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Dupree says he earned DHS funds

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Marcus Dupree's lawyer says the former football star earned the \$800,000 State Auditor Shad White says he owes taxpayers as part of \$77 million in alleged state Department of Human Services misspending.

Dupree is one of approximately a dozen individuals and organizations who received letters from White last month demanding repayment of the

total \$77 million in welfare funds that the auditor said were improperly spent.

The funds involving Dupree, widely reported to have been used on a horse ranch near Flora for underprivileged children, must be repaid by Thursday. White said last month in the controversy that came to light last year and involves another football great, Brett Favre.

"Make no mistake: Mr. Dupree earned the money he was paid and he never had any

reason to believe the money was being improperly spent by state officials," Dupree's attorney Matthew Eichelberger wrote in an Oct. 29 letter in response to the auditor's allegations earlier last month.

The authorities said former Department of Human Services Executive Director John Davis, along with vendors who were paid the funds yet failed to do all the work required under their contracts, received the demand letters.

"Two years ago my office audited DHS," White said last month. "After two years of work, we found tens of millions of dollars in misspending. Those findings have now been confirmed, this month, by an independent forensic audit commissioned by DHS. It's time for the taxpayers to attempt to recover what we lost."

The DHS forensic audit, conducted by an independent, outside CPA firm from Maryland, was released on Oct. 1.

The auditor's office issued a demand to Davis for \$96,313 million — which includes interest — for his role authorizing over \$77 million in illegal TANF spending.

Two nonprofits, the Mississippi Community Education Center and the Family Resource Center, either misspent or improperly dispersed portions of that \$77 million, meaning the money was ultimately misspent by a vendor to the nonprofit. As a result, the board and leader-

ship of MCEC were served with a demand for \$68,159 million. FRC's board and leadership were served with a demand for \$15,549 million.

White's demand to Dupree alleges that \$789,534 was paid to his nonprofit, The Marcus Dupree Foundation, as part of the more than \$77 million of misspent Temporary Assistance for Needy Families monies.

The auditor's report does not specifically state the purpose of

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Photo by COLEMAN EAKES

CDP President David Vowell has been a leading force behind Marty Stuart's \$30 million Congress of Country Music under construction

downtown. About \$4 million has come from the state and Vowell is hopeful about city funding.

Marty Stuart Center generating growth

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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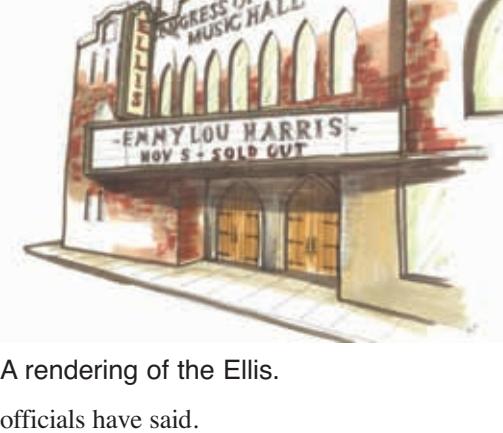
Like pieces of a puzzle coming together, downtown Philadelphia is active these days with construction projects underway and new businesses opening.

A major catalyst has been the excitement surrounding Marty Stuart's \$30 million Congress of Country Music.

Located on the southwest corner of Byrd Avenue and Main Street, when completed the complex will feature a renovated Ellis Theater along with a museum to display Stuart's 20,000-plus piece collection of country music memorabilia.

When completed, officials have said there will also be classrooms, a community hall, event space and a rooftop performance venue.

The Congress of Country Music will create an education curriculum and programming to promote the roots of country music. There will be changing displays, which will not only spotlight Stuart's collection. It will also include international traveled artifacts, memorabilia, photography folk art and Native American programming,



A rendering of the Ellis.

officials have said.

Work began last month on a \$4 million renovation of the now gutted Ellis Theater, the old theater building where Stuart and his friends went to the movies while growing up in Philadelphia. The Ellis is the first of four phases Stuart has set into motion.

"The Ellis is coming together and other parts

of the downtown are coming together," said David Vowell, president of the Community Development Partnership. "It is really kind of exciting."

When completed in late 2022, the Ellis will serve in two purposes. It will be a performing arts theater that is projected to regularly bring in major music acts. It is also being used as a place for local plays by the Arts Council, other events, and as a training center for local talent.

Vowell, who has been at the helm of the CDP since its inception two decades ago, said the second phase should start when the first phase is completed.

The first phase was funded by \$4 million appropriated by the state Legislature. Fundraising efforts are underway to pay for the next phases and to pay Stuart for his vast collection of country music memorabilia. Vowell is hopeful about some city funding as well.

"We have been making moves over the years," Vowell said. "Our local legislators, Sen. Jenifer Branning, Rep. Scott Bounds and Rep. Michael Ted Evans, have supported some bond financing we have got. That's actually what is

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Gibbs reflects on being a veteran

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Veterans Day is not just another holiday for Tim Gibbs.

Gibbs served in the U.S. Navy for nearly 25 years. Yes, he has seen the world and that has made him realize the role people in the military play to keep the nation free.

"I never thought about that until I saw how things are in some of the countries I visited," Gibbs said. "I realized how fortunate we are."

Veterans Day ceremonies will be observed during the annual program which will be held Thursday starting at 11 a.m. at Dewitt DeWeese Park. In case of rain, the program will be moved to the Neshoba County Coliseum.

Gibbs is the new commander of the American Legion Post 138 of Philadelphia. It and Post 238 sponsor the program each year.

"During the Cold War, I was in Germany before they tore down the Berlin Wall. I have seen the Wall," Gibbs said. "At night, you would hear shooting on the other side of the wall. I asked the Germans giving us the tour what that was. They said people who were trying to escape from East Germany were being shot."

"I think about that whenever I cross the state line from Mississippi to Alabama," Gibbs said. "We take things like that for granted but it's not like that in other parts of the world."

The way Gibbs got into the Navy is a pretty good story. In 1982, he was working for an oil



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VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11

Dewitt DeWeese Park

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field company and word came that there was going to be a big lay-off.

"I had never thought about the military but I decided I would join the Air Force for a few years," Gibbs said. "My father had been in the Army and my grandfather had been in the Air Force."

He went to Meridian to

enlist. The recruiters were all in the same building. He went to the Air Force office and it was locked. So, he went to the next office.

"I pulled open the next one and it was the Navy recruiter," Gibbs said. "I went straight on in and joined. I laugh about that now."

Gibbs went into the Navy in

Trial

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County Sheriff's Office and the Mississippi Bureau of Investigations charged nine people after the body was found Feb. 14, 2020.

Kelly's trial is the only case

that remains open in the matter.

"It is a capital murder trial," said District Attorney Steven Kilgore. "He has not pled so we will proceed with the case."

Dupree

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the \$789,534 paid to The Marcus Dupree Foundation, which Dupree formed in 2010 to help underprivileged children.

The total includes \$568,010.12 in principal and \$221,523.95 in interest.

It has been widely reported, however, that Dupree last year had partnered with the welfare-funded Families First program and later the Dupree Foundation purchased a five-bedroom, 4,114 square-foot residence and ranch in Flora for \$684,000.

The Mississippi Community Education Center, one of the Families First nonprofits, entered a six-year lease agreement to rent the ranch at \$9,500, according to a Mississippi Today report, and the rental payments were assigned to the bank as collateral for the loan, essentially promising to pay the mortgage for its term.

Dupree, Mississippi Today reported, earned at least \$100,000 from the nonprofit as an employee on the payroll.

"Neither Mr. Dupree, nor his foundation, will be making any payment in response to your demand," Eichelberger wrote to White, and further said that any statements alleging misuse of the funds are "false and defamatory" in addition to asking White to issue a "statement clearing him of any wrongdoing."

Logan Reeves, a spokesman for White's office, said he could not comment on the work Dupree allegedly did for the Mississippi Community Education Center as they did not participate in the forensic audit.

Those who received the demand letters have until Thursday, Nov. 11, to repay the money they owe after which date the State Attorney General's office will pursue recouping the money in civil court. A civil demand does not imply criminal liability, White's office said.

"The facts, in this case, speak for themselves. ... Mr. Dupree is free to make his argument(s) in front of a judge," Reeves said, adding White's office had no further comment or updates on the issue.

Eichelberger's letter went on to say that Dupree would be happy to assist in any investigation into those state officials who may have misspent public money.

"The root of your issue appears to be the decisions made by your fellow state officials and others as to how to spend the money Mr. Dupree earned," Eichelberger said. "I suggest you take that up with them. In fact, Mr. Dupree is happy to help you do just that. Mr. Dupree loves and is committed to the people of the State of Mississippi. As such, he is and has always been ready and willing to assist law enforcement in holding wrongdoers accountable."

Other individuals and organizations who received letters from White's office demanding repayment of their portion of the \$77 million in misspent DHS funds:

- Austin Smith: \$378,791
- Brett Dibiase: \$225,950
- Favre Enterprises, along with Brett Favre and Robert Culumber: \$828,000

- Heart of David Ministries, controlled by Ted Dibiase, Sr.: \$722,299
- JTS Enterprises and Transformational Ventures, con-

trolled by Brian Jeff Smith: \$674,715

- Nancy New: \$2,589 (for payments received from FRC)
- NCC Ventures, controlled by Nicholas Coughlin: \$237,915

- Ted Dibiase, Jr.: \$3,903 million

- Warren Washington Issaqueena Sharkey Community Action Agency, along with agency leaders Jan Vaughn, Janis Williams, Janice Jelks, and Delinda Robinson: \$75,261

- Zach New: \$74,118 (for payments received from FRC)

Former DHS Deputy Director Jacob Black was also served with a demand for \$1,824 for unallowable first-class air travel, Reeves said.

White's office said the people and organizations who received demand letters are liable jointly and severally for the demands, which means the individuals share responsibility for repaying portions of the total amount with Davis.

Last month, an accountant, Anne McGrew, pleaded guilty to one charge of conspiracy to commit embezzlement for her role in the case, The Associated Press reports, and agreed to testify against others indicted, including Nancy New and her son Zach New.

The News are alleged at the state level to have embezzled roughly \$2 million in TANF money through their nonprofit the Mississippi Community Education Center to their for-profit company New Learning Resources.

Mississippi Today reported earlier this month that the News were originally scheduled to go to trial earlier this month but the trial has been moved to 2022. According to Mississippi Today the News could each face up to



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A recent view inside the Ellis that's under renovation as part of the \$30 million Marty Stuart Congress of Country Music. Below, Marty in the Ellis last year.

Vowell

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going into the Ellis. The city is working to help us with this."

The second phase will be the construction of a Community Hall where an old audio building is located. Phase three will be building and setting up the museum where Stuart's extensive collection of Country Music memorabilia will be housed and displayed.

Stuart has said educational programs will be offered there along with revolving touring exhibits. Phase four will be setting up a maintenance plan and curriculum to keep it all going.

Musical programming for the Ellis will feature both legendary stars and the emerging artists of tomorrow, those such as Vowell envision.

Vowell said the potential the Congress of Country Music has to draw tourism to the area along with educational and cultural benefits, has people investing in downtown and other parts of the city with building renovations and opening new businesses.

"You are seeing some development on Highway 16 West," Vowell said. "Some of this is coming because they see this growth and stability in our downtown. Yates Construction is working on the four-laning of Highway 19 South. Once we get that completed and we see where some property will be available, we may get some retail down there to support a really the good hospital we have. I would expect to see businesses to support for the families of the hospital's patients, maybe a hotel."

Vowell gave examples of some of the growth he is talking about.

"The Board of Supervisors is looking at doing some refurbishing on the Justice County building (across the street from the Congress of Country



A high-end retail shop is part of the Busy Bee complex.

ments. The old Dees Department store has been refurbished. It's a party and event store."

Philadelphia Mayor James A. Young said he, too, believes the Congress of Country Music will not only be great for the future of Philadelphia but also the region.

"I think it is a great project," Young said, crediting Stuart, the city and the legislature for helping fund the project. "... I think the country music and the blues trails and all these things that have made Mississippi famous, or the people who have made Mississippi famous, is a billion-dollar industry and this is going to open up Philadelphia and East Central Mississippi to more tourism and history and we are

just proud to be a part of this project."

Last year, representatives of the Marty Stuart Congress of County Music asked the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors for \$500,000 over five years in \$100,000 annual increments. Supervisors took the request under advisement and did pass a resolution in support of the project at the request of the representatives.

Sandy Ray, Rep. Scott Bounds, Pat Thomasson, Marty Gamblin, Steve Wilkerson, Mike Tinsley and Vowell appeared before the board during a March 2020 meeting to ask for the funding.

Vowell pointed out recently that unlike many towns the size of Philadelphia, the downtown has maintained a core group of businesses over the years. There are business people who have hung in there over the years, he said. And Stuart has been one of them.

"Our downtown has never died," Vowell said. "There was a time or two where we wondered. There was a group of people who weren't going to let it die. Marty Stuart was one of them."

Around 2010, Stuart approached then Lt. Gov. Phil Bryant with the idea of creating the Mississippi Country Music Trail. Vowell said that is where the idea of the Congress of Country Music got its start.

"I remember Marty being down at (the CDP offices in) the Depot, talking about a country music trail," Vowell said. "We got the head of the state tourism to come down. It has grown over the years. In the last few months, the Choctaw Indian Fair has been recognized. The Neshoba County Fair has been recognized. Because both have so many country acts. Marty has been the driving force with it."

In summing his view of area businesses, Vowell said, "You have to crawl before you walk and walk before you run. We aren't running yet but I think we are upright and walking and moving forward."



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Opinion

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Left-wingers rejected in Va.

"I don't think parents should be telling schools what they should teach."

With this remark — arrogant, dismissive, contemptuous — in his debate with Glenn Youngkin, Terry McAuliffe committed a historic gaffe.

From that debate forward, his poll numbers steadily sank until McAuliffe lost his lead, and with it, the election.

And going down to defeat, McAuliffe dragged with him his fellow Democratic candidates for lieutenant governor and attorney general and watched Virginia's House of Delegates revert to Republican rule.

What was McAuliffe saying, and what were Virginians hearing, in his remark? McAuliffe was saying that, in deciding what should be taught in its public schools, Virginia parents should just sit down and shut up.

Thus, a year after Joe Biden won Virginia by 10 points did McAuliffe lose the state by three, a 13-point turnaround. In New Jersey, which Biden had won by 16, the popular Democratic governor barely survived a cliffhanger.

These dramatic shifts in voter behavior testify to a serious misreading by Democrats of the presidential election returns of 2020.

Biden's total of 81 million votes, with a 7-million vote margin over former President Donald Trump, had been hailed as testament that his time had come and that the American people had both rejected Trumpism and embraced the liberal policies and politics of good old Uncle Joe.

But the 2020 election was in reality a referendum on a single simple question: Do you want four more years of Trump? Yes or no?

Some 74 million people came out and voted to keep Trump in the White House, the largest number of voters ever won by a president.

However, an even larger number of voters were saying, "Enough!"

As moderate Democrats,

Liberals don't think parents should be telling schools what they should teach.

desperate to halt the progress of Sen. Bernie Sanders in the primaries, had voted for Biden to prevent a socialist from winning their nomination, voters who wanted an end to the Trump era cast their votes for the other name on the ballot, which was also Biden.

In 2020, Biden lit no fires in the primaries and spent most of the general election sheltering in the basement of his Wilmington, Delaware, home.

A vote for Biden was a mandate to replace Trump, not to overturn Trump's signature policies of no more wars, secure the border, cut taxes, rebuild the manufacturing base, reduce trade deficits, deregulate the economy and unleash the power of the U.S. free market system.

The Biden victory was a rejection of Trump, not a mandate for the agenda of Biden's party, which, with its left-wing core dominant, is outside the mainstream of America.

When the American people voted for Biden, they were voting for competence and an end to the daily conflict and chaos, not a Second Great Society.

They were not voting for \$6 trillion or \$3.5 trillion for cradle-to-grave socialism. They were not voting to "Defund the Police!" or tear down statues of Christopher Columbus and Confederate soldiers, or rename schools carrying the names of George Washington, Woodrow Wilson, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson and Robert E. Lee.

They were certainly not voting to abandon Trump's wall and throw open the nation's borders to anyone who can make it through Mexico to the Rio Grande — or to give \$450,000 in reparations for migrant families who were separated from their children after breaching our border.

They were not voting to have their children taught in

public schools that the country they love is shot through with "systemic racism," and most children in America are born into "white privilege" and belong to an oppressor class whose victims are children of color.

The message to the Democratic Party Virginia sent was this:

"You can indulge the crazies in your party, but if the American people come to believe you share their ideas and intend to implement them, we are going to relieve you of control of Congress in 2022 and of the White House in 2024. Rely upon it."

Biden, who is today 10 points down from where he began his presidency, is facing some seemingly insurmountable problems.

More than 1 million people have illegally crossed the U.S. border into our country since he took office. The debacle of the early days of our withdrawal from Afghanistan are indelibly fixed in the public mind and identified with him.

Prices of food and gas and other necessities have risen even more rapidly than the 4-5% inflation that shows no sign of abating.

Supply chains for U.S. goods from abroad, from autos to appliances, are clogged, with container ships backed up in the Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors. And Biden is himself a portrait in confusion and contradiction.

Daily he loses his train of thought in public fora, forgetting places and names. While shutting down pipelines from Canada into our country to save the planet from the scourge of fossil fuels, Biden is calling on the Saudis to pump more oil to cut gasoline prices at the pump in the USA.

Having lost Virginia, Biden and his party look today like they are beginning to lose America.

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

CHARLES HURT

Biden lets it rip in Scotland

Oh, to live in this age of conspiracies. Did you hear the latest one?

President Joe Biden was in Olde Europe crotch-nuzzling European environmentalists when, according to the Duchess of Cornwall, he let rip an enormous cloud of personal methane.

"It was long and loud and impossible to ignore," an acquaintance of Camilla Parker Bowles told the Daily Mail. "Camilla hasn't stopped talking about it."

Now, to fully appreciate the gravity of this story, you must speak those quotes aloud in the most spirited queen's voice you can muster.

"It was long and loud and impossible to ignore!" If you don't sound like a character from Monty Python, then you are doing it wrong.

Ted Cruz: Texas secession in play if Democrats fundamentally destroy U.S.

Just like back in grade school, Mr. Biden's emission was especially noxious because he is the leader of the free world. The Duchess and the duch-er were chatting amiably at an art gallery in Glasgow discussing the grave threat of methane emissions around the world when he violated the peace and decorum.

Oh, the hypocrisy!

Now, every word of this story is entirely true. Obviously, at press time, we cannot confirm actual audio and video evidence of Mr. Biden's smog release in the company of the Duchess of Cornwall.

But we can confirm that we have watched Monty Python and the Holy Grail in its entire-

We now know that Mrs. Clinton's campaign was the whole and entire source of the so-called Steele Dossier, which launched a thousand investigations and conspiracy theories into Mr. Trump's first term in office. The Clintons, the media and the entire federal government's bureaucratic state were so heavily invested in the Trump-Russia conspiracy theories that nobody thought to even ask if any of it was true.

Democrats have always been the party of conspiracy theories. In fact, they govern by conspiracy theory.

Democrat politicians have wrecked New York City, Washington, D.C., and other major American metropolises for decades. Instead of maintaining the infrastructure of these cities, Democrat politicians have stolen public money or wasted it on "human infrastructure" such as welfare and their crazy, pro-crime policies.

Now, every time it rains, New York's subway system floods. Or, for the longest time, raw sewage washed directly into the Chesapeake Bay from the toilets of federal government office buildings.

The real culprit, Democrats, insist? You. Or "global warming."

The only solution? More of your money. Paid to them. And \$6 a gallon gasoline.

Welcome to the age of conspiracy theories.

Charles Hurt is the opinion editor at The Washington Times.

BIBLE SELECTION

And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

— Joshua 24:15 (ESV)

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EDITORIALS

Russia collusion hoaxers

Whether a tree falling in the forest makes a sound is open to debate, but there is little question that a Clintonista falling in the Washington swamp makes a massive splash. Another player in the Russia collusion hoax has, indeed, dropped into the muck, thanks to Special Prosecutor John Durham. A key to repairing Americans' years of broken trust in government is rewinding the historical tape and exposing the villains responsible for saddling the Trump presidency with their own treasonous behavior.

The recent arrest of Igor Danchenko, a principal source of allegations against then-candidate Donald Trump, suggests Mr. Durham is also tracking an asset of Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign who helped cast Republican rival, Mr. Trump, as a Russian tool.

First came charges against FBI lawyer Kevin Clinesmith, who pleaded guilty last year to falsifying information presented to the secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) court to win permission to spy on the Trump campaign. Second indicted was Washington lawyer Michael Sussmann, who hid his Clinton campaign affiliation when plying the FBI with Trump-Russia collusion allegations contained in a dossier compiled by former British spy Christopher Steele and funded by the Clinton campaign.

Third is Mr. Danchenko, a Russian employed in 2016 by the liberal Brookings Institution. The indictment charges him with five counts of lying to the FBI regarding the source of "derogatory information ... concerning Trump's purported ties to Russia (the 'Company Reports')."

The information became the basis for the

so-called Steele dossier.

If three's the charm, No. 4 along the investigative trail could prove the lodestone, a perfidious power within the Clinton circle. Mr. Danchenko falsely denied having communicated with an individual who was "a long-time participant in Democratic Party politics and was then an executive at a U.S. public relations firm ('PR Executive-1')," reads the Danchenko indictment. "In truth and in fact, and as Danchenko well knew, Danchenko sourced one or more specific allegations in the Company Reports anonymously to PR Executive-1."

News reports identify "PR Executive-1" as Charles H. Dolan Jr., a long-time Democrat and adviser to Mrs. Clinton's presidential campaigns. From the communication links already exposed, it is clear that investigators believe Mr. Dolan trafficked lies about Trump-Russia collusion. Mr. Danchenko passed the falsehoods to Mr. Steele, who incorporated them in his dossier. Mr. Sussmann echoed the lies with his whispers to the FBI. Then, the anti-Trump material served as the investigative basis for FBI lawyer Clinesmith's deception of the FISA court, which led to the government spying on the Trump campaign and subsequent efforts to destroy a sitting president.

"PR Executive-1" Dolan, as well as Messrs. Sussmann and Danchenko, enjoy the presumption of innocence in a court of law. Sadly, Donald Trump was afforded no such presumption in the court of public opinion. Americans deserve to know the role of each Democratic Clintonista involved in the Trump-Russia collusion hoax.

— *The Washington Times*

FLASHBACKS

NOVEMBER 14, 1941

President Roosevelt and John L. Lewis will meet across a White House conference table Friday in a momentous eleventh-hour effort to avert a threatened defense-crippling strike in the "captive" coal mines.

Faced by a dangerous revolt in Democratic ranks, Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) announced he would break his customary silence in the House (Thursday) and urge passage of the Senate bill allowing armed American merchantmen to cut through combat zones direct to British and Russian ports.

NOVEMBER 10, 1951

One-fifth of the qualified voters of Neshoba County journeyed to the polls Tuesday to elect all our state, county, and beat officers, and to cast their decisions for or against the question of providing forest fire protection for timberlands in the county.

Robert Prisock, county chairman of the Neshoba County Red Cross stated Tuesday, that a Blood Mobile Unit will in Philadelphia Thursday, November 29th for the purpose of collecting blood from donors of this county.

NOVEMBER 10, 1961

Recommendations of advisory committees to a special legislative study committee on Mississippi's school future include such renovations as abolition of county superintendents and doing away with all high schools with less than

500 pupils.

Byars Furniture Company of Philadelphia has been hot point appliance dealer for this immediate area, it was announced this week by the company.

NOVEMBER 11, 1971

The Farmers Home Administration has approved a \$144,000 loan to help finance a housing subdivision in Philadelphia.

The United Givers Fund Campaign passed the halfway mark this week with \$14,020.60 reported. The goal is \$26,300. The largest amount in pledges and contributions was made by employees of the U.S. Electrical Motors, with \$8,479.60.

NOVEMBER 12, 1981

A \$900,000 bond issue election for construction of the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vocational Technical Center has been set tentatively for December 15.

A public meeting has been scheduled December 1st to discuss the drug problem in Neshoba County.

The Neshoba County Fire Department and two units from the Philadelphia Fire Department responded to a call at the old commissary building in the Deemer community late Friday afternoon.

NOVEMBER 9, 1991

Weyerhaeuser Company is currently installing a state-of-the-art wood Merchandiser Decision System at its Philadelphia wood products manufacturing complex. This

linear (straight line) wood merchandising system was developed by the company's Research and Engineering Department and represents an investment of \$7.5 million.

The Neshoba County grand jury returned 16 bills of indictment for crimes ranging from burglary and assault to grand larceny and strong armed robbery. Some of those indicted have pleaded guilty to the charges and been sentenced by Judge Marcus D. Gordon.

NOVEMBER 8, 2001
Two sisters with a lifelong goal of owning a restaurant together in their hometown will finally reach that plateau with the opening of the Magnolia before year's end.

Building an antique mall with a Neshoba County Fair theme, exploring economic incentives of downtown studio-loft housing, and recruiting a family restaurant to the area were among the suggestions made by a Jackson marketing firm in a plan submitted to the community's economic development leaders.

NOVEMBER 8, 2011
A six-month extension has been secured by the Choctaw Resort Development Enterprise Board on loans due in November, Tribal Chief Phyllis J. Anderson announced Friday.

A 21-year-old man faces 11 years in prison after pleading guilty in Neshoba County Circuit Court last week to burglaries at three convenience stores in 2010.

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Aldermen discuss pre-trial diversion program with DA

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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District Attorney Steven Kilgore discussed his pre-trial diversion program with city officials last week.

Kilgore came before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on Nov. 2 and explained that if a person is arrested for the first time for a non-violent, non-sexual offense, they may opt to enter the two-to-three-year program. Kilgore described it as "being on probation with

the district attorney's office."

If the person completes the program, he is discharged, the charge is dropped and he does not have a felony on his record. The program is authorized by the state Legislature.

After the person is discharged, the District Attorney's Office sends the agency that made the original arrest a check for \$500. The program is run with municipal law enforcement and sheriff's offices in all four counties of Kilgore's Eighth Judicial Dis-

trict that represents Leake, Neshoba, Newton and .

Kilgore said he was going around the district making sure that \$500 would be used for law enforcement. After some discussion, aldermen voted that the money would be used for the Philadelphia Police Department.

In other actions, aldermen voted to:

- Approve an order to open a new bank account, moving \$41,316 from the General Fund to the Seized Money

Account.

- Approve an Interlocal agreement for the Neshoba County Tax Collector's Office to continue to collect ad valorem taxes during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

- Accept a grant from the Department of Finance (DFA) for improvements to the Philadelphia Utilities' levy system at the sewer lagoon, and to authorize the mayor to sign the grant agreement.

- Approve the payment of \$49,870 to Traffic Control

Products for stripping city streets that have recently been repaved. The money will come from the bond issue account.

- Approve the payments of \$14,544 and \$200 to cover Wagoner Engineering invoices.

- Approve the hiring of Brandon Willis to work for the Street Department.

- Approve to cover Police Chief Eric Lyons' travel expenses to attend the Winter Police Chief's meeting in

Ridgeland on Dec. 13-17.

- Accept the resignation of officer James Hancock from the police department, effective Oct. 21.

- Approve for Fire Chief Pierce Clark to rent 10 hotel rooms for Nov. 4-5 for Task Force training.

- Heard a presentation from Steve Hohulin, AICP, about the importance of planning for money coming to the state from the American Rescue Plan Act that the city could be eligible to apply for.

Clemons' election challenge in limbo after trial postponement

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No court date has been set for Leroy Clemons' challenge to the alderman-at-large race he lost by one vote in June after a delay.

OBITUARIES

Clifford Keith Goodwin

Born in Greenville, Mississippi on August 21st, 1950 to William and Mae Goodwin; Clifford Keith Goodwin (Cliff) passed away on September 2nd, 2021 in Jackson, Mississippi. Funeral service will be held Saturday November 13 at 10:30am at Holy Rosary Catholic Church Cemetery in Philadelphia, MS.

Cliff was born in Greenville and considered the Mississippi Delta home; after retiring he moved to a country home on the outskirts of Yazoo City. A graduate of Delta State University where he majored in Art, he went on to have a varied career ranging from working for the US Postal Service, crewman on a river boat, member of the Mississippi Air National Guard, operations manager for an oilfield services company, and manager of the Philadelphia office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

His hobbies included creating hand-thrown pottery, painting, photography, and firearms. After retirement he became involved with and moderated several online firearms forums, and was an invaluable resource for members on a multitude of topics.

He was prone to lengthy conversations whether in person or on the telephone and was known to draft letters and emails that rivaled small novellas in their detail and lack of brevity in wording. A telephone call from Cliff was one in which the recipient had best have hours to spare and be prepared to discuss varied subjects.

Survived by Sons; Joey and his partner Ami of Lumberton, TX , Jeff and wife Dawn of Philadelphia, MS , Josh and wife Angela of Pearl , MS. He is further survived by 9 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and his beloved 4 legged companion "Kitty".

Cliff was preceded in death by his parents, his brother William L. Goodwin Jr., and ex-wife Betty Hardy Tanner.

Bobby Ray Smith Sr.

A memorial service will be held at The Smith Family Home on Sunday at 2:00. 1695 Skyline Rd Meridian, MS 39301

Bobby Ray Smith Senior of Meridian, MS Died on November 6th at the age of 66.

Mr. Smith was married to his wife and best friend Mickey Smith for 47 years.

He was the owner of Bobby's Pet Grooming; he loved his work and his customers.

He is survived by his wife

Mickey Smith. His three Son's Bobby Smith (Stephanie Smith) Shawn Smith, Blake Smith, 7 Grandchildren and 3 sisters (Lena, Hazel and Dorothy)

His life stories, bright smile and contagious laughter will be greatly missed.

Mark Gibson

Funeral services for Mark Gibson will be held Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. from Big Oak United Methodist Church Family Life Center with burial in Big Oak Cemetery in Kemper County. McClain-Hays Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Gibson, 80, of DeKalb, died Sunday, November 7, 2021.

A native of Kemper County, he took a job with Southern Electric Supply and retired after 48 years with the same company. Mr. Gibson was an active member of Big Oak United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lana Gibson of DeKalb; daughters, Gina Colville of Horn Lake and Leah McCollum of Hernando; son, Michael Gibson of Philadelphia; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; sister, Carolyn Griffin of Plantersville; brother, Jerry Gibson of Madison.

Preceding Mr. Gibson in death was his daughter, Christy Longoria.

Memorials may be made to Big Oak United Methodist Church, or a favorite charity.

Mary Ann Jefferson

Funeral services for Ms. Mary Ann Jefferson will be held at 10 AM Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at Pearl River Baptist Church with Rev. Ricky Thompson officiating. Interment will be in the Phillips Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 4 PM Monday, November 8, 2021 at Pearl River Baptist Church. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Ms. Jefferson, 61, passed away on Friday, November 5, 2021 at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian, MS. She enjoyed fishing, listening to Choctaw Gospel music, cooking and

Pallbearers are Michael Wind, Eric Hickman, Jr., Merick Hickman, Cedrick Hickman, Aldreca Hickman, Daytus Tubby, Deric

watching sports.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Jefferson; parents, Earl Willis, Sr. and Susan Bell; sister, Virginia Ann Willis; brothers, Willie Ervin Willis and Richard Willis.

Survivors include daughter, Alecia Wahwasuck; sons, Lee Willis and Morrison Willis; sisters, Linda Steve, Karen Thomas, Renata Willis; brothers, Earl Willis, Jr. and James K. Willis; 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Pallbearers are Anfernee Willis, Dakota Jimmie, Marcus Jimmie II, John Wahwasuck, Deandre Dupont, Darren K. Willis, James K. Willis, Jody Solomon, Elijah Jimmie, Braimes Jim, Alvin Williams, Simeon Willis and Elroy Willis.

Gloria Dean Hickman

Funeral services for Ms. Gloria Dean Hickman will be held at 10 AM Friday, November 12, 2021 at Crystal Ridge Gym. Interment will be in the Mingo Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10 AM Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at Crystal Ridge Gym. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Ms. Hickman, 75, passed away on Friday, November 5, 2021 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian, MS. She enjoyed watching westerns on tv, football especially Green Bay Packers, spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her common law husband, Willie Cotton; daughters, Laura Hickman Lewis and Debra Cotton Thamas; parents, Jim Mingo and Sally Bell; sisters, Nancy Clemons, Corine Thomas, Jimmie Lee Wallace, Elsie Jean Hickman, Betty Agnes Thomas; brothers, Robert Hugh Mingo, Sr. and Phillip Wayne Mingo, Sr.

Survivors include daughters, Melissa Bell, Louis Hickman, Teresa Anderson; sons, Carl Hickman, Willis Hickman, Jr., Eric Hickman, Sr., David Hickman; 39 grandchildren, 20+ great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Michael Wind, Eric Hickman, Jr., Merick Hickman, Cedrick Hickman, Aldreca Hickman, Daytus Tubby, Deric

Hickman, Dylan Ben, Dimitri Ben, Hunter Amos.

Scotty Anthony

A graveside service was held for Scotty Anthony at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 5, 2021, from Morrow Cemetery with Bro. David Richardson officiating. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Anthony, 78, of Philadelphia, died Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at his home.

Born in Meridian, MS, he moved to Tuscaloosa during his early years and later moved to the Dixon Community. He began his employment with Cleveland Industries and started at Maxim for a short period. He then retired after thirty-three years of employment with Richardson Molding. He loved to hunt with his beagles, antique cars, listening to the Eagles, working in his yard, and cleaning up his truck. He was always willing to help anyone in need. He was of Christian faith.

Survivors include his wife, Lynn; daughters, Sandi Anthony, Candi (Ray) Cook; son, Matthew (Kirby) Anthony; grandchildren, Grant Cook, Lofton Anthony; several nieces, nephews and their families; sisters, Glenda (Raymon) Jones, Rachel Hudson; half-sisters, Wanda Hickey, Peggy Burnham; half-brother, George Anthony.

Mr. Anthony was preceded in death by parents, Quinton Anthony and Alma Zell Langford Herd.

Ronald "Ron" Purnell

A memorial service for Ronald "Ron" Purnell will be held at a later date.

Mr. Purnell, 74, of Kemper County, died Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

Born in Mobile, Alabama, he was raised on the Dolphin Island Parkway. At the age of seventeen Mr. Purnell joined the U.S. Coast Guard and served 22 years, 6 months for our country. After leaving the Coast Guard he started over-the-road trucking from coast-to-coast. He drove production boats and worked on jack-up

boats until retiring. Mr. Purnell was of Christian faith.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Purnell; son, Ronald Stephen Purnell, Jr., of Columbia, MS; daughter, Karla Brune of Ocean Springs, MS; son, Andy Thompson of Escatawpa, MS; two grandchildren; and brother, Jimmy Purnell of DeKalb, MS.

Mr. Purnell was preceded in death by parents, James Purnell and Laura Levene; and sister, Jan Powell.

Tammie Dee Tubby McMillan

2021 at Pearl River Facility Building with Rev. Daniel Tubby officiating. Interment will be in the Greenhill Methodist Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 2 PM Monday, November 8, 2021 at Pearl River Facility Building, John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Ms. McMillan, 48, passed away on Friday, November 5, 2021 at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian, MS. She enjoyed watching movies on tv, softball, spending time with grandchildren and being on her cell phone. She was also a MS State fan.

She is preceded in death by her father, Benford Lee Tubby; daughter, Ashna Darnell McMillan; sisters, Lena May Tubby and Sadie Ann Tubby; brothers, Herbert Tubby, Eutice Tubby, Christopher Starr, Randy Tubby, Golden Sam.

Survivors include daughters Jenna Tubby, Raven McMillan; son, Jamie Kyle Willis; mother, Mamie Polk Tubby; brother, Sandy Ray Tubby; 11 grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Jamie Billy, Stacy Billy, Richard John, Phillip Mingo, Timmy Willis, Mason Tubby, Davion Tubby, Matt Dillon, Jonathan Joe, Robert John.

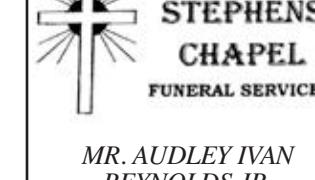
Audley Ivan Reynolds Jr.

Funeral service for Mr. Audley Ivan Reynolds Jr. was at 11:00 AM Saturday, November 6, 2021 at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Noxapater, MS. Interment Church Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Mr. Reynolds, 88, passed away Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at his residence in Winston County where he lived most of his life. He was a U.S. Army Veteran and retired from Georgia Pacific. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, gardening, sports. He was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church where he served as a longtime deacon, music leader.

Preceded in death: Parents, Audley Ivan Reynolds Sr., Gladys Oda Parker Reynolds; Sister, Rebekah Reynolds; Brothers, W.J., Grady, Alton, Emmitt Reynolds.

Survivors are his wife, Shirley June Reynolds; Daughters, Beverly Terry (Jeff), Linda Jo Peoples (Bro. Shelly) and J.J. Ball (Will); Son, Ricky Gene Reynolds (Cecelia Kay); Sister, Margaret Holton; 7 Grandchildren; Host of nieces and nephews.



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Only 11 new COVID-19 cases reported in county in week

By STAFF REPORTS
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Neshoba County has recorded 11 new COVID-19 cases and one new death in the past week, according to the Mississippi State Department of Health's Nov. 8 report.

Neshoba County has now recorded a total of 6,681 cases of COVID-19 and 209 deaths since the pandemic began in March 2020.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians reported no new positive cases of COVID-19 and no new deaths in the

past week as of Nov. 8, with the total number of positive cases for the Tribe still standing at 2,468 with 123 deaths. The Tribe reported five new hospitalizations in the past week.

Neshoba Central Elementary School reported between one and five positive COVID-

19 cases during the week of Oct. 29. No students or staff have been quarantined.

As of Nov. 8, 28% of Neshoba County's population is fully vaccinated, and 32% of the population has received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, according to

MSDH.

Vaccinations are being administered at Walmart at 1002 W. Beacon St., Philadelphia, and Walgreens at 1005 W. Beacon Street in Philadelphia, according to the MSDH.

Statewide, since the pandemic began in March 2020,

290,583 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been recorded by the MSDH along with 216,533 probable cases, totaling 507,116 cases. There have been 6,796 confirmed COVID-19 deaths, along with 3,357 probable deaths, totaling 10,153 deaths.

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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

God is sovereign over history

Lord willing, we will resume the study in Acts at the first of the year. This week we are looking in Isaiah 41. In this passage, God speaks to the nations and people of the world and then to his people who are called by his name.

He speaks to the people of the world in verses 1-7. He tells them to listen to him in silence (verse 1). He warns them of their accountability to him. He is beckoning them to his judgement. The "coastlands" is a phrase pointing to the remotest ends of the earth, signifying that no people are excluded from God's judgment. So there is reason to be silent and listen. The opportunity to turn from delusions is being offered by the Lord.

The Lord speaks of a new power out of the East who will come upon the world's scene at some point in the future. This conqueror will easily trample all those in his path (verse 2). The point here is that he is an instrument of judgment in the hands of the Lord.

The nations may look upon this conqueror as random or unfortunate, but the Lord says this rampage through the lands originated in heaven. God, who is sovereign over history, has raised this leader up for his purposes. When the Lord tells men what will happen in the future, he is inviting them to consider that their souls are in his hands.

The Lord says his name is I am, the first and the last (verse 4). He is the only non-contingent being in the universe. Everyone else and everything else depends upon him. In this context, with the Sovereign Lord appealing to them, it seems terrible for men to set their wills against his when they can turn and escape the danger before it is too late. But men have strong trust in their own devices.

The nations react in fear when the new conqueror emerges (verse 5). Their collective answer is to encourage each other to "be strong" (verse 6). They do not humble themselves and seek the Lord; rather, they prop up their courage by looking to their own resourcefulness to build better and stronger idols to protect themselves (verse 7).

We are taught a lesson here that is thematic in the Bible. Judgment comes because it is deserved. When it is

delayed, it is due to the mercy of God. God's appeal is for men to look to him, to turn from their ways to his ways. It is misery to be tottering on the edge of destruction because of your own folly.

In verse 8, the Lord turns from the unbelief of men in the world to speak to his people. They will face tribulations on earth, and the world of men will oppose them (verses 11-12). They are to "fear not," no matter what comes over the horizon. God gives his people reasons for this command.

One is that they are chosen and beloved of God as Abraham was (verse 8). Abraham faced troubles in the world, but the Lord was with him. He was Abraham's "shield and very great reward" (Genesis 15:1). It is a comforting thought to have the Lord tell you he loves you as he did Abraham. God appears unspeakably glorious and lovely in issuing this assurance.

No matter what happens, he will "not cast you off" (verse 9), but rather he says, "I will be with you" (verse 10). The Lord Jesus told his disciples they would face tribulations in the world, but that he would never leave them nor forsake them. God obliges himself by telling his people to commit their way to him, and he will preserve them and load them with blessings (verse 10).

As God's people we are not to be dismayed with fear when troubles arise (verse 10). The word dismayed has the meaning of gazing in one direction and then another, not knowing where to look for safety. But the believer in Christ is not alone; he is to fix his eyes upon Christ.

The Lord makes promises to the believer in troubles: "I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (verse 10). The Lord repeats in verse 13, "For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I am the one who helps you.'

The Christian, in the face of fears, is to let God be his all in all. When subdued by and melted by the pardon of our souls, we can render to God both body and soul and be faithful even unto death.

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try Music and his knowledge and his help in moving equipment, we wouldn't be where we are without Jack Conn."

Steve's on the Square is also a deserving recipient, Moore said.

"Steve's on the Square opened in 1983," Moore said. "Steve Wilkerson is a businessman who has been on every board that Philadelphia has had. He has served as an alderman. He is one of our anchors. He is a charter member of the Main Street board. Steve and his knowledge and comradery with other business owners and leaders is invaluable."

The Citizen of the Year was always done by the Chamber of Commerce. It was started back in 1989 with Stanley Dearman, then the owner of The Neshoba Democrat, being named the very first recipient, Moore said.

"And it has moved forward," Moore said. "Now the Chamber is under the umbrella of the Community Development Partnership. The Business of the Year was added. And then we divided it with Small Business of the Year and Large Business of the year."

Philadelphia Gun and Pawn

"This is a great honor," said Angie Conn of Philadelphia Gun and Pawn. "We try hard to take care of our customers and give them good service. We try to keep up good relations with

all of our customers."

The business started as a Minimart on Holland Avenue in 1974. A pawn shop was added to the side of the building. Later, they decided to expand, build a new building and concentrate on the pawnshop business.

"Our current location has 8,000 square feet of space," Conn said. "We moved here in January 1999. We built it this big. We said build it and they will come."

Philadelphia Gun and Pawn is open Monday through Saturday, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. They have 25 employees.

"You never know what is going to be traded for, bought or sold, or who is going to walk in the door," Conn said. "Marty Stuart comes through. Gov. Phil Bryant has been here. You never can tell. Chief Ben is a good customer and friend. And then there are our diehard customers who we have known for 40 or 50 years."

Steve's on the Square

Steve Wilkerson knew something was up when Tim Moore walked into his store. He had a smile on his face like he was up to something, Wilkerson said.

"Usually when he comes by and has that little grin on his face, he wants something," Wilkerson said. "He was faking me out. When he told me we were the Small Business of the year, I felt honored to be chosen."

"Over the years there have been a number of businesses on the square that have been selected. I am in good compa-

ny."

It was noted that there aren't many men's clothing stores still open today.

"I feel good to be here in 2021," Wilkerson said. "We have good people working for us and that's the key. We have five full-time employees and five part-time employees. During the holidays, we hire college and high school students to come in and work."

Wilkerson started Steve's on the Square in 1983.

"I was working at Herbert's Menswear which was right around the corner," Wilkerson said. "I left there in October of 1982 and opened here in February of 1983."

"I actually went to work at Herbert's when I was in the 11th grade. I knew I liked retail. I have an accounting degree. It took a little while because I would work a while and go to school a while," Wilkerson said. "But understanding numbers has been a great help while running a business. The numbers are there, you have to understand what they mean."

"The retail side of it drives me. I like people and like to help people. Had someone come in to get fitted for their tux for their wedding; he said my dad said you outfitted him when he got married. Made me feel good."

Wilkerson and his wife, Jenny Lynn, are graduates of Philadelphia High School. They have one daughter.

**Deer crashes into business**

When employees arrived at the Suburban Propane building on Beacon Street Tuesday morning, they found broken storefront windows indicating the store had been broken into and called Philadelphia police. Officers arrived and reviewed security camera footage taken from the Matt Boatner Construction office across the street in hopes of finding possible suspects. The culprit in the case, however, turned out to be a misguided deer. The deer was spotted on camera running through the glass windows on the storefront. After walking around inside for several minutes, the deer casually walked out of the same hole it had broken in through.

**Head Start Awareness Parade held**

Flora Peebles presents a painting to Mayor James A. Young during the Philadelphia Exhibit Hall Head-Start Program's 55th national Head Start awareness spirit parade held recently.

COUNTY JAIL DOCKET**Neshoba County Jail Docket from 10/31-11/8**

- Brandon Anderson, 34, of 186 McDill Rd, Conehatta; possession of controlled substance X2, driving under the influence other substance, possession of paraphernalia
- Kevin Thomas Bishop, 40, of 3120 Pleasant Grove Rd, Little Rock; hold circuit court
- Herman Bobo, 30, of 1126 West Ave; contempt of court, possession of controlled substance
- Nathan Wade Bowen, 24, of 11891 Rd 347; public drunk
- Eric Bryan, 40, of 12741 Hwy 492 E, Union; grand larceny-more than \$1000.00
- Keeslar Carter, 30, of 1066 ½ Frog Level Lane ATR J83; contempt of court, possession of paraphernalia, failure to appear
- Logan Keith Comby, 18, of 667 Reservation Rd, Walnut Grove; alcoholic beverage-possession under 21
- Glenda L Daniels, 43, of 923 Gum St; disturbing the peace
- Tony Donald, 54, of 201 Russell St, Union; possession of controlled substance, driving under the influence other substance, possession of paraphernalia, resisting arrest
- Johnathan Maurice Eiland, 35, of 111 Hemlock Dr, Louisville; failure to appear
- Kimberly Gentry, 45, of 10762 Rd 2426; serving sentence
- Michael Blaine Gill, 22, of 1665 CR 1, Gallion, AL; indictment

• Jasmine D Haynes, 28, of 120 Reed Ave, Louisville; failure to appear

• Bryant Henry, 42, of 209 East Tucker Rd; possession of controlled substance

• Jeremy Howard Henry, 29, of 10340 Rd 547; domestic violence simple assault-1st, possession of marijuana-1st offense, possession of paraphernalia

• Beejan Iradji, 45, of 2616 Moody Parkway, Moody, AL; disorderly conduct, public drunk, disorderly conduct-business

• Melissa Irwin, 38, of 10770 Rd 763; public drunk, disorderly conduct

• Dwayne Jacobson, 46, of 1407 Kitchener Rd, Conehatta; false pretense, contempt of court

• Tammy L John, 43, of 619 N Oswald Rd; driving under the influence-1st offense, no insurance

• John Jones, 42, of 416 Austin St; serving sentence

• Harmon Kirk, 43, of 2714 Bloomfield Rd, Preston; possession of paraphernalia, false ID information

• Julian Lydel McMillian, 35, of 11740 Rd 149; failure to appear

• Samantha Nickolas, 30, of 40 Campus Dr Ext, Conehatta; failure to appear

• Marneisha Reed, 25, of 261 A Ave; contempt of court

• Charles Victor Rhodes, 40, of 342 Anderson Lane,

Clarke; driving a commercial vehicle with suspended license, possession of controlled substance, no license tag

- Amanda Latoya Robinson, 34, of 12140 Rd 101; contempt of court
- Henry Russell, 42, of 100 72 Street S, Birmingham, AL; hold for other agency
- Trevonte Stripling, 20, of 12621 Hwy 21 S; failure to appear, possession of marijuana-vehicle
- Terrance Lee Thomas, 21, of Conehatta; contempt of court X2
- Valerie Lynn Thompson, 45, of 1019 Plattsburg Rd, Noxapater; possession of paraphernalia, public drunk
- Montaveous K Tyson, 20, of 186 CR 343, Taylors; disturbance of family
- Jeffery R Wells, 27, of 10091 Rd 549; serving sentence
- Jerry L Wells, 39, of 144 Rusty Lane, Clarion, NC; no charges listed
- Calvin E White, 58, of 210 Peach Tree St, Union; contempt of court

Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 11/1-11/7

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

• Charles Brown, 32, of 1608 1st Ave, Meridian; public drunk

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

• Keleslar Carter, 30, of 132 S Woodcrest St; MV-no insurance, speeding 10 over, hold-detainer for Neshoba County SO, controlled substance-possession of marijuana-1 kilogram or more but less than 5 kilograms, controlled substance-purchase, possession, transfer, manufacture or distribution of listed chemical or dug with intent to unlawfully manufacture controlled substance, MV-driver's license-none

• Jermaine I Clark, 44, of 370 W Main St; contempt of court-municipal court

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

• Deondreal Griffin, 28, of 270 A Ave; contempt of court-municipal court X2

• Deonka T Gully, 21, of 412 Coleman St Apt 208; contempt of court-municipal court

• Cassie N Hamilton, 42, of 10261 Rd 357; no charges listed

• Joseph B Holley, 21, of 304 Mimosa St; controlled substance-possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10



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grams or less in motor vehicle, contempt of court-municipal court

• Macy Holley, 31, of 10230 Rd 1333; hold-detainer for other agency

• Rudy Leggett, 43, of 465 Mt. Pleasant Rd, Noxapater; DUI-1st offense

• Tykerious Matthews, 18, of 10421 Rd 854; aggravated assault-use of deadly weapon or other

• Jason L Miles, 43, of 2339 Vardam Rd, DeKalb; contempt of court-default in payment of restitution X2

• Derek Moore, 38, of 421 Barham St; domestic violence-simple assault-1st or 2nd offense

• Corderro T Seales, 32, of 105 St Francis Dr; telephone/electronic communication use of profane, indecent, harassing etc language-1st offense, simple assault-fear

• Jerry W Smith, 63, of 250 Martin Luther King Dr; simple assault-fear, trespass-after notice of non-permission, resisting arrest, public drunk

• Cameron Stephens, 18, of 10671 Rd 763; contempt of court-municipal court

• Jonathan Thompson, 43, of 409 Tucker Rd; disorderly conduct-breaching peace with a willful and wanton disregard of the life or safety of another X2

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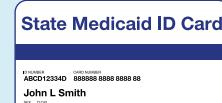
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Moore loves to cook during the holidays

By COLEMAN EAKES
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Tim Moore's favorite time of year is the holidays, partly because he gets to cook his favorite meal for the annual family get-togethers — Tim's Holiday (Hashbrown) Casserole.

Moore said he cooks his casserole every year for Thanksgiving, and he loves the dish because it reminds him of all the past family get-togethers.

Moore, who is the executive director of Chamber/Main Street Philadelphia, also loves to cook at other times throughout the year including grilling steaks and pork chops among other items.

Moore is the son of Elaine Moore and the late James Moore and grew up in the Hope community. His father died when he was 7 years old, and he credits his mother and his grandmother, the late Shirley Winstead, with teaching him how to cook starting when he was about 10 years old.

"The first thing I learned to cook was vegetables in a pressure cooker," Moore said. "My grandmother used pressure cookers a lot, so I learned a lot about cooking with pressure cookers when I was younger."

Moore said his favorite chefs are Emeril Lagasse, who has been on television for years, and his other favorite chef is Robert St. John of Hattiesburg, who has written a few cookbooks and often cooks for events in Philadelphia.

Moore is a family man and his favorite thing to do is to cook for his family, including his wife, Andrea, and their 8-year-old daughter, Hannah.

Moore said he particularly loves making breakfast casseroles for his daughter but he can only make it a couple of times a month because of how busy he is. His wife operates a daycare from their house, and Moore is the executive director of the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Chamber of Commerce and Philadelphia Main Street and the PNC tourism director.

Moore said he works hard in hopes that other people will come to appreciate Philadelphia as much as he does.

COOK OF THE WEEK

TIM'S HOLIDAY HASHBROWN CASSEROLE

Tim's Holiday (Hashbrown) Casserole

Ingredients:
Bag of cubed hash browns
Pint of sour cream
Can of cream of chicken soup
4 cups of sharp cheddar cheese

Instructions:
Mix all ingredients together and crumble ritz crackers on top and bake for 45 minutes



Tim Moore

SOPAPILLA CHEESE

Ingredients:
2 cans Pillsbury butter crescent rolls (seamless if possible)

2 8oz packages cream cheese (softened)

1 cup sugar
1teaspoon vanilla
1/4 cup butter (melted)

Cinnamon and sugar (I used about 1/4 cup sugar and 1tbs cinnamon)

Instructions:

Unroll and spread 1 can crescent rolls on the bottom of an un-greased 9x13inch pan. If you aren't using the seamless crescents, be sure to smooth out the seams before adding the filling. Combine softened cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla. Spread mixture over crescent rolls. Unroll and spread remaining crescent rolls over mixture. Spread melted butter over the top and sprinkle with cinnamon and

sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-30 min

CROCK POT HAWAIIAN CHICKEN

Ingredients:
2-3 large boneless skinless chicken breasts

1/2 cup white sugar
1/2 cup vinegar

3 garlic cloves, minced
2 tablespoons soy sauce

1/2 cup of pineapple juice
1/2 can of large pineapple chunks

Instructions:

Add all ingredients to a Crock-Pot. Cook 4-5 hours on high. Serve over rice and enjoy.

EASY POTATO SOUP

Easy Potato Soup

Ingredients:

4 potatoes

4 cups milk

1/2 to 1 diced onion

4 tablespoons butter

1teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon (heaping) flour

Dash of pepper

Instructions:

Cut potatoes into small pieces and cook in salted water, with the onion. In a heavy pan melt the butter over low heat. Stir in flour and cook until bubbly. Slowly add half of the milk. Add hot, cooked potatoes and onion mixture. Use a potato masher to break up potatoes a bit. Add the rest of the milk and the salt and pepper. Cook over medium heat until hot. If it is not thick enough, shake 1

tablespoon of flour with 1/2 cup cold milk and add to the soup, stirring frequently, garnish with a sprinkle of dried parsley.

ROASTED RED AND SWEET POTATOES

Roasted Red and Sweet Potatoes

Ingredients:

6 red potatoes

2 Medium Sweet potatoes

2 Tablespoons oil

Instructions:

Preheat Oven to 400 degrees F

Wash your hands well with soap and hot water. Wash the

potatoes under running water. Scrub off any dirt. Cut the potatoes into bite-sized pieces. Spread the potato pieces onto a large baking sheet. Pour the oil over the potatoes. Mix them with your hands until the potatoes are covered with oil. Spread the potatoes into a single layer on the baking sheet. Put the baking sheet in the oven. Bake until the potatoes are brown and tender, about 25-30 minutes. Turn them twice while they are cooking. Serve the potatoes while they are hot. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS
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Congratulations to Dundee Moore who graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with an Emphasis in Sports Management from Southern New Hampshire University. His mother, the late Lilly Moore Johnson, would have been so proud of him. This was the answer to her prayers for her son and it occurred during her birthday weekend, October 30.

Dun is a graduate of Philadelphia High School and attended the University of Southern Mississippi. He played on the Tornadoes football team during his school career. He is now the Assistant Linebackers Outside Coach at Philadelphia Public Schools, and owns a local business, Krystal Klear Recording Studio. What a wonderful achievement!

Induction ceremonies for Philadelphia High School's Beta Club were held on November 1 in the auditorium. This is a national honor society for students who exemplify academic and leadership performance.

The new 2021 members are: Nayla Arnold, Kaitlyn Black, TyCarla Brooks, Haven Coburn, Katelyn Entrekin, DeAsia Fortune, Zahrea Griffin,

contributing their time and talents in Philadelphia are Lacy Yates, Dagan Tingle, Raquel Simmons, and Meagan Miller. All proceeds will go to Mary Mosley Picking. Her parents, Blake and Jessica Pickering will appreciate all of those who participate in this event.

The Neshoba Central FFA was recognized as a National Chapter Award recipient recently at the National FFA Convention. The Neshoba Central Chapter was one of three Mississippi chapters to receive the award and was the only chapter that ranked high enough to be recognized at the National FFA Convention. Congratulations!

The State Farm Players of the Week are Cleveland McAfee, a member of the PHS Tornadoes football team, and Jaiden Burnside who plays basketball for the Lady Tornadoes. Mattie Hudson, local State Farm Agent, presented them with Player of the Week T-shirts. Congratulations!

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Weddings

Cecily Kate Price weds Lane Poole Waltman

Cecily Kate Price and Lane Poole Waltman were united in marriage on June 26, 2021 at five o'clock in the evening at First United Methodist Church in Philadelphia. The double-ring ceremony was officiated by Ryan McGough.

The bride is the daughter of Kim and Cecil Price Jr. She is the granddaughter of Brenda Matthews, James William (Bill) Yates, Conner Price and the late Cecil Price Sr all of Philadelphia.

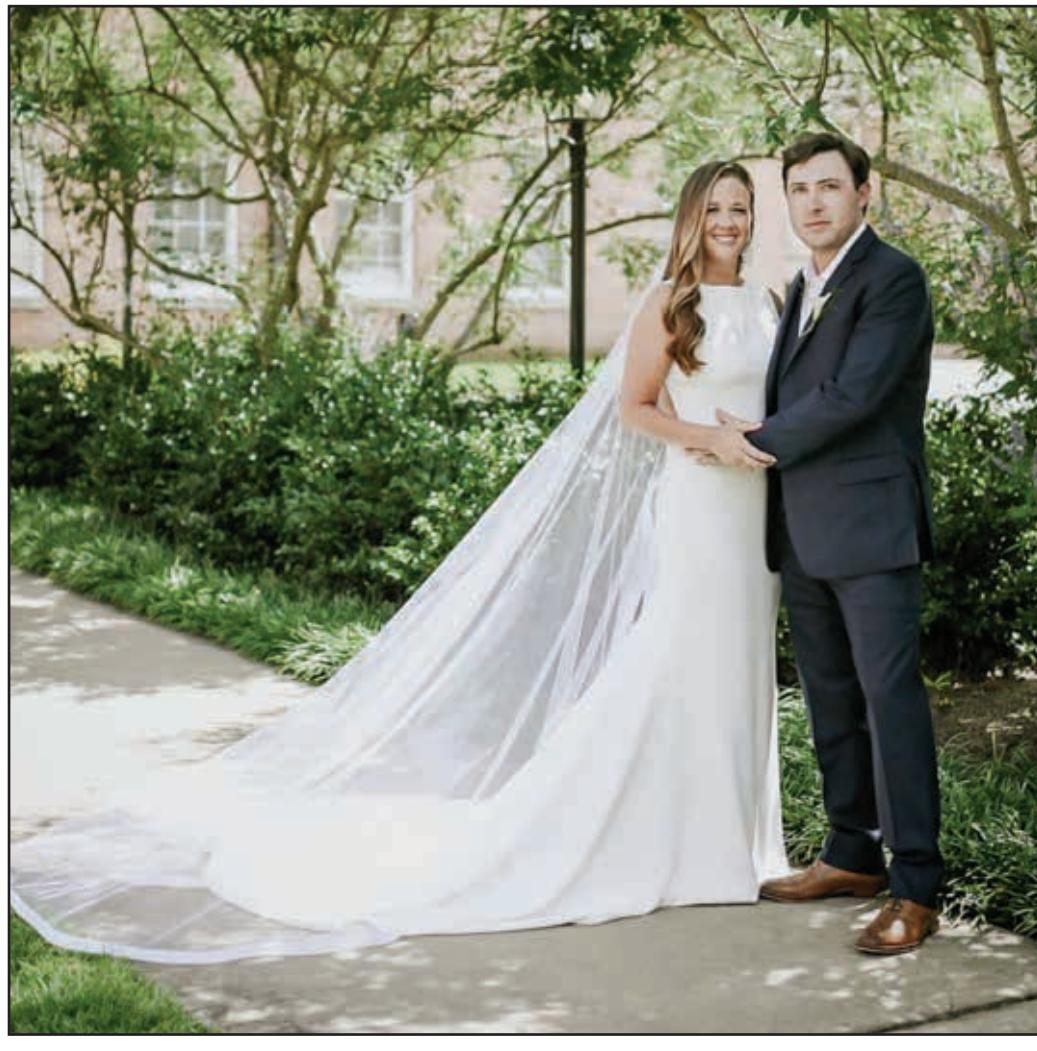
The groom is the son of Cheryl and Gerald Waltman

II of Quitman. He is the grandson of Ruby Poole and the late Aubert Poole of Collinsville and Harriet Waltman and the late Gerald Waltman Sr of Quitman.

Escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents, Cecily Kate wore a Theia couture wedding dress of heirloom quality. The gown had a signature fit and flare design with a Bateau neckline, exquisite satin crepe fabric that featured a dramatic open back with covered buttons that followed the sweeping cathe-

dral train. Her veil of bridal illusion tulle and the edges adorned with horsehair braid netting to add body and drama to the veil was custom made by her Nana, Brenda Matthews. She carried a modern bouquet of creamy white calla lilies. The stems were wrapped in a double-faced pleated satin ribbon.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Rebecca Prince. Gerald Waltman, father of the groom, served as best man. The flower girl was Finley Murphy. The wedding director was Felecia



Mr. and Mrs. Waltman



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Owens, great aunt of the bride. Starren Jones was the registry attendant. The prelude and nuptial music was provided by Madeline Burdine, vocalist and guitarist.

Following the wedding, the bride's parents hosted a reception at Bridges, The Venue. Suzette Chunn was the reception director. Guests enjoyed dancing to the music by Hitmenz and dined on a menu provided by Beverly Wilkes of Honey Bee's

Catering. The snap booth by Jackson Snap Booth at the reception was also a big hit.

The bride's and groom's cakes were created by Cups-N-Cakes of Louisville. The bride's three-tier cake was accented by cascading calla lilies and orchids. The groom's cake was chocolate cake with chocolate icing adorned with chocolate covered strawberries. The table was decorated with snapshots of the couple and a

replica of an oil well. The couple exited the reception through a mass of bubbles.

On the eve of the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Porterhouse. Guests were treated with appetizers before enjoying a delicious meal.

Following a honeymoon to Seaside, the couple now resides at their home on Archusa Lake in Quitman, Mississippi.

Of Local Interest

AUCTION FOR JODY FRANCOIS

November 13, 2021 | 2:00 PM – Until

East Neshoba fire department on highway 16 E

Jody is a 47-year-old veteran, RN with over 20 years' experience, mother to 6 children, God fearing woman, and native to Neshoba County.

She has been battling COVID induced pneumonia since August and is currently dependent on oxygen.

She was diagnosed with 'breast cancer on September 24th, called INVASIVE DUCTAL CARCINOMA.

She has dedicated her entire life to helping others, and we ask that the community comes out to support her in her time of need.

Your support through kindness,

thoughts & prayers, and resources to help with the surmounting cost of existing and upcoming medical treatments/surgeries are GREATLY appreciated.

We will be holding an auction of many items, a food sale, and will provide

music. All proceeds will go to the cost of Jody's treatments.

Please come out to support her and enjoy the fun of an auction, food, kid's games, music, and more!

All donations will be welcomed.

We NEED your presence, love, and prayers.

Thank you for your support!

Speaker will be Bro. David Ford of Globe for Christ Ministries. Sunday Services

will be at 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

Services for Monday thru Wednesday will be at 7:00 PM.

Sun 11/21/2021 — 1 pm

- 5 pm

Mon 11/22/2021 — 9 am

- 11am

If You Need Additional Information Contact Richard Brewer (601) 416-0583

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If you have any questions, call 601-656-8783 Ext. 3.

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Fri 11/19/2021 — 11 am

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Sat 11/20/2021 — 10 am

- 12 pm

Sun 11/21/2021 — 1 pm

- 5 pm

Mon 11/22/2021 — 9 am

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LOVE AND KINDNESS FESTIVAL

Come out on Saturday, November 13th for the City-wide Drive Thru Prayer Service. All are welcomed Tell! Tell your family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, fellow church members and all that you come in contact with to join us! The prayer will kick off at 11 am until 1 p.m. at the NESHOBIA COUNTY COLISEUM PARKING LOT (12000 MS Highway 15 Philadelphia, MS). All of Philadelphia and surrounding areas are welcome to join in! Instructions and directions will be given as you arrive at the coliseum parking lot. Pastors and Ministers will be available to pray with you. We will also follow Covid guidelines and precautions to make every participant feel safe. Let come together for a day of LOVE and PRAY! We love each of you and we can't wait to see you!!!! For more information contact 601-571-1128 or 601-781-7539.

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.

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QUANTINA RILEY VS. CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021-306 THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DEFENDANTS

CORLEY (CAULIE) VIVERETTE;

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF

HENRY RUSHING;

MISSISSIPPI ATTORNEY GENERAL;

NESHOBIA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI THROUGH

GUY NOWELL; STEVEN S. KILGORE IN HIS ROLE AS NESHOBIA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY;

AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE INTEREST IN PARCEL NO.

11400-23-007.000, NESHOBIA

COUNTY, SHOULD SUCH PERSONS NOT BE ASCERTAINED

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You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by the above referenced Plaintiff, seeking to quiet and confirm tax title.

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Guy Nowell

Neshoba County Chancery Clerk

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Philadelphia MS 39350
by Gidget Tate, D.C.
Prepared by:

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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.

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. 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

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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

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NESHOBIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXPENSE SUMMARY FOR:

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NE-SHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

PHYLLIS SICARD PETITIONER VS.

SABLE WATASHE, JEROD THOMPSON, ERIK THOMPSON, ARIEL THOMPSON, AND ALL UNKNOWN STATUTORY WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF MARY KAY THOMPSON, DECEASED RESPONDENTS CAUSE NO. 2021-294-JK

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The Unknown Statutory Wrongful Death Beneficiaries of Mary Kay Thompson, Deceased (whose identities and addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry)

You have been made Respondents in a suit filed in the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, by Phyllis Sicard petitioning for an adjudication of the statutory wrongful death beneficiaries of Mary Kay Thompson, Deceased. Respondents in this action other than you are Sable Watashe, Jerod Thompson, Erik Thompson and Ariel Thompson.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Petition filed against you in this action to Price W. Donahoo, Attorney for Petitioner Phyllis Sicard, whose post office address is Post Office Box 1549, Madison, Mississippi 39130.

MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 3rd 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 PETITION.

You must also file the original of your

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Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and seal of the said Court, this 25th day of October, 2021.

Guy Nowell, Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi

By:/s/ Gidget Tate D.C.

(seal)

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ATTORNEY FOR PHYLLIS SICARD, PETITIONER

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NE-SHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

RAGAN COGGINS,

JESSIE GREGORY AND

JOHNNIE GREGORY

PETITIONERS

NO_2021-307 CAUSE

ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW AND

WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES UNDER

THE MISSISSIPPI WRONGFUL DEATH STATUTE OF ROBIN GREGORY, DECEASED

RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW AND/OR WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES, UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI WRONGFUL DEATH STATUTE, OF ROBIN GREGORY, DECEASED

You have been made Respondents in a petition filed in this Court by Ragan Coggins, Jessie Gregory and Johnnie Gregory seeking a Petition for the determination of the wrongful death beneficiaries and heirs at law of Robin Gregory, deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 2nd day of December, 2021, in the courtroom of Neshoba County Chancery courthouse in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition.

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

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 28th day of October, 2021.

Guy Nowell, Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi

By:/s/ Gidget Tate D.C.

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Kindergarten Rocket Award Winners

Rocket Award winners in kindergarten were, first row, from left, Tristan Luke, Braylin Wilson, Makenzie Irons and Sahyimmi Isaac. In back are Emma Williamson, Tinsley Rounsaville, Kaylani Lewis, Nikola Hallows and Saydee McCrory.



1st Grade Rocket Award Winners

First graders winning Rocket Awards were, first row, from left, Margaret Morrow, Ryper Chunn, Jennings Darbonne, Blaze Barlow and Genesis Patrick. In back are Lakelyn Boler, Kolton Johnson, Karley Edwards, Lizzy Goforth and Madelyn Burrage.



2nd Grade Rocket Award Winners

Second graders earning Rocket Awards were, from left, Ayden Cumberland, Kallie Kilpatrick, Talan Schoolar, Sierra Howard, KJ McCarty, Makenzie Edwards, Caroline Rouse, Savanna Klootwyk and Marin Williams.



3rd Grade Rocket Award Winners

Rocket Award winners from third grade were, first row, from left, Paisley Bozeman, Reese Robinson, Sutton Blackstock, Rivers Pope and Wrenlee Bell. In back are Kooper Herrington, Kody Haynes, Emily Ward, Wayne Martin and Blakely Ward.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2003, Mitchell Von Bullard and wife, Janet Marie Bullard executed a certain deed of trust to Debera Bridges as Trustee for CitiFinancial, Inc., as Beneficiary, which deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, State of Mississippi, in Book 595, Page 600; which Mortgage Deed of Trust was duly transferred and assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association As Trustee Of American Homeowner Preservation Trust Series 2015a+;

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.

THEFORE, 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 hereinafter 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:
Beginning at the Southeast Corner of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Section 32, Township 9 North, Range 12 East; Thence run North 180 feet; Thence West 360 feet thence South 180 feet, thence East 360 feet to point of beginning being one and one half (1 1/2) acres, more or less, in the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Section 32, Township 9 North, Range 12 East.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the deed of trust and those contained in the public records of County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to condition, title, use and/or enjoyment.

The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Stephens Millirons, P.C. at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certified funds by noon on the second business day following the sale at the law firm of Stephens Millirons, P.C. at 120 Seven Cedars Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802.

Date: November 2, 2021

Stephens Millirons, P.C.
Substituted Trustee
120 Seven Cedars Drive
Huntsville, AL 35802
(256) 382-5500

Duly authorized to act in the premises by instrument recorded on August 17, 2020 in Deed of Trust Book 2020, Page 7055, of the records of the aforesaid County and State.

Publish: 11/10, 11/17, 11/24 and 12/1



4th Grade Rocket Award Winners

Rocket Award winners from fourth grade were, from left, Redainian Thomas, Hallie Blackburn, Mackie Huffman, Charlotte Lyon, Madison Talbert, Kemjaiya Johnson, Adley Marshall and Kensington Pope.



5th Grade Rocket Award Winners

Rocket Award winners from fifth grade were, first row, from left, Ava Woodson, Hoang Le, Ayden Edwards and Lila Simmons. In back are Will McKinney, Trent Lilly, Trey Scarborough, Hadleigh Turner, Riley Hudson and Enez Stumberger.

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Sports



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Leake Academy's Riley Myers and Gunter Scott bring down a Pillow runner in a 49-14 playoff win on Friday night.

Rebels dominate, advance to semis

By ROBBIE ROBERTSON
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After two weeks of preparation, the Leake Academy Rebels opened the Class 5A playoffs with one of their best efforts of the season.

The Rebels scored on every possession in the first half and had little trouble with visiting Pillow Academy in a 49-14 win over the Mustangs in the second round of the playoffs.

The Rebels improve to 9-1 on the season and will host Copiah on Friday night in the Class 5A semifinals.

Leake Academy coach Brian Pickens praised his team for their work during practice heading into the second-round game.

"First of all, I thought we prepared really well and it showed," Pickens said. "We had an open date and our kids did a good job of prepping and getting ready for the playoffs. We had four really good days of practice that got them prepared."

"They came out strong on defense and then our offensive line did a tremendous job and knew what they had to do and what they were looking at. Canon had a huge night running the ball. Rhett and Whitt had a good night on the ground. It was a good job of preparation and a good job of executing. They executed for as good as they could for 24 minutes."

Pillow elected to receive the ball to open the game and went three and out. Leake then went 46 yards in three plays. After a 32-yard run by Parks, the senior running back scored on a 10-yard run with 9:52 left in the first quarter. Cole Arthur hit the PAT and Leake led 7-0 early.

Pillow returned the opening kick 62 yards but the Leake defense held and turned the Mustangs over on downs.

"I think the biggest part of the game was early when we scored to make it 7-0," Pickens said. "We had a penalty to back us up. It's a blessing and a danger when you have a kicker that nine out of 10 times kicks it in the end zone."



Leake Academy running back Canon Parks had 210 yards rushing on 15 carries and scored four touchdowns in a 49-14 win over Pillow Academy.

That one time it doesn't go in the end zone, sometimes you get out of your lane and they had that huge return. I have to give our kids credit for stopping them. The crucial moment of the game was when they got down there and couldn't get a first down and then we took the ball and in three plays we were back there scoring. I thought that was a huge turning point in the game," Pickens said.

The Rebels then went 67 yards in six plays when Parks scored on a 19-yard touchdown pass with 3:32 left in the first quarter. Arthur's PAT gave Leake a 14-0 lead.

After another three and out by the Leake defense, the Rebels went 53 yards in three plays as Parks scored on a 37-yard run with 1:26 left in the first quarter. Arthur hit the PAT and Leake led 21-0.

The Leake defense got in on the scoring next when Riley Myers intercepted a Pillow pass and returned it 41 yards for a touchdown. Arthur's PAT gave Leake a 28-0 lead in the first

quarter.

The Rebels then went 58 yards in three plays as Whitt Welch scored on a 25-yard touchdown run with 9:22 left in the second quarter.

After giving up two first downs, Pillow pinned Leake deep at their own 9. That didn't stop the Leake offense as Parks ripped off back-to-back 21-yard runs. Welch then ripped off runs of 19 and 15 yards and Parks capped off the drive with a 3-yard run with 1:48 left in the first half. Arthur's PAT gave Leake a 42-0 lead.

The Rebels got the ball to start the second half and marched down the field again behind a dominant offensive line. This time, Leake went 64 yards in eight plays as Dylan Jones scored on a 14-yard touchdown run with 6:08 left in the third quarter. Arthur's PAT gave Leake a 49-0 lead.

Pillow added scores in the second half for the final margin.

The Rebels dominated the statistical battle as well, outgaining Pillow 398-170. The Rebels had 379 yards

rushing and 19 passing. Parks had 201 yards on 15 carries and three rushing TDs and had one catch for 19 yards and one TD. Welch had 67 yards on five carries while Jones had 63 yards on seven carries. Atkinson had 30 yards on two carries.

Pillow had 170 yards of total offense with 120 coming against the backups in the second half. Gunter Scott led the Leake defense with two solo tackles and two assists with two tackles for loss. Kate Marble had three solo tackles while Nick Gomillion, Dylan Jones and Marshall Robertson each had two solo tackles and one assist. Jarod Sims, Jackson Freeny, Bryce Watkins and Welch each had two tackles while Myers, Camden Mable and Charlie Brantley each had 1.5 tackles apiece.

The Rebels will return to action this week as they host Copiah Academy, who beat Bayou Academy 26-21 last week and had a first-round bye as well. Copiah is 9-2 on the season with losses to Oak Forest (42-27) and Jackson Prep (35-0). They have wins over Madison St. Joseph (34-19), Riverfield (34-13), Pelahatchie (42-7), Brookhaven (45-7), Cathedral (44-16), St. Aloysius (38-8), Central Hinds (13-7) and Silliman (59-0).

"They are a very physical football team," Pickens said. "They like to run the football and had a running back go over 300 yards last week. Defensively, they are really stout on defense and run an odd-man front and do a lot of different things out of it. They are one of those teams that you have to take what they give you. We have to go out and prepare this week and execute but understand that things won't come as easy this week. It's one of those games that as well as they play on defense, it's going to have to be a game where we move the chains. For us on defense, we have to match their physicality."

Leake and Copiah met in a pre-season jamboree at Tri-County Academy and tied 0-0 in that contest.

Ole Miss defense leads win

By DALE MCKEE
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Ole Miss bested their former coach Hugh Freeze and his Liberty Flames this past weekend, 27-14. The Rebels defense were the stars of the game as they recorded nine sacks and intercepted three passes. Rebel quarterback Matt Corral passed for 324 yards and one score to lead the offense. Ole Miss (7-2, 3-2) will host Texas A&M (7-2, 4-2) this Saturday night.

Mississippi State missed three field goals, and in the end, it cost the Bulldogs in their 31-28 loss to Arkansas (6-3, 2-3). Quarterback Will Rogers passed for 417 yards and four touchdowns for MSU. The Bulldogs (5-4, 3-3) will travel to Auburn (6-3, 3-2) Saturday morning.

The Associated Press Top 25 has only five SEC teams this week. Georgia is the unanimous choice at No. 1 with Alabama coming in at third. Texas A&M moved up to No. 11 and Ole Miss climbed to No. 12 while Auburn comes in at No. 16.

Southern Mississippi (1-8, 0-5) fell to North Texas, 38-14, this past Saturday. The Eagles started fast as they led 14-0 before North Texas stormed back to take the win. USM will travel to 15th ranked UTSA (9-0) on Saturday.

SWAC

Previously winless Bethune Cookman (1-8, 1-5) stunned Alcorn, 35-31, last Saturday in SWAC play. Alcorn (5-4, 4-2) has played in six of the past seven SWAC football championships but is two games behind first-place Prairie View in the Western Division SWAC race. The Braves will host Prairie View on Saturday. JSU scored 20 unanswered points in the second half to ease past Texas Southern, 41-21. JSU (8-1, 6-0) will travel to Southern University this Saturday night. Mississippi Valley (2-7, 1-5) lost to Alabama A&M, 42-14. The Delta Devils will host Alabama State this week.

Small College

Conner Mantelli kicked a 28-yard field goal in overtime to lead Delta State past Mississippi College, 24-21, to win the Heritage Bell. DSU (5-5, 3-4) will travel to West Georgia while Mississippi College (3-6, 2-5) will visit West Alabama this Saturday. Belhaven celebrated Homecoming with a 35-20 win over McMurry. The Blazers (6-3) will conclude regular season play at Texas East Baptist this weekend. Millsaps (2-7) fell to Hendrix, 34-7, and will end their season by hosting Birmingham Southern Saturday.

MHSAA Football Championships

The MHSAA announced last Thursday that their state football championships would be moved from Jackson to Hattiesburg. The move was necessitated by a potential scheduling conflict with Jackson State football. The Tigers are currently leading the SWAC Eastern Division and could host the SWAC Championship Game on Dec. 4 at Veterans Memorial Stadium. The MHSAA championships will now be played on Dec. 3 and 4 at Southern Mississippi's M.M. Roberts Stadium.

College Basketball Tips Off

Mississippi State, Ole Miss and Southern Mississippi will tip off the 2021-22 basketball season this week. State will host North Alabama on Wednesday and Montana on Saturday night. Ole Miss will host New Orleans on Tuesday and Charleston Southern on Friday night. USM will host William Carey on Tuesday and Louisiana on Friday night.

Dale McKee is a Waynesboro resident who has been writing sports in Mississippi since 1973. Listen to Dale's Brouhaha Sports Show with Marshall Wood on Tuesday 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 high school football expert Tyler Cleveland.

Tornadoes rally to advance in 2A football playoffs

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Philadelphia Tornadoes scored all of their points in the second half as they rallied to take a 32-30 victory over the Heidelberg Oilers in the first round of the Class 2A state football playoffs Friday night.

The Tornadoes improved to 5-6 on the season. They advance to the second round of the playoffs when they travel to Pelahatchie Friday night.

Pelahatchie, which placed third overall in its region, took a 44-23 victory over Bogie Chitto in the team's first-round game.

The Tornado defense came of age against Heidelberg. They held the Oilers to negative yardage in the first half but the Tornadoes trailed 16-0 at the intermission.

Philadelphia took the opening kickoff. On third down, the Tornadoes fumbled the ball. Heidelberg picked up the fumble and returned it 24-yards for a touchdown. The Tornadoes blocked the extra-point kick but were called for

a penalty. Heidelberg elected to go for 2 and led 8-0 with 10:08 left in the first quarter.

Heidelberg picked up a safety in the second quarter. The Tornadoes lined up for a punt but the snap was high and went into the end zone. The punter covered and the Oilers led 10-0.

Philadelphia had a free-kick from its 20 and Heidelberg returned the ball 60 yards for a touchdown. The extra point was no good and the Oilers led 16-0 at the half.

The Oilers took the second-half kickoff but had to punt on fourth down.

Philadelphia put together its first scoring drive of the night as the Tornadoes drove 79 yards in five plays. A 56-yard pass completion from quarterback Marcus Beaman to Trey Posey put Philadelphia on the Heidelberg 20-yard line. Three plays later, Beaman connected with Andrew Carter on a 21-yard TD pass play. Chancellor Greer scored the 2-point conversion and the Tornadoes trailed 16-8 with 8:55 remaining in the third quarter.

The Tornadoes tried an onside kick and Keathan Graham recovered for the Tornadoes on the Heidelberg 42. Beaman found Posey for a 15-yard TD pass play. The extra point try failed and the Tornadoes trailed 16-14 with 7:35 left in the third quarter.

Heidelberg took the kickoff and scored its first offensive touchdown of the game on a 37-yard run. The kick failed and the Tornadoes trailed 22-14 with 6:15 left in the third quarter.

Philadelphia had a 40-yard kickoff return and started at the Heidelberg 32-yard line. Ten plays later, Beaman scored on a 4-yard run. The try for 2 failed and the Tornadoes trailed 22-20 with 2:05 left in the third quarter.

Philadelphia took their first lead when linebacker JaDarius Stephens intercepted a pass and returned it 70 yards for a touchdown. The try for 2 failed and the Tornadoes led 26-22 with 2:05 left in the third quarter.

Heidelberg took the ensuing kickoff and drove in for a score with a 35-yard TD pass play. The Oilers scored the 2-point conversion and led 30-26

with 1:05 left in the third quarter.

Philadelphia came back with the go-ahead touchdown with 9:35 left in the game. Greer scored on a 3-yard run. The try for two failed and Philadelphia led 32-30.

That would be the final points of the game as the Tornado defense dug in and forced the Oilers to turn the ball over on downs. The Tornado offense then ran out the clock.

"Our defense played great but we made mistakes on offense that hurt us," Coach David Frey said. "Pelatashie is going to be a lot like Heidelberg. They have a good quarterback and a good running back. We have to stop them. They run out of a lot of different formations. It's going to be about lining upright because they like to catch you outflanked."

"We talked to the players at halftime. We didn't holler or fuss. We had a good little talk. We had a heart-to-heart talk and they came out and did a lot better."

Itawamba AHS ends Warriors' season

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Choctaw Central Warriors saw their 2021 football season come to an end Friday night when they dropped a 28-14 decision to Itawamba AHS in the first round of the Class 4A state football playoffs.

The Warriors finish the season with a 4-5 record. Itawamba improves to 10-1 and advances to play Ripley Friday night.

"I was proud of the way the boys played," Coach Pepper Posey said. "We were up 14-7 at the half, but we missed a chance at scoring again and that really hurt."

"We had our chances. Once in the third quarter, we made it down to their 15-yard line. That hurt us and they

were able to score again."

Itawamba scored in the first quarter to go up 7-0. But the Warriors scored two touchdowns in the second quarter and led 14-7 at the half.

Jeriah Jimmie scored the Warriors' first touchdown when he caught a 17-yard TD pass from Eli Joe. Kashton Griffin kicked the extra point and the game was tied at 7-7.

Later in the quarter, Joe connected with Braylon McMillan on a 43-yard TD pass. Grisham's kick was good and the Warriors led 14-7 at the half.

Itawamba came back with two touchdowns in the third quarter and one in the fourth to take the victory. Isaac Smith scored all three touchdowns.



Choctaw Central's Jeriah Jimmie fights for yardage in the Warriors' playoff game with Itawamba AHS.

Photo by BRADLEY ISAAC

Rebelettes pick up basketball win over Copiah 57-28

By ROBBIE ROBERTSON
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Leake Academy only got in one game last week and both squads took easy victories.

The Leake girls moved to 5-0 on the season as they took a 57-28 win over Copiah Academy when the Rebels beat the Scott County Homeschool team 88-40.

Leake's only scheduled game this week is a Tuesday contest at Hartfield. The following week, Leake Academy will host three games as they take on Kirk on Monday, Pillow on Tuesday and Central Hinds on Thursday.

Rebelettes 57
Copiah 28

The Rebelettes dominated

the first and third period and cruised to a 29-point win over the Lady Colonels on Thursday in their home opener.

Leake jumped out to a 19-6 lead in the first period and outscored Copiah 13-11 in the second to lead 32-17 at the half. Leake then put the game away in the third, outscoring Copiah 22-4 to take a 54-21 lead into the fourth.

Morgan Freeny led Leake with 16 points and had three rebounds and three assists while Katye Jones had 14 points and four rebounds. Miriam Prince had 13 points, six steals, five assists and four rebounds while Emeri Warren had nine points and eight rebounds.

Rebels 88
Scott County Homeschool 40

The Rebels grabbed their first win of the season with a blowout win over the Flames on Thursday.

Leake outscored Scott County in every period and led 21-4 at the end of the first and outscored the Flames 25-9 in

the second for a 46-13 halftime lead. Leake outscored Scott County 19-13 in the third and 23-14 in the fourth to take the win.

Samuel Prince led Leake in scoring with 20 points while Sam Evans had 18 points. Henry Dabbs and Jake Freeny each had 17 points apiece while Seth Alford had nine points.

Griffin, Rockets aiming for state football championship

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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Neshoba Central linebacker Jaharon Griffin says the Rockets still have plenty to do as they enter the Class 5A football playoffs Friday.

The Rockets will host Lake Cormorant Friday night. Neshoba Central comes into the playoffs undefeated at 10-0. They are Region 2-5A champions for the second year in a row. Lake Cormorant stands at 6-5, having lost last Friday night 28-19 to Lafayette.

"We worked all summer

for this," Griffin said. "It has been our goal for the past two years to finish the season 10-0. It feels good to be off last week before the playoffs start. Everyone is rested and we are ready for the playoffs."

Griffin said this was the first step.

"Our goal is to win the state championship," Griffin said. "I want to be playing Dec. 4 at Southern Miss when the game kicks off at 7 p.m."

The Rockets are seeking the school's first state championship in football. But first things first, Griffin said.

"We will be playing Lake

Cormorant and that's the game we are focused on," Griffin said. "We thought it would be them and we have been watching films. They run inside zones. They are very fast and very elusive. They run trips, doubles, nothing we haven't seen all season."

Griffin, a 6-foot, 230-pound middle linebacker, has been a mainstay for the Rocket defense. During his time, the Rockets have won 10 games each year. He has averaged 9.1 tackles per game.



Jaharon Griffin

So far this season, he has made 41 tackles and 70 assists. He has been in on two quarterback sacks. He has recovered one fumble and has been credited with 10 quarterback hurries. His career stats show he has 215 solo tackles and 346 assists. He said he has enjoyed his time playing for the Rockets.

"As the 2022 class, we have won all of our seventh grade, our eighth grade and all of our junior varsity games," Griffin said. "I have said we are going to be the class that turns everything around. The guys who came before us when I was a freshman, knew they had to get things done. We are continuing what they started. They set the foundation for us. It would be wrong to try to take all of the credit."

During the regular season, the Rockets became road warriors of sorts with six away games. That included four straight away games.

"We got tired of being on

the road, but we knew we had to handle our business," Griffin said. "I want us to reach our peak."

The Rockets' 10-6 win over the Vicksburg Gators was a memorable one.

"The Vicksburg game, it was a dog fight," Griffin said. "It was our toughest dogfight game."

However it turns out, Griffin will have one more game to play after the state playoffs. He was selected to play in the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star football games which will be played on Dec. 11 at Southern Miss.

"I was very blessed and honored to be invited to that," Griffin said. "I can't wait to perform in front of all of my family and friends."

He said he knows several of the players on the Mississippi team, having met them through different camps over the summer.

As for his plans, he is undecided on where he wants to go to college. He wants to play football on the next level and has offers from several

junior colleges in Mississippi.

Careerwise, Griffin said he is looking at getting into an engineering field, either architectural engineering or building construction science.

Griffin will be ahead of the game when he gets to college. He has taken several dual credit courses including Comp 1 and Comp 2; Biology 1 and Biology 2. He will be taking College Algebra during the next semester.

Griffin is class president and Mr. Neshoba Central High School. He has two jobs. He works at Sonic Drive Inn and at Hibbits.

He lists as his favorites:

- Subject in school: English. He likes to write.
- Dinner: Steak and potato.
- Movie: "The Fast and the Furious."
- Video game: Madden.

When he isn't working, playing football or going to school, Griffin likes to spend time with his friends and family. He is the son of Jessica Griffin and Aaron Griffin.

ECCC opens season with 2 wins

The East Central Community College Warriors are off to a hot start to begin the 2021-22 campaign as ECCC quickly

moved to 2-0 through the first week of play. The Warriors downed the Hinds Bulldogs in Utica to open the season in a

tight, 77-74, contest on Monday night before cruising by the Royal Ambassador Lions, 114-34 in the home opener on Thursday.

The Warriors led for much of the contest against the Hinds Bulldogs as they built an early 9-point, 20-11, lead in the first 7 minutes of play. That near, 10-point lead held for most of the first half until the Bulldogs cut it to 6, 45-39, just before halftime.

ECCC women

The East Central women went 1-1 in the first week of their 2021-2022 basketball season

The Lady Warriors dropped a 91-46 decision to Shelton State, and then bounced back to beat Hinds 71-60.

The Lady Warriors were quick to bounce back from the loss as they defeated Hinds in the home opener.

The first quarter was a back-and-forth affair as the Lady Warriors and Lady Bulldogs were tied six times. Faith Guy (Enterprise) closed out the frame with a pair of baskets off turnovers to send ECCC to the second with a 21-18 advantage. The second-quarter pace was much of the same for ECCC, but the Lady Warrior defense buckled down, holding Hinds to just 13 points in the frame, allowing ECCC to take a 43-31, 12-point, lead into the locker room.

Hinds roared back in the third quarter as the Lady Warrior offense fell in a slump and cut the nearly 15-point advantage to just 2, 47-45. The 10-0 run was finally cut short with a Cori Keats (Philadelphia) 3-pointer, but Hinds outscored ECCC 14-7 in the period.

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Union takes on Tylertown Friday in 3A playoff action

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Union Yellowjackets scored twice in the fourth quarter to defeat West Marion 28-14 Friday night and advance to the second round of the Class 3A state football playoffs.

The Yellowjackets will host undefeated Tylertown (11-0) this Friday night. The Chiefs defeated Wesson 44-6 in their first-round game. Union comes in with a 5-6 record.

"Our defense didn't give up

14 points," Union Coach Jordan Wren said. "We had a fumble and they returned it for a touchdown. And then we have a pick-six. I told the offense we scored 42 points; we just gave 14 points to the wrong team."

Tylertown is big and has two outstanding receivers. They played in a weak division this year and probably haven't had to play a full game in the past four weeks. We have, and if we can stay with them early, that may work to our advantage."

The game was tied at 7-7 at the half. Both teams scored a touchdown in the third quarter and the game was tied at 14-14 going into the final quarter.

Union scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to put the victory away.

Kenyon Clay, Carlos Hickman and Ky'yon Harris all played well for Union. Clay scored three touchdowns on runs of 6 yards, 12 yards and 35 yards. Hickman scored on a 20-yard run.

Bowling tournament aids Rockets

By JOHN LEE
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Do you like to bowl but never compete because your score is too low?

If so, the Neshoba Central Bowling Booster Club is hosting a tournament that could be right up your alley, the Ten Pin Haters No Tap Tournament.

The tournament will be at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13, for adults and children alike at the Depot Family Fun Center in Philadelphia with a \$25 entry fee that will benefit the Neshoba Central Bowling Boosters to support the boys and girls bowling teams.

Joey Blount, head bowling coach at Neshoba Central

High School, said the rules of the tournament, known in bowling circles as a "No Tap Tournament," are a little different than normal to spice things up for players.

"For this kind of tournament, if you throw a nine, it counts as a strike if your score is above 150," Blount said. "If your score is below 150, you get a strike if you knock down at least eight pins. It's a fun way to do higher scores."

The tournament promises to be fun for everyone from seasoned bowlers to beginners.

"The two who won the tournament last year were on the Neshoba team," Blount said. "They went against adults and won. It's really anyone's game, as these rules

level the playing field."

Blount said entry into the tournament helps the Neshoba Central bowling team.

"We have a good group of 12 boys and 12 girls, and we're trying to bring some younger kids on to learn," Blount said. "Stuff like this really helps sustain us and keep the numbers we have."

Door prizes will be handed out during each of the three shifts (10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 5 p.m.), and the top prize in each tournament category is your very own bowling pin signed by the NCHS team.

For more information, email Joey Blount at jblount@neshobacentral.com.

ECCC plans fall musical concerts

By STAFF REPORTS
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East Central Community College will showcase its various student performing groups in upcoming concerts and spectacles on the campus in Decatur.

All events are free admission and open to the public.

The college's rock 'n' roll band The Collegians will perform its fall concert at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15, in Huff Auditorium. The band will be

performing popular hits by Rush, Kansas, White Stripes, Dua Lipa and many more.

The ECCC Concert Choir and the Vocé vocal ensemble will present their annual fall campus concert at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 16, in Huff Auditorium.

The annual Fine Arts Division Christmas Spectacular featuring sounds of the holiday season is set for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30, in Huff Auditorium. Performances will include the Percussion

Ensemble, Jazz Band, Vocé, Concert Band and Concert Choir.

The ECCC Gospel Choir will present its annual fall campus concert at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium. The guest speaker will be ECCC alumnus Jermaine Jones who serves as pastor of Mt. Zion M.B. Church in Conehatta.

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