese (Shredded)

**D**irections:  
Cook bacon in cast iron skillet. Once bacon is cooked to a crisp, remove and place

on a napkin. Add thawed and sliced Brussels sprouts into bacon grease. Sear for about 2 minutes. Add ½ cup chicken broth. Cook on medium heat until it is absorbed. Add 1 cup of heavy cream and cook down. While waiting, crumble bacon. Once all liquids have been cooked down, add Parmesan cheese and crumbled bacon. Place in oven on 350 F for 5 minutes.

## Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS  
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The Family Life Center at Faith Tabernacle was filled with happy voices and laughter recently as friends and family gathered to shower Jillian Sparnecht Mars with gifts for Karsten McClain Mars who will arrive very soon.

There were touches of soft pink in the floral arrangements which were placed on the serving tables. Coffee was served in pale pink cups and saucers and looked so special. Trays of luscious finger foods enticed guests to try one of everything including a dessert table with delicate petit fours and other sweet treats.

An arch of pastel balloons surrounded a white backdrop for pictures. A beautiful door hanger with the baby's name, Karsten McClain, was mounted on an easel nearby. The honoree, looking lovely in pale pink, opened the many thoughtful gifts and admired each one.

Jillian's Nana, Sue McClain Johnson, put her magical pink touches on the decorations. Jillian's great-grandmother was another special guest along with her Nana, and her mother, Juan Sparnecht, and sister, Gabi Sparnecht. Congratulations to Sam and Jillian Sparnecht Mars and big brother Griffin Mars!

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The 2021 Country Music

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Awards were held in Bridgestone Arena last Wednesday night with Neshoba County honored by two participants, Marty Stuart and Hardy (Mike Hardy). Both are natives of Neshoba County who have pursued music careers in Nashville and succeeded in performing all over the country.

Marty Stuart was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame which was a great honor. Hardy was the CMA nominee for New Artist of the Year. He also performed live with Dierks Bentley. Congratulations!

Miss Neshoba County 2021, Abby Seale, was the guest speaker at the November meeting of the Belle Arts Club of Louisville to talk about Philadelphia, Neshoba County, and the Fair. She and her mother, Tina Seale, were guests for lunch at Lake Tiak-o-Khata with three members of the club before watching Abby's Power Point presentation which she had prepared.

Abby promoted our city, country and Fair exceptionally well and held the interest of the audience with her program. The club presented her with a copy of the book, "Miss Neshoba County Winners 1933-1982," and one for her sister Miriam. She is a freshman at Mississippi State University in Starkville.

Dr. Ben and Allison

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McCarver Long of Corinth welcomed their second child, a son, Ross Newell Long, on November 10. His three-year-old big brother, Randall, was happy to meet this precious addition to the Long family.

Ross's grandparents are Randy and Penny Long of Corinth and Tommy and Terri Cox McCarver of Brandon. Great grandparents are Tom and Shirley Cox of Philadelphia and great grandfather, David Palmer of Corinth. Congratulations!

November 2021 Students of the Month were honored by the Philadelphia Rotary Club during their meeting on November 8. Each month the Rotary Club selects students from the local high schools to recognize for outstanding school performance.

This month's students are Kaden McDonald from Neshoba Central High School, Kylie Williamson, Choctaw Central High School, and Hailey Donald, Philadelphia High School. Tammye Jones is the Student Coordinator for the Rotary Club.

Congratulations!



*Rotary Students of the Month announced*

The Rotary Club of Philadelphia was honored to recognize three of our local high school students as the November 2021 Students of the Month recently. From left are Kaden McDonald, Neshoba Central High School; Kylie Williamson, Choctaw Central High School; and Hailey Donald, Philadelphia High School. At right is Tammye Jones, student coordinator for the Philadelphia Rotary Club.

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*He says he'd only marry a woman who can take a joke — and that's the only kind who would take him.*

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*Those who indulge, bulge.*

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Quinton is the son of Junior and Kristi Pullin, grand-

son of Mary and Norman Anderson, and Sue Pullin. He is the grandson of the late Quinton Pullin, Sr and the late Charlie Hardin.

Corbin is the daughter of Edward and Janice Rivers,

granddaughter of Frances May. The granddaughter of the late Claudie McCrory and Audrey and Theron Dixon.

## Of Local Interest

### COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

The Touching Lives and Changing the World Ministry will have a Community Worship Service at the Neshoba County Courthouse. Our purpose for this program is to extend an invitation to the love of God, his grace, and

his mercy. This event will be on November 21, 2021 at 3:00PM. Pastor/Prophetess Camille Boler from Meridian, MS will be the guest speaker. Other featured guests that will appear will be Mayor James Young, Pastor Kim Poe, Chris Vowell, Pastor Nathan from Cross-

way Community Church, and Pastor Harold Coburn from Morning Star M.B. Church.

### NESHOBIA 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 Ext. 3.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Neshoba County Operation Christmas Child 2021 Drop-Off Location

East Philadelphia Baptist Church 635 East Main Street Drop-Off Times:

Mon 11/15/2021 — 9 am

- 5 pm

Tue 11/16/2021 — 3 pm

- 5 pm

Wed 11/17/2021 — 5 pm

- 8 pm

Thu 11/18/2021 — 11 am - 5 pm

Fri 11/19/2021 — 11 am - 1 pm

Sat 11/20/2021 — 10 am - 12 pm

Sun 11/21/2021 — 1 pm

- 5 pm

Mon 11/22/2021 — 9 am - 11 am

If you need additional information contact Richard Brewer (601) 416-0583

### 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.

# Dear Santa Claus

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## Public Notices

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Philadelphia, Mississippi will receive written sealed bids until the hour of **10:00A.M. local time on Friday, December 10, 2021** at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Philadelphia, Mississippi, at the Philadelphia City Hall, 525 Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350, for the furnishing of all labor and materials and for the repairs and renovations on **Gymnasium Renovations - Booker T. Washington School**.

The project is located at 234 Carver Avenue, Philadelphia, MS . The project includes reroofing and restoration of the existing building envelope, as well as installation of new windows and doors in the facility.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at Philadelphia City Hall, 525 Main Street, Philadelphia, MS on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. ATTENDANCE BY ALL POTENTIAL CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

Bidders shall submit their bids either in a sealed envelope or electronically. Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Philadelphia, Mississippi, at the Philadelphia City Hall, 525 Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350. A view-only copy of the plans, specifications, and proposal documents are available at the Philadelphia City Hall, office of the City Clerk. Electronic bids may be submitted in lieu of a sealed bid through [www.waggonereng.com](http://www.waggonereng.com).

Bid documents are being made available via paper copy or digital copy (CD). Plan holders are required to register for an account and log-in at [www.waggonereng.com](http://www.waggonereng.com). At this site, plans can be viewed for no charge or physically purchased. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Purchased bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. For questions regarding website registration, online orders, or electronic bidding, please contact Plan House Printing at (662) 407-0193.

A Bid Bond or a Certified Cashiers Check in the amount of 5% of the total bid price is required.

The total Contract Time will be 120 consecutive calendar days from Notice to Proceed and the liquidated damages will be \$500.00 per consecutive calendar day thereafter.

**Award of this contract will be contingent upon the Contractor satisfying the DBE requirements of the City of Philadelphia.**

Contract award will be to the lowest and best bidder and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities.

**BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI, ON THIS THE 2nd DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.**

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI

BY:  
(S) Nikki Walton

NIKKI WALTON, CITY CLERK

**PUBLISH :**  
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2021

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NE-SHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

**SANDRA BROWN AND JANET HAYS NORRIS PLAINTIFFS**

**VERSUS CAUSE NO.: 21-323**

**THE JAMES A. HAYS REVOCABLE TRUST,**  
**AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 19, 1996,**  
**UNKNOWN TRUSTORS, TRUSTEES,**  
**AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE JAMES A. HAYS REVOCABLE TRUST, AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 19, 1996 DEFENDANTS**

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:**

**TO: The James A. Hays Revocable Trust, Agreement Dated August 19, 1996, Unknown Trustors, Trustees, and Beneficiaries of the James A. Hays Revocable Trust, Agreement Dated August 19, 1996:**

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Plaintiffs, Sandra Brown and Janet Hays Norris, seeking for Appointment of Trustee of Trust and Quiet and Confirm Title. You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to K. Lee Stribling, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 2037 South Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 17th day of November, 2021. WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court

## Public Notices

within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 15th day of November, 2021.

Guy Nowell, Neshoba County Chancery Clerk

BY: /s/Wanda Savell, Deputy Clerk

(Seal)

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**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 known to the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law.**

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## FELDER RUSHING

# 4 tips to change your outlook on home gardening

**By FELDER RUSHING**  
Special to the Democrat

Autumn leaves are falling fast, splitting gardeners into camps on how to handle them. I am of three minds.

Before sharing my thoughts, based on research, garden ecology, and a twisted sense of what looks good or not tempered by a big dollop of lazy, let me break down the most basic things done by all gardeners worldwide.

After decades of horticultural advising and personal home gardening, I have winnowed down what I actually do the most in my own garden to just these four things: Choose good, appropriate-size plants in the first place, dig wide holes, spread roots out before covering them with native dirt, and spread mulch over the ground to protect and improve the dirt.

Watering? Sure, if and only when it is needed. Fertilizing? Okay, but look around in the woods and note that fallen leaves do that, too. Pruning? See rule number one.

Though I love my many unusual plants including heirloom, native, and alluring new horticultural gems, there are many dozens of beautiful plants that need little or no care at all, if planted right. I'm reminded of this every time I see the many dozens of garden-worthy native trees, shrubs, vines, herbaceous perennials and annual wildflowers flourishing in fields and forests in all sorts of soils and conditions. And there are many imported species thriving around neglected homes, school yards, and even in cemeteries. Too many gardeners coddle these plants to death.

When it comes to digging holes, wide is better than deep. This helps new roots grow outward quickly; it also helps to rough up smooth hole bottoms and walls created by



It's that time of year when leaves are falling all around — including in your garden.

shovels or tillers, but I'm intrigued with the simple "dig a square hole" trend.

No need to add anything to your native dirt, unless it is serious clay that stays wet and dries hard, or poor sand that won't hold nutrients or water very long. However, adding a little organic stuff like chipped bark, compost, or the like can temporarily fluff up even the worst soil, enough for roots to get started. Don't overdo it; think "one or two handfuls of

crumbled crackers to a bowl of chili" and you have the proportion concept down pat.

After spreading roots and planting a little on the high side for better drainage and to allow for settling, I'm done. Most plants can take it from there.

But to help keep things going, protect and feed the soil. Cover the ground with any kind of organic matter that breaks down quickly and, with the help of earthworms, tun-

nels its way deep around roots, allowing water and air and roots to penetrate better. This is how Mother Nature does it in the woods and fields, constantly replenishing the stuff that gets used up.

While pine straw looks good, is fairly inexpensive, and resists washing away on slopes, it takes forever to break down; I prefer fast-acting chopped tree leaves, compost, and manure, topped with prettier, longer-lasting chipped

or shredded bark or hardwood (I avoid unsustainable cypress mulch). And BTW I never use soil-suffocating landscape fabrics. Ever.

This is a great time to do all this, with falling leaves piling up quickly. The three basic approaches I use are: Mowing into the lawn to recycle nutrients, raking underneat shrubs and between trees (love how my rake feels and sounds), and neatly piling the rest where so they can compost for needier

flower and vegetable beds. A leaf pile is a badge of ecological and gardening honor.

These simple tips help plants grow better, save time and effort, and keep landfills free for less recyclable stuff.

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

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WHEREAS, default has occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said deed(s) of trust, and U.S. Bank Trust National Association As Trustee Of American Homeowner Preservation Trust Series 2015a+, as Beneficiary, has authorized and instructed Stephens Millirons, P.C. as Substitute Trustee to foreclose said deed(s) of trust by advertisement and sale at public auction in accordance with the statutes made and provided therefor.

THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that pursuant to the power of sale contained in said deed(s) of trust and in accordance with the statutes made and provided therefor, the said deed(s) of trust will be foreclosed and the property covered thereby and hereinabove described will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Neshoba County at Philadelphia, Mississippi, in the aforesaid County and will sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM) on December 7, 2021, to satisfy the indebtedness now due under and secured by said deed(s) of trust.

Stephens Millirons, P.C. will convey only such title as vested in it as Substituted Trustee.

The premises to be sold are described as:

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

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Date: November 2, 2021

Stephens Millirons, P.C.  
Substituted Trustee  
120 Seven Cedars Drive  
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# Sports



Photos by ROCKY HIGGINBOTHAM

Neshoba Central's Ja'Naylon Dupree races past a Lake Cormorant defender during the Rockets' win last Friday night.

## Last-second field goal leads to win

By ROBBIE ROBERTSON  
sports@neshobademocrat.com

Hunter Bavetta kicked a 36-yard field goal in the final seconds to lift the Neshoba Central Rockets to a 27-24 victory over Lake Cormorant in the first round of the Class 5A state football playoffs.

The Rockets, now 11-0, will host Lafayette Friday night in the second round. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. Lafayette comes into the game with a 10-2 record. They opened the playoffs with a 43-16 win over Holmes County Central.

The Gators led 17-7 at the half and 24-7 early in the third quarter. Coach Patrick Schoolar said his team kept playing to the end and pulled out the victory.

"We played better in the second half," Schoolar said. "Their quarterback was a three-year starter and he was going to make plays. We knew he was going to be tough."

"But we weren't ready for our season to be over. It was will and determination. We found a way to win. You never give up. Our theme is survive and advance. Do what you have to do. We did that."

The Gators scored on their second possession. They appeared to be lining up for a field goal. But then the ball was snapped to quarterback Telvin Amos, who ran it from 10 yards out. The kick was good and the Gators led 7-0 with 5:04 left in the first quarter.

Neshoba Central came back to tie the game. The Rockets took the kickoff on their own 35-yard line and put together a 14-play drive. Quarterback Eli Anderson connected with Ja'Naylon Dupree, who fumbled going the end zone. Bryceton Spencer recovered the ball for the touchdown. Bavetta kicked the extra point and the game was tied at 7-7 early in the second quarter.

Lake Cormorant came back in the second period and scored when Amos connected with Jeremy Henderson on a 23-yard TD pass. The extra point was good and the Gators led 14-7 with 5:26 remaining.



Neshoba Central quarterback Eli Anderson rolls out of the pocket to find a receiver during the Rockets' comeback win last Friday night.

An interception led to the final Lake Cormorant points of the second quarter. With time running out, the Gators kicked a 36-yard field goal and went up 17-7 at the half.

The Rockets punted four plays after taking the second-half kickoff. Amos scored on a 61-yard run. The extra-point kick was good and Lake Cormorant led 24-7.

The Rockets kept playing. They took the kickoff on their own 46 and put it in the end zone in seven plays.

Ken Drummond ran 23 yards for a touchdown. Bavetta kicked the extra point and the Gators' led 24-14. That's how it stood at the end of the third quarter.

The Rockets pulled to within 3 points when Anderson ran 2 yards for a touchdown. Bavetta's kick was good and the Gators' lead was cut to 3 points, 24-21, with 9:30 left in the final quarter.

With 2:04 remaining on the clock, Bavetta kicked a 25-yard field goal to tie the game at 24-24.

The Gators took the kickoff and ran six plays before punting.

On fourth down, the Rockets lined up for a 50-yard field attempt. But then Schoolar decided to go for the first down. Anderson connected with Spencer to put the ball on the Lake Cormorant 18-yard with 6 seconds left. Bavetta proceeded to kick a 36-yard field goal and Neshoba advanced to the next round of the playoffs.

"It felt like we could make a play and get better field position," Schoolar said. "It would have been a long kick, and I didn't want to put that on the kicker."

The Rockets finished with 18 first downs and 335 total yards. Anderson completed 19-of-29 passing attempts for 205 yards. The Rockets rushed for 155 yards, led by Drummond with 100 yards. Spencer had four catches for 68 yards, while Dez McWilliams had seven catches for 63 yards.

## Pelahatchie uses big plays to overcome Tornadoes

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The Philadelphia Tornadoes saw their 2021 season end as they dropped a 39-35 decision to Pelahatchie in the second round of the Class 2A football playoffs.

The game was stopped in the third quarter after a transformer blew and the Pelahatchie field went dark Friday night. The teams returned Saturday afternoon to complete the game.

The Tornadoes close out their season at 5-7. Pelahatchie, now 7-5, will play at Kemper County in the third round of the playoffs.

Pelahatchie took advantage of several big plays to win the game. That started on the first play as the Chiefs ran 55 yards for a touchdown. The kick was good and Pelahatchie went up 7-0.

The Tornadoes took the kickoff and drove 67 yards in nine plays for a touchdown. Chancellor Greer scored

on a 10-yard run. The extra-point try was no good and the Tornadoes trailed 7-6.

Pelahatchie took the ensuing kickoff and put it in the end zone four plays later on a 24-yard run. However, the extra point was no good and the Chiefs led 13-6 with 6:40 remaining in the first quarter.

The Tornadoes came back with a score of their own as Greer scored on a 13-yard run. Greer scored on the 2-point conversion try and the Tornadoes led 19-14 as the first quarter ended.

Neither team scored in the second quarter and that's how it stood at the half.

On their first possession of the second half, the Chiefs scored on a 49-yard TD pass. The 2-point conversion was good and Pelahatchie went up 27-14.

The Tornadoes took the ensuing kickoff and drove 69 yards in eight plays for a touchdown. The Tornadoes scored on a 7-yard pass from Marcus Beamon to Dee Burnside. The extra point try failed and the Chiefs led 27-20.

The Tornadoes kicked off. The lights went out and both teams went home until 1 p.m. the next day.

When the game resumed, Quay Ragsdale ran 54 yards for a Pelahatchie score. However, the extra point failed and the Chiefs led 33-20.

The Tornadoes took the kick and answered with another touchdown of their own. Beamon connected with Darius Grady on a 20-yard TD pass play. Adrian Luke kicked the extra point and the Chiefs led 33-27.

Later in the quarter, Pelahatchie returned a punt for a touchdown. However, the extra point try failed and the Chiefs went up 39-27 with 9:38 left in the game.

The Tornadoes took the kickoff and

drove down to the Pelahatchie 1-yard line. Beamon dove over the top for a touchdown. He added the 2-point conversion and the Tornadoes trailed by 4 points, 39-35, with 7:10 left in the game. That would be the final score.

The Tornadoes had one last series and could not convert. Pelahatchie lined up in the victory formation and that was the ballgame.

"We gave up too many big plays," Coach David Frey said. "They never had a drive on us. They hit big plays and scored. We got a turnover in the fourth quarter, and we didn't do anything with it."

"We knew we were young this year. But we are bringing back a lot next year, and all of these young kids will have a year of experience under their belt. No one expected much this season, and we made it to the second round of the playoffs. We should be pretty good next year."

## Ole Miss, State win big games

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Who would have believed a team, Texas A&M, would defeat both Alabama and Auburn in the same football season but turn around and lose to both Ole Miss and Mississippi State?

Who would believe a team would go into Auburn and trail, 28-3, midway through the second period and in the end win by nine points? Well, football fans, welcome to post-COVID-19 football of 2021.

Mississippi State, led by Will Rogers' school-record six touchdown passes, had the largest comeback win in program history. Auburn (6-4, 3-3) scored on their first four possessions of the game and led, 28-3, midway through the second quarter before MSU rallied, scoring 40 unanswered points, to claim a 43-34 win. The Bulldogs (6-4, 4-3) will now host Tennessee State (5-5) this Saturday morning.

Ole Miss jumped back into the Top 10 in the AP football poll by using a couple of fourth-period interceptions to defeat No. 16 Texas A&M, 29-19. A.J. Finley returned an interception 52 yards and Ashanti Cistrunk's pick set up a touchdown run by Snoop Conner. Matt Corral threw for 247 yards and a touchdown to lead the Ole Miss offense that totaled 504 yards against the Aggies. Ole Miss (8-2, 4-2) will welcome Vanderbilt this Saturday night.

Southern Mississippi fell to No. 15 UTSA this past Saturday, 27-17. The Eagles gave a valiant effort against one of the three undefeated teams left in Division 1 football. UTSA (10-0, 6-0) scored ten points in the final five minutes of the game to eke out the win. USM used running back Frank Gore Jr. at quarterback running the wildcat offense to begin the game, and he finished with 123 yards to lead USM. The Eagles (1-9, 0-7) will travel to Louisiana Tech this Friday night.

The College Football Playoff Selection Committee will release their third rankings on Tuesday of this week. This week's rankings will be very similar to last week's with Georgia, Alabama, Oregon and Ohio State leading.

### SWAC

Jackson State quarterback Shedeur Sanders threw two touchdown passes to Malachi Wideman in the final five minutes to lead the Tigers past Southern University, 21-17. With the win, JSU (9-1, 7-0) clinched the SWAC Eastern Division championship and a spot in the conference title game on Dec. 4.

This Saturday, the Tigers will take on rival Alcorn. Alcorn (6-4, 5-2) held off a Prairie View rally to claim a 31-29 win. Quarterback Felix Harper led the Braves with a couple of TD passes while the defense recovered a Panther fumble with 18 seconds to secure the win. Mississippi Valley downed Alabama State, 44-31, behind Jakobe Thomas' three rushing touchdowns. Valley (3-7, 2-5) is open this week before meeting Prairie View.

### Small college

Brady Foley rushed for three touchdowns as Belhaven (7-3) ended their season with a 41-7 win over East Texas Baptist. Millsaps (2-8) fell to Birmingham Southern, 49-7, in their season finale. Jaylen Gibson teamed up with Deante Smith-Moore on a 51-yard pass in the final two minutes to give Mississippi College (4-6) a 28-24 win over West Alabama. Delta State (5-5) fell at West Georgia, 44-7, to conclude their season.

Dale McKee, a Waynesboro resident, has been writing sports in Mississippi since 1973. Listen to Dale's Brouhaha Sports Show with Marshall Wood on Tuesday at 6 p.m. on WABO FM 105.5 in the Waynesboro area. To listen to the broadcast on your computer or smartphone anywhere in the world go to Google Chrome, go to wabo105.com and click listen live. This week's guest is Mississippi Sports Talk's Blake Thompson.

# Warriors fall to Gulf Coast on the court

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The East Central Community College Warriors left it all on the floor against Gulf Coast Thursday night as they erased an 11-point deficit in the final seven minutes of play but came up just short, 83-78, for their first loss of the season.

With just five minutes before the half, ECCC led by 13, 35-22. However, the momentum swung back into Gulf Coast's favor for the final five minutes of the half as the Bulldogs rallied and went on a scoring streak, eventually tying the game for the fifth time, at 40-all at halftime.

The streaky gameplay continued into the second half as Gulf Coast went on a 17-5 run to open the half and built a double-digit, 65-53 lead at the halfway point of the final 20 minutes.

The Warriors refused to throw in the towel down the stretch. They had some big baskets from Demajion Topps (Winona) and Christopher Keys (Quitman) to help start an ECCC offensive run involving the Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium crowd. As the ECCC energy built, Jelani Clark blew the roof off with a corner 3-pointer with

3 minutes to play to pull the Warriors within one, 74-73.

Unfortunately, the Bulldogs connected on a pair of free throws on the other end and followed with a couple of layups off turnovers to pull the game just out of reach in the final minutes.

The Warriors finished the night shooting 33% from the floor, while the Bulldogs shot 42%. Gulf Coast outrebounded ECCC, 60-45, but the Warriors stuck around by forcing 27 turnovers on 18 steals.

Clark led the Warriors with 19 points, while Keys finished with 16 after going 5-for-7 from the free-throw stripe. Topps added 11 points on a team-high three, three-pointers, and David Berry (Mendenhall) came off the bench to add 10. Keys picked up his first collegiate double-double as he led the Warriors with 14 rebounds.

The Warriors are on the road for their next two games with a trip to Meridian on Thursday, Nov. 18, and Co-Lin on Monday, Nov. 22. ECCC is finally back at home in Brackeen-Wood on Monday, Nov. 29, to take on Coahoma at 7 p.m. for the final non-conference matchup of the year.



Jelani Clark powers past a Gulf Coast defender on Thursday night. Clark led ECCC with 19 points.

# Season comes to end as Rebels lose to Copiah 33-21

By ROBBIE ROBERTSON  
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The Leake Academy football team saw its chance at back-to-back state championships come to an end on Friday night.

The Rebels trailed for most of the game as visiting Copiah took a 33-21 win in the semi-finals of the MAIS Class 5A playoffs.

Leake finishes the season with a 10-2 record.

"I have to give Copiah a lot of credit; they came out and were very physical," Leake Coach Brian Pickens said. "You hate to lose one like that. This senior group has won a lot of football games and has had great careers. Copiah just made a few more plays than

we did."

The Rebels got the ball to start the game and drove down the field, putting together a 17-play drive that ended with a 22-yard field goal by Cole Arthur. With 4:44 left in the first quarter, Leake had a 3-0 lead.

In a preview of things to come, Copiah answered as they scored on their first play from scrimmage on an 80-yard run by Aiden Rogers with 4:30 left in the first. However, the PAT failed and Copiah led 6-3.

After swapping punts, Leake Academy got big runs from Riley Myers of 20 yards and 38 from Rhett Atkinson, who finished off the drive with a 2-yard TD run with 10:37 left in the second quarter. Cole

Arthur's PAT failed and Leake held a 9-6 lead.

After swapping punts again, the Colonels put together a 91-yard drive, which was aided by two big personal fouls on the Leake defense. The Colonels scored on a 4-yard run with 3:33 left in the half to take a 13-9 lead.

Leake responded with a scoring drive of its own. After a big 39-yard pass from Atkinson to Levi Brown, the Rebels scored on a 7-yard run by Myers with 1:14 left in the half. The try for 2 failed and Leake led 15-13.

But Copiah took the momentum back before the half ended. They broke a 70-yard run and scored on a 14-yard pass with 29 seconds left in the half. The try for two

failed and Copiah led 19-15 at the half.

"That was a big swing," Pickens said. "We had them down, and they broke the big run and scored right before the half. We had just scored and had some momentum. I thought that was a big play in the game."

The two teams swapped punts to start the second half and it was Copiah that struck first as J.D. Weed scored on an 83-yard touchdown run. The PAT was good and Copiah led 26-15.

The Rebels turned the ball over on downs on their next possession and Copiah answered with a six-play, 54-yard drive. Aided by a 41-yard run, Weed finished off the drive with a 2-yard run with

2:50 left in the third. The PAT was good and Copiah led 33-15.

The Rebels responded with a 13-play drive that ended with a 9-yard touchdown pass from Atkinson to Aiden Watkins with 10:49 left. The try for 2 failed and Copiah led 33-21.

Leake threw two fourth-quarter interceptions as the Colonels held on for the win.

Leake had 363 yards of total offense with 179 yards rushing and 184 passing. Atkinson was 11-of-28, passing for 174 yards and one TD. The junior quarterback also led the rushing attack with 105 yards on 16 carries. Canon Parks had 47 yards on 15 carries, while Riley Myers had 27 yards on three carries and four

catches for 45 yards. Watkins had four catches for 79 yards, while Levi Brown had three catches for 50 yards.

Leake allowed 474 yards of offense to Copiah with 450 rushing and 24 passing. Bryce Watkins led the Leake defense with eight solo tackles and two assists, while Kade Marble had four solo tackles and two assists. Riley Myers had three solo tackles and three assists, while Nick Gomillion had three solo tackles and two assists. Jarod Sims had two solo tackles and two assists, while Jackson Freeny had three solo tackles. Gunter Scott had two solo tackles and one assist, while Whitt Welch had Jake Brown each had two solo tackles.

# Lady Rockets tip off new basketball season with 5-0 start

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The Neshoba Central Lady Rockets are off to a 5-0 start under second-year head coach Jason Broom.

Last week, the Lady Rockets picked up a 74-31 win over Kosciusko. Earlier, the Lady Rockets have defeated Leake Central 71-25, Choctaw Central 72-59. Pearl 66-35 and Kosciusko 81-31.

The Rockets are playing without their football players in the early games and stand

at 1-3. They dropped their opener to Leake Central 52-25 and then lost 68-45 to Choctaw Central and 61-59 to Pearl. The Rockets defeated Kosciusko 55-50 last week.

The Rockets teams have two games this week. They were to take on Leake Central Tuesday and visit Northeast Lauderdale later in the week.

Neshoba Central opened the season with a big win over Leake Central. The Lady Rockets went up 43-11 at the half. Shaylynn Hunter led with 15 points while

Hama'ya Fielder scored 13. Zheria Leflore put in 11 points.

The Lady Rockets outscored Choctaw Central 22-10 in the second quarter and went up 34-23 at the half. The Lady Warriors battled back but Neshoba Central held on for the victory. Hama'ya Fielder led with 28 points while Carly Keats added 13.

Leading 38-28 at the half, the Lady Rockets outscored Pontotoc 23-14 in the third quarter and held on for the

win. Hunter led with 20 points while Keats put in 16 points and Fielder scored 11 points.

Leading 34-23 at the half, Neshoba Central dominated the second half in their win over Pearl. Fielder scored 19 points while Veronica Williams put in 11.

The Lady Rockets led Kosciusko 33-12 at the half. Neshoba Central then outscored the Lady Whippets 25-9 in the third quarter and held on for the win. Hunter led with 20 points while

Fielder scored 14 and Leflore put in 13.

## Rockets

Neshoba Central started off cold against Leake Central and trailed 25-9 at the half. Zae Goodin and Dexter Spencer scored 7 points each to lead the Rockets

The Warriors outscored the Rockets 15-9 in the second quarter and led 44-15 at the half. The Rockets outscored Choctaw Central 30-24 in the second half. William Dreifuss led the Rockets with 12

points while R.J. Hunter scored 10.

The Pearl Pirates slipped past the Rockets by 2 points. Goodin led with 21 points while Garrison Breedlove scored 11 points.

Leading 28-27 at the half, the Rockets outscored Kosciusko 20-10 in the third quarter and held on for the victory. Goodin led with 15 points while Dorshay Cole put in 10 points and Breedlove scored nine points.

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# Warriors start off season undefeated after 6 games

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The Choctaw Central boys basketball team is off to a 6-0 start on their 2021-2022 season.

The Warriors opened with a 53-49 victory over South Pontotoc in the Choctaw Central Classic. They have also picked up wins over Neshoba Central 68-45, Quitman 55-53, Southeast Lauderdale 53-39, Kemper County 38-35 and Newton County 59-49.

The Choctaw Central girls stand at 4-1, with their only loss coming to Neshoba Central. The Lady Warriors have since posted wins over Southeast Lauderdale 74-21, Kemper County 58-23 and Newton County 70-35.

The Warrior teams have two games this week. They were to host Germantown on Tuesday and Newton County on Thursday.

The Warriors jumped out to a 29-6 lead at the end of the

first quarter in their game with Neshoba Central.

The Warriors outscored the Rockets 15-9 in the second quarter and led 44-15 at the half. The Rockets outscored Choctaw Central 30-24 in the second half. Haden Jones led the Warriors with 16 points while Abram Cotton added 14 and Johnny Vaughn scored nine. William Dreifuss led the Rockets with 12 points.

Leading 40-34 heading into the final quarter, Choctaw Central held off a fourth-quarter rally to win over the Quitman Panthers. Markekelus Mingo led the Warriors with 16 points, while Thomas Tangle scored 10 points and Vaughn scored 9.

The Warriors outscored Southeast Lauderdale 35-24 in the second half to take the victory. Jones led the Warriors with 11 points while Vaughn put in 10.

The Warriors held off the Kemper County Wildcats in the fourth quarter to take a vic-

## Union falls to Tylertown in playoffs

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The Tylertown Chiefs came calling to compete against the Union Yellow Jackets in the second round of the state football playoffs.

As the temperature fell on Friday night, so did the hopes of the Yellow Jackets as Tylertown defeated Union 20-8.

On the opening kickoff, Tylertown's Jordan Anthony ran 80 yards to pay dirt and put up the first score of the ball-game. The Chiefs quarterback Amerion Jefferson ran for the successful 2-point conversion. The score was Tylertown 8 Union 0.

With 4:50 to go in the first quarter, Kenyon Clay found Xavier Boler for a 21-yard touchdown pass. Clay scored

the 2-point conversion and tied the score at 8-8.

The Chiefs responded quickly with another score when Jefferson found Dillon for a 41-yard touchdown pass. The 2-point conversion attempt failed and Tylertown led 14-8.

The defensive units of both teams made their presence felt in the second quarter. There was a carousel of punts between the two teams until the last 19 seconds of the first half. Jefferson completed a touchdown pass in the back of the end zone to Lampton. However, the 2-point conversion was once again denied by the Jacket defensive unit. The score at half-time was Tylertown 20, Union 8.

The third quarter began with Union receiving the kick-

off. The defensive side of the ball took control in the third quarter. Neither offensive unit was able to move the ball successfully during the quarter. The third quarter concluded with a score of 20-8.

The last quarter of the game was a carbon copy of the third quarter. The defensive units for both teams were dominant. The final possession of the game belonged to Tylertown. With 2:04 left on the clock, the Chiefs were able to maintain control of the ball and run out the clock. With the victory, the Chiefs advanced to the third round of the playoffs, where they will compete against Raleigh on Friday night. Tylertown improved to 12-0 on the season, while Union finished the season 5-7.

## Rebelettes rally to top Hartfield

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The Leake Academy Rebelettes grabbed another victory last week.

The Rebelettes overcame a double-digit deficit and improved to 6-0 on the season with a 57-54 win over Hartfield Academy on Tuesday night in their only action of the week while the Rebels lost 76-48.

Leake has a full slate of games next week as they are scheduled to host Kirk on Monday, Pillow on Tuesday and Central Hinds on Thursday.

### Rebelettes 57 Hartfield 48

In a rematch of last year's Overall finals, the Lady Rebels

overcame an early deficit and took a 3-point win over the Lady Hawks.

Hartfield led 17-10 at the end of the first period and led 28-14 at one point in the second. Leake finished strong and outscored Hartfield 18-17 but trailed 34-28 at the half.

Leake started to chip away at the Hartfield lead and outscored the Lady Hawks 15-10 in the third and trailed 44-43 going to the fourth. Leake outscored the Lady Hawks 14-10 in the fourth and took the lead on an Allen Kaye Wilcox putback late in the fourth.

Leake was 21-of-46 from the field and 7-of-22 from the 3-point line.

Miriam Prince led Leake with 26 points while Emeri Warren had 14 points. Katye Jones had 6 points and five

rebounds while Grace Maxey had 6 points and three assists.

### Hartfield boys 76 Rebels 48

The Rebels faded late as the Hawks pulled away to take a 28-point win in the boys contest.

Each team scored 16 points apiece in the first period while the Hawks outscored the Rebels 12-6 in the second and led 28-22 at the half. Hartfield pulled away in the second half as they outscored Leake 20-17 in the third and 28-10 in the fourth.

Jack Harkins led Leake with 11 points while Sam Evans had 10 points. Samuel Prince had 9 points while Jake Freemy had 8 and Henry Dabbs added 7.

## Conerly Trophy finalists announced

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Mississippi State quarterback Will Rogers, who leads the SEC and is second nationally in passing yards, and Ole Miss quarterback Matt Corral, a semi-finalist for Walter Camp college football player of the year award, top a list of 10 nominees for the 2021 C Spire Conerly Trophy, which annually honors the top college football player in the Magnolia State.

The other nominees are Southern Miss defensive back Malik Shorts, Mississippi Valley State running back Caleb Johnson, Mississippi College linebacker Jonathan Jones, Alcorn State defensive back Juwan Taylor, Millsaps College wide receiver Moise Tezzo, Belhaven University running back Brad Foley, Jackson State quarterback Shedeur Sanders and Delta State linebacker Marvin Terry.

Past winners of the C Spire Conerly Trophy have included such former and current prominent NFL standouts as Evan Engram, Dak Prescott, Deuce McAllister, Eli Manning, Jerious Norwood, Michael Boley, Patrick Willis, Anthony Dixon and last year's winner, Elijah Moore. Prescott and Manning are the only two-time winners of the award.

The C Spire Conerly Trophy presentation is scheduled

for Tuesday, Nov. 30 at the Country Club of Jackson, 345 Saint Andrews Drive, in Jackson. A 5:30 p.m. reception will be followed by the 6:30 p.m. dinner program and trophy presentation. Coaches and

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### Hall signs with ECCC

Neshoba Central's Reid Hall signed with East Central Community College to further his baseball career. Reid is a 6-year member of the Rockets baseball team. He is the son of Jason and Candi Hall. Pictured are, front row from left, Cade Hall, Candi Hall, Reid Hall and Jason Hall; second row from left, Coach Kip Fulton, Head Coach Jonathon Jones, and Coach Joel Cosgrove.



### Grisham signs with Ole Miss

Neshoba Central's Tenly Grisham signed with The University of Mississippi to further her career in softball. Tenly has been a member of the Lady Rocket's softball team for five years and was a member of the 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 MHSAA State Championship team. She is the daughter of Jason and Kendal Grisham. Pictured are, front row from left, Jason Grisham, Gracyn Grisham, Tenly Grisham and Kendal Grisham; second row from left, Coach Jonathan Walker, Head Coach Zach Sanders and Coach Taylor Petty.

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