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SHERIFF AGREES

Supervisors opt out of marijuana

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Neshoba County supervisors, in a 4-1 vote, have opted out of medical marijuana.

Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark on Tuesday endorsed the county's decision because of several concerns, among them the lack of knowledge concerning regulations and regulatory

authority in what is a 445-page bill that became law on Feb. 2.

"We need time to adapt and educate ourselves on mistakes that others have made," Clark said.

Those mistakes made by other jurisdictions "will help guide us locally as we gauge the right time to opt in," he said.

Clark listed three specific concerns:

- Increased impaired driving due to medical marijuana use. Officers will need to be better trained on roadside field sobriety.

- Marijuana dispensaries in other areas may create an increase of black market sale or old bootlegging type operations.

- Call volumes will initially increase due to county residents complaining of the smell of

burning marijuana.

Clark said in a county that currently fields 4,445 calls annually, any increase will be problematic to the Sheriff's Office.

District 5 Supervisor Obbie Riley was the sole vote for marijuana at Monday's meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

"This has already been done," said Riley about the Leg-

islature enacting the law. "This is the worst thing. It is going put the burden on the county to have a special election is someone brings a petition with 1,500 names on it.

"This is cutting the citizens out of the opportunity (to use medical marijuana to treat pain) whether they want to or not. I can't see it. When the Legislature passed this, they should

have voted yes or no and left it at that."

The new law allows cities and counties one chance by May 3 to opt out of legalizing medical marijuana. Cities and counties can always opt in, but they can never opt out after the 90-day window has passed.

The new law allows for the cultivation, processing, sale See SUPES, page 3A



Photo by Coleman Eakes

Staff members and volunteers stand in front of the old First Assembly of God church building, the new home for The River, a Christian addiction recovery ministry. Pictured, from left: Founder and President Barry Walker,

Director Susan Wren, Volunteer Leader Tammy Shepherd and Special Events Coordinator Jeff Shepherd.

The River has a new home

By JOHN LEE
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Barry Walker said the Lord opened the doors to bigger things for The River with a new location for the Christian recovery ministry.

"The excitement this past weekend was off the charts, and it was one of the most exciting services we've had in the entire four and a half years we've been doing this," Walker said.

They had 46 people Sunday night and only hope to see things grow with more classes and counseling.

The ministry moved from downtown to the old First Assembly of God location near the Peco Farms feed mill on the Herman Alford Parkway.

Walker said he and his wife, Joy, along with the rest of the staff members and volunteers at The River, are thankful and grateful for the commu-

nity support.

"The people here make The River what it is," Walker said. "The week before we moved in, we had 13 counseling appointments scheduled, and when I checked last week, we now have 23 appointments. That shows how many people have heard about the new place and want to come here."

The River is a ministry to those struggling with substance abuse and is

a safe place to go for help to get clean and sober. All are welcome.

Contact Walker at (601) 917-1212 or email barywalker1957@hotmail.com for more information on how to get help.

They average about 150 people coming through the ministry weekly. "We're experiencing unprecedented growth right now," Walker said.

"It's bittersweet because while we're See RIVER, page 2A

CRIME

1 arrested in Atkins shooting Sunday

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Police have arrested a man for shooting at a car in the area of Atkins Street that sent one person to the hospital over the weekend.

Sherman Green, 35, of Philadelphia was arrested and charged with attempted murder and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.



Police Chief Eric Lyons said that Green has not yet been issued bond.

"Green has an extensive history with several convictions of aggravated assaults and possession of firearms by a felon," Lyons said.

Lyons said that Green's charges stem from a Sunday, April 3 incident reported at approximately 6:50 a.m. when officers were notified of a male subject who had been shot with non-life-threatening injuries in the area of Atkins Street.

The suspect in the shooting was identified as Green.

Investigators determined that

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Deputies seize rifle, \$40K cash

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An Alabama man was arrested near the casinos last month with a stolen patrol rifle and more than \$40,000 in cash.

Antoine Montez Evans, 32, of 140 Dugan Avenue, Birmingham, was arrested and charged with possession of a stolen firearm.



Sheriff Eric Clark said that Evans was a passenger in a vehicle pulled over on Highway 16 west at the casinos on March 20 around 1 a.m.

Clark said the deputy that pulled them over found an AR-15 style rifle in the vehicle and Evans said it was his.

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Susan Wren and Tammy Shepherd unpack boxes at The River.

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helping so many people, it's sad that so many people still need help."

He has seen miracle after miracle at The River and the new location is twice as large as downtown.

"Moving to this new location is one of the most exciting things I've ever experienced," Walker said. "Everything is falling into place for us, and we believe this new building will allow us to expand and offer even more classes and

meetings, and we can specialize in specific quirks and needs in the community."

They've seen a lot of lives changed since founding The River in October 2017 and lost some.

"We had faith God would send us the right people in time to help us do the things we needed to do," Walker said.

"My long-term vision was to make every man and woman in Neshoba County, if they were struggling with substance abuse or alcohol, come to us so they could get help. Over time we established a lot of contacts and made a lot of friends across the state, and we were able to use those

resources to help people who don't have anything."

Over three-quarters of the people who come to The River don't have the money for treatment, and he wants The River to be an opportunity to get better, which in turn makes the community better.

"Recovery is hard work, and you have to keep at it to be successful," he said. "We want to thank the people of Philadelphia. My wife Joy and I are very grateful to the community, and we're doing all we can out in the community like sponsorships."

The new facility is huge compared to what The River is used to.



Barry Walker sits at his new desk in his new office at The River's new building.

"We give God the credit. He has blessed us and the ministry, and we've never had to turn anyone down for treatment," said Joy Walker.

She can see The River branching out with more arms in the ministry with new programs, such as the Celebrate Recovery program being implemented in the new facility.

The Walkers have hope for the future like establishing a

recovery house on the property.

"We hope to see more growth, and our expectation is that one day, we hope to have some traditional housing or sober living on the property," Joy Walker said.

"Addiction is such a widespread problem, and we want to keep growing and helping more people. As more people get help, the word will get out and more people can hear about it and come to us for help, and we can keep serving our community. The Lord gave

my husband this blessing and these people are his heart."

"When we started this, it blew my mind," she said. "I had a poor attitude and poor view of addiction, but Barry had a wonderful doctor during his recovery from addiction and it was the way God prepared my heart for this ministry so I could have compassion and truly understand the people who come through this program. I love all the people who come in and volunteer and share their time to make the ministry successful."

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Further investigation revealed that the weapon was a patrol rifle reported stolen in Birmingham.

Evans was also reported to be in possession of a large amount of cash, "\$43,000 and some change," Clark said.

The driver of the vehicle was not arrested and Evans posted bond about 24 hours later.

Clark said the cash would

be returned to Evans if it cannot be connected to any crime. He said his office is working with ATF and the FBI on the stolen fire arm charge and that Evans also faces federal charges for an unrelated incident involving narcotics.

Green

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Green shot at a passing vehicle in the area of Atkins Street near Bell Avenue when the victim, who was in the vehicle and has not been identified, was hit.

Lyons said they have not yet determined if the victim was the intended target and that investigators are still working on identifying a

motive.

Green was apprehended a short time later on Carver Avenue, Lyons said.

The victim was driven to

Neshoba General in the vehicle he was shot into immediately after the shooting.

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and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, among other things.

The Medical Marijuana bill was signed into law Feb. 2.

When local governments opt out, citizens can petition for an election to decide the matter on the ballot.

Supervisors will print a public notice in next week's edition of The Neshoba Democrat to announce a public hearing at their next meeting, Monday, April 18 at 10 a.m. in the board room in the Courthouse.

They will listen to citizens' comments on the matter. Afterward, they will hold a formal vote.

"The supervisors went ahead and made a motion to hold their vote on the medical marijuana at the next meeting on April 18," said County Administrator Jeff Mayo. "They are providing public notice of their intent to opt out participating in the medical marijuana program."

The Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Aldermen was to have taken up the matter Tuesday night after the Democrat went to press.

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EDITORIALS

Build a new jail

Constructed three decades ago, the county jail is run down, out of date, dangerous and needs to be replaced.

A meth addict jumped off the roof before dawn one morning last month and was caught that afternoon at the GameStop on a tip.

“My job is to house these inmates,” Sheriff Eric Clark told city officials in January pleading for their help.

Clark has called for a city-county partnership to address the jail — and about the only way to address the jail is to build a new one.

The city needs to get its prisoners back in town. They chose to house prisoners in Winston County starting in 2020 after Clark, as the new Sheriff in town, tried to re-negotiate 30-year-old pricing.

Mayor James A. Young said in January if plans were developed, he would willing

and ready to “move forward.”

Draw the plans and move forward by building a bigger and better jail that’s not a Hilton Garden Inn.

The jail was designed as a 66-bed facility and regularly houses between 70 and 100 prisoners. There were 85 prisoners in the jail Monday night with 16 prisoners being housed in Leake County.

That’s \$376 a day plus medical expenses for those 16 in Leake County. That \$23.50 a day per inmate not including Biden’s \$3.87 a gallon gasoline to get there.

“We have mats for the inmates,” Clark told city officials. “We sleep on the floor. We sleep wherever we can. There are not many things in that jail that work besides the running water and toilets and the TVs.”

The Sheriff had to ask three times for new cars. Make law and order a priority for a change and build a new jail.

LETTERS

Real questions to ask about schools

To the editor:

The real questions we should be asking about the Neshoba County Schools are how do several higher-rated school districts provide more services while spending less per student and why do we continue to overlook students attending Neshoba Central who do not reside in the county district?

I have been challenged on those assertions first made in a March 30 letter and told that “I don’t know what I am talking about.”

Therefore, I am providing a specific example based on data

from the Mississippi Department of Education from the website schooldigger.com.

Neshoba Central High School is ranked 84th in the state with a “B” grade and spends more per student than higher ranked schools with “A” grades that offer more activities such as quiz bowl, mock trial, science fairs, debate team, drama club with class plays, and diverse foreign languages other than Spanish.

For example, Lewisburg High in DeSoto is ranked 3rd in the state with an “A” grade spends \$461 less per student per year than Neshoba. Both

schools are comparable in size.

The state average for chronic absenteeism rate is 20.7% as compared to Neshoba’s rate of 20.8%. It would be fair to assume that their attendance policy is not only not working, but also questions the integrity of our local doctors who write excuses and the truthfulness of our students and parents.

We have been dazzled and distracted by new facilities such as the stadium, cafeteria, innovation room, and numerous sports championships. Academics have not fared as well — all sizzle and no steak!

David Carter

FLASHBACKS

APRIL 3, 1942

The Japanese launched a sudden major offensive into the Shan states of Eastern Burma Wednesday, opening a full-fledged new front to isolate China from Burma and India at a time when British and Chinese alike are fighting a desperate rearguard action to delay the conquest of Central Burma’s oil wealth.

Registration of women in the County for community nutrition classes is now being conducted by the Civilian Defense Center under the direction of Mrs. Virgie Phillips clerk, it was announced this week.

APRIL 4, 1952

In a series of recent prohibition raids through last Tuesday, city officers made several arrests and confiscated a large assortment of moonshine and liquor and home-brew. In the first raid officers seized six and a half gallons and 23 half pints of moonshine.

Parking meter collections have averaged more than \$1,000.00 per month since the meters were installed on the downtown streets of Philadelphia in August, 1950.

APRIL 3, 1962

According to announcement by the Neshoba County Health Department the Mobile Bus will be on the courthouse square Monday, April 9th from 8:30 until 12 noon, and again that afternoon from 1 until 4:30 p. m.

APRIL 2, 1972

The state convention of the Mississippi Democratic Party will reconvene Saturday. The party will meet at 10 a.m. in the Jackson city auditorium. “All delegates and alternates that were elected at their respective county conventions are encouraged in attendance.”

APRIL 3, 1982

Seven people have been charged with grand larceny in the unrelated robberies of a convenience store, an automobile dealership, and a nightclub during the past week. District Three Justice Court Judge, Vernon Myers will hear eleven non-traffic offense cases in the April 5 term of his court.

APRIL 3, 1992

Two West Virginia men

with crack cocaine, marijuana, a supply of \$100 bills and a gun in their car were arrested Friday by Philadelphia police. Drug Enforcement Officer L. J. Pace said a tip led to the arrest of the 2 ben who were both charged with possession of crack cocaine.

APRIL 4, 2002

A man described by the authorities as perhaps one of the largest dealers of an illegal prescription drug in the state was arrested, along with 14 others, in a pre-dawn raid Friday at a heavily armed communal compound in rural Neshoba County where a variety of weapons, including an AK-47 rifle were confiscated.

APRIL 5, 2011

Country Music Star Clint Black will headline the 63rd annual Choctaw Indian Fair, which will also feature other chart-topping artist and Native American Acts. The fair will feature Choctaw tradition and culture at its finest on opening night with the annual Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant where contestants vie for the highly-coveted title.

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Democracy isn’t our mission

Global Democracy isn’t America’s mission in the world.

“In the battle between democracy and autocracy, democracies are rising to the moment, and the world is clearly choosing the side of peace and security,” said President Joe Biden in his State of the Union address.

“This is a real test. It’s going to take time.”

Thus did Biden frame the struggle of our time as the U.S. leading the world’s democracies, the camp of the saints, against the world’s autocrats, the forces of darkness.

But is “democracy” really America’s cause? Is “autocracy” really America’s great adversary in the battle for the future?

Not all autocrats, after all, are our enemies, nor are all democrats our reliable friends.

When Ukraine was invaded, the U.N. General Assembly voted on a resolution which “deplores in the strongest terms” Russia’s “aggression” against Ukraine.

Among the 35 nations that abstained was India, the world’s largest democracy. Whose side is India on in the great struggle?

Freedom House ranks Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia and Jordan, all friends, partners and sometime allies of the United States, as “not free.”

Are we in a global struggle against all of these nations, all of these regimes, because all of them are autocracies?

As for America’s own wars, democracy-versus-autocracy would seem to be a misguided way to describe any of them.

In the Revolution, we were military allies from 1778 on with King Louis XVI of France, against Great Britain, the Mother of Parliaments. Our goal was not establishing a democracy, but our independence, separation, from the most democratic nation on earth.

When we declared war on the kaiser’s Germany in April 1917, we allied ourselves with four of the greatest colonial empires on earth: the British,

French, Russian and Japanese empires.

When that Great War began, Germany’s Second Reich was a good deal more democratic than the czarist regime of Russia’s Nicholas II.

In World War II, we allied with the world’s largest colonial empire, Great Britain, and the USSR of Joseph Stalin. Democracy was not the cause for which we went to war, but payback to Japan for the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. Our most important ally in that Asian war was the Nationalist China of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, no democrat.

History, religion, race, culture, tribe and territory more often define the 100-plus nations of Africa, the Middle East and Asia than whether they are democracies or autocracies.

During the Cold War, we collaborated openly with dictators — Rafael Trujillo in the Dominican Republic, Anastasio Somoza in Nicaragua, Chiang Kai-shek in China, Syngman Rhee in South Korea, Augusto Pinochet in Chile, Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines, the shah of Iran, Ngo Dinh Diem, and a succession of generals after his assassination, in South Vietnam.

If they stood with us against the Communists in the Cold War, we stood by them. “He may be a SOB, but he’s our SOB,” FDR said of Somoza.

Communism was our ideological enemy, not autocracy.

If you were an enemy of communism in the Cold War, autocrat or not, you were likely to be treated as a friend by the USA.

If we make global “democracy” the measure of success in the great struggle of our time, our victory or defeat in that cause depends on political decisions and internal choices of scores of nations not our own.

But when did the internal politics of other lands become either the business of the United States or the yardstick of our success as a nation?

To make global democracy our goal in this century’s great “battle” is to allow America’s success or failure as a nation to be judged and measured by what other nations, not our own, succeed or fail in doing.

America’s founding mission was not democracy, nor any other ideology. It was what we declared it to be in the document our fathers agreed to at the Constitutional Convention of 1787:

“We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

“Democracy” is not even mentioned in the Constitution or in the Bill of Rights.

If whether other nations are democratic or autocratic is the measure by which we judge America’s success, this must lead invariably to U.S. interference in the internal affairs of those nations not our own — to ensure success in the great struggle.

To pursue global “democracy” is thus a formula for endless interventions in the internal affairs of other nations, endless conflicts and eventual war. The antidote is John Quincy Adams’ formulation:

“(America) goes not abroad in search of monsters to destroy; she is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all; she is the champion and vindicator only of her own.”

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

RICH LOWRY

Justice Thomas is better than his critics

At the end of the day, this latest controversy won’t dent Thomas’ formidable reputation as a jurist.

Clarence Thomas is, by far, our most abused Supreme Court justice.

His confirmation hearings in 1991 were, as he memorably put it, a high-tech lynching. Once on the Court, he was allegedly incapable of thinking for himself and was Antonin Scalia’s “lawn jockey,” as *Emerge* magazine shamefully put it. He rarely participated in oral arguments, supposedly because, in the words of an attorney at the Georgetown Law Center, he “either does not care about the cases or can’t compete intellectually with his colleagues.”

Your sensitivity meter doesn’t have to be in overdrive to detect the racial condescension in these depictions of Thomas. Fair-minded legal analysts long ago abandoned this slighting view and have acknowledged the originality, consistency and influence of Thomas’s work. But here come the media and the Democrats to tell us that his intellectually courageous jurisprudence is all about serving the narrow interests of his political activist wife, Ginni.

In the aftermath of the 2020 election, she sent hair-on-fire texts to then-White House chief of staff Mark Meadows urging him to fight what she believed was a stolen election. This proves, we are told, that Clarence Thomas’ work on the Court is corrupt, and he either has to recuse himself from election- or Jan. 6-related cases or be impeached.

The recusal argument is absurd. Ginni Thomas wasn’t party to any election-related litigation. She didn’t write an amicus brief in any of the litigation. She didn’t even give

Meadows any legal advice, besides to keep Sidney Powell front and center (a bad idea that wasn’t acted on).

Ultimately, Ginni Thomas didn’t have any more or any less interest in election-related litigation than any other Republican who believed Trump’s claims of fraud, and there were countless millions of them.

Critics of Thomas point out that he dissented when the Court turned away a meritless challenge by the state of Texas of election practices in other states. Yes, but the dissent reflected Thomas’ well-considered view that the Court shouldn’t summarily dismiss so-called original jurisdiction cases, and he was joined by Justice Samuel Alito, who shares his view. Both Thomas and Alito also dissented when the Court turned away a suit filed by Nebraska and Oklahoma to prevent Colorado from legalizing marijuana, and in another such case, Arizona v. California.

Thomas dissented, too, from the Court’s rejection of Trump’s emergency application to block the release of White House records regarding Jan. 6. In this, Thomas was alone. We can’t know his reasoning because he didn’t explain himself. Thomas has a robust view of presidential power, though, and it’s not unusual for him to go his own

way. In the 2020-21 term, Thomas authored more concurrences and dissents than any other justice, including more solo concurrences and solo dissents.

As Nina Totenberg of NPR put it not too long ago, in a passage dripping with disapproval, “He is the only justice willing to allow states to establish an official religion; the only justice who believes teenagers have no free speech rights at all; the only justice who believes that it’s unconstitutional to require campaign funders to disclose their identity; he’s the only justice who voted to strike down a key provision of the Voting Rights Act; and the only justice to say that the court should invalidate a wide range of laws regulating business conduct and working conditions.”

But we are supposed to believe that his unexplained sole dissent in the Trump records case must be corrupt.

A while ago, the respected Supreme Court watcher Tom Goldstein wrote that if “the measure of a Justice’s greatness is his contribution of new and thoughtful perspectives that enlarge the debate, then Justice Thomas is now our greatest Justice.”

At the end of the day, this latest controversy won’t dent Thomas’ formidable reputation as a jurist, but it’s another mark against his perfervid critics who have no decency or scruple.

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BIBLE SELECTION

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,
— Ephesians 1:7 (ESV)

Library book sale continues through Friday

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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The Friends of the Library Spring book sale will continue through Friday at the Neshoba County Library.

Director Brittnae Smith

said around 300 books covering a wide variety of topics will be on sale. The books will be on display at the young adults section. Library times are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., today and Wednesday and 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. on Fri-

day.

Among the selections will be two local history books, written by Steven H. Stubbs of Philadelphia. Those titles are Duty-Honor-Valor: The Story of the Eleventh Mississippi Infantry Regiment, and

Neshoba at War: The Story of the Men and Women of Neshoba County in World War II. The Stubbs family recently donated a case of each of the books to the library.

"Our book sale is filled

with donations from our patrons and we really appreciate them," Smith said. "We will have large print fiction. Usually, we have some cookbooks. We will also have magazines, some audio books. DVDs and VHS

tapes."

Smith said this is National Library week, as well.

On Saturday, the library will host "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" which starts at 10 a.m. It will be held at the library.

COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 3/21-3/27

- Erbis A. Lopez-Perez, 26, of 601 Dallas Street, DUI- 1st offense, MV-driver's license-none
- Brandon Anderson, 35, of 186 McDill Road, possession of controlled substance, controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia

- Antonious R. Backstrom, 35, of 1208 Wke Road of Preston, hold for MDOC, false identifying information, controlled substance; possession of marijuana- 30 grams or more but less than 250 grams
- Ashley L. Barrier, 38, of 13990 Road 505, possession of controlled substance, MV- no insurance, controlled substance; possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle, license, driving while revoked or suspended

- Marcus R. Carothers, 37, of 10360 Road 1357, hold; detainer for Neshoba County SO
- Dwayne R. Croskey, 22, of 1004 Brookley Street of Jackson, disorderly conduct- failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers, public drunk, resisting arrest
- Alicia Frazier, 33, of 130 Tiak Chitto Road, possession of controlled substance, DUI- 1st offense, MV- driver's license-none, MV- no insurance, controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia

- Telvin Johnson, 27, of 185 Partridge Lane of Lena, hold; detainer for other agency, controlled substance; trafficking in controlled substances, controlled substance; possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle
- Larry J. Knight, 29, of 2313 10th Avenue N. or Bessemer, Alabama, possession of firearm by convicted felony, weapons-possession of stolen firearm

- Jaquez D. Lewis, 21, of Road 1321 of Union, aggravated assault- use of deadly weapon or other, bond surrender (bond company), hold; detainer for Neshoba County SO, bond surrender (bond company)
- Brittany McMillan, 20, of 113 Fani Lakna Road, controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia, alcohol/selling to a minor/1st offense, disorderly conduct- failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers

- Ashley B. Peebles, 23, of 243 A. Northwest Street, DUI- 1st offense, controlled substance; possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle, MV-stop sign-running, MV- no insurance
- Rejie A. Petty, 54, of 204 Robin Hood Road, 2 counts of contempt of court; municipal court, controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia
- Franklin A. Seales, 58, of 401 Austin Street, credit cards; credit card numbers use with intent to defraud (\$100 or more)
- Mia J. Skinner, 31, of 111 West Hill Drive, contempt of court; municipal court
- Justin W. Thompson, 32, of 536 Wilcher Road of Carthage, contempt of court; municipal court

- James H. Thompson II, 34, of 536 Wilcher Road of Carthage, forgery; making and uttering instrument in own name (amount less than \$1000), false pretense
- Ervin M. Tingle, 27, of 10061 Road 1728, controlled substance; possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle, MV- drivers license/improper, speeding 20 over, MV- improper lane usage, disorderly conduct- failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers, resisting arrest
- Cornelious Triplett, 20, of 427 Coleman Street, murder-

capital murder, robbery- use of deadly weapon

- Willie J. Warren, 30, of 3966 Brookville Road of Louisville, domestic violence-simple assault- (1st of 2nd offense)
- Jalen Williams, 19, of 1220 Oswald Road, public drunk, hold; detainer for Neshoba County SO

- William D. Williams, 20, of 10001 Gum Street, contempt of court; municipal court
- Kimberly R. Worthy, 32, of 263 A. Avenue, DUI- 2nd offense, MV- disobedience of traffic control devices, MV- driver's license- none, MV- no insurance

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 3/28-4/4

- Patrick Barnett, 32, of 447 Myrtle Street Apt 43, poss. of controlled substance.
- Breanna Billie, 23, of 536 A HWY 487 E, contempt of court.
- Jeffrey Billy, 31, of 102 2nd Duplex Cir, hold for investigations, poss. of controlled substance, poss. of controlled substance, poss. of paraphernalia.
- Krishunda Bingham, 30, of 100 Sistrunk Lot #4, contempt of court.
- James Burks, 39, of 11230 Road 167, poss. of controlled substance.
- Ukisha Carter, 41, of 200 23rd Street Apt B 184, driving under the influence- 1st offense, child neglect, child neglect, resisting arrest.
- Jerry Clemons, 57, of 22503 Rd 157, suspended drivers license, seat belt violation, no insurance, careless driving, improper equipment.
- Willasia Clemons, 18, of 279 Gum ST, failure to appear.
- Alexis Farmer, 21, of 482 Conehatta Lake Rd, driving under the influence- 1st offense.
- Jimmy Frazier, 55, of 69 Sullivan Rd, failure to appear, failure to appear, failure to appear.
- Shawn Fulcher, 38, of 5959 Crystal Ridge Rd, failure to appear.

- Anthony Furr, 30, driving under the influence - 1st offense.
- Allen Harrington, 39, of 254 Frog Level Rd, contempt of court.
- Jessie Hathorn, 52, of 626 Wilson Triplett Dr, failure to appear.
- Andrea Higgins, 48, of 10105 Rd 444, poss. of controlled substance.
- Candace Jefferson, 22, of 2582 Standing Pine Rd, failure to appear.
- John Keen, 46, of 1523 Rock Creek Rd, hold circuit court.
- Ramsey King, 30, of 257 Goat Ranch Rd, failure to appear.
- Kayla Mingo, 27, of 15533 Hwy 21 S, contempt of court.
- Samuel Mingo, 32, of 244 West Tucker Circle, failure to appear.
- Bennie Overstreet, 52, of 236 Railroad Avenue, Probation Violation.
- Hannah Pramono, 28, of 602 No Browder Rd, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, disorderly conduct, simple assault on a police off, malicious mischief under \$1000.
- Kenneth Ray, 24, of 10211 Rd 315, Failure to appear.
- Keiontay Reedy, 25, of 595 Mapp Rd, failure to appear, failure to appear.
- Demonte Renfrow, 18, of 104 Wells Place, Murder-capital.
- Jennifer Roberts, 52, of 10150 Rd 2608, failure to appear, poss. of paraphernalia.
- Timothy Simmons, 25, of 10301 County Rd, petit-larceny - less than \$1000.
- Christopher Sockey, 42, of 120 Cobblestone Rd, failure to appear.
- Amber Stewart, 34, of 410 Austin St, contempt of court.
- James Watkins, 21, of 11240 Rd 450, failure to appear.
- Tommy Wilson, 31, of 1700 Pendelton SQ Apt B 9, contempt of court.
- Miles Yazzie, 26, of 115 Oka Homma Dr, failure to appear.

- Randle York, 23, of 328 James Billy Rd, contempt of court, poss. of marijuana 1st offense.

Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 3/28-4/3

- Dontea T. Bass, 31, of 10031 Road 549, trespass; after notice of no permission
- Shane Bell, 26, of 140 Sonabons Road, hold; detainer for other agency, MV- no insurance, MV-disobedience of traffic-controlled devices, controlled substances; possession of paraphernalia
- Shontaz Brooks, 44, of 801 Gilliland Street of Kosciusko, DUI- 1st offense, MV- driver's license/improper
- Marcus R. Carothers, 37, of 10360 Road 1357, hold; detainer for another agency
- Johnny M. Ferguson, 30, of 1403 W. One A. Street of Monohans, Texas, DUI- 2nd offense, controlled substance; possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle, controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia
- Jim F. Gonzales, 48, of 461 Crystal Ridge Road of Louisville, possession of controlled substance, controlled substances; possession of paraphernalia, controlled substance; possession of marijuana less than 30 grams.
- Cedric Gray, 33, of 129 Boyd Lane of Carthage, bench warrant; circuit court
- Sherman Green, 39, of Philadelphia, Ms., aggravated assault- manifesting extreme indifferent, weapons; possession of firearm or another weapon by convicted felon.
- Matthew Harris, 28, of 10301 Road 301 of Union, contempt of court; municipal court
- Willie Harrison, 57, of 123 Hughes Road of Forest, simple assault- fear, disorderly conduct- interfering with business customers, invitees, etc.
- Qualincas S. Hayes, 40, of 257 Cora Street, contempt of court; municipal court

- Maurice R. Hollins, 20, of 3415 Redmond Avenue of Jackson, domestic violence-simple assault (1st or 2nd offense), disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers, resisting arrest
- Candace Jefferson, 22, of 109 Ball Park Cove, contempt of court; municipal court
- Jerry M. John, 35, of 113 Choctaw Street, contempt of court; municipal court
- Nelson A. Madison, 63, of 429 Pecan Avenue, controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia
- Nelson A. Madison, 63, of 429 Pecan Avenue, domestic violence- aggravated assault
- Angela Martinez, 31, of 500 Highland Street of Carthage, contempt of court; municipal court
- Brittany McMillan, 19, of 113 Fani Lakna Road, controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia, alcohol/giving/selling to a minor/1st offense, disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers
- Artemius K. McQueen, 35, of 909 Palmer Road of Louisville, domestic violence-aggravated assault
- Davey S. Moore, 47, of 13880 Road, contempt of court; municipal court
- Kathleen Phillips, 52, of 130 Rolling Hills Circle, contempt of court; municipal court
- Demonte M. Renfrow, 18, of 104 Wells Cove, armed robbery, murder- capital murder
- Alejandro Solis, 48, of Preston, Ms., public drunk, shoplifting
- Jermaine Stephens, 40, of 10240 Road 1321 of Union, contempt of court; municipal court
- Joe Whittle, 55, of 13150 Road 610, arrest report; warrant
- Peyton S. Willis, 26, of 143 Pine Ridge Road, DUI- 2nd offense, speeding 20 over, MV-no insurance

OBITUARIES

Carolyn Rigdon Covington

Mrs. Carolyn Rigdon Covington, 78, of Little Rock passed away peacefully in her home on March 27, 2022.



Funeral services with burial followed at Antioch Baptist Church on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. with Dr. J.R. Carolyn Eaton and Rev. Covington Joel Embry officiating. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Covington, or Nanny and Nana as she was affectionately called, had a deep love for her family. She had a calm, sweet spirit and loved spending time with them. She also loved her Lord and her church family dearly. She served others with a faithful servant's heart for many years. She had a love for cooking and gardening, and she loved beautiful flowers. She found joy in life's simple blessings like watching hummingbirds frequent her porches. She will be dearly missed, but her family rejoices in knowing that she has life everlasting through her faith in Jesus Christ.

Survivors include sons, Robert Covington (Ben), and Stanley Covington (Valerie); daughter, Belinda Johnson

(Mike); brother, Ray Rigdon; three grandchildren whom she adored, Brandi Covington Hansford (Tyler), Phillip Johnson (Jailine), and Cole Johnson; great-grandchildren, Camryn Hansford and Cora Johnson; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Mr. James Earl "Shorty" Covington; parents Virgil and Madie Rigdon; one brother, Earl Rigdon; two sisters, Evelyn "Tootsie" Miller and Bonnie Mabry.

Pallbearers were Chuck Butler, Dewayne Butler, David Butler, Mike Miller, Jimmy Rigdon, and Virgil Rigdon.

Family requests donations be made to the Antioch Baptist Church youth fund, Antioch Baptist Church, 12150 Road 298, Union, MS 39365.

Rev. Andre S. Hickman

Funeral services for Rev. Andre Sanchez Hickman were held on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at 2 P.M. from the Louisville High School Auditorium in Louisville, MS, with Rev. Dr. Anthony McIntosh officiating. Burial was at Mt. Bell M.B. Church Cemetery in Louisville. Beck Funeral Home, Inc was in charge of arrangements.

Rev. Hickman, 38, of Louisville, passed away on Friday, March 25, 2022 in Winston County, MS. He served as Pastor of Greenfield M.B. Church in

Philadelphia, MS.

He is survived by his wife, Rena Perry Hickman of Louisville, MS, three children, A.J., Ariana and Rehyana Hickman all of Louisville, MS, his parents, Tommy and Mae Hickman Hanna, his grandmother, Dora Carter, and 10 siblings

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

Latin Kayle Nate-Ossi Willis

Funeral service for Mr. Latin Kayle Nate-Ossi Willis will be held 2 PM Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at Bogue Homa Gym. Visitation will be 12:00 PM Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at Bogue Homa Gym. Interment will be 10 AM Thursday, April 7, 2022, at Pearl River Bible Cemetery in Choctaw, MS. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Willis, 23, passed away Thursday, March 31, 2022, at UMMC in Jackson, MS. He lived in the Bogue Homa Community most of his life. His hobbies were playing video games and he was his brother Iccly's keeper.

He was preceded in death by his infant sibling; aunt; Mary

John; great-grandmother, Julia Willis.

Survivors include his mother, Latasha Willis (Kevin Steve); sisters, Imidrian York, Siri Steve; brothers, Ian York, Ironeyes Cody York, Iccly York; a host of aunts and uncles.

Charles Gilbert Barham

Gilbert Barham, 67, a game warden for MS Dept. of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks, died Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at his home.

Visitation was 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm Thursday, March 31, 2022 at Wilcox Funeral Home. Services were 1:00 pm Friday, April 1, 2022 at Madden Baptist Church with Bro. Perry McCall and Bro. Corbin Jenkins officiating. Interment was in The Arbor Cemetery. Wilcox Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Barham was a native of Texas. He was a member of Madden Baptist Church and held a Bachelor's degree in Science, English, and Secondary Education.

Survivors include: his wife, Shelia Barham of Madden; daughters, Casey Russell of Madden and Codee Basham

(Danny)of Madden; 2 sisters, Linda Bennett (Jerry) of Dowsville and Janice Ogletree (Allen) of Philadelphia; 1 grandchild, Maddox Bryan.

Pallbearers were: Dwain McBeth, Josh Ray, Burl Johnson, Donnie Shepard, Brian Terrell, Dale Scott, Chad Arthur, Danny Collier, Danny Joe Freeny, and Chip Jones.

Honorary pallbearers were: MS Dept. of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks employees, MS Hwy Patrol, all Law Enforcement of surrounding counties, Madden Baptist Church Gilbert Barham Sunday School Class members, Jimmy Manuel, Tom Parker Ganann, Karl Brantley, Eddie Gilbert, Flint Minchew, Kenneth Latham, Glen Coghlan, John Sprayberry, Shelby Brantley, Ken McMillan, Kevin Kemp, Dale Gomillion, Carmen Wright, JoAnn Mahaffey, Phil Shepard and Doyle Wolverton.

Mira Kay Battiest

Funeral services for Ms. Mira Kay Battiest will be held 2 PM Thursday, April 7, 2022, at Pearl

River Facility Building with Rev. Thomas Ben officiating. Interment will be in New Caanan Cemetery. Visitation will begin 10 AM Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at Pearl River Facility Building. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge.

Ms. Battiest, 46, passed away Thursday, March 31, 2022, at UMMC in Grenada, MS. She lived in the Pearl Hill Community most of her life. She was Baptist by Faith. Her hobbies were spending time with her family and friends, fishing and cooking.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Emmett Ray Battiest Sr., Evelyn Crowder; sister, Clarissa Crowell; brothers, Emmett Ray Battiest Jr., Stephen Isaac.

Survivors include daughters, Georgina Matthews, Allatik Matthews; sisters, Jackie Matthews, Christina Marris, Lucinda Marris, Michelle Marris; brothers, Kyle Isaac, Conrad Need Jr.; (1) grandchild.

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County's unemployment rate stagnant for February

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Neshoba County's February unemployment rate stayed about the same as the previous month, dropping .01 of a percentage point according to figures from the Mississippi Department of Employment Security.

The unemployment rate in February stood at 4.9 percent. The unemployment rate in January was 5.0 percent and 6.4 percent in February 2021.

This seemed to be the trend

in East Mississippi as all nine counties showed slight decreases in their unemployment rates.

The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed people as a percentage of the civilian labor force for the county.

The Neshoba County workforce was 10,030 people in February, an increase of 120 people when compared to January. There were 490 unemployed people in February, a decrease of 10 when compared to last month.

Here is a look at the unemployment rates in neighboring counties.

Feb.2022	Jan. 2022	Feb.2021
Neshoba	4.9	5.0
Kemper	6.2	6.8
Lauderdale	4.5	4.8
Leake	4.7	5.1
Newton	4.5	4.7
Scott	3.9	4.1
Noxubee	7.1	8.1

10.6	Winston	4.9	5.5	7.3
	Attala	4.8	5.1	7.2

Mississippi's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February 2022 was 4.4 percent, decreasing four-tenths of a percentage point from the previous month's rate of 4.8 percent. When compared to the February 2021 rate of 6.6 percent, the rate decreased 2.2 percentage points.

The Nation's unemployment rate for February 2022 at

4.1 percent decreased three-tenths of a percentage point over the month and 2.5 percentage points over the year.

Mississippi's nonfarm employment increased 12,900 over the month and 39,800 over the year. Industry sectors registering the largest monthly employment increases were professional and business services; government; leisure and hospitality; educational and health Services; and manufacturing.

For the month of February 2022, 29 counties in Missis-

issippi posted unemployment rates less than or equal to the state's rate of 4.4 percent. Rankin and Union Counties posted the lowest unemployment rate for the month of February at 3.2 percent followed by Lafayette County at 3.4 percent. Jefferson County had the highest unemployment rate for February at 13.6 percent followed by Humphreys County at 10.4 percent.

Public Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Philadelphia Utilities
Philadelphia, MS

Wastewater Lagoon Erosion Repairs Philadelphia Utilities (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
Wastewater Lagoon Erosion Repairs 72355

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the office of Philadelphia Utilities located at 435 Myrtle Street, Philadelphia, MS, until Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 10:00 AM local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project includes the following Work:

Earth fill and rock rip-rap installation at the wastewater lagoon levees and related items

Bids are requested for the following Contract: Wastewater Lagoon Erosion Repairs.

The Project has an expected duration of 120 days.

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:

<https://www.allenhoshalplanroom.com>

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

A copy of the plans and specifications may be examined at: the office of the Engineer, Allen & Hoshall, 1675 Lakeland Drive, Suite 207, Jackson, Mississippi, 39216 and at the office of Philadelphia Utilities, Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check on a solvent bank or a Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety Company licensed to operate in the State of Mississippi, in the amount of 5% of the total bid price, as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute the Performance and Payment Bonds in the form and within the time specified. The successful Bidder will be required to execute a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of 100% of the Contract, issued by a Surety Company licensed to operate in the State and shall be named in the current list of "Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies" as published in Circular 570 (amended) by the Audit Staff Bureau of Accounts, U.S. Treasury Department.

Each Bidder shall have a Certificate of Responsibility to bid on contracts for public projects in which the bid price exceeds \$50,000.00 and for private projects in which the bid price exceeds \$100,000.00 as required by the laws of the State of Mississippi. Each Bidder shall show on the outside of the envelope containing his bid: his current certificate of responsibility number and expiration date or if applicable, a statement certifying that the bid enclosed does not exceed \$50,000.00 for a public project or \$100,000.00 for a private project. Failure to show these items on the outside of the envelope containing the bid will result in the bid being returned to Bidder unopened.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after date of actual bid opening, without Owner's consent.

Philadelphia Utilities reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received, to waive any informalities in the bids received, and to accept any proposal which is deemed most favorable to Philadelphia Utilities.

This Advertisement is issued by: Owner: Philadelphia Utilities

By: Kirk Morgan

Title: Manager

Date: Publish on March 30, 2022 and April 6, 2022.

THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBACOUNTY STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS LIDDELL TURNER CAUSE NO. 2022-17

DUSTIN TURNER, PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Public Notices

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 31st day of March, 2022, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Dustin Turner upon the estate of Thomas Liddell Turner, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date or they will be forever barred.

THIS, the 31st day of March, 2022. Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Dustin Turner
Dustin Turner—Administrator

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SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: **The Unknown Heirs of Thomas Liddell Turner**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT(S)

THE COMPLAINT OR PETITION WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 9:00 o'clock, a.m., on the 11th day of May, 2022, in the courtroom of the Neshoba County Courthouse at Philadelphia, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 24th day of March, 2022.

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

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

THE NESHOBACOUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS will receive competitive Reverse Auction Bids to be submitted electronically via the Neshoba County website at www.neshobacounty.net with said Reverse Auction occurring from 8:00 AM on Friday, April 29th, 2022 until 10:00 AM, local time, on Monday, May 2nd, 2022, from qualified vendors in response to this solicitation for acquiring the following equipment:

One (1) or more, new, 2022 or newer Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD Vehicle(s)

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:

All responses to this solicitation for said vehicles shall be returned, with detailed proposals included therewith, including the fixed price amount to be bid, in a single file, PDF document format, and submitted electronically via the reverse auction at www.neshobacounty.net/bids under the correct bid solicitation between 8:00 AM on Friday, April 29th, 2022 and 10:00 AM on Monday, May 2nd, 2022.

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

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi on the 21st day of March 2022.

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

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er of equipment or provider of services, but rather to select such equipment and services to provide for specific needs and specific tasks including vehicles for emergency response as solicited under this request. Any reference to name-brand materials or equipment is intended to establish the minimum necessary standards only and bids submitted on materials and equipment equal thereto, at the sole discretion and determination of Neshoba County, shall be considered.

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to accept or reject any / or all bids and waive informalities and irregularities. No bid, upon submission, may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days.

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi on the 21st day of March 2022.

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

Publication dates: March 30th and April 6th, 2022

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

THE NESHOBACOUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS will receive competitive sealed bids and proposals in the Office of Chancery Clerk Guy Nowell, for the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi, at the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 107, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 or electronic bids and proposals submitted at www.neshobacounty.net until 10:00 AM on the 2nd day of May 2022 for the purposes of acquiring the following equipment, services and contracts:

Twelve (12), new, Conducted Energy Weapons (CEW) (TASER) with cloud-based evidence management system and accessories to provide a complete CEW program for the Neshoba County Sheriff's Department with warranty, support and maintenance for a five (5) year period.

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:

All responses to the solicitation for Conducted Energy Weapons shall be returned, with detailed proposals included therewith, with the fixed price amount to be bid on the official bid form, in a single PDF document, and submitted electronically at www.neshobacounty.net under the correct bid solicitation, by 10:00 AM, local time, on Monday, May 2nd, 2022 or alternatively the detailed proposal should be placed in a sealed envelope marked "2022 CEW Program Bid" along with the date and time of said bid opening, and filed with the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors C/O Chancery Clerk Guy Nowell, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 107, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 by the same date and time. It should be noted that the cost for this five-year program is not anticipated to exceed the required reverse auction bid threshold amount. Should the cost exceed the threshold amount, respondents will be invited to participate in the reverse auction for this acquisition.

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

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NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF HELEN AGENT MYERS, DECEASED

GARY AGENT, EXECUTOR

NO. 2022-48-JK

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been Granted on the 23rd day of March, 2022, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, Gary Agent, upon the Last Will and Testament of Helen Agent Myers, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred.

This the 24th day of March, 2022. /s/ Gary Agent, Executor of The Estate of Helen Agent Myers, Deceased

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLARA MAE COTTON, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2021-849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 18th day of March, 2022 by the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned upon the Estate of Clara Mae Cotton, 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 18th day of March, 2022.

/s/ Amanda Cotton
Amanda Cotton,
Administrator of the Estate of Clara Mae Cotton, deceased

SUBMITTED BY:
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LAURA C. MARCANGELI, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-16

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 1st day of March, 2021, by the Chancery Court of the County of Neshoba, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executrix, upon the Estate of Laura C. Marcangeli, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. This, the 21st day of March, 2022.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY having been granted on the 3rd day of March, 2022, by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, upon the Estate of Edward Earl Wilson in Civil Action No. 2022-27JK, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present same to be proved and registered according to law within ninety (90) days from this date or they will be forever barred. This the 16th day of March, 2022.

By: /s/ Ellen Joiner Wilson, Executor
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IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN RE: T.C.A., A MINOR

MELISSA ANN BELL PETITIONER VS. CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2022-83 TERESA COTTON ANDERSON AND LOIS HICKMAN AND DAVID HICKMAN AND ASHLIE THAMES and ANY UNKNOWN FATHERS RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

TO: ANY UNKNOWN FATHERS, whether resident/ non resident of the state of Mississippi, claiming to be the father of the minor child, T.C.A., whose mother is Teresa Anderson.

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THE COMPLAINT OR PETITION WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint, petition or motion at 10:00 a.m., on the 4th day of May, 2022, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Court in the Smith John Justice Complex located on the Pearl River Reservation, Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint, petition or motion.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 16th day of March, 2022.

/s/ Kristina Jim
TRIBAL COURT CLERK

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOBACOUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF OBAID HASSAN ELNAHAM, DECEASED CAUSE NO.: 2021-277 ZAKI OBAID ELNAHAM PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, on the Estate of Obaid Hassan Elnaham, Deceased, on the 10th day of March, 2022, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said Estate to have their claims probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, and that failure to probate and register their claims with the Clerk within that time will forever bar the claim.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the 10th day of March, 2022.

/s/ Zaki Obaid Elnaham
ZAKI OBAID ELNAHAM

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Tyranny of the devil crushed

In this passage (Acts 19:8-20), Paul is on his third missionary journey and has made his way to Ephesus. Ephesus was a large port city in southwest modern-day Turkey. In it was one of the 7 wonders of the world, the temple of Artemis. Artemis was the goddess of fertility, nature, and life. So the people served idols as a way of life. In Acts 19:9, Luke describes the Christian life as the Way, following Jesus' words: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

Paul goes to the synagogue first, "reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God." In other places Paul's preaching is summarized by explaining the necessity of Christ's suffering and resurrection, which is the essence of the coming of his kingdom.

This is the kingdom of grace that Christ established so that the kingdom of God comes to its fullest expression in this world in the life of those who belong to Christ, are ruled by his word, are empowered by his Spirit, and are zealous for the culmination of the kingdom of glory when he returns.

To belong to the kingdom of the Lord Jesus is the greatest blessing. To be outside of it is to be a subject of the kingdom of the devil. We see the conflict that occurs when Christ's kingdom confronts the devil's in the account of the sons of Sceva in Acts 19:11-16.

Paul had been doing extraordinary miracles including casting out demons (verse 12). The sons of Sceva were itinerant Jewish exorcists who traveled about making money off people in distressed situations by exorcism of demons. We see in the passage they had no real power, so when they see actual miraculous exorcisms they attempt to do the same by invoking the name of Jesus as Paul did.

The response of the demon in the man they addressed however is to challenge their authority. The demon possessed man then overpowers them, and they flee out of the house naked and wounded (verse 16). This shows us the terrible situation of being under the power of the devil, their nakedness depicting their helplessness.

Christ alone can deliver us from the tyranny of the devil. When Paul wrote his epistle to the church in Ephesus, he

reminded them of the greatness of God's grace which rescued them from "following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now in at work in the sons of disobedience" (Ephesians 2:2).

It is good for us to fix our eyes upon the blood of the one offering for sin. Paul will also remind the church in Ephesus to put on the whole armor of God to protect against the power of the devil (Ephesians 6). We are naked and exposed without the "clothing" of the gospel of Christ shielding us.

Let the story of the sons of Sceva instruct you. The devil is too strong for us. Peter was made aware of this when he denied Christ. Jesus taught his people that the power of his Spirit was stronger than the devil, but warned, "You can do nothing apart from me." The hymn "I need thee every hour," is the reality of the Christian life.

Luke tells us that when the people of Ephesus became aware of what happened with the sons of Sceva, they were afraid. And many of those who were believers in Christ came forward and confessed their dealings with the occult. They showed the sincerity of their repentance by bringing out their magic arts books and burning them publicly, books that had great value monetarily (Acts 19:19).

Repentance is a life giving grace. The Ephesians who broke with their occultist past did so in response to the light the Lord shone upon the evil of it. We all have sins that we would endeavor to put to death if they were exposed to greater light. For our sanctification to go deeper we need something stronger than natural conscience or conviction. We need convincing and humbling from the Holy Spirit.

Repentance is not an easy work. You might as well seek to melt an anvil as to melt your own heart. It is not in the power of man to repent at his leisure. We are at our best when we feel weak as a reed. We find tender treatment from the Lord. Those who mourn over sin have the mark of preservation. The Holy Spirit will become the Comforter to convicted sinners.

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

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— 1 Peter 3:8 (ESV)

Bell tapped to lead state farm network

By STAFF REPORTS
news@neshobademocrat.com

The Mississippi Farm to School Network (MF2SN) is excited to announce that Tomika Bell and Umi Mills have been named co-executive directors of the nonprofit organization.

In these roles, the leaders will work to further MF2SN's mission of connecting farmers with schools to bring Mississippi-grown products into school cafeterias, strengthening the local agricultural economy, and educating Mississippians on the importance of eating locally grown, nutritionally dense foods.

At the same time, they will work to expand the program's reach to more communities.

"Since the Mississippi Farm to School Network began in 2015, it has grown into a movement

that our state can be proud of," said Sunny Baker, who served as a co-executive director with Dorothy Grady-Scar-

brough for the last seven years. "I'm excited to see how Umi and Tomika will grow the movement by bringing new ideas and new energy to the organization."

Bell and Mills are each participants in the Mississippi Food Justice Fellowship, an intensive four-year program led by the Mississippi Food Justice Collaborative that is focused on training and creating community food project leaders who will work to build healthier, more secure and more equitable food systems across the state.

In addition, they each bring unique experience, a dedication to the community and undeniable passion to the executive director role.

Bell, a member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, resides on the Bogue Chitto Indian reservation in Philadelphia, Miss., with her family. She currently serves as the local food manager for Choctaw Fresh Produce, a certified-organic produce business

owned by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. The business works to supply healthy, fresh food to Choctaw tribal communities while creating financial opportunities by selling produce to local groceries, tribal casinos and tribal programs.

She also continues to serve under the U.S. Department of Justice, in conjunction with Mississippi Attorney General's Office and Mississippi Secretary of State's Office as a compliance coordinator for Native American election rights. She works to improve the understanding among the Choctaw population in Mississippi to ensure equal opportunity for participation in the electoral process.

Bell became interested in food systems and food sovereignty when she saw firsthand the impact it could have on her community.

"I've always wanted to be a



Tomika Bell

part of something that makes an impactful difference not just within my community but for Mississippi as a whole," Bell said. "Obesity and diabetes rates in Mississippi has always been high, but with Covid-19 surfacing it has taught everyone to prioritize their health that much more.

My parents are a part of that statistic of battling diabetes, which my dad lost his battle in 2020. This empowered me to assure everyone understands the importance of accessing healthy food intake for a heightened quality of life."

Mills lives with her family in Gulfport, and currently works with the Gulf Coast Sustainable Growers Alliance as an advocate for racial equity in food systems change. She has also worked with the 34th Street Wholistic Gardens & Education Center, The Piney Woods School and the Gallop Family Farm, helping to

develop their outreach, programming, fundraising and media management efforts.

"Community is always first and foremost the driver for me," said Mills. "I am focused on doing what I think my community needs."

Her work with local food producers and families has uplifted narrative change and economic empowerment within BIPOC communities. She combines her family's roots as farmers in Georgia with her passion for food systems change to help educate people on agrarian culture and stewardship.

As Mills and Bell begin their tenure in the executive director roles, they are focused on expansion and wellness. Mills said they want to see the organization expand its reach across the state while increasing the connection families have with their food and healthy living.

"I want to increase the connection families have with their food and healthy living," she

said. "I want to focus on the wellness of our youth and really drive community wellness."

At the same time, both Mills and Bell want to increase MF2SN's collaboration with different organizations.

"I hope to drive more collaboration with more farmers and growers and schools, of course," Mills said. "But I also hope to increase our collaboration with other organizations outside of schools that work with youth and youth outreach, such as community centers and churches."

These priorities will help to ensure that MF2SN continues to make a difference in the lives of as many Mississippians as possible.

"Farm to School actually puts in the work to make a difference," Bell said. "That's what it's all about. It's not about how many grants they can get. It's more about what changes can I make within the school and within the lives of children and families. I love the mission and vision they have."

\$2M bid accepted for nursing home renovation

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
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A \$2.9 million Neshoba General Nursing Home renovation project has been awarded to Philadelphia's Perry Construction Co.

This action was taken Monday during a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

The county received two bids for the project. Perry Construction's base bid was \$2,174,200 with six alternate

bids. The hospital board had recommended accepting Perry's bid.

Philadelphia's McLain Plumbing was the other company making a bid. Its base bid was \$2,548,600.

McLain also bid on five alternatives totaling \$666,500, making the total bid \$3,215,100.

This project has been on the drawing board for several years. It was bid out once but the bids were considered too

high and were not accepted, Neshoba General CEO Lee McCall said the focus is on 74 of the nursing home's 160 resident rooms.

"Basically, it is an HVAC and room renovation project," McCall said. "We are going to renovate Nursing Station No. 1. It's one of the older systems in the nursing home that needs replacing."

"Once we do that, we are going to replace all of the HVAC units in the affected rooms, renovate the rooms,

put in new flooring. We will paint and freshen the rooms up."

In other actions, supervisors:

- Accepted the daily meal log from the jail for the month of March. Supervisors also

approved the hiring of a part-time jailer.

- Accepted of the proceeds from the sale of accumulator weapons from the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Eric Clark said the sale brought in \$11,140.

- Accepted the resignation of District 3 Election Commissioner Harold Richardson, effective March 30.

Dwayne Sharp was appointed interim election commissioner until a special election can be held.

Extension agent position now vacant

By DUNCAN DENT
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Neshoba County's Natural Resource agent for the Mississippi State Extension Service resigned in March.

Chris Domingue, who started July 1 of last year as the agricultural and natural resource agent with a 40 percent 4H appointment, accepted another job at LSU, his alma

mater. Anna Windham, who started about the same time as the county's 4H agent, will assume Domingue's role for now.

Extension service employees work for Mississippi State and the county supervisors partially fund their salaries," Neshoba County administrator Jeff Mayo said. He said the board of supervisors has approved to continue funding

the position and State has posted the job.

"Chris had a good opportunity come up," said Mayo. "He graduated from LSU and had an opportunity to go back over there and run one of their programs. It will be closer to home."

"State has begun its process of hiring his replacement. I'm not sure how long the position will be vacant."

Legislators work to approve spending

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Mississippi legislators on Monday were approving parts of a state budget for the year that begins July 1, and it is substantially larger than the budget for the current year.

The biggest state-funded portion of the new budget is nearly \$6.3 billion general fund. With money from the Education Enhancement Fund, a Capital Expense Fund and two funds connected to Mississippi's lawsuit against the tobacco industry in the 1990s, total state spending will top \$7.3 billion.

For the current year, the

general fund is about \$5.8 billion and total state spending is about \$6.7 billion.

The budget for the new year includes money to pay for a teacher pay raise plan that Republican Gov. Tate Reeves signed into law last week. It also includes enough money to cover the increased cost of state employees' health insurance, so the employees themselves won't have to pay for the extra cost.

One big expense is \$54 million for the Department of Human Services to buy a new computer system to replace one that's long outdated, said Senate Appropriations Committee

Chairman Briggs Hopson, a Republican from Vicksburg. The federal government will also spend \$95 million for the computer system, said House Health and Human Services Committee Chairman Sam Mims, a Republican from McComb.

A budget bill for the state Veterans Affairs Board would allocate \$19.7 million to move a state veterans' home out of Jackson to other state-owned property. Legislators also were making plans to spend about \$1.5 billion of the \$1.8 billion the state is receiving from the federal government for pandemic relief

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Cooking is a Copeland family affair

By COLEMAN EAKES
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Kaitlin Copeland has always loved mac and cheese and her husband Jason knows how to make it just how she likes it.

It all started from when she was little and would always want her mom and dad, Ted and Barbara Manning, to make her grilled cheese, so her dad decided to finally teach her.

"I remember when I was little my dad finally taught me how to make grilled cheese and I really think my parents just got tired of making it for me so my dad just went ahead and showed me how."

She and Jason have been married since 2013 and he knows exactly how to make her mac and cheese, thanks to her mother teaching him how to do it.

"My mom ended up teaching Jason how to make it and basically it's just mac and cheese with homemade roux which just makes it so good!"

Her husband also loves for her to make him roast with onions, gravy, carrots, and potatoes.

Their 4-year-old daughter, Ivy Kait, loves to help them cook and she even knows how to crack eggs.

"Yes she loves to help cook and she'll pull her a stool up and she'll stir the bowl and crack the eggs she just loves to help."

Her parents grow a garden every year and she helps her mother can tomatoes and peas and for her help Barbara always sends her home with canned tomatoes and canned peas.

Her great-grandmother, Lydia Manning, who just turned 103, always made biscuits when she was over at her house and she even taught her how to make cookies to go with tea.

Her other grandmother, Sarah Vowell, loved to make candied pickles that she and her mom love to make.

"I love those candied pickles especially the little syrup inside them!"

Kaitlin has been the TAG teacher at Neshoba Elementary since 2014. She got her masters from William Carrey University and she has been board certified since 2018.

Her husband is a nurse practitioner at Oktibbeha County Hospital.

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

- 1 lb. Fettuccini
- 3 lb. chicken tenders
- 12 oz. margarine
- 1 Q. yellow onion, diced
- 1 Q. Celery, diced
- 1 Q. Carrots, diced
- 1 ½ cup flour



Ivy Kait, Kaitlin and Jason Copeland

- 2 Q water
- 1 Q. Half and Half
- 2 QT. Heavy Cream
- ¾ C Chicken base
- 2 tsp. White Pepper

Cut pasta into 1" pieces and cook. Toss chicken with oil, salt, and pepper. Bake until cooked. Cut chicken into 1/2" pieces. Melt margarine in stock pot. Sauté vegetables until soft, don't brown. Stir in flour using. Low heat for 3 minutes. Add water and whisk vigorously until no lumps. Add cream and half and half. Stir until mixed well. Bring to simmer over medium heat. Add base, pep-

COOK OF THE WEEK

per, noodles, and chicken.

MAMA MIA'S MAC SALAD

- 7 ounces uncooked large pasta shells (2 1/2 cups)
- 1 tablespoon canola oil ½ cup mayonnaise
- 6 tablespoons sour cream
- 1 ½ tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- .38 teaspoon onion powder
- .38 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt ¼

- teaspoon garlic salt ¾ tea-
- spoon Dijon mustard ½ cup
- chopped red onion
- 1 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded sharp Cheddar cheese

Cook pasta in boiling salted water according to package directions. Drain. Rinse pasta under cold running water; drain. Stir in oil until coated. Cover and chill 30 minutes. Meanwhile, combine mayonnaise and next 7 ingredients in a large bowl, stirring until blended and smooth. Add pasta, stirring until pasta is creamy and coated. Stir in

onion and remaining 2 ingredients. Serve immediately, or cover and chill 1 hour.

GRANNY T'S CAKES

- 1 Cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- ½ C shortening
- 1 Tbsp. milk

Sift self-rising flour. Make hole in flour. Pour in eggs, sugar and shortening. Make like biscuits. Roll out and cut. Bake until brown.

14-DAY CANDIED CUCUMBERS

- 16 lb. cucumbers
- 2 C salt to gal. water or

- enough to float an egg
- Alum
- 1 Gal apple cider
- 10 lb. Sugar
- 1 small box spices

Soak cucumbers in salt water for 14 days. Remove from salt water, slice and soak overnight in powdered alum water. Take out of alum water; rinse and soak in gallon of apple cider vinegar for 6 hours. Remove from vinegar; pour vinegar down the drain and put sliced pickled in layers of sugar and spices mixed. Use stone jar and let stand several days before using pickles. Do not seal.

Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS
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The Holland House was charmingly decorated for spring and Easter in soft pastel colors when the Fifth Wednesday Bridge Club arrived for a fun meeting. Hostesses for the event were Marianne Enochs, Ray Flemming, and Joyce Hardy.

Members enjoyed cheese wafers along with a beverage of their choice while waiting for lunch to be served. The tables looked lovely with centerpieces of bright pink azaleas in silver julep cups and an Easter bunny next to each one. Floral patterned china plates were placed on silver chargers with white cloth napkins on each plate. After the blessing by Joyce Dansby, everyone chose a seat at a table where they were served a luscious lunch followed by a delectable dessert. The food was catered by Tony Gray who did a fantastic job.

After finishing lunch, tables were cleared and cards shuffled and everyone started playing bridge. There are sixteen members in the club, so there were four tables with a lot of chatter and laughter filling the air. It was a very pleasant way to spend a rather weather-stressed day. Thank you to Joyce Dansby for setting up her Holland House venue for us.

Members attending were Marianne Enochs, Ray Flemming, Joyce Hardy, Joyce Dansby, Susan Burt, Ellen Kilgore, Susan King, June Nowell, Shirley Cox, Beth Henson, Sara Hinkle, Carol Oliphant, Pat Posey, Alice Roe, Charlene Webb, and Jan Williamson.

Congratulations to Leake Academy's Star Student for the 2021-2022 school year, Rope

Lovern. He was selected for this honor by the Mississippi Economic Council's W. B. Swayze Foundation. Selection is based on ACT scores and academic achievement.

Rope chose Trayce Eakes as STAR Teacher. STAR Students and Teachers will be honored by the Economic Council STAR Student/ Teacher Educational Banquet at the Clyde Muse Center in Pearl, MS on April 14, 2022.

Surprise parties are hard to keep a surprise, but Lynda Stribling was totally surprised when her children and grandchildren gave her a party for her birthday on March 19 at Ronnie's the day before her actual birthday. She did not suspect a thing when her daughter, Cydney Stribling Belk, and her husband, Mitchell Belk, invited her to dinner the day before her birthday. They decided to go to Ronnie's Steak and Grill Restaurant which was fine with Lynda.

They entered the restaurant and were shown into the separate dining room. Still not suspicious, she walked through the door where members of her family shouted, "Surprise!" Lynda's eyes filled with happy tears at the sight of all of her best-loved people in the world.

Lynda's three children, Heath Stribling, Regan Stribling Sonnabend, and Cydney Stribling Belk were so happy to celebrate her birthday with their families. Regan and her daughters came from Arlington Heights, Illinois, and stayed for a few days afterward before going to Florida where Marc Sonnabend joined them for spring break. It was a Happy Birthday!

Philadelphia High School has

announced the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the graduating Class of 2022. Valedictorian is Trey Posey and Salutatorian is Kameron Tucker. Congratulations to each of you. Your hard work has really earned you these honors!

March 24, 2022, was an exceptional day for the Richard McKay family in Arlington, Texas. It was the day their baby daughter became officially and legally a member of the McKay family. Anna Margaret has been a very much loved member since she was born, and now she is officially a McKay.

Her parents, Glyn and Richard McKay along with her two brothers, Fletcher and Isaac, were thrilled to meet the judge who presided over her adoption. He held Anna Margaret for pictures with the family and everyone was all smiles. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Miriam Prince from Leake Academy who was named 5A MAIS Player of the Year! The Midsouth Association of Independent Schools is a consortium of schools in Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana and Arkansas. Miriam is the daughter of Valeria and Phillip Prince.

The 5A MAIS Coach of the Year is Leake Academy's Amanda Hatch. Congratulations!

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Jenkins, Peebles serve as House pages

Hayden Jenkins and Pete Peebles, both of Philadelphia, recently served as pages for the Mississippi House of Representatives. Pages generally run errands for officials and House staff. Jenkins, 14, is the son of Abby and Ryan Jenkins. Peebles, 15, is the son of Ashley and Ben Peebles. Both young men are freshmen at Leake Academy and were sponsored for the week by Representative Scott Bounds (R -

Neshoba). When asked about the week, Jenkins said, "I really liked being a page this week. It was really fun, and I learned a lot!" "It was fun to be a page for the House," added Peebles. "Thank you, Representative Bounds, for the opportunity." Pictured, from left, are Rep. Scott Bounds, Hayden Jenkins, fellow page Molly Cliburn, Pete Peebles and Speaker of the House Philip Gunn.

Of Local Interest

FALLEN VETERANS MONUMENT BRICKS

The Monument Replacement Committee continues to sell bricks and pavers to be placed at our new Fallen Veterans Monument located in DeWeese Park adjacent to the Neshoba County Library. Bricks are \$125.00 and Pavers are \$200.00 each. Every effort will be made to get any orders received by the 15th of April shipped in and installed before our Memorial Day ceremony scheduled for May 30, 2022. For more information and order blanks you can visit our "Fallen Veterans Monument Replacement" group on Facebook, picking up order blanks from the Depot in Philadelphia, sending an email to [\[door.con\]\(mailto:rrocker@net-door.con\) or calling Ray Crocker at \(601\) 663-6674.](mailto:rrocker@net-</p>
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As other students in the school district, pre-k students will be offered breakfasts and lunches by the Neshoba County School District Food Services.

Registration and testing will be conducted from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm, on May 23 - 25. We ask that one parent attend with the child being tested.

For more information, call the office of Federal Programs/Pre-K @ 601-656-4484 or email Deirdre Manning at dmanning@neshobacentral.com or Sheila Goss at sgoss@neshobacentral.com.

NOWELL FAMILY REUNION

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COUNTY RECEIVES TWO GRANTS FOR FOOD, SHELTER PROGRAM

Neshoba County has been chosen to receive grants to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The county received \$26,690 in ARPA-R (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) Act funds from the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board. In addition, the county received a \$8,636 grant from the federal government to supplement the food and shelter programs.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army; American Red Cross; United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the churches of Christ in the U.S. A.; and United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local board made up of the Mayor, United Way, a minister, and other agencies will determine how the funds awarded to Neshoba County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Public or private voluntary, non-profit or faith based and government agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact 601-663-8505 or email to karowell@bellsouth.net for an application.

The deadline for applications to be received is Wednesday, April 13, 2022.

Friends

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Neshoba Central High School held its annual Senior Prom on Saturday evening, March 26, at The Venue. The theme this year was "The Secret Garden" and it really was transformed into a garden with the hard work and time the Senior sponsors and members of the class who decorated it.

It was an evening for students to dress up and be together for one more time before graduation. The girls looked fabulous in their prom dresses and the boys were handsome in their formal attire. There was a DJ who played music for dancing, tables of finger foods and a sweets table, and soft drinks. It was a very festive affair!



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State Senate Pages

Three local students recently served as a page for the Mississippi Senate. Pages generally run errands for officials and Senate staff. Ryan Dunn is the son of James and Amy Dunn and attends Neshoba Central High School. When asked about the week, Ryan said, "I am thankful to God for letting me be here. It was exciting to see the senate for a week." Ellis Branning is the son of the Honorable Senator Jenifer B. Branning and attends Pine Grove Christian Academy. When asked about the week, Ellis said, "My favorite part of being

able to page this week was being able to meet all of our state senators. I also really enjoyed seeing and hearing the action that goes on in the senate chamber." Corbin Camp is the son of David and Lorrita Camp and attends Pine Grove Christian Academy. When asked about the week, Corbin said, "My time as a page was very enjoyable. I appreciate Senator Branning for inviting me to do it." Pictured, from left, are Senator Jenifer Branning, Ellis Branning, Ryan Dunn, Corbin Camp, and Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann.

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SPORTS

Leake Rebels try to rebound after tough week

By **ROBBIE ROBERTSON**
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It was a rough week for the Leake Academy baseball team.

The Rebels lost all three games, getting swept by Simpson County Academy, falling 11-4 on Tuesday, 9-8 on Thursday and 14-8 on Friday.

Leake, now 7-10, will return to action with a three-game series with Lamar School this week. Leake will play at Lamar on Monday and then host the Raiders on Tuesday. Leake will finish the series on Thursday at Lamar.

**Simpson 14
Leake 8**

The Cougars scored in every inning and pulled away to take a six-run win over the Rebels on Friday and sweep the series.

Each team scored two in the first while Simpson led 5-4 after two innings. Each team scored one in the third while Simpson scored four in the fourth to take a 10-5 lead. Each team then scored one in the fifth and two in the sixth while Simpson finished with one in the seventh.

impson outhit Leake 10-9 and drew nine walks. Rope Lovern was 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs while

Gunter Scott was 2-for-3. Rhett Atkinson homered, scored twice and drove in two runs. Bishop Hardin also scored twice.

Atkinson started on the mound and pitched three innings, giving up eight runs on three hits and seven walks. John Cross Beckham pitched two innings and gave up three runs on five hits. Bryce Watkins pitched one inning and gave up two runs on one hit while Jack Harkins gave up one run on one hit.

**Simpson 9
Leake 8**

The Rebels were unable to hold onto an early lead as the

Cougars needed two extra innings to take a walk-off win on Thursday.

The Rebels exploded with seven runs in the third inning while Simpson scored one in the fifth, four in the sixth and two in the seventh to send the game into extra innings. Each team scored one in the eighth while Simpson scored one in the ninth.

Simpson outhit Leake 14-9 in the contest. Aiden Watkins was 4-for-5 to lead Leake while Bishop Hardin doubled and drove in two runs. Rhett Atkinson and Rope Lovern also doubled for Leake. Bryce Watkins walked twice and scored two runs had had two

RBIs.

Aiden Watkins started on the mound and pitched 5 1/3 innings, giving up four runs on eight hits and two walks. Hardin pitched the other 3 1/3 innings and gave up five runs on six hits.

**Simpson 11
Leake 4**

The Cougars jumped out to an early lead and held on to take a seven-run win over the Rebels on Tuesday.

Simpson scored three in the first and second and led 7-2 after three. Simpson added two in the fifth and seventh while Leake scored one in the fifth and seventh.

Leake outhit Simpson 14-7 in the contest. Gunter Scott was 2-for-3 with two doubles and four RBIs while Rhett Atkinson was 2-for-4 with a double and two runs scored. Bishop Hardin and Kade Marble also doubled while Rope Lovern drew three walks.

Matthew Nowell started and pitched two innings, giving up six runs on eight hits and two walks while striking out two. Bryce Watkins pitched the last five innings and gave up four runs on six hits and two walks while striking out two.

Lady Rockets' softball team enters week with 15-2 record

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**
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The Neshoba Central Lady Rockets picked two victories on the field and two forfeits last week to improve their record to 15-2 coming into this week.

The Lady Rockets picked up wins over Kosciusko 3-1 and Choctaw Central 12-0. Holmes Central forfeited two

games.

Neshoba Central will play two games this week. Weather permitting, they were to host Canton on Tuesday and Wayne County on Friday. A game scheduled with Enterprise Monday was cancelled.

"We have a young team and we need to be playing more games," Coach Zach Sanders said. "We are starting two sen-

iors and the rest are ninth and 10th graders and one eighth grader.

"The weather has been a problem. The girls are working hard and we were playing well when we put some games together."

**Lady Rockets 3
Kosciusko 1**

Lanayah Henry pitched

seven innings, struck out four batters and allowed just four hits to lead the Lady Rockets past Kosciusko.

Neshoba Central scored one in the third, one in the fourth and one in the sixth. Kosciusko scored its run in the third.

Mauhree Jones hit a triple to pace the Lady Rockets. Tenly Grisham had two hits and scored a run while Dakota

Williamson hit a single.

**Lady Rockets 12
Choctaw Central 0**

Neshoba Central pounded out 10 hits to take a victory over Choctaw Central.

The Lady Rockets scored six in the first, five in the second and one in the fourth.

Jones was the winning pitcher.

Hama'ya Fielder hit a triple while scoring two runs and knocking in two more. Miley Thomas hit a triple, a double and a single. She scored three runs and knocked in three more. Williamson had two singles and knocked in a pair of runs, Tenly Grisham had two hits while Charmayne Morris had two hits will scoring a run and knocking another in.

Leake Academy's Prince, Freeny named to All-MAIS team

By **ROBBIE ROBERTSON**
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The postseason honors continued to roll in for the Leake Academy girls basketball team.

Two Leake players, junior guards Miriam Prince and Morgan Freeny, were selected to the Class 5A All-MAIS team while Prince was named the Class 5A Player of the Year. In all, only eight players were chose to the Class 5A team.

Leake coach Amanda Hatch was named the Class 5A Coach of the Year as well.

Leake repeated as state champions and went 37-4 after losing two starters off last year's squad. The Rebelettes beat Bowling Green 60-45 in the Class 5A state tournament, which was a grueling test for Leake. The Rebelettes beat homestanding Brookhaven 55-45 in the opening round of the tournament and then came from

behind to beat Central Hinds 47-41 in the semifinals. Leake then lost to Jackson Prep in the Overall finals, falling 37-34 after winning the Overall in 2021.

Prince had another outstanding season for the Rebelettes, averaging 19.2 points a game and passed the 2,000-point mark in her career. Prince finished the season with 2,167 points, placing her sixth on the school's all-time scoring list,

just behind Hannah Peoples who finished with 2,172 points. The school's all-time leading scorer is Susan Byrd with 3,187 points while Kristin Caldwell is second with 2,708 points.

"Miriam's player of the year was an obvious selection," Hatch said. "Her ball handling skills, ability to score the ball from inside or out, defensive pressure, and knowledge of the game are exceptional. She works on her game like no one

I've seen before. Even though she is so talented and skilled, she continues to work on improving her game. She makes everyone around her better with her ability to create and pushes her teammates to work as hard as she does."

Also making the team was junior guard Morgan Freeny, who was Leake's second-leading scorer with 10.3 points a game.

"Red loves to compete and

does so at a very high level each practice and game," Hatch said. "She shines in big moments with great shooting, offensive rebounds, and nearly flawless defensive technique. She has great court awareness on both ends. I'm so proud that she has received this honor because of all her years of hard work."

Lady Yellow Jackets ready for region contest on softball diamond

By **ROBBIE ROBERTSON**
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The Union Lady Yellowjackets broke even on the week on the softball diamond.

Union swept a pair of games from Forest, winning 18-1 and 21-6.

Union lost 1-0 to Ethel and

10-2 to Morton on Saturday.

Union coach Jacob Casey said the Lady Yellowjackets are struggling at the plate right now.

"We just aren't hitting like we were before spring break," Casey said. "We hit some pretty good pitching there before spring break and

scored about 40 runs in four games. We struggled against Ethel and Morton. The Morton loss really hurts. We were in first in the division and had already beaten them and then lost to them 10-2. Now we are tied for second. Hopefully, we can break out of that slump this week."

Union will return to action this week with a pair of Region 5-3A games against Southeast Lauderdale. Union will travel to Southeast on Tuesday and host the Lady Tigers on Thursday. They will finish the week as they host Newton County on Friday.

**Union 18
Forest 1**

The Lady Yellowjackets scored all 18 of their runs in the first inning to take a three-inning, run-rule win over the Lady Bearcats.

Forest scored one in the first while Union scored 18 in the bottom of the first.

Union had just four hits but drew nine walks and six hit batters. Kaylee Holley tripled, scored three runs and had two RBIs while Lauryn Roebuck doubled and scored three runs. Carsyn Capps doubled, scored two runs and had three RBIs while Landrey singled, scored two runs and three RBIs. Alanee Wheeler and Tiara Campbell each scored two runs apiece.

Abigail Cleveland started in the circle and pitched all three innings, giving up one run on one hit and three walks while striking out four.

**Ethel 1
Union 0**

The Lady Tigers only had one hit but used a walk-off home run in the bottom of the seventh to take the win.

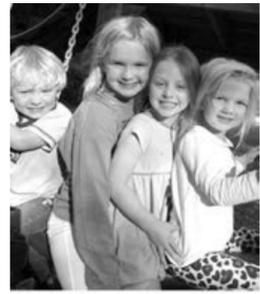
Union scattered five hits in the contest. Kaylee Holley, Alanee Wheeler, Landrey Hanna, DD Hunter and Destiny Moulds each singled for Union.

Wheeler started in the circle and gave up just one hit and four walks while striking out 11.

Rockets improve to 15-3

By **ROBBIE ROBERTSON**
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The Neshoba Central baseball team improved to 15-3 as they defeated Canton 14-0 in a Region 3-5A contest.



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That would be the only game the Rockets played last week. They have three home games scheduled last week, weather permitting. They are slated to play two games with Canton on Friday. On Saturday, they host Meridian High School.

Against Canton, the Rockets went to work fast as they score six in the first, four in the second and four in the fifth.

Jesse Hancock was the winning pitcher. He struck out six batters in four innings of work. Sanders Griffis pitched in relief and struck out three.

Will Williams and Jordan Davis both hit a double. Pepper Agent had four hits, scored two runs and knocked in another. R.B. Harden had two hits. Bryceton Spencer and Brayden Reynold both had two hits, scored one run and knocked in two more. Demarquez West had one hit, scored two runs and knocked in a run.

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