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\$27M projected in Toyota sales

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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A new Toyota dealership here will generate an estimated \$27 million in annual sales, officials have estimated as a tax incentive program received final approval last week.

Representatives of Doc's Toyota, which is in the process of relocating to Philadelphia from Louisville, expect the dealership to be open next year and employ about 20 people.

"We are very excited about this project," said Christiana Sugg of Gouras & Associates, a law firm that has extensive experience in helping clients secure incentives from state and local jurisdictions.

"We expect it to bring in \$27 million in annual sales. It will increase the property taxes for the city and the county and also contribute to the city's sales tax rebates."

The Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Aldermen voted dur-

ing their Tuesday, Nov. 16 meeting to establish a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District on the south side of Highway 16 across from Bumpers. The dealership, formerly known as Bullock's Toyota, will be relocating there from Louisville sometime next year.

The action was taken following a public hearing last Tuesday after announcing last month that Doc's Toyota of Louisville would be relocating to Philadelphia.

"We have a TIF district on the north of Highway 16 where Marshall Ford and the other businesses are," said Robert Thomas, city attorney. "We are creating one on the south side for Doc's and any other business that can locate there."

The TIF district is a financing strategy designed to make improvements to a targeted project area or district without drawing on general fund revenue or creating a new tax. Taxes collated are diverted to

pay for infrastructure improvements such as roads, sewer and water.

No one spoke during the public hearing. Afterward, aldermen voted to approve the creation of the district.

During an Oct. 19 meeting the board passed two resolutions regarding the TIF.

The first resolution was an engagement resolution.

"The engagement resolution — authorizes Board Attorney Robert Thomas as your attor-

ney, Butler Snow as bond counsel, and Steve Pittman as financial and government consultant, to proceed with the legal analysis and make sure you do everything you need to do," Sam Keyes of the Butler Snow law firm told aldermen at the time.

The second resolution declares the city's intent to proceed with the adoption of a taxing-financing plan.

Keyes said state law requires a plan be in place before the city See **TOYOTA**, page 2A

MURDER CASE

Woman charged with jury tampering

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A relative of a man convicted of capital murder here last week faces a felony jury tampering charge after officials said she attempted to contact a juror during the trial.

Annie Michelle Miller, 29, of 2032 Empress Drive, Murfreesboro, Tenn., was arrested and charged Nov. 16 with jury tampering.

Sheriff Eric Clark said officials arrested Miller at the Neshoba County Courthouse on the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 16, before the trial of James Walter Kelly Jr. resumed. Miller was released the following day around noon on a \$20,000 bond.

Clark said Miller is a relative of the defendant in the case and sent a message to one of the jurors on Nov. 15, the trial's opening day. Officials said Miller had also tried to contact the juror on Nov. 16, the second day of the trial, in person at the courthouse.

"The integrity of the court is important to protect," Clark said. "We want to keep everything in order, and as soon as we figured out what had happened, we made the arrest."

A jury found Kelly guilty of capital murder on Nov. 16 after deliberating for approximately one hour. The death penalty was

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Photo by DUNCAN DENT

Part of Neshoba General Hospital's executive leadership, from left to right: Chief Nursing Officer and Assistant Administrator Scott Breazeale, Chief Medical Officer Andrew Dabbs M.D. and Chief Executive Officer Lee McCall.

'The General' stays course in pandemic

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As Gov. Tate Reeves announced two weeks ago that he was ending the COVID-19 state of emergency, Neshoba General officials reflected on the past 20 months of the pandemic and what is next for the hospital.

"COVID-19 was an unprecedented medical event in the modern time and just like every other medical facility, we had to be proactive, creative and flexible to make it through," said Dr. Andrew Dabbs, general surgeon at Neshoba General. "We were fortunate that we were in a strong financial position at the onset of the pandemic

and our management team was very proactive to secure the resources we needed to safely care for the COVID patients."

Scott Breazeale, assistant administrator at Neshoba General, said planning had been key to the hospital weathering the pandemic.

"Our emergency operations planner was on top of things early and we were able to obtain the supplies that were needed to ensure a safe environment of care for the patients and to ensure the safety of our care team," Breazeale said.

The Neshoba General Hospital, Nursing Home and Clinics healthcare teams proved to be resilient, Breazeale said.

"There was no way to get comfortable with

daily routines as care plans and protocols rapidly changed to meet the standards of care for the COVID-19 patients," Breazeale said.

Having experienced two waves of the pandemic so far that stressed the healthcare system statewide, Breazeale said he hopes the worst of the pandemic is behind us.

"Currently, COVID-19 cases are low statewide and hopefully, we will not see another increase," Breazeale said.

In announcing that he is ending the state of emergency, Reeves cited declining COVID-19 infection rates and increasing vaccination rates earlier this month.

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5A COMPETITION

Neshoba's Big Blue ranks 3rd in state

By DEBBIE BURT MYERS
Special to the Democrat

The Neshoba Central High School Marching Band has had a "stellar season," ranking third and earning the bronze medal in Class 5A at the Mississippi High School Activities Association/Mississippi Bandmasters Association State Marching Championship, the band's director said.

The Big Blue color guard was ranked second, and percussion finished fifth.

"This is the highest the Neshoba Central Band has ever placed in the state competition," said Director Daniel Wade. "It's been a stellar season."

To qualify for the MHSAA state competition, Neshoba rated all-superior at Region 3 competition that took place in Rocket Stadium.

"This was our 42nd consecutive year to earn all-superior at

regional," Wade said.

"I like the fact that you have to qualify for the state competition. There are 32 Class 5A bands in Mississippi, but only 10 earned a spot to compete."

Before the state competition, the Big Blue Band was named grand champion, with all superiors, at the Northeast Regional Marching Championship that drew numerous bands from Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama.

In addition, the NC Band ranked all-superior at the Pell City Band Festival competition in Pell City, Alabama.

The band's show, "Portraits of America," tells the story "of the common man and all the opportunities we have as Americans," Wade said. "Yes, we do have problems, but America is not broken. We can still decide what we want to make out of our journey through this world."

Wade chose Norman Rock-

well's portraits for the show because he was an artist who painted to the common Americans, he said.

He also selected all American music by the late renowned composer Aaron Copland.

"Copland composed the fanfare we heard in the commercial breaks during the Olympics," Wade said. "He was considered America's composer. Not many people know who he is, but they certainly have heard his music time after time."

Wade said it was important to select a show that the judges not only liked but found challenging as well.

"If you have a show that is really, really hard, which ours was, you get credit for that, but you have to execute it at a high level as well."

Wade said there was a competitive atmosphere during each performance. At regionals, the

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Neshoba Central's Big Blue Band ranked third and earned a bronze medal in Class 5A at the annual state marching championship. Band students with their awards are Levi Cumberland, John Harvey, Noah Wade, Emma Bryan, Jessy Pettigrew, Joseph Williams, Bradyn Pickett, Hunter Adkins, Tanner Sharp, Destiny Kirksey, Zach Brown, Bianca Tanksley and Jessica Ramirez.



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Fatal crash near Brooksville

A Noxapater man died last week when another truck pulled out in front of the log truck he was driving near Brooksville, the authorities said. Benjamin Douglas Kirk, 37, died in the accident that occurred at about 7:50 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17 were U.S. 45 intersects with Highway 388. "We honor Ben Kirk. Heaven's gain is our loss," Woody's in Noxapater displayed on its outdoor sign following his death. A husband and the father of three, Kirk was remembered as

"the best dad, the best man, the best friend." He was driving a 1998 Kenworth operated by Philadelphia-based Winstead Logging. The other truck, a 2021 Peterbilt, was driven by Kasey Brock Gearig of Macon who was uninjured. Gearig was hauling cotton seed. Foggy conditions may have limited visibility and contributed to the crash, the authorities said. Funeral services for Kirk were held Saturday at the Noxapater Baptist Church.

Jury

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not considered in the case, and a sentencing date has not been announced.

The trial began Nov. 15, and the jury was sent out to deliberate just after lunch on Nov. 16. The prosecution called

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

Kelly was convicted in the Oct. 19, 2019, slaying of Demarcus Houston, 19, of Philadelphia, who died by suffocation, the authorities said.

Houston's body was later discovered weighted down and anchored in 4 or 5 feet of water in a small pond at Hope. District Attorney Steven

Kilgore said Houston was dead before his body was placed in the pond.

Initially, three people were charged with capital murder in the case. Two of the three pleaded guilty to manslaughter charges. Tyrone Braxton, 24, and Joanna Brook Gilmer, 26, pleaded guilty in a plea bargain with the district attorney's office. Braxton was sentenced to 20 years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Cor-

rections. Gilmer was sentenced to 12 years.

Houston's family had reported him missing on Oct. 23, 2019. Acting on a tip, Clark and other law enforcement agencies drained the pond and found the body. Initially, the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office and the Mississippi Bureau of Investigations charged nine people after the body was found on Feb. 14, 2020.

Toyota

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can proceed.

Aldermen passed both resolutions and set the public hearing that was held last week.

In other matters, aldermen voted to:

- Approve the minutes of the last meeting and the claims docket.
- Approve for the city to pay for registration and travel for the

mayor and aldermen to attend the Mid-Winter Legislative Conference in Jackson on Jan. 11-13.

- Approve to pay Waggoner \$6,800 for work done on the Booker T. Washington gym renovation project.

- Accept the resignation of Kenny Drury from the Streets Department.

- Approve an order to advertise a public hearing to rezone a property on Valley View Drive from R-3 to C-3.

- Approve street closings for the Christmas Parade set for

Dec. 6.

- Approve the hiring of Devonte Wilson, patrolman first class, to the Philadelphia Police Department. Aldermen also approved the hiring of Cpl. David Tucker and accepted the resignation of officer Virginia McDonald.

- Approve to pay the District Attorney's Office \$1,568 out of the Seized Money account.

- Approve the change of job status of Andrea Slaton from full-time to part-time.

- Accept a \$50,000 Homeland Security grant for the fire

department.

- Approve the payment of \$630 to Gilmer Electric for work done on the East Central Community College diesel mechanics building, which the city owns.

- Approve the payment of \$4,300 to Denson & Associates.

- Approve setting up a "buy money" fund for the police department's drug investigations.

- Approve appointing City Clerk Nikki Walton as applicant agent to work with FEMA and MEMA on last year's winter storm.



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Park director recovering after being hit by car

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Cody Bryan has a long recovery ahead of him after being struck by a car two weeks ago on a hunting trip near Linwood, but a close family friend says his physical health before the accident is a big plus.

The Northside Park director was injured when he was struck by the car while riding a hunting cart along the side of Highway 15.



Cody Bryan

Bryan on social media described the incident as "100% accident, all part of a PLAN GOD has in place. Not going to bore you with a big long story

because at the end of the day all that matters is both involved got more time with their family," he wrote on Facebook Saturday.

Fortunately for Bryan, the accident occurred within sight of a Linwood Volunteer Fire Department, said Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark.

Bryan returned home Friday from the University of South Alabama Hospital where he was airlifted after the Nov. 12 accident and praised the local emergency care he received in Neshoba County saying everyone "should be thankful what we have here in our town for emergency situations."

Lee Ann Fulton, a long-time family friend who has children about his age, said, "He is the kind of person that will make lemonade out of lemons. He is a good, good guy, and I know his family is very blessed and very thankful."

Bryan has made updates on Facebook since returning home.

"Thank you all for the prayers and love shown to me and my family during this time of setback," he wrote. "This accident was 100% accident, all part of a PLAN GOD has in place. Not going to bore you with a big long story because at the end of the day all that matters is both involved got more time with their family."

Bryan thanked his wife Crystal saying she "provides a testament for 'better or worse'" and said, "she's the best."

Clark said a gray Toyota Corolla hit Bryan at 5:32 p.m. on the way back from hunting on private hunting land adjacent to Highway 15.

"I do not have all the details," Clark said, noting that Mississippi Highway Patrol was handling the investigation. However, Clark confirmed that

the incident occurred on Highway 15 south just north of Road 351.

Clark said his office assisted along with two EMS units and Philadelphia Fire Rescue and local volunteers from the Linwood and Fairview volunteer fire departments.

MHP Sgt. Jameka Moore said there are no pending

charges associated with the accident

Fulton said Bryan's rehab would be difficult but doable.

"All I will say is that he has a long road of rehab ahead of him," Fulton said. "Cody is strong. He is a runner. He is in good physical shape and is up to the task and ready to do the work."

Fulton has known Bryan since he was young. He is good friends with her sons, Coker and Kip.

"He grew up at our house, and our sons grew up at his," Fulton said. "They are just our family, and we love him and will help all we can."

Audit firm interviews mayor

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The city's auditing firm was in town on Nov. 17 interviewing department heads and reviewing procedures.

The Pearl accounting firm of Windham and Lacy was hired in October to catch the city up on its city audits for Fiscal Year 2018, Fiscal Year 2019 and Fiscal Year 2020. Auditors started with the FY 2018 audit.

Auditors asked department heads to fill out a questionnaire on Nov. 17. When hired, Windham representatives said part of the process would be to review how the city departments do

business and if all were following policy.

"She interviewed the department heads and myself about general processes," said Mayor James A. Young. "We are on point. I think we are making good progress."

When hired, Windham representatives said the FY 2018 audit could be ready on Nov. 30, depending on how everything came together. Young estimated the FY 2018 audit should be complete soon.

"I don't know, but it should be close. They are getting everything they ask for," Young said.

Alderman-at-Large James

Waltman was appointed by the board as its contact person for the auditor.

"I have spoken to the firm, and they indicated that everything is on track," Waltman said during the board's Nov. 16 meeting. "She said they were working with what they had, and everything that has been requested has been provided in a timely manner."

The audit backlog came to light during the budgeting process after a Neshoba Democrat reporter asked for the most recent audit during a board meeting.

Suspect in Dollar Tree robbery sought

By DUNCAN DENT
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A suspect who robbed two Dollar Tree employees dropping money at a bank deposit box two weeks ago is being sought, police officials.

Philadelphia Police Detective Bobby Pattillo said that at approximately 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, an armed robbery

occurred at the Regions Bank, 534 Main St.

"An undisclosed amount of cash was taken and the case remains under investigation," Pattillo said.

The two Dollar Tree employees were making the nightly deposit when a suspect approached them brandishing a pistol and robbed them at gunpoint.

Pattillo said the suspect is a black male, approximately 5-feet, 7-inches tall, with a slim build. At the time of the robbery, he was wearing a gray hoodie, a black mask and dark pants.

Pattillo said officers are currently in the process of obtaining video footage from the bank for review.

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The Waste Convenience Station at the Neshoba County Unit Facility Building will be closed Thanksgiving Day, but will be open Friday, November 26th from 7:00 AM until 3:00 PM and Saturday, November 27th from 7:00 AM until noon.

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EDITORIALS

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving remains one of America's most undefined holidays.

The first recorded Thanksgiving was celebrated on December 4, 1619, at Berkeley Hundred, a plantation on the northern banks of the James River about 20 miles upstream from Jamestown, the first permanent settlement of the Colony of Virginia.

Thirty-eight English colonists headed by Capt. John Woodlie arrived and this proclamation was read: "We ordain that the day of our ships arrival at the place assigned for plantacon in the land of Virginia shall be yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God."

A year later the Pilgrims, Christian separatists who fled England (via Holland) under the tyranny of King James, arrived in New England.

Sighting land on a Sunday morning after a difficult two-month journey across the Atlantic, the Pilgrims, landing at Plymouth, remained on the Mayflower and worshiped God. It was the Lord's Day and they honored Him.

The Pilgrims were unprepared for the starvation and sickness that first winter brought, but their trust in the Lord endured.

Of the 102 passengers who set sail for America in 1620, only half survived the harsh winter. Providentially, with assistance from the friendly Indians, they would eventually reap more bountiful harvests.

In 1621, led by Gov. William Bradford, they would celebrate with the Indians what is traditionally considered the First Thanksgiving. (It was President Lincoln who declared Thanksgiving a national celebration in 1863.)

The Pilgrims established a successful government, economic system and schools with Bradford leading for 30 years.

Our heritage is a nation built by men and women who gave thanks to Almighty God, the creator and ruler of all things.

The origins of our Thanksgiving are rooted in the three-day feast the Pilgrims declared in December 1621.

Presidents Washington and Lincoln both would later issue Thanksgiving proclamations.

Here, once again, for reflection are a passage of Scripture, Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation and observations on America by Alexis de Tocqueville, the mid-19th century French statesman:

PSALM 106

Praise the LORD!

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

For His mercy endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD?

Who can declare all His praise?

Blessed are those who keep justice,

And he who does righteousness at all times!

More road talk

We have been talking about a bypass in Philadelphia for nearly 40 years.

And there was more talk last week.

Almost \$4 billion is headed to Mississippi in the bipartisan federal "infrastructure" bill — the largest non-infrastructure "infrastructure" spending bill in history—but it's unclear whether Neshoba County will get the nearly \$200 million needed to finish the Highway 19 four-landing and the bypass, state and local leaders talked again last week.

The biggest news that emerged talking

roads again is that MDOT District Engineer Neil Patterson favors a roundabout at Williamsville, but we'll just go ahead and say that's a bad idea.

Mississippi Central District Transportation Commissioner Willie Simmons addressed the more than a dozen local government and business leaders at the Depot.

"We don't know yet how all that money will be shaken out," Simmons told the Neshoba countians gathered to talk again about roads.

Abraham Lincoln's 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation

It is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord.

We know that by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world. May we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people?

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown.

But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people.

I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father Who dwelleth in the heavens.

— A. Lincoln 1863

Observations by a French philosopher and statesman on America

I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers, and it was not there; in her fertile fields and boundless prairies; and it was not there; in her rich mines and her vast commerce, and it was not there.

Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.

— Alexis de Tocqueville, mid-19th century French statesman

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Right and righteous

Kyle Rittenhouse used his rifle to protect someone else's property and his own life.

In judging the actions of Kyle Rittenhouse, set aside for the moment Wisconsin law under which he was tried, and consider the natural law, the moral law, the higher law written on the human heart.

In terms of values demonstrated and the deeds done that night that Rittenhouse shot the three men who attacked him, who was on the righteous side?

Consider what Rittenhouse did that night of Aug. 25, 2020, and why.

Watching on television the nightly riots in Kenosha, Wisconsin, a town 20 miles from his home in Antioch, Illinois, that he knew well, Rittenhouse decided to go to Kenosha to protect property that embattled police had been unable to defend during the riots. For protection, he picked up the AR-15 that he kept in Kenosha.

Toward midnight, Rittenhouse was confronted by Joseph Rosenbaum, an ex-con twice his age. Rosenbaum threatened Rittenhouse, backed him into a corner and tried to grab the barrel of his rifle. When a shot rang out nearby, Rittenhouse shot four times within a single second.

When Rosenbaum fell, Rittenhouse took off running, looking for the police to turn himself in, with a mob in hot pursuit.

Out of that mob, an assailant hit him in the head, knocking his hat off. Rittenhouse fell on the street. Another rioter jumped, kicked and stomped his head on the concrete pavement. Another hit him in the head with a skateboard.

Another man confronted him with a loaded pistol and aimed it at Rittenhouse's face from a few feet away.

Rittenhouse shot and killed Anthony Huber, who had hit him with the skateboard and was grabbing his gun barrel, and wounded the man holding the gun to his face. When Rittenhouse shot both men, he was still on the ground.

While Rittenhouse's decision to go to Kenosha may have been unwise, it was also unselfish and, indeed, brave.

CHARLES HURT

Republicans playing to lose

DENVER — Republicans in Washington are positively giddy over all the new polls showing President Biden tanking the Democratic Party ahead of next year's midterms. Indeed, Mr. Biden is making history.

For a guy who got elected on a single pledge to not send Mean Tweets, Mr. Biden has managed to burn through an astonishing reserve of goodwill in a very short period of time.

All he had to do? Be nice. And don't touch anything.

After 50 years in Washington, the guy was at the very least a known quantity. Sure, people rolled their eyes when he strolled into a room. They plugged their ears when he droned on and on. They smacked him gently away when he groped children and sniffed your hair. Everyone, of course, knew he made up stories.

But, still, people didn't really hate Joe Biden. He was old, White and harmless, which is the whole reason President Barack Obama picked him to be his vice president in the first place.

China fuming over Biden's talk of U.S. Olympic boycott, sends invite to Putin

Yet, somehow, bumbling Joe Biden has managed to become the most unpopular president since the invention of the telephone. And that's even as the media is still protecting him!

Joe Biden has screwed things up so bad that somebody had to come out with a new bumper sticker: "Mean Tweets 2024." At this point, Mean Tweets would win.

And you think a 36% approval rating is bad? You just wait until people find out about what his children are up to. Anybody who says that number can-

not get any worse, just watch.

Naturally, Republicans in Washington are buoyant over their prospects for next November, especially considering the narrowest of margins by which Democrats control both chambers of Congress. Republicans are sure to win the House and are on track to win the Senate despite facing one of the worst electoral maps in a decade.

It is entirely possible that given the much easier map of seats that are up in the election after 2022, Republicans could be looking at a near supermajority in the Senate by 2024.

And Mean Tweets in the White House.

But there is troubling news — at least for Republican voters.

Republican politicians in Washington are so bullish about their own future that already they are lining up for a "play it safe" campaign for the next couple of years. Don't say anything. Don't cause any problems. Stay real quiet and let Joe Biden sink his party.

After all, Democrats always do far more to help Republican politicians than actual Republican politicians ever do. That is why we got Donald Trump in the first place.

What made Donald Trump such an unstoppable political juggernaut is that before he beat the Democrats, he beat Republicans. Beat them like a rented mule.

Surveying Republicans in Congress today, it is hard to see what exactly Republicans stand for — other than just not being the party of Joe Biden.

In the Senate, for instance, 19 Republicans voted for Mr. Biden's insane \$1.2 trillion "infrastructure" bill, including Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. In the House, 13 Republicans joined Democrats to pass the boondoggle, explode inflation and give Mr. Biden a huge political win.

How is it possible that Republican leaders in Congress do not have a vivid alternative vision for the country that would keep their caucus together on such an important matter as the largest non-infrastructure "infrastructure" spending bill in history?

Simple. Republicans are not playing to win. They are simply playing not to lose.

Which always means the same thing: They win. You lose.

The only solution for Republican voters is to bring back Trump. Or maybe somebody even more destructive. More profane.

There is only one campaign Republican leaders in Washington should be running over the next three years. It's not why we should vote for Republicans over Joe Biden and his party of lunatics. Democrats make that case well enough on their own.

Republicans need to convince voters why we should vote for them — over Donald Trump.

Otherwise, Mean Tweets 2024!

His defense attorney and the prosecutor are white. The trial judge is white.

Only Rosenbaum is recorded as having used the N-word that night during what was billed as a BLM protest for racial justice.

Under Wisconsin law, the issue came down to self-defense.

Did Rittenhouse fire his AR-15 because he believed, with reason, that he might suffer death or serious bodily harm if he did not?

Or did he provoke the rioters into attacking him so he could run up a body count, as the prosecution alleges?

Shooting the individual who put the loaded pistol in Rittenhouse's face was surely self-defense. And, according to testimony, Rosenbaum and Huber both sought to grab the barrel of the AR-15 to pull it away, in which case Rittenhouse would have been at their mercy, and possibly dead.

The judge had expanded the range of charges of which Rittenhouse may be convicted, giving the jury a menu of lesser charges if they do not believe that Rittenhouse was guilty of "intentional homicide."

The prosecution has described Rittenhouse as an "active shooter," calling to mind the Las Vegas gunman who massacred dozens of people at a music concert by firing from his hotel room.

But a 17-year-old running from a mob and shooting while sitting on the ground and being attacked scarcely fits the description of an "active shooter."

Kyle Rittenhouse used his rifle to protect someone else's property and his own life. He was both righteous and in the right. They were in the wrong. A jury on Friday acquitted Kyle Rittenhouse on all charges.

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BIBLE SELECTION

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

— Psalm 136:1

Neshoba's Big Blue Band drum majors have key roles

By COLEMAN EAKES
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From the football stands under the Friday night lights, it might look as if a drum major's job would be easier than being a marching band member who must march in formation while playing an instrument on the field.

However, being a drum major is much more work than it might appear to the casual observer, said two drum majors for Neshoba Central's Big Blue Band.

"We have to be an example to the other students like to show up on time for practice," said Head Drum Major Destiny Kirksey. "Anything other students need, we have to be there to help them out with."

On the field, the drum major's role is to lead the marching band with vocal instructions, hand gestures or by blowing a whistle while carrying a baton. But, off-field, the part goes much deeper, said Hunter Adkins, the co-drum major for the Big Blue Band.

"Yeah, it's almost like we are their parents," Adkins said of the band members. "Like, if



Destiny Kirksey, left, head drum major, and Hunter Adkins, right, co-drum major, both seniors at Neshoba Central High School, are enjoying their roles this year with Neshoba Central's Big Blue Band.

someone needs an instrument fixed, we have to fix it, or if

someone doesn't have socks, it's our job to help them out

and do as much as we can do." Adkins and Kirksey, both

seniors at Neshoba Central High School this year, said they had long aspired to become drum majors and relish their roles in supporting the Band Director Robert Wade.

Adapting to difficult and stressful situations comes along with the job, as does communicating with each other to make sure both are on the same page. Seeing each other as equals has helped them throughout their competitions, they said.

Kirksey of the Longdale community is the daughter of Shayla and Randy Robertson, and she has a younger brother named Kamdon Robertson.

"My parents are very supportive, and my mom really became a soccer mom to allow me to do things like play sports and now do band," Kirksey said.

Kirksey said her mother motivates her to strive to do better.

Adkins, the son of Melissa and Stacy Adkins of the Dixon community, has one sister, Kaylee Adkins, who played the saxophone for seven years with Neshoba Central's Big Blue Band.

"I'm really thankful for my parents for always coming to every performance and football game and for always being supportive," Hunter said.

Kirksey's advice to younger students who might be interested in being in the band is "determination and practice go a long way."

Kirksey said she had to learn how to be a drum major in a year, which took a lot of effort.

"Don't settle to be the weakest link," Adkins said in advising aspiring band members and drum majors. "Always try your best and never give up on yourself."

Adkins plans to attend East Central Community College and further his band career, eventually going to Mississippi State University.

Kirksey hopes to attend Ole Miss and continue her band career there. She plans to march in college instead of being a drum major because she misses being on the field.

Both drum majors said they hope to influence current and future band students who wish to excel in Neshoba Central's Big Blue Band.

Band

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students were eager to see which bands they would compete against at state.

"It's a fun time for the marching band. Everyone has an opportunity to watch them perform during football games and at competitions," he said.

Sunny Parkerson, a self-proclaimed "very active sports

mom," can attest to the band's hard work. She traveled to Pearl to watch the state competition.

"Friday night football just wouldn't be the same without the band there," she said. "They play and cheer and get hype for our football team. They support the football team to their fullest the whole time they are in those stands. In all of my years as a sports mom and loving my awesome Big Blue Band, I never really realized that the halftime show is their game. That is their

competition!" Parkerson said she was so glad that she, her two sons and a friend went to cheer on the band students, who are "there every Friday night" to cheer them on in football.

"Next year, we will be sitting in those stands cheering on our Big Blue Band, and I strongly encourage anyone that has never been to be there also. Football wouldn't be the same without our band, and the cheerleaders and dance team

wouldn't be able to do what they do without our band. I will proudly ring my bells for those kids any day of the week. They deserve it more than any of us really know," she said.

Despite all the success the band has seen this school year, Wade said he couldn't say it has been the best in his 17 years at Neshoba.

"It's been one that showed the results of our hard work," he said. "Last year was my favorite because we had to do all this

hard work and not have a contest due to the COVID-19 shutdowns. We did all this hard work knowing that these kids would not have a performance opportunity."

Last year's band paved the path for our current band to have this successful year.

"They did not leave the band program in shambles. They left the band better than they found it," Wade said.

Even though this year was special, with all the awards, the

praises, pats on the back and social and school media accolades, last year will always be Wade's favorite.

"The support for this band program, the administration, how we get along with the coaches and staff, everything here is the reason for this success. This is a good place. That whole 'oneshoba' thing is real. It's manifesting itself in this band hall. It really is. This community and this culture are something else," he said.

OBITUARIES

Janell T. Shepherd

A graveside service for Janell T. Shepherd was held Monday, November 22, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. from Coldwater Cemetery with Dr. Dan Howard officiating. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Shepherd, 98, of Philadelphia, died Saturday, November 20, 2021, at her home.

She was a native of Neshoba County and a graduate of Coldwater High School. After marrying she and her husband moved away from Neshoba County for several years until their retirement and moved back home. Mrs. Shepherd was a member of First Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

She is survived by her daughter, Jane T. Shepherd of Philadelphia, MS.

Mrs. Shepherd was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde A. Shepherd; parents, Tebe Leon and Della Turner; sisters, Effie Smith and Betty Turner; brothers, Bill Turner and John Martin Turner.

Tom Turner

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. from First United Methodist Church with visitation beginning at 1:00 p.m. until service time at the church. McClain-Hays Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

A native and a lifelong resident of Philadelphia, MS, he was a graduate of Philadelphia High School and the University of Mississippi. He was owner and operator of Turner Surveying and Mapping. Tom was a beloved youth sports coach, coaching children in baseball and soccer for many years. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Philadelphia. Tom loved Ole Miss Football games and tailgating in The Grove.

Survivors include daughter, Mali Turner (Peter Schmitt) of Philadelphia, MS; sons, Dustin Turner of Dallas, TX, Kip Turner (Haley), Joey Turner and Beck Turner, all of Philadelphia, MS; grandchildren, Leonie Schmitt, Lydia Schmitt, Reid Thompson, Leyton Turner, Olivia Turner, Willow Grace Turner, Wilder

Beckett Turner; brothers, Ken Turner (Patrice) and Dan Turner; numerous nieces, nephews and their families.

Preceding Mr. Turner in death were his wife, Molly Ruffin Turner; and parents, Joe and Mary "Mac" Turner.

Karen Ann Miskie

Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 23, 2021, from Laurel Hill Baptist Cemetery with Bro. David Richardson officiating. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Miss Miskie was a native of Wisconsin and for a number of years a resident of the Laurel Hill Community in Neshoba County. She previously worked in the court system in Wisconsin for several years.

Survivors include several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cynthia Faye Wallace

Funeral services for Mrs. Cynthia Faye Wallace will be held at 10 AM Monday, November 22, 2021 at Pearl River Facility Building with Rev. Thomas Ben and Deacon Kendall Wallace officiating. Interment will be in Dancing Rabbit Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10 AM Saturday, November 20, 2021 at the Pearl River Facility Building, John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Mrs. Wallace, 59, passed away on Friday, November 19, 2021 at University Medical Center in Jackson, MS. She enjoyed crossword puzzles and loved spending time with family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Easton Thompson, Sr. and Gladys Steve; sister, Sherry Greaves; brothers, Robert Thompson, Winfred Morris.

Survivors include husband, Travis Wallace; daughters, Danita McMillan, Renita Perry, Arita McMillan; sister, Joanne Thompson; Naomi Thompson; brother, Kevin Thompson; Steve John, Easton Thompson, Jr.; 8 grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Justin Hundley, Jeremiah Thompson, Howard Tubby, Jonathan

Cantrell, Gerald Stoliby, Sonny Bell.

Douglas Ray Lowery

Memorial Services will be held at a later date for Mr. Douglas Ray Lowery, 62, of Taylorsville, MS.

He died Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

Mr. Lowery was an electrician.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary Nell and Huey P. Lowery; one sister, Cynthia Lowery and one brother, Jerry Lowery.

He is survived by three sisters, Deborah McPherson of Lafayette, LA, Mary Helen Lominac of Nederland, TX, and Patricia Nowell of Philadelphia, MS; one brother, Charles Lowery of Louisville, MS; seven nieces, six nephews, and a host of great nieces and nephews.

Robert Butler Wallace

Funeral services for Mr. Robert Butler Wallace will be held at 2 PM Sunday, November 21, 2021 at Crystal Ridge Gym with Bro. Mark Roth officiating. Interment will be in the Dancing Rabbit Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10 AM Friday, November 19, 2021 at the Crystal Ridge Gym. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Mr. Wallace, 83, passed away on Monday, November 15, 2021 Noxubee General Hospital in Macon, MS. He was born in Mis-

issippi and lived in Crystal Ridge all his life. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, and watching T.V.

Mr. Wallace is preceded in death by his parents, Stenard Wallace and Annie Wesley; sons, Robert Travis Wallace, Waddell Wallace, and Talen Wallace; sister, Lorene Joe; brothers, Richard Wallace, Stewart Wallace, Archie Wallace, Lincoln Wallace, and Leonard Wallace.

Survivors include spouse, Loline Amos; daughter, Sadie Hickman; sons, Larry Wallace and George Wallace; brother, Will Wallace; 12 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Eric Chapman, Marty Briscoe, Brady Hickman, Sammy Clemons Jr, Dakota Clemons, Billy Wallace, Andante Cotton, Alexander Hickman, Michael Bell Sr, Samuel Wallace.

John Richard "J.R." Jones

Graveside Services for Mr. John Richard "J.R." Jones were held Sunday, November 22, 2021, at 2:00 P.M. from Donald Rest Cemetery with Brother Johnny Beckwith Officiating. Beck Funeral Home, Inc is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Jones, 80, of Philadelphia, passed away on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 from his res-

idence

He is survived by his three brothers Kenneth W. Jones of Byhalia, MS, Willie L. Coleman of Minneapolis, MN, and Craig Jones of Philadelphia, MS, two sisters Rosie Baxstrum of Ontario, CA.

Pallbearers are Jay Boler, Johnny Crockett, Alvin Kidd, Marzette Jordan, Spencer Jordan, Michael Moore, and Bruce Fox

Elfred Lee Jim

Funeral services for Mr. Elfred Lee Jim will be held at 10 AM Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Tucker Gym with Pastor Robert Patrick and Deacon Joseph Wesley officiating. Interment will be in the Hope Indian Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 2 PM Thursday, November 18, 2021 at the Tucker Gym. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge.

Mr. Jim, 80, passed away on Monday, November 15, 2021 at

Neshoba General Hospital. He enjoyed stickball, watching tv, going to the casino and playing the guitar.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Ranie Jim; brother, John Isaac.

Survivors include sisters, Bessie Jim and Karen Joe; special uncle, Walter Jim; long time companion, Wanda Davis.

Pallbearers are Efreem Willis, Brian Willis, Randy Jim, Bruce Jim, Rodney Farve, Keziah Frazier, Shane Steve, Demondo Mingo, Anka Joe, Kevin Tubby.

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Remember what God has done

Almost a year had passed since their arrival at the tip of Cape Cod when the Pilgrims held their first Thanksgiving in Plymouth. Many in their company had died, but by all accounts none of the Pilgrims should have emerged from the first winter alive.

They had great faith in God along with the grit and resolve necessary to survive. They had also engaged the Indians for peace, compensated the Indians they had taken corn from, and pledged their loyalty to Massasoit, the chief of the Pokanokets, when he needed support. Their prudent diplomacy with the Indians played a vital role in their survival.

It is no surprise then that at the First Thanksgiving, the festival included the Indians. In fact, there was twice the number of Indians than Pilgrims at the feast. About one hundred Pokanoket Indians arrived for the celebration with five freshly killed deer.

We don't know the exact date the First Thanksgiving was held, but it was after the first harvest of corn, beans, barley, peas, and other crops. William Bradford announced that since they "had gathered the fruit of their labors," it was time to "rejoice together after a more special manner."

Some of the Pilgrims went "fowling" and after few hours collected a sufficient number of ducks and geese to feed the whole assembly. Fish were so abundant in the fall they were probably added to the menu. The celebration was primarily to give thanks to God, and the Pilgrims enjoyed eating and drinking with the Indians, whom they counted as friends from the Lord. Nathaniel Philbrick writes in his book "The Mayflower," "There was a lot of bounty and goodwill at the First Thanksgiving."

Thanksgiving in all circumstances is the will of God for his people. William Cooper, a contemporary of the Pilgrims, wrote, "Thankfulness demonstrates a spiritual and noble frame of soul in the highest pitch of grace. The Lord Jesus taught us thankfulness both by pattern and precept, and he thanked God frequently and fervently. Even when he was to eat common bread, he gave thanks."

The important thing to the Pilgrims was their spiritual life, their faith in Christ. This they sought to flourish in and share with

their Indian friends. One of their primary reasons for coming to New England was to be used of God to plant the Christian faith there.

William Bradford, in listing the reasons the Pilgrims left Holland for America, concludes: "Last and not least, they cherished a great hope and inward zeal of laying good foundations, or at least making some way towards it, for the propagation and advance of the gospel of the kingdom of Christ in the remotest parts of the world, even though they should be but stepping stones to others in the performance of so great a work." They were not their own but sought the will of Christ the Lord.

They had the spirit of the Heidelberg Catechism which says the only comfort in life and in death is: "That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He so preserves me that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. In fact all things must work together for my salvation."

Isaiah 42:1 says, "Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him." God commands us to look upon Christ. The Lord condemns all those who do not look to him. All those who look upon Christ rightly are sure to follow that look. It is a source of great thanksgiving to hear the Lord say, "You are not your own, but bought with a price."

Isaiah 42:1 is fulfilled at Jesus baptism when the Spirit of God came down and rested upon Jesus. The Father spoke from heaven, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:16-17). God is well pleased with all who are united to Christ; they are in a good way, both body and soul. They lack nothing but a further revelation of the Son of God.

So this Thanksgiving, count your many blessings, name them one by one. Remember what God has done. And behold the Servant of the Lord, making him the foundation of all your thanks to God.

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Man facing meth, cocaine charges

By DUNCAN DENT
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A Philadelphia man, one of 37 suspects arrested in May as part of a meth, cocaine and marijuana ring, now faces additional drug charges, the authorities said.



Dexter MaGee

Dexter MaGee, 31, of 532 Valley View Drive, was arrested and charged on the afternoon of Nov. 17 with two counts of felony possession of a controlled substance for marijuana and ecstasy and two warrants for malicious

mischief.

Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark said MaGee was denied bond because he was already out on bond after his May arrest on two charges of conspiracy to commit a felony in relation to Operation High Life in May.

To date, 37 of 38 targets are being arrested in relation to the drug ring officials said is responsible for running methamphetamine, cocaine and marijuana through the county.

Clark said MaGee was originally served warrants last week at his home on Valley View Drive for malicious mischief when the deputy detected signs of a possible controlled substance in the house.

Clark said the house was then secured, and a warrant was

obtained to search the premises on Nov. 17 for illegal drugs.

The search found a felony amount of marijuana and eight dosage units of MDMA, also known as ecstasy, and Clark said that possession of more than two dosage units is a felony amount.

Officers also found around \$1,900 in cash, paraphernalia and five firearms. Clark said the paraphernalia included items such as scales and baggies for distribution. Clark said he did not anticipate any further charges being brought against MaGee though the items found would enhance the controlled substance charges.

MaGee remained in the Neshoba County Detention Center on Monday afternoon.

No new COVID deaths reported here

By STAFF REPORTS
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Neshoba County recorded 13 new COVID-19 cases and no new deaths in the past week, according to the Mississippi State Department of Health's Nov. 22 report.

Neshoba County has now recorded a total of 6,718 cases of COVID-19 and 210 deaths since the pandemic began in March 2020.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians reported six new positive cases of COVID-19 and one new death in the past week as of Nov. 21, with the total number of positive cases for the Tribe standing at

2,477 with 124 deaths. The Tribe reported no new hospitalizations in the past week.

Neshoba Central Elementary School and Neshoba Central High School reported between one and five positive COVID-19 cases among teachers and staff. Neshoba Central Elementary and Neshoba Central Middle School reported between one and five positive cases among students during the week of Nov. 12. No students or staff have been quarantined.

As of Nov. 22, 29% of Neshoba County's population is fully vaccinated, and 33% of the population has received at least one dose of the

COVID-19 vaccine, according to MSDH.

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

Statewide, since the pandemic began in March 2020, 292,992 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been recorded by the MSDH along with 218,943 probable cases, totaling 511,935 cases. There have been 6,855 confirmed COVID-19 deaths, along with 3,385 probable deaths, totaling 10,240 deaths.

COVID

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"With more than 3,000,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine having been administered in Mississippi and with COVID-19 infections and resulting hospitalizations being effectively managed, it's time to end the State of Emergency," Reeves said in making the announcement. "The additional eight-day extension will provide state agencies with ample time to prepare for the State of Emergency's termination."

Although the state of emergency may be ending, that does not mean the pandemic is over, and hospital leaders said they are incorporating the lessons learned through the pandemic in planning for the community's future healthcare needs.

"One thing that we learned is that proactive planning is

the key to survival with any public health crisis," Breazeale said. "Another lesson learned is there is no substitute for modern technology and that a viable internet network is much needed in our community."

Breazeale said the hospital team learned to value alternate means of examinations.

"An alternative to traditional physician office visits, mainly telehealth, permitted us to continue serving our community," Breazeale said.

"Our Information Technology department worked diligently to resolve issues so that our healthcare providers could continue meeting the needs of the patients that we serve. The support our staff has received from Neshoba County and surrounding communities has been phenomenal."

In the future, the hospital still has challenges to address, including reaching pre-pandemic financial stability, Breazeale said.

"Staffing in all departments throughout the facility is a major challenge," Breazeale said.

"The uncertainties of COVID-19 forced many out of healthcare early in the pandemic. The recent COVID-19 vaccine mandates by the federal government for healthcare workers has added to this challenge."

In the coming months, Neshoba General CEO Lee McCall said the hospital plans to get back to basics.

"We will continue to implement our strategic plan and continuously evaluate opportunities to better serve the health and well-being of our community," McCall said.

COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 11/15-11/22

- Jaffie Benamon, 53, of 179 Welch Rd, Preston; contempt of court
- James R Broadway, 55, of 5919 2nd St, Meridian, MA; possession of controlled substance
- Terry Brooks Chunn, 37, of 10301 Rd 1327; failure to appear
- June Clemons, 32, of 155 Bogue Chitto Cir; contempt of court, disorderly conduct
- Stephanie Clemons, 32, of 326 North St, Union; failure to appear, hold for other agency
- Daniel Day, 47, of 10540 Rd 541; possession of controlled substance
- Dominique Foote, 27, of 412 McDavis Rd, Brooksville; driving under the influence-2nd offense
- Javon Cordell Ford, 28, 532 Valley View Dr; hold for investigations
- Keyunte Fuller, 21, of 112 Bates Rd; driving under the influence other substance, possession of marijuana-vehicle
- James Germany, 44, of 1023 Rd 747; possession of paraphernalia, false ID information, hold for investigations
- Nathaniel Henry, 24, of Rd 383; public drunk, disturbing the peace, possession of controlled substance
- Kendrick Jefferson, 30, of 155 Bogue Chitto Cir; contempt of court, disorderly conduct
- Elliot R Johnson, 40, of 1327 Hoyer Pace Rd, Conehatta; failure to appear X2
- Harris Johnson, 30, of 245 Goat Ranch Rd; failure to appear, probation violation
- Brandi Lynn King, 32, of 257 Goat Ranch Rd, Choctaw; contempt of court
- Dexter Magee, 31, of 532 Valley View; hold for investigations, malicious mischief over \$1000.00 X2, possession of controlled substance X2
- Annie Michelle Miller, 29, of 2032 Empress Dr, Murfreesboro, TN; hold for investigations, jury tampering
- Cedric Pace, 30, of 372 Jerico St; sexual battery
- Derrick Terrell Paten, 46,

- of 155 Bogue Chitto Cir; failure to appear
- Alesha Pauley, 45, of 10041 Hwy 427; possession of marijuana-vehicle, possession of controlled substance, hold for investigations
- Antonio Deandre Ryland, 27, of 99 Stonewall St, West Point; driving under the influence-3rd offense-felony, suspended drivers license, no insurance
- Antonia Maurice Smith, 46, of 2093 Russell Mt Gilead Rd, Meridian; failure to appear
- Jeremiah Jermaine Tubby, 37, of 123 Standing Pine Dr, Walnut Grove; failure to appear
- Sean Tubby, 52, of 143 Cemetery Rd; no charges listed
- Sean O Tubby, 30, of 128 Palmer Rd; resisting arrest, public drunk
- Eddie Whitfield Jr, 52, of 1597 Newton Caney Creek Rd, Decatur; suspended drivers license, domestic violence simple assault-1st, resisting arrest

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Neshoba County educators attend ECCC workshop

These area educators recently attended the annual High School Counselors' Workshop at East Central Community College in Decatur, where they were provided information on academic transfer, career-technical and healthcare programs, ACT testing, financial aid, scholarships, housing and admissions. Attending from Neshoba County and their respective schools included (seated, from left) Madison Edwards, Neshoba Central High School; Amy Burnett, Philadelphia High School; and Tammy Parkes, Choctaw Central High School; and (standing, from left) Melissa Upton, Philadelphia-Neshoba County Career and Technical Center; Janet Estes, Philadelphia-Neshoba County Career and Technical Center; Rebecca Hayman, Neshoba Central High School, and Deborah Eichelberger, Choctaw Central High School.

Date set for Clemons' election challenge

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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Leroy Clemons' alderman-at-large challenge has been rescheduled for Jan. 31 in Neshoba County Circuit Court. Clemons, as the incumbent, is contesting the 2021 general election he lost by one vote. Judge Larry Roberts set the date. The jury trial had been set for October but had to be postponed because one of the

witnesses tested positive for COVID-19. Philadelphia election commissioners certified the results of the June 8 municipal race, with James Waltman winning, 670-669. Clemons, who was the incumbent, claims there were widespread irregularities and a lack of security of the ballot boxes. He claims the tapes of the voting results from the optical mark reading equipment were not present in the

ballot boxes for Wards 1, 2 and 3 when he and his representatives examined the ballot boxes. Clemons also questions the process of how affidavit ballots were considered and disqualified. Clemons is asking the court to determine the true final vote. If that is not possible, he is asking for the election to be thrown out and that a new election be held.

Wreck sends teen to hospital

By STAFF REPORTS
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A single-car accident reported on Highway 491 on last week injured a minor, the

authorities said. MHP Sgt. Jameka Moore said a 2007 Honda Accord was traveling southbound when it went off the roadway and overturned on Highway

491 near Highway 19 at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17. Moore said the driver, a minor, was transported to Rush Hospital with minor to moderate injuries.

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Boatner likes to cook, but loves to bake

By COLEMAN EAKES
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Paula Boatner enjoys cooking, but she really loves baking because it satisfies her sweet tooth.

White almond cake, which she and her family call “wedding cake,” is her favorite to make because her family loves it.

“You know we would always go to weddings, and sometimes we wouldn’t be able to have any cake,” Boatner said. “So I made my recipe that tastes like the cake at weddings, and me and my daughters love it.”

Boatner has even made the “wedding cake” for gender-reveal parties, baby showers and birthday parties.

Cornbread is another staple for her family, and she serves it at every meal.

Boatner said her mother, Judy Elwood, and her grandmother, Pauline Elwood, taught her how to cook cornbread and sweet tea before they died.

“My favorite chefs would have to be Paula Deen and the Pioneer Woman... because of how down-to-earth they are,” Boatner said. “They cook just like we do down in the South.”

Boatner said she loves to cook for big crowds, but now she mainly cooks for just her husband, Keith, who owns Boatner Renovations. She loves baking, not only because it satisfies her sweet tooth but because of how relaxing it is for her.

What is her favorite meal?

“My husband’s grandmother’s chicken and dressing, sweet potato casserole, butter beans, cornbread and a cold glass of sweet tea,” said Boatner, who was born and reared in the Deemer Community where she lives today.

Her husband, Keith Boatner, has been self-employed for more than 25 years and owns Boatner Renovations. They have two daughters — Brittany Dowdy and her husband, Drew Dowdy, and Breann Moore and her husband, Ryan Moore — and two granddaughters, Maylee Dowdy and Emmie Moore.

She said they are expecting a third granddaughter in April of next year.



Paula Boatner

COOK OF THE WEEK

CORNBREAD CHICKEN AND DRESSING

Ingredients:
Chopped green onions cooked with butter and add to cornbread batter before baking.

8 slices of white bread laid out the night before or toasted
2 large skillet cornbread
4 chicken breast
4 chicken thighs
Boil chicken and debone, save broth.
Chopped green onions cooked with 8 tsp butter.
4 cans cream chicken broth
1 tbsp salt

1 tbsp black pepper
¼ tsp sage
2 tbsp poultry seasoning
2 tsp celery salt
1 sleeve saltine crackers

Directions:
In a big blue pan, crumble cornbread, crumble one sleeve of saltine crackers, 8 slices bread crumbled, cooked green onions, cream of chicken soup, add all seasonings, add shredded chicken, add enough chicken broth to make it real soupy.

Bake on 350F for 1 hour or until it is browned.

BANANA PUDDING

Ingredients:
1 12oz cool whip
1 14oz can sweetened condensed milk
1 8oz cream cheese – softened
2 cups milk

1 5oz French vanilla pudding mix
6 banana’s sliced
1 box vanilla wafers

Directions:

Line bottom of 13 x 9 dish with vanilla wafers, then sliced bananas. Save a few cookies to crumble on top. Combine milk and pudding in a mixer bowl. In another bowl, combine cream cheese, condensed milk together. Then fold in cool whip to cream cheese mixture. Add cream cheese mixture to pudding mixture until well blended. Pour the mixture of cookies and bananas, put crumbled cookies on top. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

MISSISSIPPI ROAST

Ingredients:
3lb chuck roast
1oz pack dry ranch dressing mix

1oz pack au jus mix
6 pepperoni peppers
1 stick of butter
1 bag baby carrots
6-8 baby red potatoes

Directions:

Wash roast, place in crockpot, sprinkle ranch dressing over roast and add au jus mix. Cut butter into small pieces and put on the roast, then add pepperoni pepper on top. Wash potatoes and carrots and add to crockpot. Cook on low 8-10 hours or 5-6 hours on high.

high.

WHITE ALMOND CAKE

Ingredients:
1 box Duncan Hines white cake mix
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup granulated sugar
¼ tsp salt
1 cup sour cream
1 cup sweet milk
2 whole eggs
2 egg whites
2 tsp vanilla
½ tsp almond

Directions:

Preheat oven 325F. Grease and flour three 8-inch round cake pans. In the bowl of your mixer, beat eggs first, then add milk, vanilla, almond and sour cream. In another bowl, combine dry ingredients and whisk, then start slowly adding dry to the wet ingredients until all are combined. Bake for 35 minutes, check with a toothpick in the middle of the cake to see if ready. You don’t want them to be very brown.

Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS
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East Mississippi Community College has announced the selection of Chiquita Moore Jones as an instructor in the department of nursing. She is a registered nurse and a graduate of Philadelphia High School and attended the University of Southern Mississippi and East Central Community College.

Chiquita brings a wealth of experience in the nursing field to her new job. She is currently serving as a Registered Nurse Case Manager at Neshoba General Hospital where she was also employed as a Registered Nurse. Chiquita and her husband, Byron Jones, have twins, daughter, Zoe Jones, and son, Zachary Jones, who are freshmen in college. Her mother, the late Lillie Moore Johnson, would be so proud of her daughter. Congratulations and best wishes!

Cody and Ragan Crawford Barrett announce the arrival of twin babies on November 15. Their daughter, Bixley Mae Barrett weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces, and son, Bennett Ryan Barrett, weighed 6 pounds and 6 ounces. These precious babies have been eagerly awaited by their parents and extended family and friends. Mother and babies are doing fine. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Willie and Shirley Johnson Vaughn who celebrated a milestone anniversary on November 13. The couple has been married for 54 years which is such a wonderful testament of their affection for one another. Best wishes for many more happy years together!

In 2018 The Football Writers Association created a new nationally recognized college football award, The Freshman Player of the Year Award. It was named the Shaun Alexander Award in honor of his tremendous freshman season for the Crimson Tide.

Jarquez Hunter from Auburn has made the Watch List for the award as Freshman Player of the Year. It is a great honor and has nominees from colleges and university football teams all over the United States. Jarquez is a running back and wears #27 for Auburn. He is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School and a former Rocket football player. Congratulations!

Philadelphia Elementary School loves its teachers! The third-grade TAG classes showed some love in the sweetest way with cookies! They delivered cookies to all of the teachers on Thursday, Nov. 18, as a pre-Thanksgiving expression of affection.

Thank you to these students and their teacher, Katie Adkins

Monday, for their kindness. Thank you to Penelope Parks Saxton for making the cookies for them.

Mary Mo is five!! She spent the day in her pajamas cruising the street in her new Power Wheels gift from Mom and Dad, ate some of her amazing birthday cake which had a "City Greens" theme as requested, and supper with her family. She also opened some awesome presents which delighted her.

The birthday celebration continued on Saturday, November 13, with a benefit Cut-a-Thon hosted by Lacey Trout Yates at her Envie Salon which raised a generous sum for Mary Mo and finished with a Birthday Parade in the afternoon down Poplar. Mary Ann Nicholson organized the parade since Mary Mo could not have a party, a parade seemed like a great idea. Mary Mo stood outside and waved and greeted her friends as they drove past. She seems to have had a marvelous birthday! God bless this precious little warrior child. Her parents, Blake and Jessica Long Pickering, made her birthday full of smiles!

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Mauvène S. Thomas, middle, celebrated her 98th birthday on Nov. 19 with her family. Pictured with Thomas are, from left, Patsy McGee, Jean Fulton, Judy Allen and Charlotte Bishop.

Resort hosting USA pageants

By STAFF REPORTS
news@neshobademocrat.com

CHOCTAW — The Miss Mississippi USA and Miss Mississippi Teen USA pageants will be held at the Silver Star Convention Center on April 1 and 2, 2022, officials have said.

“Pearl River Resort is proud to be the new home of the Miss Mississippi USA pageants,” said Sonny Johnson, President and CEO of Pearl River Resort. “The young ladies that participate will create a lifetime of memories, and it is truly an honor to be part (of) their special moment.”

The winners of the two events will travel on to the national competitions of Miss USA and Miss Teen USA.

“We are very excited to hold our upcoming event more centrally located in the state at the gorgeous Pearl River Resort,” said Kim Greenwood, pageant director.

“The magic found at the Pearl River Resort will be the perfect host for the most beautiful and accomplished young women from across the state of Mississippi vying for the titles of Miss Mississippi USA and Miss Mississippi Teen USA.”

The reigning Miss USA, Asya Branch, hails from Booneville and competed at the Miss Universe pageant in May, where she placed in the top-21. She made history when she was the first African American to be named Miss Mississippi USA. Then again, she was the first titleholder from Mississippi to win the Miss USA title.

Branch began advocating for prison reform after her father was incarcerated when she was a child. She hopes to make a difference, erase the negative stigma surrounding incarceration, and be a voice for other children of incarcerated parents. Branch will hand over the crown this month to

another lucky young lady at the 2021 Miss USA pageant in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Current titleholders Bailey Mae Anderson, Miss Mississippi USA 2021, and Mattie Grace Morris, Miss Mississippi Teen USA 2021, will relinquish their crowns following a year of representing the state at various events and functions.

The titleholders will represent Mississippi in their respective roles at the Miss USA and Miss Teen USA pageants scheduled for Nov. 27, 2021, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Greenwood Productions is currently accepting applications for contestants to take part in the exciting events. Applications and qualifications for the pageant can be found at www.missmississippiusa.com under the “Apply Now” section. For more information, call 615-891-0557 or email info@greenwoodproductions.com.

Griffis named TIME Dealer of the Year

By STAFF REPORTS
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The Mississippi Automobile Dealers Association is pleased to announce Philadelphia’s Bill Griffis as the 2022 Mississippi TIME Dealer of the Year.

Griffis is one of a select group of 47 dealer nominees from across the country who will be honored at the 105th annual National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) Show in Las Vegas on March 11, 2022.

The TIME Dealer of the Year award is one of the automobile industry’s most prestigious and highly coveted honors. Recipients are among the nation’s most successful auto dealers who also demonstrate a long-standing commitment to community service.

“Excellent customer service is our motto,” Griffis said. “I made a decision a long time ago that we want to be the good guys, not just a car dealership. And it’s worked.”

A 1972 graduate of the Univer-

sity of Mississippi in Oxford, Griffis earned a B.B.A. in banking and finance. He spent 12 years working for banks in Mississippi before joining his mother, Jean, at her Ford dealership in Philadelphia, where he established an F&I (Finance & Insurance) department and managed sales.

“I watched my mother become the first female Ford dealer in the southeast in the 1970s,” he said. “She was an enduring inspiration to me because she lived her passion of work and service to our local community through our small-town dealership.”

Griffis Motors is a Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram store and the family business continues to thrive as Griffis’ two sons, a niece, an adopted son and his sister all work at the store. “They all have different job duties and are very good at them,” he said. “And I have three grandchildren that I fully expect to be here one day.”

He is also proud of the team of employees he has assembled that performs at a high level. “As a dealership in one of the smallest communities in our state, we have consistently outranked many dealers in our district in larger communities,” Griffis said.

Griffis is an active member of the Mississippi Automobile Dealers Association and has served in several leadership positions, including chair in 2020, vice chair in 2019 and secretary in 2018.

“During my time on the executive committee and as chairman, our organization put together a bill that was passed by both houses and signed by the governor to give Mississippi dealers the same warranty labor and parts reimbursement as 46 other states,” he said. “This initiative has had a positive effect on every dealer in the state.”

Griffis has also made an impact in his community by supporting fundraising efforts and continuing education. “Our dealership has always been a big contributor to our four local schools, from providing driver’s education cars to helping build new scoreboards for their sports teams to sponsoring every kid that comes into the dealership,” he said.

“Over the last thirty years, we have also given a \$1,000 scholarship to every employee’s child who graduated from high school and continued their education.”

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF NESHOPA COUNTY

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

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

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

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

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



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Of Local Interest

NORTH BEND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
North Bend Fire Protec-

tion District will hold its annual meeting on December 11th at 2 pm at Fire Station #1 located on Highway 21

North. Everyone is invited to attend.

NESHOPA COUNTY SWCD NOW TAKING TREE ORDERS

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

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

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

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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Jim Arnold, Attorney
601-656-6914



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The River

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Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350

Memorials to the American Cancer Society may be mailed to

Charlene Deweese
12491 Road 614
Philadelphia, MS 39350

Dear Santa Claus

It’s time to write letters to Santa at the North Pole.

Send letters to santa@neshobademocrat.com or Santa Claus, North Pole

Due in by Friday, December 10

THE NESHOPA DEMOCRAT

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INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR AGRICULTURAL LEASE

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees, Neshoba County School District, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, up to and not later than 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 10, 2021, for an Agricultural Lease for a ten year period on the following parcel of land in Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 12 East

All the open land lying East of County Road 505 located in the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4; the West 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, containing 22.00 acres more or less. Bids will be opened and read at the date and time specified for acceptance.

Complete information concerning the lease and the lease bid form can be obtained from the office of the Superintendent, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 39350. The minimum bid that will be considered is \$15.00 per acre per year.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Neshoba County School District Lundy Brantley, Superintendent

Publish on: November 24 and December 1, 2021

IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF A CERTAIN INSTRUMENT OF WRITING PURPORTING TO BE THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF CORINA JOHNSON BEAR, DECEASED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 20 th day of July, 2021 by the Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned JAMES RAY JOHNSON upon the Estate of CORINA JOHNSON BEAR, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to probate and register the same, as provided by law, with the Clerk of the Court, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Failure to probate and register any such claim within said ninety (90) day period will forever bar the claim.

WITNESS my signature on this the 16 th day of November, 2021.
/s/ JAMES RAY JOHNSON, EXECUTOR
OF THE ESTATE OF CORINA JOHNSON BEAR

Prepared by:
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CHOCTAW LEGAL DEFENSE
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MS BAR NO. 3078

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
DICKEY LEE TOWNSEND & MERRY TOWNSEND PLAINTIFF
VS.
CAUSE NO. 21-324
MICKY TOWNSEND; NICKEY RAY TOWNSEND;
DISCOVER BANK; FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY LLC;
B & C FARM COMPANY; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI;
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE;
NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI;
DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI;
AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN
AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 25, 2014, PARCEL NO. 04300-26-006.002, PPIN 19858
LYING IN SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI;
AND DOES 1-75, INCLUSIVE DEFENDANTS**

SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS, ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 25, 2014, PARCEL NO. 04300-26-006.002, PPIN 19858, LYING IN SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Dickey Lee Townsend & Merry Townsend, Plaintiffs, seeking the Court to confirm the tax title of property in Neshoba County, Mississippi (the "Property"). Defendants other than you in this action are Mickey Townsend; Nickey Ray Townsend; Discover Bank; Ford Motor Credit Company, LLC; B&C Farm Company; State of Mississippi; Mississippi Department of Revenue; Neshoba County, Mississippi; and the District Attorney for Neshoba County, Mississippi. You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Andrew Hammond, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is Young Wells Williams P.A., Post Office Box 6005, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39158 or 141 Township Avenue, Suite 300, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 24th 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 JUDGEMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 22nd day of November 2021.

GUY NOWELL, CHANCERY CLERK NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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BY: _____Gidget Tate_____D.C.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

The NESHOBACOUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS will receive competitive Reverse Auction Bids to be submitted electronically via the Neshoba County website at www.neshobacounty.net with said Reverse Auction occurring via invitation on a date and during a time to be specified from qualified vendors in response to this solicitation for acquiring the following equipment and services:

Mission Critical Public Safety Communications Radios, Equipment and Services to Operate on the Mississippi Wireless Information Network (MSWIN)

Detailed specifications for the above described equipment and bid submittal forms may be obtained from the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors office at the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 201, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350, by calling 601-656-6281 or on Neshoba County's website at www.neshobacounty.net . Neshoba County, Mississippi will determine if compliance with the specifications exist before accepting any bid.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:

All responses to the solicitation for said system shall be returned, with detailed proposals included therewith, less the fixed price amount to be bid, in a PDF document format, and submitted electronically at www.neshobacounty.net under the correct bid solicitation, by 12:00 PM, local time, on Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

It shall be incumbent upon each bidder to understand the specifications as listed herein and to obtain clarification when necessary. It is not the intent of these specifications to limit the bidding to any particular make or manufacturer of equipment or provider of services, but rather to select such emergency equipment and services to provide for specific needs and specific tasks. Any reference to name-brand materials or equipment is intended to establish the minimum necessary standards only and bids submitted on materials, equipment and services equal thereto, at the sole discretion and determination of Neshoba County, shall be considered.

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi on the 18th day of October, 2021.

/s/ GUY NOWELL
GUY NOWELL, CLERK BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Publication dates: November 24th and December 1st, 2021

CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LUCY FRAZIER MORRIS, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2021-300 GLENDALE WILLIS PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 20 th day of July, 2021 by the Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned GLENDALE WILLIS upon the Estate of LUCY FRAZIER MORRIS, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to probate and register the same, as provided by law, with the clerk of the court, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice. Failure to probate and register any such claim within said ninety (90) day period will forever bar the claim.

WITNESS THE SIGNATURE of the Administrator, this the 16th day of November, 2021.

/s/ GLENDALE WILLIS
GLENDALE WILLIS, ADMINISTRATOR

C. JOY HARKNESS, MSB #3078
CHOCTAW LEGAL DEFENSE
P.O. BOX 6255
CHOCTAW, MS 39350
PHONE: (601) 650-7449
FAX: (601) 650-7421
ATTORNEY FOR ADMINISTRATOR

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF NESHOBACOUNTY

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on March 05, 2010, a Deed of Trust was executed by James M. Price to Robert Thomas, Trustee for The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Main Office, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Book 2010 at Pages 1868-1873, in the office of the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, on the 12 th day of August, 2014, the Holder of the Deed of Trust filed a Modification of Deed of Trust by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2014, Page 6899; and

WHEREAS, on the 16 th day of March 2017, the Holder of the Deed of Trust filed a Modification of Deed of Trust by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2017, Page 2143; and

WHEREAS, on the 15 th day of November, 2021, the Holder of said Land Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Steven D. Settlemyres, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2021, at Pages 10057-10058; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Land Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Land Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 17 th day of December, 2021, I will during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the North door of the Neshoba County Courthouse at Philadelphia, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Neshoba

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County, Mississippi, to-wit;

Tract 1 :

Beginning at a point 71 feet South of the Northeast Corner of Lot 2 of Forest Park Subdivision in the City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi; thence run South 175 feet along the East line of Lot 2; thence run West 99 feet; thence run North 175 feet; thence run East 99 feet to the point of beginning, all said parcel lying within Lot 2 of Forest Park Subdivision. An easement 5 feet wide is retained for an existing sewer line in its center, which sewer enters this parcel of land 75 feet West of its point of beginning and exits this parcel 147 feet from its Southwest Corner. This conveyance is subject to the restrictions of the covenants on said property dated September 17, 1962, and on record at the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County in Book A-56, Page 438.

Tract 2 :

Starting at the Northwest Corner of Lot 2 of Forest Park Subdivision in the City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi; thence South along the West line of said Lot 2 for 71 feet to the point of beginning; thence from point of beginning 175 feet south along West line of said Lot 2; thence East 100 feet; thence North 175 feet; thence West 100 feet to the point of beginning, all said parcel lying within said Lot 2. There is retained an easement of 5 feet in width across said parcel for an existing sewer line in the center of same which enters the parcel 147 feet North of its Southeast Corner and exists 83 feet North of its Southwest Corner. This deed is subject to Covenant # 1 M. W. Perry filed in Book A-56, Page 438, of the Chancery Clerk's office of Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Tract 3 :

SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, Section 3, Township 12 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, containing forty (40) acres, more or less.

I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 19 th day of November, 2021.

/s/ Steven D. Settlemyres
Substituted Trustee
Settlemyres & Graham PLLC
410 East Beacon Street
Philadelphia, MS 39350
Telephone: (601)656-9597
MSBN: 99674

Published: Nov 24, Dec 1, Dec 8 and Dec 15, 2021

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF JASPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF HARPER MADELINE SMITH, A MINOR BY PHILLIP RICKETSON AND WIFE, LINDSEY RICKETSON PLAINTIFF WAYNE SMITH and wife, DEBBIE SMITH ADDITIONAL PLAINTIFFS VS. CIVIL ACTION NO. 20-027

BRITTNEY LANEE SMITH AND SCOTT MICHAEL SMITH DEFENDANT

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: BRITTNEY LANEE SMITH

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Phillip Ricketson, Lindsey Ricketson, Wayne Smith, and Debbie Smith, regarding a Petition to Modify Agreed Final Judgment Seeking Custody.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock, a.m. on Friday the 17 th day of December, 2021, in the courtroom of the Scott County Courthouse at Forest, Mississippi, pursuant to Rule 81 of the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the demands made in the Petition filed herein.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 18th day of November, 2021.

(SEAL)

Sharon Gray King
Jasper County Chancery Clerk
Post Office Box 1047
Bay Springs, Mississippi 39422

BY: Bonita Huddleston
DEPUTY CLERK

SECTION 00100 Advertisement For bids NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors Board Room, 401 E. Beacon Street, Suite 201, Philadelphia, Mississippi, until 11:00 a.m. on January 18, 2022 for:

Taylor Mast Building Addition Neshoba County Board of Supervisors (Philadelphia, Mississippi)

Note each bidder must have their envelope stamped "Received" with date and time by the Chancery Clerk located on the first floor of the Courthouse, 401 E. Beacon Street, Suite 107, Philadelphia, Mississippi prior to the bid time mentioned above if submitting a paper bid.

P & M Project Number: 2021115

Bid documents are being made available via original paper copy or electronically. Planholders are required to log-in or register for an account at www.pryor-morrowplans.com to view and order Bid Documents. All planholders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. Electronic bids are not required; however, a submission of an

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electronic bid in lieu of a sealed bid shall be submitted at www.pryor-morrowplans.com .Questions regarding website registration, online orders electronic bidding please contact Plan House Printing at (662) 407-0193.

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

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF RESPONSIBILITY: All bids submitted by a prime or subcontractor for public works or public projects where said bid is in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to perform contracts enumerated in Section 31-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall contain on the outside or exterior of the envelope or container of such bid the contractor's current certificate number. No bid shall be opened or considered unless such contractor's current certificate number appears on the outside or exterior of said envelope or container or unless there appears a statement on the outside or exterior of such envelope or container to the effect that the bid enclosed therewith does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). When bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of the bid envelope shall be deemed in compliance by including the same information as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal.

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

Published: November 24, 2021
December 1, 2021
END OF SECTION

NESHOBACOUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXPENSE SUMMARY FOR: 11/15/2021

001-100 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 3847.33
001-101 CHANCERY CLERK 625.00
001-102 CIRCUIT CLERK 127.52
001-105 TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR 3616.30
001-120 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR 498.98
001-151 MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING/GROUND 20690.13
001-152 DATA PROCESSING 1405.24
001-154 VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE 798.74
001-160 CHANCERY COURT 347.32
001-161 CIRCUIT COURT 1188.10
001-163 JUVENILE COURT 2125.00
001-165 LUNACY COURT 200.00
001-166 JUSTICE COURT 250.00
001-167 CORONER/MEDICAL EXAMINER 2552.14
001-170 PUBLIC DEFENDER 625.00
001-180 ELECTIONS 6909.14
001-200 SHERIFF ADMINISTRATION 6071.25
001-220 CUSTODY OF PRISONERS 103921.50
001-232 MEDICAL SERVICE - PRISONERS 2154.77
001-260 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 24835.34
001-450 WELFARE ADMINISTRATION 945.18
001-452 COUNCIL ON AGING 163.95
001-631 COUNTY EXTENSION 13.90
001-676 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTH 76.03
001-285 COUNTY WIDE E-911 3335.10
001-286 COUNTY WIDE E-911 LEASE/PURCHASE 9757.79
104-172 LAW LIBRARY 244.01
106-254 LINWOOD VFD 26.91
110-265 EMS SERVICES 4633.46
115-205 FORFEITURE MONIES 1308.00
116-201 PRE-TRIAL INTERVENTION 1165.00
120-221 INMATE CANTEEN FUND 70.98
150-300 COUNTY UNIT ROAD 33080.00
150-890 CO UNIT RD - LEASE/PURCHASE 880.24
160-300 COUNTY WIDE BRIDGE & CULTVERT 1868.61
160-890 CO WIDE BRIDGE-LEASE/PURCHASE 3806.92
400-340 SOLID WASTE 7907.23
400-890 WELD WASTE - LEASE/PURCHASE 5628.69
650-000 ASSESSMENTS 6025.00
681-000 PAYROLL CLEARING FUND 662.75
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: 264388.55
THIS IS A SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 15, 2021 LISTING THE TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS BY EACH DEPARTMENT/FUND PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MISSISSIPPI CODE ANN. § 19-3-35. A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL EXPENDITURES REPRESENTING THESE TOTALS IS RECORDED IN THE DOCKET OF CLAIMS AND IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE CHANCERY CLERKS OFFICE OR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS. /S/ GUY NOWELL CLERK OF THE BOARD NESHOBACOUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 65-7-121 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors hereby give notice of a public hearing, to be held pursuant to the Board's own motion to abandon a public road, to be held on January 3, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room in the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, in Neshoba County, and notice is further given that the purpose of said public hearing is to decide whether or not it is in the public interest and convenience to abandon County Road 2216 as requested by the residents thereof. The Board further notices that responses via email to info@neshobacounty.net or letters to Neshoba County Board of Supervisors, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 201, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 will be considered as responsive during said public hearing.

PUBLISHED by the Order of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County,

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Mississippi, on the 15 th day of November 2021.

THE NESHOBACOUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: /s/ Kevin Cumberland
KEVIN CUMBERLAND, BOARD PRESIDENT

Published: November 24th and December 1st, 2021

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

SANDRA BROWN AND JANET HAYS NORRIS PLAINTIFFS

VERSUS CAUSE NO.: 21-323

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

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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

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

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

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BY: /s/Wanda Savell, Deputy Clerk

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Neshoba County School District
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and
Vaughn Blaylock
Southern Procurement
vaughn@southernprocurement.com

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Lundy Brantley
Superintendent
Neshoba County Schools

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INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR AGRICULTURAL LEASE

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees, Neshoba County School District, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, up to and not later than 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 10, 2021, for an Agricultural Lease for a ten year period on the following parcel of land in Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Section 16, Township 10 North, Range 10 East

The NE 1/4 of NE 1/4; the S 1/2 of NE 1/4; all the land lying West of County Road 1137 being in the N 1/2 of N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, containing 160.0 acres more or less and further being designated as Parcel # 1, Map 104 of the Neshoba County Tax Assessor Maps.

Complete information concerning the lease and the lease bid form can be obtained from the office of the Superintendent, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 39350. The minimum bid that will be considered is \$15.00 per acre per year.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Neshoba County School District Lundy Brantley, Superintendent

Publish on: November 24 and December 1, 2021

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FELDER RUSHING

Remove garden clutter by consolidating plantings

By FELDER RUSHING
Special to the Democrat

A red cardinal pecking at my window was all it took to rouse me from my easy chair to look for ways to nip a surprising bout of winter blues in the bud.

I can wrap my head around how longer, chillier evenings affect our circadian rhythms, but for some restless reason, this year's end of Daylight Saving Time triggered an early onset bout of Seasonal Affective Disorder, making me moodier than usual.

So, I'm exploring little ways to get me away from constant emotional snacking by the flickering flames of the TV. And I have come up with a few ideas for accessorizing the darkened garden for sensorial inspiration.

For years now I have designed in garden calmness through the Eastern practice called feng shui (fung-shway), a loose set of general principles for creating more soothing, comfortable arrangements of plants and materials.

Its aim is to maximize good feelings while reducing subtle sources of anxiety. It's about toning down excessive straight lines, sharp angles, narrow walks and steps, poor lighting, clutter, clashing colors, competing sounds, bad weather exposure, difficult plant choices, and so on, to improve the overall feel of a garden. Getting rid of things that cause grudges, and adding more pleasures.

It's easy enough in normal weather. Banish distracting views with carefully placed plants and scattered fence-like screens without blocking good views and cool summer breezes. Lose some of the straight lines by gently curving the lawn between lawn and flower beds, getting rid of tight corners to make mowing easier. Tone down or roundoff corners and break up solid fences or sheared hedges with



A cardinal looks over Felder Rushing's garden.

an irregular plant, sculpture, birdbath, driftwood or other unusual object, or wall hanging.

Remove clutter by consolidating plantings, and in the process gradually lose high-maintenance plants, replacing them with no-fuss species in different sizes, shapes, colors, and fragrances for everchanging all-seasons interest.

In a more sensory vein, go

out of your way to attract the color, motion, and drama of garden wildlife. Install a simple water feature with a splashy fountain that faces where you sit to better enjoy the soothing sounds, and add a simple fire feature for cool evenings. Hang a wind chime, install weatherproof Bluetooth speakers.

Other words, make at least part of your outdoor space more inviting, interesting, comfortable and feeling safe and secure, like a cozy living room den rather than a sterile

visitor parlor.

That's where the redbird gave me a winter's worth of inspiration. To get him to stop beaking his brains out on my window, I installed a big mirror for him on a north-facing outside wall, which had the unexpected effect of making my little garden seem bigger, and reflected light, color, and motion from an otherwise dark, dreary area.

I hung gnarly crape myrtle branches to prevent birds' thinking the mirror is an open flyway; they also provide easy

perches, and makes it look like I have double everything, including birds.

Taking this a step farther, I positioned reflective "gazing ball" orbs and hung glass ornaments to reflect ambient light and dispel gloom in dark spots. Striped liriopie and other light-colored border plants brighten walks, but I also carefully arranged low-voltage night lighting to reveal hidden steps, highlight tree trunks, and accent strategic spots. I even hung a chandelier from my covered pergola where I

spend a lot of time on a porch swing by the blazing winter fire and splashy waterfall.

Take a stroll around your garden at dusk, see where you might work in a few of these relaxing ideas. Just thinking about it sets much-needed good vibes into motion.

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

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

THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that pursuant to the power of sale contained in said deed(s) of trust and in accordance with the statutes made and provided therefor, the said deed(s) of trust will be foreclosed and the property covered thereby and 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:
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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

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Huntsville, AL 35802
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Neshoba Central's Dedrick McWilliams dives for a deflected pass in the end zone during the Rockets' playoff win last Friday.

Rockets face West Point at North State

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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For the second week in a row, Hunter Bavetta kicked the winning field goal in the final seconds to lift the Neshoba Central Rockets to a 23-20 victory over Lafayette in the second round of the Class 5A state football playoffs.

The Rockets, now 12-0, advance to the North State championship game Friday when they visit 10-0 West Point. The Green Wave advanced to the finals by defeating Vicksburg 42-6.

"We beat a very good team," Coach Patrick Schoolar said. "Both the offense and the defense played well. I am going to say we had almost 500 yards in offense. Overall, it was our most complete game."

In 2019, Neshoba Central played at West Point for the North State championship, with the Green Wave taking a 20-7 victory. The Green Wave went on to defeat Picayune for the Class 5A state championship. They have been in the state finals for the past six seasons.

Schoolar said his seniors remember the 2019 meeting with the Green Wave.

"Most of our defense started in that game," Schoolar said. "They are a physical downhill running team. They pound on you, play good defense and keep the ball away from you. They don't make mistakes."

The Rockets kept the ball away from Lafayette in the first quarter, with the offense staying on the field the entire 12 minutes, minus a kickoff return.

The Rockets took the opening kickoff and got the ball on the 35-yard line. On first down, quarterback Eli Anderson connected with Dedrick McWilliams on a 22-yard pass completion that put the Rockets in Commodore territory. Twelve plays later, Anderson found McWilliams again for a 20-yard TD pass play. Bavetta kicked the extra point, and the Rockets led 7-0 with 6:04 left in the first quarter.

Lafayette answered on the ensuing kickoff with a 78-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. The kick was good, and the game was tied at 7-7 with 5:47 left in the first quarter.

The Rockets took the kickoff and ran 13 plays before running into a fourth down on the Lafayette 27-yard line. Bavetta came on to kick a 43-yard field goal with 11:46 remaining in the second quarter. Neither team scored again in the half and the Rockets led by three at the half.

Bavetta kicked a 40-yard field goal during the third quarter to put the Rockets up 13-7.

Lafayette tied the game when running back Jayden Reed ran 28 yards for a touchdown, capping a 63-yard drive that took five plays. The extra



Neshoba Central's Jaharon Griffin flexes while celebrating a big tackle in the Rockets' 23-20 win over Lafayette County last Friday.

point try failed, and the game was tied at 13-13 with 5:36 left in the game.

The Rockets took the kickoff on their 33-yard line. Two plays later, Anderson connected with Elijah Ruffin on a 53-yard TD pass play. Bavetta's kick was good, and the Rockets led 20-13 with 4:56 remaining.

The teams exchanged punts. The Commodores took over on the Neshoba Central 35-yard line. Six plays later, quarterback Charlie Fair found Kylan Vaughn on a 24-yard TD pass play. The kick was good, and the game was tied at 20-20 with 1:07 left in regulation.

The Rockets took the kickoff. Anderson completed consecutive

passes to Ja'Naylon Dupree, Ruffin and Bryceton Spencer to put the ball on the Lafayette 15-yard line. Anderson ran for one-yard, and there was a six-yard loss on a run.

With 12 seconds left, Bavetta kicked a 37-yard field goal, and the Rockets advanced to the North State championship game.

The Rockets finished the game with 345 passing yards and 120 rushing yards, giving them 465 total yards. Lafayette had 68 yards rushing and 153 passing, giving them 225 total yards.

Anderson completed 27-of-43 passing attempts for all of Neshoba Central's passing yards. Spencer had

six catches for 68 yards, while McWilliams had seven catches for 100 yards. Dupree had eight catches for 85 yards. Ken Drummond was the leading rusher with 72 yards on 13 carries.

Defensively, Jaharon Griffin had 11 tackles and three assists. Ruffin finished with six solo tackles and three assists. Beau Holley had five solos and four assists. Kelbee Holmes had three solos and six assists. Maxton Woodward has one solo tackle and six assists. Braydon Gibson had one solo, a sack and five assists. Anthony Hopson had two solo tackles and seven assists.

Lafayette finishes the season with a 10-3 record.

Bulldogs, Rebels play for keeps

By DALE MCKEE
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Football is fun again in Mississippi. The nation's college football fans and media are certainly paying attention.

We had an exciting Soul Bowl last week between two rivals in Jackson State and Alcorn. This week all eyes will be on Mississippi on Thanksgiving night as we turn our attention to the Egg Bowl between old rivals No. 8 Ole Miss (9-2, 5-2) and Mississippi State (7-4, 4-3). Kickoff is at 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving evening in Starkville.

Both teams will go bowling, but both have more to gain with a win. Ole Miss is playing for a New Year's Six Bowl bid and a 10-win season. State with a win could finish second in the West and have an eight-win season that could result in a better warm-weather bowl and possibly sway a couple of in-state recruits.

Ole Miss used another solid defensive showing and the passing arm of Matt Corral to defeat Vanderbilt, 31-17. The Rebels finished their home season by winning all seven home games played at Vaught-Hemmingway Stadium.

Mississippi State used the passing arm of Will Rogers to roll over outmanned Tennessee State, 55-10, in their tune-up for the Rebels. Rogers broke two school records in the contest as he now holds the single-season records in passing touchdowns and passing yards.

What can you say about Southern Mississippi head coach Will Hall? The last two weekends, the creative Hall ditched his traditional offense and went to the Wildcat formation to highlight his best offensive players. Frank Gore Jr., the son of NFL great Frank Gore, took the snaps, and the results finally ended an eight-game losing streak as the Eagles won over rival Louisiana Tech, 35-19. Gore passed for two scores and ran for another while wide-receiver Antavious Willis also entered the act and threw a TD pass. USM (2-9) will host Florida International on Saturday afternoon.

Jackson State Head Coach Deion Sanders has put the Tigers football program back in the national spotlight. Sanders led the Tigers (8-0, 10-1) past Alcorn, 24-10, in the "Soul Bowl." It was the 75th meeting of the state rivals, and the game was played before a sellout crowd of 59,000 in Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium. It is JSU's first division title since 2013, and the reward is a showdown with SWAC Western Division winner Prairie View in two weeks. The division winners meet in the SWAC Football Championship game that will be played in Jackson on Dec. 4.

The Tigers last won the SWAC football crown in 2007. JSU made a clean sweep of the state as the Tigers defeated Delta State, Mississippi Valley and Alcorn. Alcorn had a run of six consecutive division titles before being unseated by Prairie View this season.

There was some very sad news this week about former Southern Mississippi and Southern Methodist head football coach Bobby Collins passing. Collins was a Laurel native who played at Mississippi State. Collins was 48-30-2 as head coach of the Eagles from 1975-81 and was 43-15-1 at SMU.

Odds & Ends

No. 3 Alabama, with their win over No. 25 Arkansas, won the Western Division championship and will meet No. 1 Georgia for the SEC title.

Former Mississippi State football coach Dan Mullen was fired this past Sunday as the Gators (5-6, 2-6) lost to Missouri in overtime.

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

3 Lady Warriors soccer players to play next level

By SCHOOL REPORTS
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The East Central Community College's Lady Warrior soccer team had three sophomores ink with four-year programs to continue their academic and athletic careers.

Nicole O'Neill (Dublin, Ireland), Loren Winters (Ocean Springs) and

Molly Moore (Meridian) all signed to move on to the next level.

O'Neill signed with Southeastern Louisiana University. She played and started in 13 matches and posted four goals and four assists on the year. She finished her career at ECCC with eight goals and eight assists.

Winters is moving on to the Mis-

issippi University for Women. Winters was a key ECCC defender who started and played in 14 matches this season. In her career at ECCC, she started in 30 matches.

Moore, who signed with Louisiana Christian University, played and started in 13 matches for ECCC this season and finished the year with two assists and five shots

on goal. During her tenure at ECCC, she played in 29 matches.

The trio of graduating sophomores continues ECCC's tradition of sending Lady Warrior soccer players to the next level as they join seven players from just the last three seasons playing at four-year schools and universities.

Leake Academy basketball stays hot

By **ROBBIE ROBERTSON**
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The Leake Academy girls basketball team stayed unbeaten this past week, picking up three more wins.

The Rebelettes beat Kirk 45-20 on Monday, rival Pillow Academy 47-44 on Tuesday and Central Hinds 55-36 on Friday.

The Rebels only played two games and split a pair, beating Pillow 60-54 before losing 65-48 to Central Hinds.

Leake is scheduled to play in the North Delta Tournament this week as the Rebelettes play Class 6A public school Southaven on Monday at 5 p.m. and then play North Panola on Tuesday at noon. The Rebels will play Tunica Academy on Monday following the girls game.

Leake Academy will return from the Thanksgiving break and host Canton on Monday, Nov. 29, and will travel to Pillow on Thursday, Dec. 2, to round out the week.

Rebelettes 45 Kirk 20

The Rebelettes got off to a quick start and cruised to a 25-point win on Monday.

Leake Academy jumped out to a 17-4 lead in the first and outscored the Lady Raiders 16-4 in the second to lead 33-8 at the half. Leake outscored Kirk 10-2 in the third to lead 43-10 after three, while Kirk took the fourth period 10-2 for the final margin.

Emeri Warren was the only Rebelette in double figures with 16 points and six rebounds. Miriam Prince had eight points, four assists and three steals, while Morgan Freeny had six points, four assists and four steals. Allen Kaye Wilcox and Grace Maxey each had five points apiece, while Katy Jones had eight rebounds.

Rebelettes 47 Pillow 44



Leake Academy's Henry Dabbs goes up for a ball against Central Hinds last week.

Photo by JENNY DABBS

In a back-and-forth contest, the Lady Rebels pulled away in the fourth to take a three-point win over the Lady Mustangs on Tuesday.

Leake got off to a quick start and outscored Pillow 18-12 in the first. But Pillow outscored Leake 13-9 in the second and third periods and led 38-35 going to the fourth. Leake outscored Pillow 11-6

in the fourth for the final margin.

Leake had a poor shooting night and was 14-of-42 from the field and 3-of-19 from the free-throw line. Miriam Prince led Leake with 25 points while Katy Jones had nine points and eight rebounds. Grace Maxey had six rebounds,

while Emeri Warren had 11 rebounds to lead the Lady Rebels.

Rebels 60 Pillow 54

Playing their first game with the football players, the Rebels used strong finishes to each half to take a six-point win over the Mustangs. Pillow led 16-13 at the

end of the first before Leake took the second period 17-9 to lead 30-25 at the half. Pillow outscored Leake 15-12 in the third to cut the lead to 42-40 going into the fourth. But Leake outscored Pillow 18-14 to take the win.

Jake Freeny led the Rebels with 22 points, while Samuel Prince came off the bench in the second half and

had 14 points. Seth Alford had eight points, Whitt Welch added seven, and Aiden Watkins chipped in five.

Rebelettes 55 Central Hinds 36

The Rebelettes used a big second period and pulled away from the Lady Cougars to take a 19-point win on Thursday.

Each team scored 13 points in the first period, and Leake pulled away in the second, outscoring Central Hinds 14-3 to lead 27-16 at the half. Leake continued to pull away in the second half, outscoring Central Hinds 15-11 in the third and 13-9 in the fourth.

Leake again struggled from the field, shooting 38 percent (18-of-47) overall and just 4-of-20 from the 3-point line. The Rebelettes had a good night at the free-throw line, going 15-of-17.

Morgan Freeny led Leake Academy with 17 points, while Katy Jones had 14 points and eight rebounds. Emeri Warren had 12 points and five rebounds, while Miriam Prince had nine points, seven assists, four steals and four rebounds.

Central Hinds 65 Rebels 48

The Rebels suffered their first loss of the season with a 17-point defeat by the Cougars.

Central Hinds led 20-15 at the end of the first period, and each team scored 11 in the second as the Cougars led 31-26 at the half. Central Hinds pulled away in the third period, outscoring Leake 22-8 to lead 53-34 going to the fourth. Leake outscored Central Hinds 14-12 in the fourth for the final margin.

Henry Dabbs led Leake with 15 points, while Jake Freeny had nine points. Sam Evans and Aiden Watkins each had six points apiece.

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ECCC's Cheatham receives award

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The rise of synthetic opioids and stimulant drugs, as well as amplified mental health conditions related to Covid-19, has caused the highest number of overdose deaths ever. Over 87,000 American lives were taken by drugs!

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



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

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



IT ONLY TAKES A LITTLE TO LOSE A LOT. Overcoming addiction is not easy, but it's possible.

Logos for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, CDC, and Choctaw Tribal Opioid Response Project.

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



ECCC inducts nearly 70 students into Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

These East Central Community College students were inducted into Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society during ceremonies on campus Sept. 22. PTK is the international honor society of two-year colleges. Students participating in the Fall 2021 induction ceremony and their hometowns include (front row, from left) Hannah Grace Horton of Forest, Emily Loe of Brandon, Piper Fulton of Philadelphia, Mabry Mayfield of Carthage, Destiny Brown of Lena, Kristen Wilcher of Carthage, and Brayleigh Gregory of Louisville; (second row, from left) Kaitlyn Wilson of Sebastopol, Mary Ellen Booker of Philadelphia, Sasha Clare of Belfast, Northern Ireland, Annabelle Hudson of Louisville, William Page of Philadelphia, Citlali Hernandez Lopez of Forest, and Alexis Guthrie of Forest; (third row,

from left) Emma Taylor of Philadelphia, Dempsie McDill of Forest, Hannah Kreuz of Forest, Madison Graham of Philadelphia, Anslee Boyd of Pelahatchie, Carson Wofford of Pelahatchie, Jocey Bell of Forest, Ninel Ramirez of Carthage, and Kim Salvador of Carthage; and (back row, from left) Corey Eakes of Philadelphia, Eden Smith of Quitman, Sam Hankins of Nanih Waiya, Lucas Foley of Hickory, Zebariah Spire of Philadelphia, Caitlyn Wilson of Philadelphia, and Khloe Elyse Cockerham of Union. Nearly 70 students joined the prestigious organization this semester. To qualify, students must have completed at least 12 hours of coursework that may be applied to an associate degree and must have a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

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Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 20th day of July, 2021 by the Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned BETTY JANE CHAPMAN SUTTON upon the Estate of CLIFTON CHAPMAN, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said Estate to probate and register the same, as provided by law, with the clerk of the court, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Failure to probate and register any such claim within said ninety (90) day period will forever bar the claim.
WITNESS THE SIGNATURE of the Executrix, this the 16th day of November, 2021.

/s/BETTY JANE CHAPMAN SUTTON
BETTY JANE CHAPMAN SUTTON
EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF
CLIFTON CHAPMAN, DECEASED

C. JOY HARKNESS, MSB#3078
CHOCTAW LEGAL DEFENSE
P.O. BOX 6255
CHOCTAW, MS 39350
(601) 650-7421
ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTRIX

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR AGRICULTURAL LEASE

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees, Neshoba County School District, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, up to and not later than 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 10, 2021, for an Agricultural Lease for a ten year period on the following parcel of land in Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Section 16, Township 12 North, Range 10 East

Commence at a point where the North section line intersects the East right-of-way of Road 167 and run East 158.0 feet, more or less to the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning thence run East along the North section line a distance of 1185.0 feet more or less; thence run South a distance of 1320.0 feet more or less; thence run West a distance of 1320.0 feet more or less; thence run North a distance of 901.0 feet more or less; thence run West a distance of 210.0 feet more or less; thence run North a distance of 381.0 feet more or less; thence run East a distance of 330.0 feet more or less; thence run North a distance of 200.0 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning containing 41.5 acres more or less and further described as Parcels 1.03, 1.04, 1.05, and part of Parcel 1.01 on Map 32 of the Neshoba County Tax Assessor plat maps, and located in the NW ¼ of NE ¼ and 1.2 acres located in the E ½ of NE ¼ of NE ¼ of NW ¼, Section 16, Township 12N, Range 10E, in Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Bids will be opened and read at the date and time specified for acceptance. Complete information concerning the lease and the lease bid form can be obtained from the office of the Superintendent, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 39350. The minimum bid that will be considered is \$15.00 per acre per year.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Neshoba County School District
Lundy Brantley, Superintendent

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Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 13 East

All the open land lying in the W 3/4 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, containing a total of 17.00 acres more or less

Complete information concerning the lease and the lease bid form can be obtained from the office of the Superintendent, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 39350. The minimum bid that will be considered is \$15.00 per acre per year.

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Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 10 East

The W 1/2 of Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, LESS and EXCEPT the W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4; and LESS and EXCEPT the North 27 acres of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4; the S 1/2 of the W 1/2 of the W 1/2 of the SE 1/4; all that part of the SE 1/4 lying North and East of the Union Madden Road and West of the Union Dowdville Road LESS and EXCEPT 5 acres in the NW corner of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, containing 317.00 acres and identified as Parcel 7 of Map 113 of the Neshoba County Tax Assessor.

Bids will be opened and read at the date and time specified for acceptance. Complete information concerning the lease and the lease bid form can be obtained from the office of the Superintendent, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 39350. The minimum bid that will be considered is \$15.00 per acre per year.

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Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 11 East

Commence at the SE corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4; thence run North 817.00 feet more or less along the East section line to the South right-of-way of the public road; thence run in a Southwesterly direction along the East right-of-way of County Road 383 a distance of 959.00 feet more or less to the South line of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4; thence run East a distance of 279.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 4.90 acres more or less.

Complete information concerning the lease and the lease bid form can be obtained from the office of the Superintendent, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 39350. The minimum bid that will be considered is \$15.00 per acre per year.

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Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 10 East

All open land lying East of County Road 123 located in the S ½ of NE ¼, containing 31.00 acres, more or less. Plus all the open land lying in the NE ¼ of the SE ¼, containing 15.29 acres, more or less. Further described as Parcel # 4.01 on Map 113 of the Neshoba County Tax Assessor. In the aggregate said lands described above

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Lundy Brantley, Superintendent

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Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 10 East

All that part of the S ½ of SE ¼ that lies East of County Road 210, containing 40 acres more or less and shown as Parcel 5 on Map 113, Section 16, Township 9N, Range 10E, Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Bids will be opened and read at the date and time specified for acceptance. Complete information concerning the lease and the lease bid form can be obtained from the office of the Superintendent, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 39350. The minimum bid that will be considered is \$15.00 per acre per year.

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Neshoba County School District
Lundy Brantley, Superintendent

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Triple P. Service Center

929 Gum Street
Philadelphia, MS 39350

To: Steven Deotis Landrum p.o. box 434 Sebastopol MS 39359
Carmax Business Services LLC
p.o. box 440609 Kennesaw GA 30160

Your 2010 Chevy QLT vin# 2CNALPEW9A6403237, has been in my possession since 10/06/2021.

This vehicle will be sold on 12/06/2021 at 929 Gum street Philadelphia MS 39350 @8am.

Triple P. Service Center

929 Gum Street
Philadelphia MS 39350

To: Laura B. Clark 321 Breland Street Philadelphia MS 39350
Credit Acceptance Corp. 25505

West 12 mile road #3000 Southfield MI 48034

Your 2010 Dodge Journey vin# 3D4P-G5FV3AT274939, has been in my possession since 10/06/2021.

This vehicle will be sold on 12/06/2021 at 929 Gum street Philadelphia MS 39350

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR AGRICULTURAL LEASE

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees, Union Public School District, 417 South Decatur Street, P. O. Box 445, Union, Mississippi, up to and not later than 10:00 a.m., December 13, 2021 for an Agricultural Lease for a ten year period on the following parcel of land in Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 11 East

All the open land lying South of County Roads 242 and 339 and the open land lying East and West of County Road 311; LESS AND EXCEPT Parcel 14 which is described as: Commence at the intersection of County Roads 331 and 339; thence run East along the South right-of-way of County Road 339 a distance of 125.0 feet more or less to an existing driveway, this being the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning thence run South along said driveway 300.0 feet more or less; thence run West 100.0 feet more or less; thence run South 300.0 feet more or less; thence run East 300.0 feet more or less; thence run North 600.0 feet more or less to the South right-of-way of County Road

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South right-of-way a distance of 400.0 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning, containing 3.4 acres more or less. All the described acreage above is located in the West ½ of SE ¼. Less the exceptions, the above described acreage contains 21.0 acres more or less located in the West ½ of SE ¼, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Further described as Parcels 14.01 and 14.02 on Map 122 of the Neshoba County Tax Assessor plat maps.

Bids will be opened and read at the date and time specified for acceptance. Complete information concerning the lease and the lease bid form can be obtained from the office of the Superintendent, 417 South Decatur Street, Union, Mississippi 39365. The minimum bid that will be considered is \$15.00 per acre per year.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Union Public School District
Tyler Hansford, Superintendent

Publish on: November 24 and December 1, 2021

CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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

TO: The heirs at law of BERT JAMISON ISAAC, deceased, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of BERT JAMISON ISAAC, deceased, whose post office and street addresses are unknown to the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law. You have been made a Respondent in a Petition for Determination of Heirship filed in this court by the Petitioner Rebecca Steve, Administrator of the Estate of BERT JAMISON ISAAC, deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 5 TH day of JANUARY, 2022, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court at Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 9th day of November, 2021.

/s/Jennileen Young
CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT CLERK

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on 27th day of February, 2009, FORREST ADCOCK and spouse, DUPREE ADCOCK executed a Deed of Trust to Robert Thomas, Trustee, in the principal amount of FORTY NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$49,727.00), same being payable in fifty nine (59) regular payments of Six Hundred Fifteen and No/100 Dollars (\$615.00), with the first payment being due on April 10, 2009 and continuing monthly thereafter, with a final payment due on March 10, 2014; or until paid in full as set out in the Deed of Trust aforesaid, which is of record in Trust Book 2009, Page 2100; and Correction of Deed of Trust recorded in Trust Book 2009, Page 2100; Modifications of Deed of Trust recorded in Trust Book 2015, Page 922; Trust Book 2017, Page 201; and Trust Book 2019, Page 643, with a final payment due on January 25, 2021, in the Chancery Clerk's Office of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, on the 20th day of March, 2009, FORREST ADCOCK and spouse, DUPREE ADCOCK executed a Deed of Trust to Robert Thomas, Trustee, in the principal amount of SIXTY TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY THREE AND 88/100 DOLLARS (\$62,743.88), same being payable in fifty nine (59) regular payments of Seven Hundred Eleven and No/100 Dollars (\$711.00), with the first payment being due on April 25, 2009 and continuing monthly thereafter, with a final payment due on March 25, 2014; or until paid in full as set out in the Deed of Trust aforesaid, which is of record in Trust Book 2009, Page 2234; and Modifications of Deed of Trust recorded in Trust Book 2014,

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6593; Trust Book 2018, Page 4386; and Trust Book 2020, Page 6168, with a final payment due on July 19, 2021, in the Chancery Clerk's Office of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, on the 3rd day of August, 2021, THE CITIZENS BANK OF PHILADELPHIA, did execute a Substitution of Trustee, naming ZACHARY A. MADISON as Substituted Trustee, which substitution is recorded in Book 2021, Page 7008, in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, on the 3rd day of August, 2021, THE CITIZENS BANK OF PHILADELPHIA, did execute a Substitution of Trustee, naming ZACHARY A. MADISON as Substituted Trustee, which substitution is recorded in Book 2021, Page 7010, in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and THE CITIZENS BANK OF PHILADELPHIA, being the owner and holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, I will on the 13th day of December, 2021, offer for sale and will sell within legal hours (between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Court-house in Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the highest bidder in cash, at public outcry, the following described property located and being situated in the County of Neshoba, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Commence at the SW corner of NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 Section 32, Township 9 North, Range 10 East; and run North 463.17 feet along fence line; thence run East 119.45 feet to and for the Point of Beginning; thence run North 407.90 feet; thence run East 320.37 feet; thence run South 407.90 feet; thence run West 320.37 feet back to the Point of Beginning, containing 3.00 acres, more or less, and being located in the NW 1/4 of the SW1/4, Section 32, Township 9 North, Range 10, East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will sell only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 8th day of November, 2021. Zachary A. Madison, Substituted Trustee

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY: ZACHARY A. MADISON, MSB #104363

Fair & Mayo, PLLC
Louisville, MS 39339
Telephone No. 662-773-3455

PUBLISH: Neshoba County Journal 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8

TITLE OF ABANDONMENT DATE, TIME, PLACE OF PUBLIC SALE: 12/10/2021 6 A.M. 11401 HWY 492 EAST UNION, MS 39365

MOORE'S AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR COST: \$3396.64
VIN: 2005
YEAR: 1GKES16S756189236

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF NESHOPA

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2017, Amy Snow executed a Deed of Trust dated January 12, 2017, to Wade White, Trustee for the use and benefit of Roy White. Said Deed of Trust was filed on January 20, 2017, and is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 2017 at Page 343, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, therefore; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust, and the entire outstanding debt thereby having become due and payable in accordance with the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust so to do, notice is hereby given that I, Wade White, Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale in accordance with the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust for the purposes of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Trustee's fees and expenses of sale, and will sell at public sale and outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, during the legal hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at the north

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Neshoba County, Mississippi, at Philadelphia, Mississippi, on Thursday, the 2nd day of December, 2021, the following described land and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Neshoba County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

N ½ of Lot 6, Block A of Briarwood Subdivision in Plat 1 on Page 49 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, being 83 feet across the North and South and 90 feet over the East and West.

I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee.

WITNESS my signature, on this the 10th day of November, 2021.

/s/ Wade White
Wade White, Trustee

PREPARED BY AND RETURN TO: Wade White
Attorney at Law PLLC
501 Main Street
Philadelphia, MS 39350
Phone: (601) 656-3710

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

TONY E. RILEY AND TIFFS

PLAIN- CIVIL ACTION

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

CORLEY (CAULIE) VIVERETTE; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF HENRY RUSHING;

MISSISSIPPI ATTORNEY GENERAL; NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI THROUGH GUY NOWELL; STEVEN S. KILGORE IN HIS ROLE AS NESHOPA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY;

AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY

HAVE INTEREST IN PARCEL NO. 11400-23-007.000, NESHOPA

COUNTY, SHOULD SUCH PERSONS NOT BE ASCERTAINED

SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION) THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF NESHOPA

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CORLEY (CAULIE) VIVERETTE, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF HENRY RUSHING, AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE INTEREST IN PARCEL 11400-23-007.000

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.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to James Eldred Renfroe, Attorney for the Plaintiff whose address is 648 Lakeland East Drive Ste A, Flowood MS 39232.

Your response must be mailed or delivered not later than thirty days after the 10th day of November 2021, which is the date of the first publication of this summons. If your response is not so mailed or delivered, a judgment by default will be entered against you for the money or other relief demanded in the complaint.

You must file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

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

Guy Nowell
Neshoba County Chancery Clerk
401 E. Beacon Street,
Suite 107
Philadelphia MS 39350
Prepared by:

Hon. James E. Renfroe, MSB# 10096
648 Lakeland East Drive, Suite A
Flowood, MS 39232

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