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## Booker T. costs rise to over \$500K

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The cost for the Booker T. Washington gym renovation could top half a million dollars, nearly \$125,000 more than earlier estimates had projected.

Waggoner Engineering, hired by the city to oversee the project at a cost of about \$97,000, had estimated the price at around \$475,000. The city

received two bids for the project Friday, and both exceeded that.

Perry Construction Co.'s base bid was \$597,300. Also, in the bid, Perry listed \$58,400 for Alternate No. 1 for the doors and windows and \$48,000 for Alternate No. 2 for brick restoration.

Benchmark Construction's base bid was \$665,300. Also, in the bid, Benchmark listed \$45,000 for Alternate No. 1 for

the doors and windows and \$30,000 for Alternate No. 2 for brick restoration.

The scope of work calls for replacing the roof and insulation, removing the wooden gym floor and replacing it with a new one that includes original wood, and replacing some exterior doors and windows. It also called for cleaning masonry in the gym building and adjoining buildings.

The building holds three distinctive designations. It has been designated a Mississippi Historical Landmark by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MSAH) and has been placed on the State of Mississippi Register of Historic places. It is also on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Plans are to restore the building and have it serve as a community center.

The Booker T. project generated much discussion during the Dec. 7 board meeting.

Ward 1 Alderman Justin Clearman said the city had paid Waggoner nearly \$60,000. However, he said he's not sure what has been done.

"There is no blueprint that I have seen," Clearman said. "From where I sit, I don't think we need to approve anything else until we get a set of blue-

prints."

Ward 2 Alderman Jim Fulton said he, too, has not seen the blueprints. However, all aldermen received blueprint copies on Friday.

Referring to a pre-construction meeting held Nov. 30, Clearman questioned how much could actually be done because of the building's historical designations.

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## bridges open



Photo by COLEMAN EAKES

Work on an \$11.7 million two-lane bridge replacement project at Tucker opened to traffic this week. A final stretch of four-lane from Tucker to House — including a second lane of bridges — remains unfunded as

does a \$130 million bypass from Highway 19 to Williamsville that has been on the drawing board for three decades.

## Woman, unborn daughter die in wreck

A Philadelphia woman and her unborn daughter died in a one-vehicle crash last Tuesday afternoon on Highway 15 south that sent two others to the hospital, the authorities said.

Kobie Wesley, 20, of Bogue Chitto and her unborn daughter died in the crash and were pro-

nounced dead on the scene, according to Mississippi Highway Patrol spokesman Sgt. Jameka Moore.

"If y'all knew Kobie Wesley y'all knew she always had a smile on her face," Ashlie Nicole posted on Facebook. "Prayers for her momma."

Her hobbies included basketball, volleyball, Tik-

Tok, Snapchat, playing soccer and cheerleading, her family said.

A funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Thursday at Bogue Chitto Gym with Rev. Thomas Ben officiating.

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### \$100K PAYMENTS

## City to give \$1M to Marty center

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The city will give Marty Stuart's Congress of Country Music \$1 million, aldermen decided unanimously last week.

The city will provide the funding in annual \$100,000 increments, officials said.

Aldermen in September adopted an \$11-million 2022 budget that included a 1-mill tax increase to fund a \$1.25-an-hour pay increase for city employees.

The city in October hired a Pearl firm to catch up on audits for Fiscal Year 2018, Fiscal Year 2019 and Fiscal Year 2020.

Last year, the city attempted to donate \$1 million to the project with funds they were borrowing. However, the board later learned that bond issue monies could not be used for the project. The city then cut the bond issue amount from \$2.5 million to \$1.5 million and pledged to give the funding in \$100,000 increments.

Located on the southwest corner of Byrd Avenue and Main Street, when completed the \$30 million complex will feature a renovated Ellis Theater along with a museum to display Stuart's 20,000-plus piece collection of country music memorabilia.

Fundraising efforts are underway to pay Stuart for his vast collection of country music memorabilia and annual operating costs will eventually have to be addressed, officials have said.

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### DRUG EPIDEMIC

## Clark: We can't arrest our way out

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Nineteen-year-old Dalton Woods had an addiction to Xanax that eventually landed him in jail earlier this year where he encountered Barry Walker of The River, a Christian ministry to recovering addicts that has led to a jail ministry in the middle of a pandemic.

Walker himself was addicted to drugs for four decades before getting clean and three years later being called to the ministry and founding The River, a safe haven for those recovering who sometimes feel shunned at traditional places of worship but thrive in a recovery community.

The River's ministry piqued Neshoba County Sheriff Eric

Clark's interest amid a drug epidemic that has only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We aren't going to arrest our way out of this," said Clark who was instrumental in getting the jail ministry started during the COVID pandemic when he recognized the problem. "You can't put everybody in jail to do away with methamphetamines or fentanyl or whatever the drug of choice is."

Woods, free of drugs for about eight months, said Walker is a very faithful man of God.

"I got my relationship back with God and then gave everything over to him and have not had any trouble with my addiction or anything like that," he said.

Walker said breaking the cycle of addiction is possible if a person is determined and sticks to recovery principles with the Lord's help.

"There are four things that every drug addict or alcoholic has to have," Walker said. "Accountability, structure, a safe place and community. You can do this, but recovery is hard work. You have to be willing to come to the meetings and counseling. This gives them the opportunity to say, 'I don't have to live like this, I don't have to drink every day, I can do this.'"

Since taking office, Clark has been focused on getting illegal drug dealers, users and others involved in drug-related crimes off the streets.

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Barry Walker founded The River, a Christian recovery community, in 2017. He has been doing counseling to help people overcome drug addiction at the county jail since March.



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# Multi-county chase ends in fiery wreck

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A Neshoba County man was arrested and charged with vehicle theft after allegedly stealing a car in Neshoba County and leading Newton County officials on a multicounty chase that ended in a fiery wreck in Rankin County on Nov. 30.

Daniel Todd Dennington, 39, of 18820 Highway 21 south, was arrested and charged with felony motor vehicle theft, simple assault causing bodily harm and domestic violence-simple assault.

Neshoba County Sheriff Eric

Clark said Dennington has been denied bond on the vehicle theft charge and has a hold from the Mississippi Department of Corrections for a probation violation. He was previously being held in Scott County, where he faces charges related to the chase.

Clark said Rankin County Sheriff's deputies arrested Daniel Todd Dennington on Nov. 30 after deploying spike strips stopping the stolen white 2020 Camry he was driving. Clark said the car that was



Daniel Dennington

reported stolen around 7:30 p.m. that day is now totaled.

"We are in contact with the victim, and it looks like her vehicle will be a total loss," Clark said. "It was burnt really badly."

On Nov. 30, Dennington allegedly held a woman at knifepoint on Highway 21 and took her vehicle.

Clark said his office had been tracking Dennington by an ankle monitor he was wearing and issued a BOLO — "be on the lookout" — for him after the car was reported stolen.

Officials had tracked Dennington to a service station on Central Drive near Lowe's, but he had left before Philadelphia Police could arrive on the scene before they got news of the chase.

The chase started in Union, Clark said, and then went through Decatur "at a really high rate of speed" and on through parts of Newton and Scott counties before Rankin County officials stopped Dennington in their jurisdiction using spike strips before the car caught on fire.

Clark said the fire started in the vehicle's front tires.

# Philadelphia police investigating stolen car parts

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Philadelphia police are investigating a string of thefts in which car parts were reported stolen throughout town over the weekend.

"As of this morning, we have received four separate reports of catalytic converter thefts in the city," said Police Chief Eric Lyons on Monday.

Lyons said the thefts were reported at the AT&T store on Water View Lane behind the

Huddle House, Tolbert Chevrolet, the Rent-a-Center on Beacon Street and Byars Furniture trucks parked downtown.

"These thefts occurred sometime over the weekend," Lyons said.

Lyons said investigators are

checking surrounding businesses and gathering video footage to locate possible suspects. He said they believe the thefts to be connected.

# River

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Clark's department in 2020 made 250 felony drug arrests. That does not count drug-related crimes such as thefts or driving offenses.

After nearly two years, Clark has come to the conclusion that while arresting people helps, it's not going to solve the drug problem but a ministry such as Ward's can.

Last year, Clark really saw firsthand the long-term effects of drug addiction on those in the jail during the pandemic.

He's tried to be aggressive from Day 1 when dealing drug crimes. "But when COVID hit last year, we held a lot of prisoners for a long time," he said. "The state wouldn't pick them up, and we couldn't move them. We weren't having a lot of court then."

As he got to know the inmates a little better, Clark said he saw that a majority were there because of crimes associated with drug addiction.

"Drug cases were prevalent," Clark said. "It just seemed like every other case, or every third case was drug related. They were addicted to the drugs, which led to felony possession or possession with the intent to distribute. It led to a lot of thefts."

Clark looked for ways to deal with addiction. Before COVID, area pastors and churches were allowed to come to the jail to provide counseling and services for the inmates. Clark said that was missed during the pandemic. But as restrictions eased up, a schedule was set up for them to return.

"I went to the Free Trade Recovery Church over in Leake County," Clark said. "They have a Celebrate Recovery program which was Drug Court approved. Most of it is biblical-based concepts, and they have helped people to overcome addiction."

Clark reached out to Walker to provide drug counseling services in the jail.

"We started an initiative back in March," Walker said. "The Sheriff asked me to be the drug counselor at the jail. That gives me access to all of the inmates. So, I go in and vet them to see if they really want help."

Walker said he is not surprised at the level of drug addiction in Neshoba County.

"I was a drug addict for 41 years," Walker said. "I started when I was 15 and remained so until I was 56. I was an active opioid addict, a benzos addict and an alcoholic. I got clean and sober in 2014, God called me to preach in 2016, and we opened The River in 2017."

"I knew the severity of the situation. I knew how many drug

addicts were out there. Prescription drugs are just as bad (as illegal street drugs). People going to church are hooked on pain killers, tranquilizers and sleeping pills. A committed relationship with Christ was one of the centerpieces of my recovery."

Walker said his program provides a way people could learn the principles of scriptures and combine that with the opportunity of recovery. He helps people get into recovery programs and has seen them get their lives back on track.

"We give them the opportunity to live and have a successful life," Walker said. "I have seen people come back, graduate from college and have good jobs. They have become supervisors."

The Sheriff said people still have to face the consequences of their crimes.

"I don't want it to be something that is used to have an easy way out of jail," Clark said. "They still have to bond out of jail. We don't do anything extra other than to facilitate them with some leadership, someone who can hold them accountable once they do get out."

"If you commit a crime, you have to be accountable for your action. But for someone who does recover, it goes a long way. In the end, that's the goal, to rehabilitate people."

How can you tell the difference between a true change in a person and a jailhouse conver-

sion that does not go much further than the door?"

"I don't know if it is anything that changes rapidly, but hopefully, over the course of time, we will see it improve," Clark said. "You see it by the fruit of a person's life."

Woods, the 19-year-old who was in the jail, said after initial meetings, Walker recommended a rehab program in Nettleton where he stayed for four months before being released and continuing counseling with Walker.

"I can see Barry," Woods said. "He is always there if you need to talk. He is just a really good guy. He has got a very good program, and he really wants to see everybody succeed. He thinks everybody deserves a second chance."

Woods said he is grateful for the help he received through Walker and The River.

"I'm grateful for the second chance that I was able to receive," Woods said. "I still go in and see him even though I am out on my own. I'm very grateful for everything he has done for me. I really don't think that my life would be where it is right now if it had not been for Mr. Barry."

If you need help with addiction or have a loved one who needs help, reach Walker at 601-917-1212 or email [barrywalker1957@hotmail.com](mailto:barrywalker1957@hotmail.com).



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# Thursday morning fire destroys house, injures 1

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A woman suffered minor burns after her home on Columbus Avenue was destroyed in a Thursday morning fire.

The call came in at 10:45 a.m. Thursday, officials said. Philadelphia firefighters arrived on the scene at 616 Columbus Avenue at 10:47 a.m. with two firetrucks, one heavy rescue truck and one battalion chief truck to find flames coming out of the attic and several windows.

Fire officials said the fire started when an oxygen tank caught on fire after it was unplugged, igniting five other oxygen tanks in the house.

It took 25 minutes to get the fire under control. The fire was out at 11:10 a.m. The house was a total loss, officials said.



Photo by COLEMAN EAKES

Firefighters battle a house fire on Columbus Avenue.



Tribe lights Christmas tree

Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben, his family and the Princess take a picture in front of the Tribal Christmas Tree. From left to right, Chief Ben, daughter Eden, 2021-2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Shemah Ladania Crosby, daughter Selah, wife TaRita, and son Brodie.

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## Carbon-free wannabe Biden

As America's chosen leader, President Biden has committed the United States "to lead by example" along an ambitious course toward achieving a clean-energy economy, pronto. Reducing energy usage that produces carbon emissions is one thing; replacing the energy lost in the "green" conversion is another. Unfortunately, the president has failed to show how the nation can accomplish both goals simultaneously without risking a collision with energy deficiency.

Mr. Biden on Wednesday signed an executive order directing the federal government to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, including 100% carbon-free electricity by 2030. The order includes directives to purchase only zero-emissions light-duty trucks for government use by 2027 and make all federal vehicles zero-emissions by 2035. Additionally, federal buildings are expected to achieve a 50% reduction in emissions by 2032, and the feds' entire building portfolio should reach net-zero emissions by 2045.

The big energy picture illustrates the difficulty in fashioning a carbon-free economy. Total U.S. primary energy consumption for 2020 measured 92.9 quadrillion British thermal units (or "quads"), according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). Fossil fuels, which generate those hated carbon emissions as a byproduct, make up a preponderant, 79% of the nation's energy consumption. Nuclear power contributes 9% to the total, and renewal sources add the remaining 12%.

Were Americans one and all to join the Biden "green" revolution, they would need to replace 73.4 carbon-laden quads with some extremely potent substitutes.

Though clean, nuclear power is out of fashion and thus out of the question, leaving only renewables to carry the load. Solar panels and wind turbines generate 4.3 quads of power, and hydroelectric and biomass add another 7 quads. All told, the entire inventory of renewal fuels currently falls vanishingly short of fulfilling the nation's energy needs.

Mr. Biden's executive order means Americans are likely to witness a government-run energy shift with, among other things, federal employees tooling around in battery-powered electric vehicles. If too many of their neighbors follow suit, though, the nation's supply of juice would soon dry up. That's because 90 percent of the nation's transportation-sector fuel — 24.2 quads annually — comes from petroleum. Replacing all that liquid energy with plug-in power would require a 40% boost to the nation's current electricity usage of 35.7 quads.

Of course, going clean won't happen with the flip of a switch. Before the president's new orders, the EIA was predicting U.S. electricity requirements would only rise by less than 1% annually between 2020 and 2050. A Biden-ordered charge away from fossil fuels — particularly in transportation — could overwhelm the nation's projected electricity generation capacity.

Fortunately, worldwide carbon-dioxide emissions have been flat for a decade, according to the Global Carbon Project, undercutting the rationale for drastic measures. Americans shouldn't play "follow the leader" with "President Carbon-Free-Wannabe Biden." Doing so would risk a collision with reality in the form of energy deficiency.

— *The Washington Times*

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

## Biden is dividing the world

*Americans are waging relentless ideological wars. And ideological wars often end in shooting wars.*

When did the political systems of 193 nations become the business of the government of the United States? And who elected us Americans to write the moral code for the regimes that rule other lands?

Consider: On taking office, President Joe Biden pledged to center his foreign policy "on the defense of democracy and the protection of human rights." At his Summit for Democracy, he said it was America's intent to undertake the bolstering of democracy and human rights worldwide.

Yet no nation bristles more than we Americans do when we discover foreign regimes meddling in our politics or presidential elections.

Why? Historically, Americans have collaborated not only with democracies but also with autocrats, dictators, monarchs and tyrants.

George Washington danced a jig when he learned an alliance had been forged with the France of King Louis XVI to fight beside us in our war of independence against the England of King George III, in whose army Washington had himself fought in the French and Indian War.

In the War of 1812, the United States fought the same British enemy as Napoleon was fighting, which may explain why the British enthusiastically burned our Capitol and White House in August 1814.

In World War I, we "make-the-world-safe-for-democracy" Americans were wartime allies of the British, French, Russian and Japanese empires.

At the 1919 Paris Peace Conference, President Woodrow Wilson signed the documents that parceled out Germanic lands and peoples against their will and in violation of Wilson's own professed doctrine of self-determination.

Against Imperial Japan and Nazi Germany from 1941 to 1945, our principal allies, whose armies did most of the fighting and dying, were Joseph Stalin and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Neither was a democrat.

During the Cold War, we were at times allied with South Korean dictators, Argentine generals, Greek colonels, the

shah of Iran, Gen. Augusto Pinochet of Chile, Latin American despots, African kleptocrats and assorted royals across the Middle East.

The world's largest democracy during the Cold War was India, which sided with Moscow, while autocratic and Muslim Pakistan lined up with us.

President Richard Nixon's great diplomatic achievement, the 1972 opening to China, established a detente between the world's greatest democracy and its most monstrous and murderous tyranny. U.S. elites were elated.

The point of the recitation? In times of crisis for our republic, we have often found allies in autocrats and dictators while democracies such as India and Sweden remained basically neutral.

Nations judge friends not by the ideology that they profess but by how they behave when a crisis comes.

When the Yom Kippur War broke out in 1973, autocratic Portugal allowed the use of the Azores for U.S. planes carrying tanks and guns to Israel. Some of our other allies remained neutral.

Lately, we have been preaching the superiority of our democracy as a political system for all peoples, as it manifests "universal values."

But if tomorrow the kings of Morocco, Jordan, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, and the emirs of Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, fell to popular uprisings in the name of democracy, how beneficial would this be to the U.S.?

A decade ago, when the Arab Spring produced free elections in Egypt and the Palestinian territories, the big winners were the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas.

Again, when did the political systems of foreign nations that do not threaten or attack us become an American concern?

When did they become any of our business?

During the Cold War, Stalin imposed communism on that half of Europe he had conquered in World War II. Nikita Khrushchev brayed, "We will bury you!" and, "Your grandchildren will live under communism."

But Russian President Vladimir Putin does not say, "Your grandchildren will live under communism" or under autocracy. Or under Russian rule.

Nor does the China of Xi Jinping, who preaches the supremacy of his system, attempt to impose communist ideology on his neighbors who have not embraced it.

China is communist to the core, but outside the territories it claims as its own — such as Tibet, Xinjiang, Hong Kong, Inner Mongolia — it does not impose its ideology. It does not impose Communist Party rule.

It was the U.S. under President George W. Bush that preached a global crusade for democracy. It is the United States that today backs color-coded revolutions to overturn regimes in the Balkans, Caucasus and Near East.

It is the United States whose National Endowment for Democracy and its subsidiaries, and government-backed NGOs, interfere incessantly in the internal affairs of other nations to extend our democratist ideology.

Most autocrats are nationalists, not transnational crusaders.

It is not Putin who is dividing the world based on ideology.

It is Biden who sees the world as divided between saints and sinners, democrats and autocrats and, by coercion and conversion, seeks to grow the camp of the saints. Pakistan is invited to the democracy summit, while NATO ally Hungary is blackballed.

In the great power struggle of the present, among America, Russia and China, it is the Americans who are waging relentless ideological wars. And ideological wars often end in shooting wars.

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

### FLASHBACKS

#### DECEMBER 15, 1941

Miss Irene McMichael, Philadelphia Elementary School Supervisor, has been appointed chairman of arrangements for the annual President's Ball in January, by W.M. Prince, chairman of the Neshoba County Infantile Paralysis Chapter.

A very important mass meeting of all citizens has been called for one hour only between 10:00 and 11:00 o'clock on Friday morning, Dec. 12 for the purpose of making plans to raise Neshoba County's quota of the National Campaign for war purposes as announced by the Red Cross.

#### DECEMBER 16, 1951

Dr. J.H. Leigh of this city was named president of the East Mississippi Medical Society at the annual meeting held Thursday night at the Lamar in Meridian. Dr Leigh will serve for the ensuing year.

The local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post has invited Santa Claus to visit Philadelphia Saturday afternoon, December 22 at 2:00 p.m. and parade around the court square. All members of the VFW are inviting all the children of the county to be present that afternoon and parade with Ole Santa.

#### DECEMBER 15, 1961

Play will start tonight in the Neshoba County basketball tournament when the

Rockettes meet the Dekalb girls at 7:00 o'clock, followed by the first boys' game between Philadelphia and Dekalb.

Lucky ticket holders will win a total of \$300 Saturday at the Philadelphia Goodwill.

At the meeting of the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors, held this week, Frank Fancher of Beat 3, was reappointed as Trustee of the Neshoba County Hospital.

#### DECEMBER 17, 1971

Robert Prisock, a Philadelphia attorney, said this week that he would probably be a candidate for Chancery Judge of the Sixth District of Mississippi in the June election.

Neshoba Central throttled West Lauderdale three times here Tuesday night with the varsity boys winning the big one, 90-67.

Agents of the state Alcoholic Beverage Control of Division have made a series of successful raids recently, netting both illegal beer and whiskey.

#### DECEMBER 18, 1981

Two persons have been arrested on charges of illegal possession of alcoholic beverages, said Neshoba County Sheriff Johnny Phillips.

The Philadelphia Elementary School activities building is now under construction and is scheduled to be in operation by Jan. 4.

A new two-hour free parking limit in Philadelphia will

go into effect on Jan. 31 for a three-month trial period.

#### DECEMBER 15, 1991

A boating accident on the Pearl River has claimed the life of a 66-year-old county man.

Philadelphia florist Ruby Yates planted the seeds for her career early in life. Now 50 years later, she's reaping the fruits of her labor with her business that's in full bloom.

#### DECEMBER 15, 2001

Officials from Neshoba, Madison, Leake, and Kemper counties have formed a coalition they hope will help get a section of Mississippi 16 west from Carthage into Canton four-laned as part of a new highway program.

Volunteers for the Neshoba Baptist Center say hundreds of people will be helped with food and clothing over the holidays and that helping people is another way to reach them for Christ.

#### DECEMBER 17, 2011

Four people have been appointed to a non-profit board to plan and maintain a center in Philadelphia to house the country music collection of Marty Staurt.

With nearly 200 Neshoba County families still in need, the deadline has been extended until Tuesday in the 11th annual Plea for the Needy campaign.

CHARLES HURT

## Bob Dole 'a giver, not a taker'

In the cavernous halls of Washington, every occasion is an opportunity for politicians to celebrate themselves. The funeral of the former Senate majority leader Bob Dole — a man whose life was defined by truly selfless sacrifice — was certainly no exception.

Politicians thronged the Capitol Rotunda and the National Cathedral to remember the life of Dole — at least to remember the life of Dole as it related to them. These people might be monstrous failures in everything they do, but at least they are consistent.

President Biden seized the opportunity of Dole's death to tell the story of how he convinced Dole to support his own pet project: the failed federal passenger train service known as Amtrak. Dole devoted his life to serving others while Mr. Biden has devoted his to making you pay for his commute between Washington and his home in Wilmington, Delaware.

Mr. Biden finds this so funny he now tells it as a joke at funerals. And you are still paying for it.

Current Majority Leader Chuck Schumer also used Dole's death as an opportunity to talk about himself, reminding everyone that the most dangerous place in all of Washington is the space between Mr. Schumer and a microphone — even the microphone at somebody else's funeral.

All this self-celebration was particularly off-key considering the man these people were supposed to be remembering.

In World War II, Dole literal-

*Bob Dole's goal every single day was to help at least one person. And, yet, his eternal demeanor was that he had not done enough for those around him.*

ly sacrificed his body — and nearly his life — in the service of others. For the rest of his life, comedians spoofing Dole did so by holding a pen awkwardly in their right hand the same way Dole had to because of his shrapnel-mangled body.

The other thing comedians always lampooned Dole about was his constant reference to himself as "Bob Dole." That was because he was a humble man and found it so uncomfortable to say "I" or talk about "me."

So, it was such a blessing to finally get through all the bloviating self-regard from politicians at the National Cathedral on Friday to finally hear from someone who simply wanted to remember Dole.

In doing so, Dole's daughter, Robin, proved herself to truly be her father's daughter.

She promised to be brief — "to help me make it through this," she said. "And to make Dad smile, because a lot of us in this room know how much he appreciated brevity."

Indeed, Robin stayed strong as she talked about how her father loved his family, loved his hometown of Russell, Kansas, and loved animals.

"Bob Dole was a giver, not a taker," she said. His goal every single day was to help at least one person. And, yet, his eternal demeanor was that he had not done enough for those around him.

Talking about her father's caregivers, Robin's voice quavered. But — like her father standing to salute the casket of a fellow World War II veteran — she held strong.

The only moment she gave way to emotion — just briefly — was as she recalled the recent death of her dog, Cooper.

Isn't that always what gets us most? Oh, the mystery of death and the clarity of faith.

Robin quickly recovered to tell how it was her father who guided her through the grief — and then got her a new puppy!

Even in death, Dole continues to serve others.

One of the ways Dole most famously served his country was with his dry, vicious wit — something badly needed and sorely lacking in Washington.

Robin read from a letter her father wrote before he died in which he confessed that he was "a bit curious to learn if I am correct in thinking that Heaven will look a lot like Kansas."

And, he wrote, "to see, like others who have gone before me, if I will still be able to vote in Chicago."

God bless you, Bob Dole. Thank you for your service. And long may you vote from your eternal resting place.

*Charles Hurt is the opinion editor at The Washington Times.*

### LETTERS

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## OBITUARIES

### Boyd V. Walton Jr.

Boyd V. Walton Jr., age 89, passed away peacefully at home in Birmingham, Alabama on December 9, 2021, surrounded by his loving wife and family.



Boyd Walton Jr.

Born in Linwood, Neshoba County, Mississippi, Boyd attended Linwood Community School where he met his life-long sweetheart, Rachel Spears, in the fourth grade. Their love grew throughout their high school and college years culminating in marriage, January 20, 1951, shortly before Boyd graduated from Mississippi State University.

His work career commenced as a Junior Accountant for Southern Bell in Jackson, Mississippi. His progressions through management resulted in relocations to Knoxville, TN, Atlanta, GA, New York City, NY, Atlanta, GA again, Orlando, FL, and finally Birmingham, AL. Boyd was a developer of managers and enjoyed mentoring and supporting his managers during their career. His signature contribution was spearheading the establishment of the computerized data systems organization for the new South Central Bell company in Birmingham beginning in 1969. When he retired in 1989 at the age of 57, he held the position of Vice President and Comptroller of South Central Bell (Bell-South). Boyd will be remembered for his kindness and generosity.

He was also known as a man of high integrity demonstrated by his actions throughout his life. As a long-time active member and life deacon of the Mountain Brook Baptist Church, he served on the Church Financial Committee leveraging his business experience in the development of formal financial policies and procedures. Boyd loved the game of golf.

With Rachel, he played many of the most famous golf courses in the world. Some of Boyd's favorite courses were in Hawaii, Palm Springs, Ireland, and Scotland. He was a member of The Country Club of Birmingham and the Willow Point Golf & Country Club in Alexander City. For many years he was an active member of the Rollers dogfight group at The Birmingham Country Club. With his background in data systems, he oversaw the mechanization of the Roller golf pairing and score tracking and reporting system.

More than golf, he cherished his family which included children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. His passion was creating lasting family memories by planning special trips and providing a beach condo and lake house for the family to enjoy. This was the highlight of his retirement and greatly appreciated by his family.

Boyd is survived by his wife Rachel of 70 years, son Tommy (Kathy), and daughter Vickie Rader (Dave), grandchildren, Lindsay McClellan (Robert), Lacey Simmons (Jeremy), Rachel Knowlton (Keith), Walton Rader (Margaret), Jonathan Walton, and many loving great-grandchildren; Olivia, Landon, Savannah, Lillian, Shiloh, Rhodes, Ford, Mary Katherine, Florie, Rader, Henry, Faith, Rock, Francie, Spears, and Crawford with one more on the way. Boyd was predeceased by his mother and father, Lillian Thompson Walton and Boyd Vernard Walton, Sr. of Linwood

in Neshoba County, Mississippi; also, predeceasing Boyd was his sister Charlotte June Burnside of Germantown, Tennessee. Boyd gave his undying love to his sweetheart Rachel who in turn provided him with unmatched love and care in his final days on this earth.

A Celebration of Life Service will take place at Mountain Brook Baptist Church Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. A visitation with the family will follow in Hudson Hall. A special thank you to the caregivers at HomeInstead for their loving care and support during his final days.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Boyd's name may be sent to any charity or to Mountain Brook Baptist Church, 3631 Montevallo Road, Birmingham, AL 35213.

### Dale Sheets

Mr. Dale Sheets, age 60, of Laurel Springs passed away Monday morning, November 29, 2021 at Lake Norman Medical Center.



Dale Sheets

Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 2:00pm at Boone Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Russell Sheets and Rev. Joseph Kesslerling officiating. Burial will follow in the Transou Community Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, December 5, 2021 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Boone Family Funeral Home.

Better known to all as Dale. Loving husband, son, brother, uncle, and father. He loved his wife and family more than life itself and was abundantly proud of his nephews. Dale was the strongest, kindest, most loving man that anyone could ask for. He never met a stranger, and would jump at the chance to help anyone and everyone out every opportunity he got. He took great pride in helping others. He was a farmer, mechanic, and a teacher, and by teacher I mean he was always willing to share the infinite amount of knowledge he had with anyone who was willing to learn. His passion was farming and teaching others everything he knew about farming. To say he will be missed would be an understatement, the world will never know a better man than he, and the community will forever weep at the loss of such a man. He's in God's hands now, and we know he's watching over us. We can only strive daily to be more like the man he was. More kind, more loving, and more giving. It's not a goodbye, because we know we shall see him again one day.

Dale is preceded in death by his grandparents; Gordon and Mable Sheets and Henry and Ida Smith.

Mr. Sheets is survived by: his wife, Gail Roten Sheets; a daughter, Jenni Bryant and fiancé Jared Sells, of Laurel Springs; his mother & step father, Doris & Carl Vowell, of Mississippi; a sister, Reimette Foster and husband Eddie of Louisiana; one great niece, and several nieces and nephews also survive.

Pallbearers are Clint Foster, Corporal Aaron Foster, Todd

Greene, Alex Addison, Jared Sells, Will Miller, Paul Payne, and Kelly Clontz.

Memorials may be made to Transou Community Cemetery, 815 Peak Church Road, Laurel Springs, NC 28644.

### Frank Rossomanno

Funeral services for Frank Rossomanno will be held Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 2 pm from McClain-Hays Chapel with Father Darnis officiating. Burial will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday, December 15, 2021 from 1 pm until service time at McClain-Hays Funeral Home.

Mr. Rossomanno, 85, of Philadelphia died Sunday, December 12, 2021.

Frank was a native of St Louis, MO and was a graduate of the University of Missouri and received his BS. He was an Actor his whole life but worked as a teacher in Public Schools and Tribal Schools until his retirement in 2015.

Survivors include wife of 53 years, Joanne Rossomanno of Philadelphia; daughter, Angela Rossomanno (Tony Martin) of Philadelphia; son, Joseph Rossomanno (Kerry Kennedy) of Tuscaloosa; grandchildren, Anna Rossomanno and Rain Kennedy; brother, George Rossomanno of St Louis, MO; a host of nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by brothers, Edward and Pete Rossomanno; sister, Doratea Phillips.

### Wendell Dwight Robertson

Funeral service for Mr. Wendell Dwight Robertson was held at 3 PM Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. John Stephens officiating. Interment will be in Sandtown Cemetery. Visitation was from 2-3 PM Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel. Mr. Robertson, 76, passed away Friday, December 10, 2021 at his home. He enjoyed fishing and boating. He is preceded in death by his wife, Brenda Ann Boler Robertson; parents, Vernon Robertson and Ludie Ila Ward Robertson; brother, Quinton Robertson. Survivors include daughter, Susan (Steve) Claycomb of Brandon; son, Jerry (Beth) Robertson of Brandon; 2 grandchildren. Pallbearers are Kris Robertson, Kevin Robertson, Danny Robertson, Quinton McLemore, Quade McLemore, Josh Robertson.

### Jerrell Dolan Ingram

Graveside service for Mr. Jerrell Dolan Ingram will be held 10 AM Monday, December 20, 2021 at Cedar Lawn Cemetery. With Rev. Mitchell McDonald and Rev. John E. Stephens officiating. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Ingram, 59, passed away Monday, December 6, 2021 in Jackson, MS. He lived in Neshoba

Co. most of his life where he was a Graduate of Neshoba Central and then attended ECJC. He was a member of Southside United Methodist Church. He worked at Rainbow Signs in Jackson for 23 years. Mr. Ingram was currently employed at Allied Locke Industries for the past 6 years. His hobbies were drawing, music, and hot rods. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lester J. Ingram and Lillie Katherine Jenkins Ingram. Survivors include sister, Aleta Ingram Reitcheck (Allen) of Phila; brothers, Lenard Ingram (Mary Anna) of Brandon, Kendall Ingram (Brandie) of Phila., Stanley Ingram (Carla) of FL.; a host of nieces and nephews.

### Harlon Dwight Bell

Funeral service for Mr. Harlon Dwight Bell will be held 10 AM Thursday, December 9, 2021 at Pearl River Facility Building with Rev. Thomas Ben officiating. Interment will be in Hope Indian Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 3 PM Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at the Pearl River Facility Building. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Bell, 68, passed away Monday, December 6, 2021 at University Medical Center in Jackson, MS. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, spending time with family and his dogs, Bear and Luke.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank Bell, Sr. and Ivenia Lewis Bell; sisters, Annie Billie, Judy Billie, Mary Silmon and Melba Smith; brother, Frank Bell, Jr.

Survivors include daughters, Kendall Grisham (Jason) and Chassidy Wilson (Warren); 6 grandchildren, Tenly Grisham, Gracyn Grisham, Kassie Cox, Caden Wilson, Kerri Wilson, Landry Wilson.

Pallbearers are LaBradford Wahwasuck, Cassius Lunderman, Keenan Wahwasuck, Michael Smith, Jad Frazier, Gary Lilly, Nickey Charlie, Wauseka York. Honorary pallbearers are Randy Jimmie, Tony Lilly, Jimmy Ben and Leonard Jimmie.

### Joy Ann McMillian

Funeral services for Ms. Joy Ann McMillian was held at 10 AM Thursday, November 18, 2021 at Tucker Gym with Bro. Ross Crosby officiating. Interment was in the Tucker Community Cemetery. Visitation was at 4 PM Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at the Tucker Gym. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services in charge. Ms. McMillian, 80, passed away on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at her daughter's home in Carthage, MS. She was born in Oklahoma but moved to MS at a young age. She enjoyed beading and sewing. Ms.

McMillian is preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence McMillian; parents; son, James Sampson; sisters, Sarah Jane McMillan, Shirley Ann Thompson. Survivors include daughter, Laura Sam; son, Donovan McMillian; sisters, Shirley Dean Sampson; brother, Jasper Ronald Sampson; 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren.

### Keith Guyton Agent

Memorial service for Mr. Keith Guyton Agent was 10 AM Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. John E. Stephens officiating. Interment in Oak Grove Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel was in charge.

Mr. Agent, 75, passed away Saturday, November 20, 2021 at his home. He lived in the Arlington community most of his life. He worked at Richardson Molding in Maintenance. He was a member of Macedonia Revival Center. His hobby was cutting grass and he loved his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Diane Hughes Agent; parents, Herman Clyde Agent and Winnie Hazel Ferguson Agent; daughter, Diane Michelle Tolbert; sons, Keith Guyton Agent Jr.; brothers, Swinton and Kern Agent.

Survivors include wife, Beverly Agent; sisters, Marie Flowers of L.A., Shearleen Nance of Phila., Elnor Cogland of Tupelo; (7) grandchildren; (6) great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

### Robert L. "Bubba" George

Funeral services for Robert L. "Bubba" George were held Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Randy Caldwell officiating. Burial followed in Tucker Cemetery. Visitation was held at McClain-Hays Funeral Home one hour prior to service.

Robert L. "Bubba" George, 89, died at The Windsor Place in Columbus, MS, on December 10, 2021.

Robert was born on May 10, 1932, to the late Mattie Gibson George and Robert Lee George, and was a longtime resident of Kemper County. He graduated from Cleveland High School and served in the United States Army in Germany. During his lifetime he was employed by the City of Jackson, MS; U. S. Motors of Philadelphia, MS; and MDOT, where he retired with 23 years of service.

In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by seven brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Coweela Harbour George; daughter, Diann (Mike) Carter; son, Robert Michael George; grandchildren, Jesse

Carter, Christopher Carter, Kate-lynn George, and Price George; great-grandchildren, Caleigh Carter, Abbey Carter, Hannah Carter, and Reid Neyman; many nieces, nephews and their families.

Pallbearers are Jim Hedges, Sam Porter, Mike Savell, Patrick Savell, Andrew Savell, and Neill Wood.

### Lee Duett

Funeral services for Lee Duett were held Sunday, December 12, 2021, at 2 pm from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Bill Boykin officiating. Burial followed in Pine Grove Cemetery in the House Community of Neshoba County. Visitation was held Saturday, December 11, 2021, from 5 until 8 pm at McClain-Hays Funeral Home.

Mr. Duett, 30, of Union, MS, died Wednesday, December 8, 2021.

Lee was a native and longtime resident of Neshoba County and attended Newton County School. He formerly worked in construction and at Wal-Mart in Philadelphia. Mr. Duett was Baptist by faith and formerly attended North Crest Baptist Church in Meridian.

Survivors include daughter, Madysn Duett and her mother Brianna Pierce; parents, Diane and Chet Duett; sister, Macie (Tyler) Monk; brother, Gillis Duett; niece, Karter Monk; grandparents, Tommie Cleveland, Chester (Gayle) Duett, Jr.; great-grandmother, Carleen Graham; two special aunts, Donna Killen (Ron) and Mignon (Brian) Hatch.

Also joining Lee in eternity is his special friend, Juan "John Boy" Perez.

Mr. Duett was preceded in death by grandfather, Jerry Killen; step-grandfather, Harvey Cleveland; great-grandparents, Alvis "Monkey" Graham, Claudine and James Gilmer, Etta and Ray Killen, Macie and Chester Duett, Sr.

Pallbearers, Tyler Monk, Elijah Riley, Gillis Duett, Russell Sullivan, Dave Thompson, Blake Page and TJ Killen.



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This time of year we are pointed to the birth of Christ. We can become so familiar with the story that we are not as moved by the wonder of it. These two passages in Isaiah can help with that. The first passage reminds us how terrible the bondage of sin is, the second how amazing the grace of God is.

In Isaiah 42:18-25, Isaiah is speaking about Israel enslaved to sin. Though Israel is the servant of God, she is blind and deaf to the glory of God (verses 18-20). The same language was used in Isaiah 42:6-7 of the Gentile nations throughout the world. Isaiah, like Paul in Romans chapters one and two, accuses Israel of being no more righteous than the pagan nations around her.

The Lord had magnified his "law," or his revealed will to Israel (Isaiah 42:21). God's word and his ways are glorious, but Israel rejected God for the idols of the nations. In our prosperity we are not so aware of the sinfulness of sin, so the Lord frequently uses afflictions to teach his children the evil that is in sin. But though Israel suffered (verses 22-23), she did not see the hand of God in the afflictions (verse 24).

When we think of Christ's coming into the world, we should consider how great an evil sin is that it renders us without hope and without God unless the Son of God intervenes on our behalf. Israel was given great privileges by God. He sent prophets to them, and gave them his word and promises attached to it. Yet they turned away from the living God because of sin.

If a bondage were imposed upon you by an external force which you could not resist, there would be no guilt necessarily implied in your condition. Bondage to sin is truly bondage, yet it is not involuntary; men are bound by the sinful desires of their heart. Isaiah 42:25 shows the sad condition of being under the power of sin. The punishment is great, but it does not humble the Israelites.

Satanic temptations assist in this bondage, but Satan can only allure, he cannot compel. Ungodly influences of other men, corrupt culture, and other things in a fallen world cooperate with this bondage, but man is responsible for his own actions. Nothing but the sinner's own free will causes him to disobey God and not seek

the glory of God. Sin is bondage that makes our inclinations deny the glory of God.

The sinner will never deliver himself from the bondage of sin. It is analogous to the man born blind in John chapter 9. He was delivered from the bondage of blindness by Christ and would not deny him after that. He took no credit for his healing because he knew it was the work of the Lord. The chapter especially shows us the spiritual blindness and bondage of the Jewish leaders.

We need a work in us that only God can do. And if you truly belong to Christ, it is not you but grace that made you to see, and to God you owe all glory. In Isaiah 43:1-7 you are given reasons to glorify God.

First, God made you new spiritually. He gave you new life. In Isaiah 43:1, "Israel" refers to all those who receive the covenant blessings of God. The blessings listed by Isaiah anticipate the work of Christ. The Lord redeemed you. He called you by name, took away your sins, and says "you are mine."

Second, he, the Lord God Almighty, will accompany you through the rest of your journey in this world (Isaiah 42:2). He does not promise his redeemed people they will not go through severe trials (represented here by floods and fire), but he does promise he will be with you through them. That is why they can do you no real harm. If God is for you, who or what can be against you?

In verses 3 and 4 you see how much the Lord values you. There is no price that is too high for the Lord to pay for your ransom (verse 3). You are precious in his sight (verse 4). The Lord says, "I love you." It's a great comfort to the Christian to know God the Father loves you with is the same love he loves the Son of God. These are the unsearchable riches of Christ that he won for his people.

Verses 5-7 teach us that the Lord will call men and women from all corners of the world to salvation and life with him. Christ came into the world for these ends. When you compare the benefits of salvation with the bondage of sin, you are now prepared to sing praises to God over Christ's birth.

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— 1 Peter 3:8 (ESV)

# 2 men killed in Wednesday wreck near House

By DUNCAN DENT  
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Friends and family are remembering a pair of best friends after a fatal accident took their lives and injured the driver last week near House. "Saying goodbye to one of your precious grandchildren is the hardest thing I have ever experienced," Gayle Duett

wrote on Facebook about the loss of her grandson, Chester Lee "Lee" Duett IV, one of the two men killed in the wreck. "We don't question GOD's decision in our lives, but as humans, we don't want to have to say our goodbyes. We love you so much Chester Lee "Lee" Duett, iv." Duett, 30, of 10570 Road

515, and Juan-Manuel Perez, 31, of 118 Wickware Road, Newton, were fatally injured in the accident. The wreck occurred about 11 p.m. when a white Ford pickup they were passengers in left the roadway on Road 515 last Wednesday, according to Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark. Duett was a native and life-

long resident of Neshoba County and attended Newton County Schools. He formerly worked in construction and at Walmart in Philadelphia. He was laid to rest on Sunday, Dec. 12, and his grandmother said that members of the family attended the funeral for Perez the following afternoon. She said Duett and Perez were best friends.

The Sheriff's Office is investigating the fatal wreck. Clark said the vehicle struck a tree when it continued straight off of the roadway on a curve in the road. The driver, Kayla Skinner, 19, of Newton, survived and was transported to Neshoba General. Clark did not know the extent of her injuries as of press time.

Clark said the two men were pronounced dead on the scene. Clark said that two deputies, two EMS units, Philadelphia Fire Rescue 1 and the House Volunteer Fire Department responded to the scene as well as the medical examiner.

# ECCC offering new small engine repair classes

By SCHOOL REPORTS  
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East Central Community College will offer courses in Small Engine Repair and Core & Industrial Maintenance

beginning in January in Philadelphia. Registration is open now through Jan. 10 for Small Engine Repair, which begins Jan. 11, 2022. Classes will meet from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tues-

day nights for 10 consecutive weeks in the Old US Motors Building located at 1224 North Pecan Avenue in Philadelphia. The cost of the class is \$150. Core & Industrial Maintenance begins Jan. 18, 2022.

Classes will meet from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays until all requirements are met at the Integrated Technologies Training Center located at 377 Industrial Drive in Choctaw. Registration is open until Jan.

17. The cost is \$625, and participants must obtain a Silver on the Workkeys test, which will be scheduled once the registration form is received. Financial assistance is available to qualified applicants.

For more information or to register for either class, contact Cody Spence, workforce development coordinator, at cdespence@eccc.edu or 601-389-0832.

## COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

*Neshoba County Jail Docket fro 12/6-12/13*  
• Jeffery Billy, 31, of 102 Duplex Circle; possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia.  
• Tremain Chambers, 47, of 227 Jimbo road, Louisville; hold for other agency.  
• Tarrell Nicole Chickaway, 22, of 542 West Tucker Circle; contempt of court.  
• Taylor Raine Cotton, 23, of 189 Bates Road; public drunk.  
• Daniel Todd Dennington, 39, of 18820 Highway 21 South; motor vehicle theft, simple assault causing bodily injury and domestic violence-

simple assault.  
• Christetta Darilynn Denison, 24, of 759 Hugh Mitchell Road; failure to appear 3X  
• Jaylendra Dixon, 24, of 519 Mills Road, Conehatta; failure to appear, driving under the influence and child endangerment 7X  
• Steven Wayne Gordon, 30, 223 Muscadine Lane, West Monroe; Louisiana, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle  
• Robert Lee Hayes, 32, of 26 Avenue Apartment B, Meridian; speeding-more than 20 miles over  
• Tabathe Hickman, 40, 312 Bogue Chitto Circle; DUI

and driving under a suspended license  
• Warren Lee Isaac, 41, of 180 Willis Road; contempt of court  
• Steven Kirkland, 53, of 10861 Road 751; contempt of court  
• Elliott W. Leach, 38, of 399 Clyde Avenue; contempt of court  
• Dennis Loggins, 36, of 12033 Road 212; domestic violence-simple assault  
• Trevor Lavelle McKenzie, 29, of 10511 Road 632; driving under a suspended license  
• Jason Reed, 38, of 11470 Road 149; failure to appear

• Jonathan Eugen Smith, 39, of 26066 Highway 12, Lexington; DUI  
• Karen Frazier Solomon, 52, of 176 Cemetary Road; contempt of court and DUI  
• Patty Steve, 48, of 197 Rolling Hills; DUI  
• Meshi Ohotonna Thomas, 36, of 123 Bogue Chito Drive; public drunk, littering and disorderly conduct  
• Patrick Tubby, 48, of 128 Farmer Road; driving under a suspended license  
• Henry Warren, 36, of 11590 Highway 482 lot 5; probation violation  
• Zachariah Wesley, 42, of 123 Bogue Chitto Drive; con-

tempt of court  
• Sandra Wilcher, 59, of 537 Wells Street; possession of a controlled substance and public drunk  
• Samuel C. Bell, 40, of 119 Mashula Lane; public drunk, possession of a controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia  
• Nicholas Burnside, 40, of 318 MLK Drive; Ddi, careless driving and driving without a drivers license  
• Tressie M. Charlie, 45, of 163 Tucker Cutoff Road; public drunk and unlawful possession of alcoholic beverages  
• John. T. Coghlan, 27, of 7453 Ebenezer Road,

Carthage; contempt of court  
• Brian Frazier, 42, of 163 tucker Cutoff Road; no insurance, public drunk, DUI and driving on the wrong side of the road  
• Cordero Jackson, 41, of 10500 Road 747; public drunk  
• Heather Jensen, 43, of 10090 road 383; public drunk  
• Kaytlin T. Peeples, 23, of 1012 East Myrtle Street; misdemeanor-malicious mischief, simple assault, bench warrant  
• Samuel Wallace, 38, of 102 Duplex Circle; contempt of court

## Center

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When completed, officials have said there will also be classrooms, a community hall, event space and a rooftop performance venue. The Congress of Country Music will include international traveled artifacts, memorabilia, photography folk art and Native American programming, officials have said. Work began in October on a \$4 million state-funded renova-

tion of the now gutted Ellis Theater, the old theater building where Stuart and his friends went to the movies while growing up in Philadelphia. The Ellis is the first of four phases Stuart has set into motion. Aldermen last week also approved a resolution to adopt and implement a TIF plan on the south side of Highway 16 for Doc's Toyota dealership to pay for infrastructure. Formerly known as Bullock's Toyota, the dealership will be relocating to Philadelphia from Louisville in 2022. In other actions, aldermen voted to:

• Approve the minutes from the previous meeting and the claims docket.  
• Approve raising Sanitation Department employee Blake Howell's pay. Howell recently passed the test to become certified as a Class 1 Rubbish Site operator, a much-needed position at the landfill. The vote was 4-1, with Alderman At Large Robert Waltman voting no.  
• Approve the transfer of Arthur Breakfield from the Cemetery Department to Animal Control. Kevin Wilson is transferring from Animal Control to the Street Department. Aldermen also terminated

Robert Windham from Animal Control.  
• Accept the resignation of Paris Griffin from the Police Department.  
• Approve hiring James Stal-sup as a firefighter for the Fire Department. They accepted the resignation of Christian Breedlove from the Fire Department.

• Approve the city's property and casualty insurance with Philadelphia Security Insurance for 2022.  
• Approve the city's employee health plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield through Philadelphia Security Insurance, including gap coverage.  
• Accept around \$30,000 as the city's part in a statewide opi-

oid lawsuit settlement. The money will go into the general fund.  
• Approve the purchase of a MSWIN radio for the building inspector.  
• Approve a request to close the sidewalk area in front of the Yates Deli on Main Street across from the Courthouse while repairs are made.

## Gym

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"There is nothing but a roof and parts of the gym floor," Clearman said, "The historical registry limits us from what we can do cosmetically to this building. That was a nice picture that was in the Democrat a few weeks ago, but it isn't going to look like this. We have spent all of this money, and I don't have anything that tells me what the future holds for Booker T." The project started back in February under the previous board. All current board members, except for Fulton, are new board members and were not in on the discussions before July. Darron Warren, project manager for Waggoner, explained decisions had to be made to keep the city within its financial means. He confirmed that the building could not be altered structurally because of the historical designations. He said the renovation plans had been approved by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. "Plans have been developed, and we have been in contact with the mayor," Warren said. "We couldn't bid the project without plans. "When we started out, the

scope of work did include the roof, gym floor and replacing doors and windows. Restroom renovations, ADA compliance, and air conditioning were included; all of that was included in our design. "When we presented the cost, we were instructed about concerns of funding the city had allocated. At that time, discussions became what we can look at in terms of prioritizing what we can realistically take care of now. "The picture in the paper was a rendering showing what the final product as far as the outside of the building would look like once the brick was cleaned and repainted and once the doors and windows were replaced." All board members now have blueprints and other information. The board will decide in future meetings what action to take on the project. But how they actually pay for it has come into question. When the previous board passed a \$1.5 million bond issue they'd said that may help pay for the renovations, but it turns out that's not allowed in the way the bond issue is written. "The bond issue was separated into two parts, \$875,000 and \$325,000," said City Attorney Robert Thomas. "\$825,000 of \$1.2 million was sold tax-free to

attract buyers. This money cannot be used on city-owned buildings. It had to go for infrastructure and paving. "The \$325,000 can be used for anything. That money was used for repairs to the U.S. Motors building and Wells Lamont. The \$325,000 could have been used on Booker T., but it was already used. The \$825,000 could never be used on the Booker T. because it was tax-free." Young has said the city would apply for federal money through the COVID-19 relief money that is expected. "I think they are comfortable now they can do that with the COVID money," Thomas said. "Other municipalities are using it for this type of project. You submit the application, and they either approve it or not approve it." The city also received news Friday from the Governor's office that a Community Development Block Grant application totaling \$217,200 for ADA restrooms and gym access for the project has been approved. The city has also applied for a grant through the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and is awaiting word on its status.

## Wreck

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Two other passengers, Haily Jefferson and Jerinell Jefferson, received moderate injuries and were transported to Choctaw Health Center. A 2016 Toyota Camry driven by Wesley was northbound when the car left the road and hit a tree, the MHP said. The accident was reported at 3:31 p.m. near the intersection of Road 438. "This crash remains under investigation by the Mississippi Highway Patrol," Moore said.

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# Pilgrim loves to cook for her family

By COLEMAN EAKES  
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**A**lana Pilgrim loves food and always has.

Her grandmother, Doris Bounds, used to own a restaurant called The Café in DeKalb.

On the weekends, she would go and help out in the kitchen and watch her grandmother cook, which is how she learned to cook.

Her grandmother also taught her a lot about baking pies, which she enjoys.

Pilgrim's mother, Marie Davis, was also a big cook.

"My mom would always have every meal cooked for us even though she worked a full-time job," Pilgrim said.

Davis worked as a Medicaid specialist and always had a meal ready for Pilgrim and her three siblings.

Like most Southern families, Pilgrim said they eat lots of fried food such as fried chicken and fried pork chops, which were the staples her mother cooked for them when they were growing up.

"I still call my mom to this day if I have a question when I'm cooking," Pilgrim said.

While Pilgrim loves to cook, more importantly, she loves to eat, especially as a family.

Pilgrim loves to eat spaghetti, which is her daughter Piper's favorite.

"I love pasta!" Pilgrim said. "I know it's bad for you, but it is so good. I love shrimp alfredo!"

Pilgrim said she loves it when her husband, Cody, cooks breakfast, including pancakes, eggs and bacon. She also loves for him to cook hamburger steak.

Pilgrim grew up in Philadelphia, where she still lives today with her husband of 10 years, Cody Pilgrim, and their two children Piper and Parker.

Pilgrim works as a physical therapy assistant and has worked for 13 years at performance therapy. Cody has been a fireman for eight years. He also restores old trucks and sells them.



Alana Pilgrim with her children Piper and Parker

## COOK OF THE WEEK

### LEMON ICE BOX PIE

**Ingredients:**  
1 Can Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk  
3 Egg Yolks — Discard Whites  
½ Cup lemon juice  
18oz Cool Whip — thawed  
1 Graham Cracker Crust — 9-inches

**Directions:**

Combine egg yolks and milk. Stir in lemon juice. Pour into crust. Bake at 350F for 10 minutes. Refrigerate until set. Top with cool whip.

### GRATIN POTATOES

**Ingredients:**  
3 Large baking potatoes — peeled and thinly sliced  
1 Quart whipping cream  
2 Garlic cloves minced  
2 Tsp salt  
½ Tsp pepper

**Directions:**  
Layer potato slices in a buttered 13x9 pan. Stir together cream and other

ingredients. Open cream and add seasonings to the carton and shake well. Pour mixture over potatoes. Bake at 400F for 50 minutes or until potatoes are tender and the mixture is bubbly and golden.

### CHEESY CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

**Ingredients:**  
1 Rotisserie chicken  
1 Pack taco seasoning  
8 oz cream cheese  
1 Can Rotel Tomatoes  
8 Tortillas  
2 cups whipping cream  
2 cups shredded cheese

**Instructions:**  
Preheat 350F. Combine chicken, season, add in Rotel tomatoes and cream cheese. Stir until cream cheese is melted. Spoon chicken mixture into tortilla shells and fold seam down in 9 x 13 dish. Pour whip cream on top and sprinkle with cheese. Cool 20 minutes.

### HAMBURGER SOUP

**Ingredients:**  
1lb Ground beef  
1 small onion finely diced  
2 cloves garlic  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 cups peeled and chopped

Yukon yellow potatoes chopped into small pieces (1/2 inch)  
2 Cans (14.5oz each) Beef Broth  
1 Can (10oz) condensed tomato soup  
1 Can (15oz) petite diced tomatoes — do not drain  
1 Bag (16oz) frozen mixed vegetables  
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 teaspoon dried parsley  
½ teaspoon dried basil

**Instructions:**  
In a soup pot, over medium-high heat, brown the

ground beef, onion, garlic, and salt until no longer pink. Break up meat in crumbles as it cooks. Add chopped potatoes, beef broth, tomato soup, diced tomatoes, frozen vegetables, Worcestershire sauce, and the seasonings. Stir to combine. Bring to a boil. Once boiling, cover with a lid and reduce heat to medium-low. Let simmer for at least 30 minutes for the flavors to combine and the soup to become thicker. Before serving, taste the soup after the simmer time and add additional salts as needed.

## Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS  
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The weekend after Thanksgiving brought some precious visitors to Bobby and Joyce Hardy. Their twin great-grandchildren, Olivia and Levi Dennis, came from Nashville with their parents, Daniel and Madison Hardy Dennis.

It was such fun to have them in the Hardy's home which came to life with laughter and busy little people. The Hardys took them to their camp house to fish. It was a new experience for Levi and Olivia. Their mother caught 6 fish with a cane pole in the huge pond. Joyce and Olivia sat in the swing on the screened porch and shared some precious time together. It was such a pleasant time, but as always, time passed too quickly. So happy for Joyce and Bobby!

Philadelphia High School's Senior English teacher, Anna Fisackerly, is one of five graduates at Mississippi State University Meridian campus who was recognized as an outstanding student for the 2021 fall semester. She was selected Outstanding Graduate Student for the Division of Education.

As a recipient of the 2019 Golden Apple Award, a local program recognizing outstanding educators in east Mississippi and west Alabama, she received a scholarship for a graduate class at MSU Meridian in addition to cash and other prizes. After completing her first class, she ended up pursuing an educational specialist degree which she completed in August. She was recognized at MSU Meridian's 2021 Fall Commencement on December 9 at the MSU Riley Center. Congratulations!

Neshoba Central alum, Jarquez Hunter, was named to the All-SEC Freshman Team. He is a 2021 graduate of NCHS and is a freshman at Auburn University. He has had a great freshman season playing for the Auburn Tigers this year.

June Jackson Nowell was the hostess for a Christmas luncheon for the Second Wednesday Bridge Club in her lovely home on December 8.

Red poinsettias added bright spots of color to many strategic places around the entire house. A Christmas tree graced the den while red bows and candlesticks added a festive touch to the mantle. An arrangement of red carnations was the centerpiece on the dining table with gold chargers at each place. A delicious lunch was served followed by a multi-layered caramel cake.

Following lunch, guests settled down for an afternoon of bridge. There was much laughter and chatter as everyone enjoyed themselves. It was such a pleasant event.

Those attending besides the hostess, June Nowell, were Carol Oliphant, Pat Thomasson, Phoebe Henson, Marianne Enochs, Joyce Dansby, Jan Cooper, and Susan King.

State Farm Bureau recognized Paris Hantzis of Philadelphia High School as Player of the Week. Paris is a member of the Tornadoes soccer team. Douglas Young was also recognized as Player of the Week for the Tornadoes soccer team. Reese Mingo was selected as basketball Player of the Week from Philadelphia High School. Mattie Hudson, local State Farm agent, presented each stu-

dent with a T-shirt. Congratulations!

It was truly a thankful Thanksgiving for Zach and Windee Wells Sanders this year. Their son, Blake, who has been away in training for 158 days, graduated from USAF Security Forces Academy with Special Distinction recently and came home on leave. He had been away for 158 days and his family was so happy to have him home. He will begin college in January at East Central Community College and continue to serve in the Air National Guard. Max, his lab, was ecstatic to see him.

Clay Sanders has completed and passed all of his courses in his second semester of nursing school at the W where he is pursuing a Bachelor of Nursing degree. He also celebrated his 20th birthday. Congratulations to both brothers!

Congratulations to another of Philadelphia's favorite couples, Jimmy and Phyllis Prince, who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 4. Their actual date was Dec 1. They have contributed so much to our community through the years and set an exemplary example for their children.

They celebrated with their children and grandchildren at Two Rivers Restaurant in Canton where everyone enjoyed a delectable dinner and joyous fellowship.

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**Rotary Club Students of the Month recognized**

The Rotary Club of Philadelphia was honored to recognize three of our local high school students as the December 2021 Students of the Month at today's meeting. From left are, Kayla Farmer, Choctaw Central High School; T'Kenzley Moore, Philadelphia High School; and Faith Shumaker, Neshoba Central High School. At right is Elizabeth Frohse, Rotary Club president. Not pictured is Tammye Jones, student of the month coordinator. A special thank you to the school counselors who came to support these students.

# Engagements

## Hadley Mars Chalmers to wed Adam Harrier June 18



Hadley Mars Chalmers and Adam Thomas Harrier

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Burt Chalmers, of Philadelphia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Hadley Mars, to Adam Thomas Harrier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Michael Harrier, of Richmond, Virginia.

The private wedding will be held Saturday, the eighteenth of June, two thousand twenty-two, at 6:30 p.m. at Cherry Level Place.

Ms. Chalmers is the granddaughter of Mr. Stephen Paul Chalmers, of Falmouth, Massachusetts,

the late Mr. and Mrs. William Montgomery Mars, of Philadelphia, and the late Mrs. Janet Burt Chalmers of Falmouth, Massachusetts.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Philadelphia High School and a graduate of Colorado State University, in Fort Collins, Colorado where she received a Bachelor of Equine Science. She's currently in graduate school at Mississippi College and applying for veterinary schools.

Mr. Harrier is the grand-

son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Charles Harrier, of Richmond, Virginia, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Joseph Nichols III, of Kilmarnock, Virginia.

The bridegroom is a graduate of James River High School, in Richmond, Virginia and a graduate of Radford University in Radford, Virginia, where he received a Business Management Degree. Mr. Harrier is employed by Yates Construction.

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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

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Philadelphia, MS 39350

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For program info/enroll a child, call Jermaine Harris, County Unit Director, 601-880-6322.



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# Of Local Interest

**LINWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
Linwood Volunteer Fire Department will be changing

the day and time of our monthly board meetings to the third Tuesday of every month, beginning at 5:30

p.m. This is our regular board meeting that is open to the public.

**CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY**  
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**CHAPTER 13 BANKRUPTCY**  
Court Fees Up Front  
**Jim Arnold, Attorney**  
601-656-6914

**CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**  
Pastor Geneva Blunt and the Shield of Faith Ministries would like to invite you and your church family to our 13th year church anniversary. This event will be held on December 19th at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Pastor Chris Spivey of Greenleaf Church in Ludlow, MS and Common Grounds Ministry in Carthage, MS. Please come help us lift up the name of Jesus.

Please join us for our  
**Christmas Service**  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021  
Sunday School @ 10 a.m. & Service @ 11 a.m.

**Coldwater Baptist Church**

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.  
Luke 2:11



Coldwater Baptist Church  
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**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIE MARVIN ANDERSON, DECEASED**

**CIVIL ACTION NO: 2021-168**

**TERRY W. ANDERSON ADMINISTRATOR**

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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

You have been made a Respondent in the Motion to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Terry W. Anderson, Administrator, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-at-law of Willie Marvin Anderson, deceased, as fully set out in the Motion on file in the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Motion to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 9th day of February, 2022, in the courthouse of Neshoba County in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 9th day of December, 2021.

Guy Nowell, Chancery Court Clerk  
Neshoba County, Mississippi

BY:/s/ K Greer DC  
D.C.

Douglas J. Graham  
Settlemyres & Graham  
410 East Beacon Street  
Philadelphia, MS 39350  
601-656-9597  
MSBN 101965

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids will be received in the Neshoba County School District office, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 39350 until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, for:

**Neshoba Central HVAC, Restrooms, Doors, and Windows Replacement (PHASE III)**  
**Neshoba County School District (Philadelphia, Mississippi)**

P & M Project Number: 2021104

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](http://www.pryor-morrowplans.com) to view and order Bid Documents. All planholders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. Electronic bids are not required; however, a submission of an electronic bid in lieu of a sealed bid shall be submitted at [www.pryor-morrowplans.com](http://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, non 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.

Publish: Wednesday, December 15, 2021  
Wednesday, December 22, 2021

**CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TASHA DIANE SAM, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2021-498**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Public Notices

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 14th day of September, 2021, by the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned upon the Estate of Tasha Diane Sam, 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 30th day of November, 2021.

/s/ Karren L. Sam  
Karren Sam,  
Administrator of the Estate of Tasha Diane Sam, deceased

**SUBMITTED BY:**  
Kevin W. Brady, MSB 100753  
Choctaw Legal Defense  
P.O. Box 6255  
Choctaw, Mississippi 39350  
Phone: (601) 650-7449  
Attorney for Administrator

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

**IN THE MATTER OF UNBORN CHILD FELTER, Deceased**

**CAUSE NO.: 21-CV-00331-KK CRYSTAL FELTER, Petitioner**

**RULE 81 SUMMONS**

**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**TO:** The known and unknown Heirs-at-Law under the provisions of Sections 91-1-27 and 29 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as Annotated and Amended, of UNBORN CHILD FELTER, Deceased, and any other person or party claiming any legal or equitable interest in and to the Estate of UNBORN CHILD FELTER, Deceased.

You have been made a Respondent to the Petition to Determine Heirs-at-Law and Wrongful Death Beneficiaries of UNBORN CHILD FELTER, filed in this Court by CRYSTAL FELTER on November 19, 2021.

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND COMMANDED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR BEFORE THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AT THE NESHOBACOUNTY CHANCERY COURTHOUSE IN PHILADELPHIA MISSISSIPPI, ON THE 25TH DAY OF JANUARY 2022, AT 9:00 A.M. TO RESPOND TO SAID PETITION AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE RELIEF SOUGHT AND PRAYED FOR IN THE PETITION TO DETERMINE HEIRS-AT-LAW AND WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF UNBORN CHILD FELTER, SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT OR PETITION.**

**YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE AN ANSWER OR OTHER PLEADING, BUT YOU MAY DO SO IF YOU DESIRE.** ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT this the 8th day of December, 2021.  
Guy Nowell, Neshoba County Chancery Clerk

**Publish Three Times.** BY: K Greer, D.C.  
**Issued at the Request of:** Pamela L. Castle (MSB #9829) BRYAN NELSON P.A. 109 Fairfield Drive (39402) Post Office Drawer 18109 Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39404-8109 Telephone: (601)296-9013 Facsimile: (601)261-4106 Email: PCastle@bnlawfirm.com

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THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

**TO:** The unknown Wrongful Death Beneficiaries under the provisions of Section 11-7-13 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as Annotated and Amended, of UNBORN CHILD FELTER, Deceased, and any other person or party claiming to be a wrongful death beneficiary of UNBORN CHILD FELTER, Deceased. You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Crystal Felter, Petitioner, seeking a determination of the Wrongful Death Beneficiaries of UNBORN CHILD FELTER, Deceased. Respondents other than you in this action are none. You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the *Petition to Determine Heirs-at-Law and Wrongful Death Beneficiaries* to Jerald D. Crawford, attorney for Petitioner whose mailing address is 162 E Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201-2118, and whose street address is 162 E Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201-2118. Your response must be mailed or delivered within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this summons. If your response is not mailed or delivered, a judgment by default will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

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 the 8th day of December, 2021.  
Guy Nowell  
Neshoba County Chancery Clerk (seal)  
BY: K Greer D.C.  
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**SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE**

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2006, Justin C. Stovall and Heather Thompson Stovall executed a Land Deed of Trust to L. Scott Pickle, Trustee for the benefit of First Financial Bank, Beneficiary, which Deed of Trust is filed for record in Book 2006 at Page 8998 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi ("Deed of Trust 1"); and WHEREAS, on September 27, 2006, Justin C. Stovall and Heather Thompson Stovall executed a Land Deed of Trust to L. Scott Pickle, Trustee for the benefit of First Financial Bank, Beneficiary, which Deed of Trust is filed for record in Book 2006 at Page 9010 in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk ("Deed of Trust 2"); and WHEREAS, on October 22, 2008, Justin C. Stovall and Heather Thompson Stovall executed a Deed of Trust to L. Scott Pickle, Trustee for the benefit of First Financial Bank, Beneficiary, which Deed of Trust is filed for record in Book 2010 at Page 1239 in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk ("Deed of Trust 4") (Deed of Trust 1, Deed of Trust 2, Deed of Trust 3, and Deed of Trust 4 are collectively referred to as the "Deeds of Trust"); and WHEREAS, the Deeds of Trust authorized the appointment and substitution of another Trustee in the place of the Trustee named in the Deeds of Trust or subsequently substituted therein, and First Financial Bank appointed and substituted Chad J. Hammons as Trustee therein, by instrument dated June 7, 2022, and duly filed for record in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2021 at Page 5015; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the terms and conditions of the Deeds of Trust, and the entire indebtedness secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable pursuant to the terms of the Deeds of Trust, and First Financial Bank, the holder of the notes and the Deeds of Trust, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee so to do, I will, on the 7th day of January, 2022, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during legal hours, being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at the north door of the County Courthouse of Neshoba County at 401 Beacon Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, for cash to the highest and best bidder, the following described land and property lying and being situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

**TRACT ONE:** W 1/2 of NE 1/4, Section 29, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, containing 80 acres, more or less.  
**TRACT TWO:** Begin where the South line of County Road No. 814 crosses the East line of the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, and thence run Northwestward along the road 620 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run Southwesterly perpendicular to the road 210 feet; thence run Northwestward parallel to the road 210 feet; thence run Northeastward perpendicular to the road 210 feet; thence run Southeastward along the road 210 feet to the Point of Beginning, being 1.4 acres, more or less, in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.  
**TRACT THREE:** Commence where the South line of Road 814 intersects the East line of the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, and thence run Northwestward along the road 620 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run Southwesterly perpendicular to the road 210 feet; thence run Northwestward parallel to the road 210 feet; thence run Northeastward perpendicular to the road 210 feet; thence run Southeastward along the road 210 feet to the Point of Beginning, being 1.4 acres, more or less, in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.  
**TRACT FOUR:** All of the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 East of County Road No. 814, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, containing 38 acres, more or less, Neshoba County, Mississippi.  
**TRACT FIVE:** Begin where the East line of County Road 814 crosses the South line of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East; run thence North along the East line of Road 230 feet; thence East 300 feet; thence South parallel to road 230 feet; thence West 300 feet to the point of beginning, being 1.58 acres, more or less, in the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.  
**TRACT SIX:** The SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.  
**LESS AND EXCEPT:** Begin where the East line of County Road 814 crosses the South line of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East; then run South 210 feet; then run West 210 feet; then run North 380 feet to the South line of County Road No. 814; then run in a Southeastward direction along the South line of road 260 feet to the point of beginning, being 1.4 acres, more or less, in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.  
**ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT:** Begin where the North line of County Road No. 814 intersects the West line of the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, thence run North 540 feet to the Northwest Corner of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4; thence run East 170 feet; thence run South 400 feet to the North right of way of Road No. 814; thence run in a Southwesterly direction along the North right of way of Road No. 814, to the Point of Beginning, being 1.8 acres, more or less, in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.  
**ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT:** Commence where the South line of Road 814 intersects the East line of the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, and thence run Northwestward along the road 620 feet to the Point of Be-

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FELDER RUSHING

# How to embrace, overcome seasonal emotions

By FELDER RUSHING  
Special to the Democrat

Seasonal changes throw us across emotional thresholds we would just as soon not exist. But they're just gates to step through.

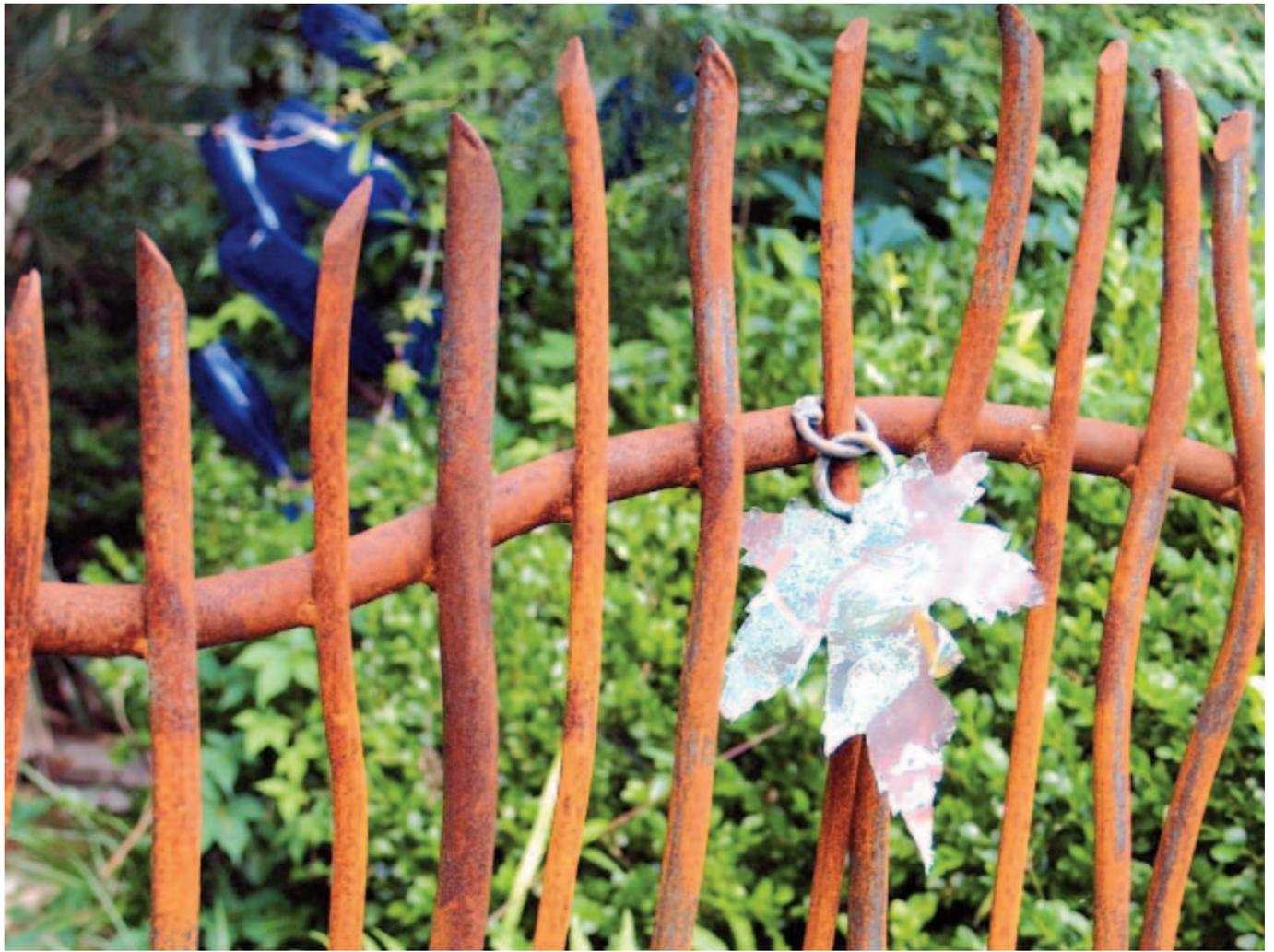
I try to balance straightforward how-to garden columns with more thoughtful what're-we-doing-here ditties. This is one addresses how, when handling dramatic seasonal changes, we either step across and embrace the new, or get dragged, weeping over the losses.

In her book *The Solace of Open Spaces*, Gretel Ehrlich admits that in this season she feels "a double voice: one says everything is ripe, the other says everything is dying. The paradox is exquisite."

It's like having flowers with caterpillars. I'm dismayed when I lose my investment in money, effort, and time in the garden, and use netting to protect what I can. But monarch butterflies can't survive without milkweed for their larvae to feed on, and gulf fritillaries depend on passionflower vines; mentally accepting that caterpillars are as important as butterflies and knowing that the flowers will be back next year, but the butterflies won't if I don't help them (it's not up to someone else), I share my toys. I calm myself by looking at them closely, appreciating how my garden supports wildlife.

But back to dealing with the oncoming Winter. A lot of non-native flowers and veggies are still going full-tilt boogie when a freeze finally cuts them down. And for those of us passionately attached to seasonal flowers, the dramatic gap left when tomatoes, elephant ears, zinnias, lantana, ornamental sweet potatoes, and canna melt into greenish-brown goo can easily be heart-breaking.

This sort of threshold, by the way, is called a limen, and our natural thoughts and emotions are very similar to those "betwixt and between" feelings we share during the countdown on New Year's Eve. And flying in an airplane,



Seasons are just for gates.

suspended between two distinct places. And while going through a garden gate.

Luckily, on top of gorgeous displays of Autumn foliage and newly colored up berries, we Southerners are cheered on by gorgeous fall-flowering sasanqua camellias, fragrant sweet olive and eleanus, colorful winter-migrant birds, and a few very early paper-white narcissus. And even the required raking of leaves is psychological; by forcing us

to deal physically with the change, it gives us the time and opportunity to ponder the impermanence of it all.

So, ponder this: By paying ritualistic attention to little details, Japanese gardeners celebrate changes. They deliberately embrace how beauty is almost always tinged with sadness - even as cherry trees are in full bloom, they take time to pick up and examine fallen petals. I scatter old, weathered objects in my gar-

den as a subtle nod to rustic impermanence.

Their term for this sensitivity to ephemeral, impermanent events is mono no aware; it is the "ahh" or "ooh" response of watching a sunset, seeing shooting stars or fireworks, coming across sweet new flowers, or whiffing a passing evening fragrance.

This mindful, moment-to-moment awareness, paying attention to things we ordinarily never give a moment's

thought to, keeps us conscious of here-and-now, of where we are rather than stumbling from one event to another. Awareness of the transience of all things, while embracing the sadness at their passing, also heightens appreciation of their beauty.

This season is a hard transition from summer glory and warmth to cold winds and rain and only a few of the hardest flowers venturing forth. How we handle the change, our

rites of passage, help mark and celebrate the cycle of nature.

Instead of fretting, make liminal lemonade. Savor the change by kicking some leaves, look closely at a camellia, and trust there to be daffodils on the other side.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF NESHOPA

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 17, 2010, executed by ROMA JEAN BARRETT, CHARLES BARRETT, conveying certain real property therein described to MICHAEL LYON, as Trustee, for ONE REVERSE MORTGAGE, LLC, Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi filed and recorded October 8, 2010, in Deed Book 2010, Page 7451; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; and WHEREAS, Ruben Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee; and NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on **January 5, 2022** within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the north door of the Courthouse proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified

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funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to wit:

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

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# Sports

## Rebelettes rebound as Rebels struggle on the court

By **ROBBIE ROBERTSON**  
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After seeing their winning streak end last week, the Leake Academy Rebelettes started another one this past week.

The Rebelettes picked up three wins this past week, beating Park Place 66-26 on Tuesday and Lamar School 71-47 on Friday in district play. Leake finished the week with a big 61-37 win over previously unbeaten Jackson Prep on Saturday to improve to 15-1 on the season.

The Rebels lost all three games this past week as they fell 70-61 to Park Place in overtime and then dropped a tough 65-61 loss to Lamar School on Friday. Then finished the week with a 61-45 loss to Jackson Prep.

Leake only has one game scheduled this week as they will travel to East Rankin on Friday. The following week, they will play Bayou Academy on Monday, Dec. 20, and Madison-Ridgeland Academy on Tuesday, Dec. 21, at the Kirk Academy Tournament.

### Rebelettes 61 Jackson Prep 37

The Rebels outscored the Lady Patriots in every period to hand Prep its first loss with a 24-point win.

Leake led 13-6 at the end of the first and outscored Prep 14-11 in the second to lead 27-17 at the half. Leake put the game away in the third by outscoring Prep 16-4 in the third to lead 53-21 going into the fourth. Leake also outscored Prep 18-16 in the fourth for the final margin.

Leake was 11-of-25 from the 3-point line and 12-of-14 from the free-throw line in the contest.

Miriam Prince led Leake with 21 points, six assists and four rebounds, while Emeri Warren had 15 points and 11 rebounds for a double-double. Morgan Freeny had 11 points, four assists and three rebounds, while Katy Jones had eight points and 10 rebounds. Grace Maxey had six points and five rebounds, while Allen Kacey Wilcox pulled down seven rebounds.

### Jackson Prep boys 61 Rebels 45

The Patriots outscored the Rebels in each of the first three periods and took a 16-point win.

Prep led 17-12 at the end of the first and 29-17 at the half. Prep took the third period 15-9 and led 44-26 going to the fourth. Leake outscored Prep 19-17 in the fourth to take the win.

Jake Freeny led Leake with 11 points while Whitt Welch had 10 points. Gavin White had 10 points while Aiden Watkins had 6 points, and Rhett Atkinson added five points.

### Rebelettes 66 Park Place 26

The Rebelettes dominated the early action and cruised to a 40-point win over the Lady Crusaders on Tuesday to open district play.

Leake outscored Park Place 32-2 at the end of the first period and outscored the Lady Crusaders 11-4 in the second to lead 43-6 at the half. Park Place outscored Leake 14-7 in the third to cut the lead to 50-20 going into the fourth. Leake took the fourth



Photo by JENNY DABBS

Leake Academy's Rhett Atkinson puts up a shot against Lamar in prep basketball action last week.

16-6 for the final margin.

Miriam Prince led Leake with 14 points, three rebounds, three steals and two assists. Grace Maxey had seven points and four steals, while Raylea Atkinson also had seven points. Emeri Warren had six points, four rebounds and three steals, while Katy Jones had 6 points and three rebounds. Morgan Freeny also had 6 points, while Miley Billie and Olivia Rudolph each had 4 points apiece.

### Park Place 70 Rebels 61

The Crusaders needed overtime as they took a nine-point win over the Rebels in district play on Tuesday.

Park Place led 17-12 at the end of the first, but Leake outscored the Crusaders 17-10 in the second to lead 29-27 at the half. Park Place outscored Leake 15-14 in the third and 14-13 in the fourth to force overtime tied at 56 apiece. Park Place outscored Leake 14-5 in the fifth for the final margin.

Whitt Welch led Leake with 23 points while Jake Freeny had 15 points. Henry Dabbs and Aiden Watkins each had eight points apiece.

### Rebelettes 71 Lamar School 47

The Rebelettes used a big second period to pull away from the Lady Raiders and take a 24-point win on Friday in district play.

Leake led just 14-6 at the end of the first period but then outscored Lamar 30-14 to lead 44-20 at the half. Leake continued to add to its total by outscoring Lamar 21-12 in the third to lead 65-32 going into the fourth period. Lamar claimed the fourth period 15-6 for the final margin.

Miriam Prince led Leake with 20 points, seven steals and seven assists, while Morgan Freeny had 16 points and four assists. Emeri Warren had nine points, four rebounds and four steals. Katy Jones had six points and 10 rebounds, while Grace Maxey had

six points. Marleigh Myers also came off the bench to chip in six points, while Allen Kaye Wilcox added five points.

### Lamar boys 65 Rebels 61

The Raiders used a big second period and held on to take a four-point win over the Rebels on Friday in district play.

Leake led 16-12 at the end of the first period, but Lamar outscored the Rebels 19-11 in the second to lead 31-27 at the half. Leake Academy outscored Lamar 23-21 in the third to cut the lead to 52-50 going to the fourth. In a back-and-forth final period, Lamar used a 13-11 advantage to take the four-point win.

Whitt Welch led Leake with 20 points while Jake Freeny had 11 points. Rhett Atkinson had nine points, while Aiden Watkins had 8 points, and Gavin White added 7 points.

## 4 Rockets football players lead North All-Star team

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Three senior football players from Neshoba Central will be playing in the 73rd Bernard Blackwell All Star Football Classic Saturday at Joseph Milner Stadium, Lindy Callahan Field, in Gulfport.

Eli Anderson will be one of the quarterbacks for the North team. One of his favorite receivers, Ja'Naylon Dupree, is also on the North team. Maxton Woodward will be anchoring the defensive line for the North.

Neshoba Central coach Patrick Schoolar will be an assistant coach for the North.

The game kicks off at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. General admission tickets will be available at the gate for \$10 per person, with all seats general admission.

The Bernard Blackwell All Star Football Classic is formerly known as the Mississippi High School All Star Football Game and was originated in 1950 by Mississippi State Coach Arthur "Slick" Morton.

The Mississippi Association of Coaches assumed sponsorship of the game from the Jackson Touchdown Club in 1993. In 1994, the game was renamed for Coach Bernard Blackwell, the late Executive Director of the MAC.

The game will only be available

for broadcast on an internet stream at Friday Night Under The Lights at fntul.com or the MAC Network on the website at mscoaches.com/mac-network/livestream.

The game will also be available on live streaming on Apple TV, Roku and Firestick.

The North will be coached by Tyrone Shorter of Louisville, while the South will be led by Ryan Earnest of Laurel. Each squad consists of 42 players.

The game features a North-South format, and the South leads the series 34-29-4.

In the 72nd Annual Bernard Blackwell Classic played on Dec. 19, 2020, the South defeated the

North 16-10 at Bulldog Stadium on the campus of Brandon High School.

The C-Spire Most Valuable Offensive Player for the South was quarterback Alan Follis of West Jones, while the South's C-Spire Most Valuable Defensive Player was linebacker Jalen Wells of Scott Central.

The North C-Spire Offensive MVP was quarterback Jake Weir of Tupelo, and the C-Spire North Defensive MVP was linebacker Steven Betts of East Webster.

The Bill Stewart Award winner for the South was quarterback Ruben Lee of Moss Point, while the Bill Stewart Award winner for the North was wide receiver Creek Robertson of Madison Central.

## Alabama blanks MS All-Stars

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The Alabama All-Stars blanked Mississippi 20-0 in the 35th Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Game played in Hattiesburg.

The Alabama defense led by defensive MVP Miguel Mitchell of Oxford, Alabama, held the home team to only 117 yards of total offense in the game. Alabama also used the leg of Fort Payne kicker and Auburn commit Alex McPherson as he led the special team's effort for the winners. McPherson kicked an All-Star record 58-yard field goal, had four touchback kickoffs and averaged 50 yards on four punts. Jefferson Davis defensive back Malcolm Hartzog, who had nine tackles and one interception, led Mississippi on defense. He is presently a Nebraska commit.

In one of the best rivals in all sports that spans the globe, Navy's defense limited Army to 57 second-half yards on their way to a 17-13 win in the 122nd meeting of the service academies. Navy finished the season 4-8 while Army (8-4) will head to Fort Worth to play Missouri in the Armed Forces Bowl.

Jackson State (10-1) will play South Carolina State (6-5) in the Celebration Bowl in Atlanta on Saturday with an early morning 10 a.m. kickoff. The Tigers won the SWAC championship for the first time since 2013 with a win over Prairie View back on Dec. 4. JSU coach Deion Sanders was named the SWAC Coach of the Year, while his son Shedur was honored as the SWAC Freshman of the Year. Tiger defensive lineman James Howard was named the Newcomer of the Year.

The Early National Signing Day will begin on Wednesday and end on Friday of this week for the college football teams. The next National Signing Day will be on Feb. 2, 2022. Southern Mississippi has 17 commits, with 14 of those from inside the state. Six of those are JUCO players. MSU also has 17 commits, with nine of those from the Magnolia State. Ole Miss has 14 commits with seven of those Mississippians.

The College Bowl madness will begin on Friday. Two games will be played that day, beginning at 10 a.m., as the Bahamas Bowl is the first of 44 bowl games to be played. The Cure Bowl in Orlando will follow that at 4 p.m. The following day seven games will kick off, beginning with a 9 a.m. kickoff in the Boca Raton Bowl and then an hour later the Celebration Bowl on ABC-TV as Jackson State will face South Carolina State. The final game of the day will begin at 7:15 p.m. with the New Orleans Bowl. Then next Monday and Wednesday will have one game each day, while Tuesday will have two games. Mississippi State and Ole Miss will play the following week. The Bulldogs will play on Dec. 28 and the Rebels on the night of Jan. 1.

Alabama quarterback Bryce Young, who passed for over 4,300 yards and 43 touchdowns, easily won the Heisman Trophy this past Saturday. The award is given to the best college football player in the nation. Young is the fourth Alabama player to win the award and the first Bama quarterback. The California native also gives the Crimson Tide back-to-back winners of the award. Tide wide receiver DeVonta Smith won the award last year. Ole Miss quarterback Matt Corral finished seventh in the balloting.

### Closing note

The New Orleans Saints (6-7) halted a five-game losing streak as they downed the New York Jets, 30-9, to keep their slim hopes of a playoff spot. Up next is Tampa Bay next Monday night.

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## Choctaw Central basketball teams ranked in state

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Both Choctaw Central teams went undefeated last week in prep basketball action.

The Lady Warriors improved to 9-3 as they defeated Kemper County 55-33 and Columbus 58-31 in the Pontotoc weekend tournament. The Lady Warriors entered the week as the No. 3 ranked team in a Class 4A girls basketball poll.

The Choctaw Central boys ranked No. 5 in the state among Class 4A boys teams, took a 51-29 victory over Kemper County. The Warriors entered the week undefeated at 13-0.

Choctaw Central will visit Southeast Lauderdale on Thursday. Both teams travel to Tupelo for a classic game on Saturday. The Lady Warriors play Hancock at 10:15 a.m. The Warriors will play Gentry at 2 p.m.

### Lady Warriors 55 Kemper County 33

Kyllinn Bell led the Lady Warriors with 27 points while Mattison Bell added 12 points and Kyla Farmer scored 11.

### Lady Warriors 58 Columbus 31

The Lady Warriors came on strong in the second quarter to put Columbus away. Mattison Bell led with 16 points

while Farmer scored 10.

### Warriors 61 Kemper County 29

Choctaw Central kept up a steady attack as they knocked off Kemper County last Thursday.

Thomas Tangle led the Warriors with 17 points while Hayden Jones scored 16. Johnny Vaughn scored 9 points.



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## Lady Rockets improve to 10-0

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The Neshoba Central Lady Rockets picked up two victories last week and entered the week ranked No. 1 in Mississippi in a statewide poll for Class 5A girls basketball teams.

The Lady Rockets are also ranked No. 2 in a statewide poll for all-girls high school basketball teams. The Harrison Central Lady Red Rebels are ranked No. 1 in the rankings.

"It validates the notice and suc-

cess the kids have had to this point," Coach Jason Broom said. "We have had some good success against some good teams that were ranked highly at the beginning of the year. Summer wins don't count, but we felt then that if we took care of our business, we should be one of the top teams."

"Ten games in, the way the kids are playing, I look at it as a well-earned accolade for what they have done. It doesn't put any points on the scoreboard or win any games, but it is nice to be recognized."

The Lady Rockets improved to 10-0 with a 76-35 win over New Hope and a 92-25 win over Newton County.

The Neshoba Central boys won their second game of the season as they knocked off Newton County 60-47. Earlier in the week, they lost an 82-48 decision to New Hope.

Neshoba Central has two games this week. They were to visit Northeast Lauderdale on Tuesday and Kosciusko on Friday night.

## Tornado teams go 1-1 on court

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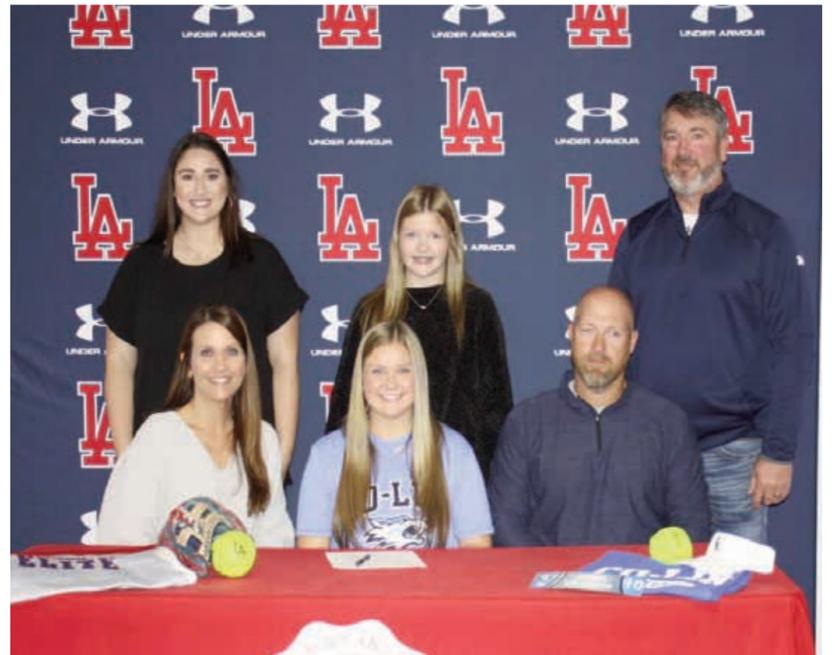
The Philadelphia High School Tornado basketball teams split a pair of games with McAdams on the road Friday night.

The Philadelphia girls improved to 3-4 with a 51-26 win over McAdams. Earlier in the week, they dropped a 64-28 decision to East Webster.

The Philadelphia boys stopped East Webster 57-34 but then

dropped a 47-36 decision to McAdams. The Tornadoes entered the week with a 2-5 record.

The Tornadoes will travel to Union on Tuesday and then host McAdams on Friday.



### Chamblee signs with Copiah-Lincoln CC

Leake Academy senior Jenna Chamblee signed last week to continue her softball career with Copiah-Lincoln Community College. Chamblee is joined with her parents, Joel and Christy Chamblee, on the bottom row. On the top row are assistant softball coach Brantley Scott and Lee Myers along with sister Peyton Chamblee. Chamblee was an MAIS All-star for the Lady Rebels and helped the team to a 25-4 record this past season, finishing third in Class 5A.

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