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CRIME

6 arrested in Valley View drive-by

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@neshobademocrat.com

Six young men including two juveniles have been arrested in connection with a drive-by shooting on Valley View Drive last week that left one man injured.

Three men were arrested on Feb. 21, after being connected to the car involved in the shooting.

According to Police Chief Eric Lyons, those arrested were: Emanuel Boyd, 21, 720 Hopoca Road, Carthage, charged with drive-by shooting

and possession of a stolen firearm.

Jalen Burch, 20, 258 North Brook Road, Carthage, charged with drive-by shooting and possession of a stolen firearm. Nicholas Green, 20, 324 Cherry Avenue, charged with drive-by shooting and posses-

sion of a stolen firearm.

The three men were taken into custody on Cherry Avenue.

Additional information led to the arrest of two juveniles charged as adults, Damari Rush, 16, and Abraveon Robinson, 17, both facing drive-by shooting charges, according to Lyons.

Both juveniles were taken into custody at their residence. Rush was picked up at Pendleton Square apartments on Feb. 22, and Robinson at 277 Northwest Street the following afternoon.

It is believed that all five of these men were inside the same

vehicle and targeted an individual at a residence on the 500 block of Valley View Drive," Lyons said.

Lemarion Holden, 18, 237 Valley View Drive, was arrested and charged with discharging a

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Ashley Rowland Smith displays one of her Pure Bliss Balloons creations.

Blissful balloon artist finds success with new business

By JACE HENDERSON jace@neshobademocrat.com

Ashley Smith, a talented balloon artist and the creative force behind Pure Bliss Balloons, has found success after launching her business just over a year ago around Valentine's Day.

Now juggling her roles as a nurse, wife to Michael Smith, and mom to Charlie and Mary Claire, she finds joy in transforming her passion for balloon art into a blossoming business.

Smith said she smiles on her customers' faces and being nicknamed "the balloon lady" by many kids help keep her motivated and entertained.

"My daughter loves when I do balloons for her, and I have little clients that get excited when I walk in with my big bag of balloons," she said. "It really makes me happy to see them happy over balloons."

The name "Pure Bliss" was a natural choice for Smith and encapsulates one of her favorite sayings that reflect her

view of life.

"Life is just pure bliss, everything is great," she exclaimed.

Smith's journey into balloon artistry began by first making balloons for her children's and friend's birthday parties, coupled with a long-standing desire to be a party decorator.

After being encouraged by her husband to start a Facebook page, the response exceeded her expectations, leading to a surge in balloon bouquet orders through social media and word of mouth.

Soon, Smith found herself decorating events for schools, weddings, and even for downtown businesses when Dolly Parton headlined at the Ellis Theater last year.

"I've always been a crafty person," she said. "There is a lot of thought, time, critiquing, and planning that goes into balloons, and it's way more to it than just throwing balloons together."

Smith draws inspiration from watch-

ing YouTube videos, scrolling through Pinterest, and using her innate creativity with her own personal twist to designs, allowing for confidence to surpass client expectations for any celebration theme.

"My twist to balloon art is the little extra details," she said. "It's the small things that matter."

After potential clients reach out via Facebook, text, or call, the planning process including date, time, location, and theme discussions begin. Smith then sends mockups for approval and prints the balloons a day before the event to avoid mishaps like balloons popping the day of.

Her balloon orders are often sourced online, and she takes pride in her extensive color palette, having nearly stockpiled every shade imaginable. Balloons, she believes, offer endless possibilities of various themes and interests.

"The good thing about balloons is you can make them anything you want

them to be," she said.

Holidays and school graduations mark peak seasons for her business, and her creativity has even extended to charitable efforts, such as donating balloons for a Make-A-Wish event at the country club. For Smith, each event holds a special place in her heart.

Although she admits that her commitment to accepting requests may sometimes lead to overbooking, Smith remains steadfast, having scaled back to one or two setups on weekends.

"I have trouble telling people no," she said. "But no matter how many times I overbook myself, I still make it work."

The joy Ashley Smith spreads through her balloon art is evident in every event she undertakes. Her advice for aspiring creatives in the balloon business or any venture is simple: be creative, add your personal touch, and persevere even if success doesn't come instantly.

COUNTY

Sheriff seeks mobile app to fight crime

By JACE HENDERSON jace@neshobademocrat.com

A mobile app that provides citizens with access to the sex offender registry, information on wanted criminals, resources for crime victims, tip submissions and more is being proposed by Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark

Clark first introduced the idea for the app to the Board of Supervisors in November, sparking ongoing discussions, without any action so far.

The app would allow the Sheriff's Department to send push notifications about road closures, accidents, and weather alerts. Users could also register complaints or compliments related to their interactions with deputies.

The mobile app that Clark favors, branded as the Sheriff's App, also features access to the county jail's inmate roster, allowing users to schedule visitations and contribute commissary funds for inmates, and would establish a voluntary registry for home and business owners with security cameras in Neshoba County providing the Sheriff's Office with contacts who may possess footage relevant to crimes, suspicious vehicles or suspects.

According to Clark, the Sheriff's App could be funded from monies exceeding \$11,000 left over from the Ally Telecom grant, along with additional donations to

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TELEPHONE POLES

\$60K worth of copper wire stolen

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@neshobademocrat.com

Several people arrested in Leake County last week are suspected of taking about \$60,000 in copper wire ripped from telephone poles in the Burnside and Arlington communities here last year.

The Leake County Sheriff's Office arrested a group of alleged copper thieves last week and charged them with grand larceny which is the taking of \$25,000 or more.

Arrested in Leake County on Feb. 21 were:

- Michael Jones, 26, 910 Rice Creek Road Carthage; Hailee Allen, 24, 910 Rice Creek Road, Carthage;

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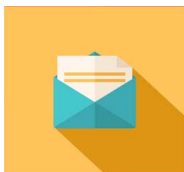


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Community In Action recently donated \$500 to support Philadelphia Middle School in covering expenses for the Beta Club Convention. Pictured above are David Carter, Deffany Phillips, and Johnny Beckwith.

Copper

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- Michael Johnson, 46, 3134 Highway 16 West, Carthage;
- Mason Cranfill, 21, 3143

Highway 16 West, Carthage.

All four have been linked to the Neshoba County thefts, Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark said, along with Dustin Jones, 28, 3134 Highway 16 West, Carthage.

On Aug. 21, 2023, and Sept. 27, 2023, it was reported to the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office that copper wire was stolen from poles in the Burnside community and along Marty Stuart Drive at Arlington.

Jones was arrested by Neshoba County deputies and charged with grand larceny.

During the investigation, it was determined that the group used climbing spikes to climb the poles and cut the wires.

They used mule tape to tie to the wire and pull it down to the ground.

The group would pile wire

and then return later to load it. Neshoba County deputies located wire trimmings in an old dirt pit on Blackjack Road. The copper was reportedly sold to a scrap yard in the Jackson area.

The suspects are all awaiting a bond hearing in Leake County, according to Clark.

Once released from Leake County, he said they will be transferred to Neshoba County and face grand larceny charges.

They are also suspects in copper wire thefts in Attala, Scott, and Pearl River counties, Clark said.

If you have any information on criminal activity in Philadelphia or Neshoba County, call (601) 656-1414 or East Mississippi Crime Stoppers at 1-855-485-8477.

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Arts Council to present 'Tarzan the Musical'

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The Ellis Theater is set to undergo a jungle transformation and be taken over by around 55 gorillas for the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council presentation of Disney's musical "Tarzan."

Catch the captivating performances on Thursday, Feb. 29 at 7 p.m., Friday, March 1 at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 2 at 2 p.m., and Sunday, March 3 at 2 p.m.

In this tale, an infant boy washed ashore in West Africa is adopted and raised by gorillas who name him Tarzan. His encounter with Jane, a young naturalist, blossoms into love, unaware that Jane's entourage is plotting against the gorillas.

Guiding the productions are co-directors Kinsey Goldman and Tim Moore.

The talented cast will feature Caleb Bradley as Tarzan, Haley McFarland as Jane, Lane Fulton as Terk, Valerie Ballard as Kala, Craig Stevens as Kerchak, Curt Pace as Porter, Jackson Lovorn as Clayton, Johnna Carter Ballard as Young Tarzan, Cooper Callahan as Young Terk, Shot Stribling as Snipes, Ian Madison as



The cast of "Tarzan the Musical" is excited for their upcoming performances.

Father, Kara Spears as Mother, and Kaylee Fryery as The Leopard.

From the Academy Award-winning "You'll Be in My Heart," to the thrilling

"Son of Man" and "Two Worlds," "Tarzan" promises a high-flying, unforgettable

theatrical experience. Tickets may be purchased at the Ellis Theater Box

Office or by calling (601) 653-5358.

Philadelphia aldermen adopt new public records policy

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A new Public Records Policy for the city of Philadelphia has been approved by aldermen, which should make obtaining records an easier process for both the city and citizens, officials said.

This new policy aligns with the state law allowing public records to be accessible for inspection and copying during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Individuals seeking to inspect or copy public records of the city of Philadelphia should submit a written request using the city request form, or via letter, fax, or email addressed to the Philadelphia City Clerk.

The request should include the requester's name, address, contact information, identification of the public records, and the preferred date and time for the request.

If the requester prefers copies instead of inspection, they should specify and arrange payment or a deposit for copies at a rate of \$0.50 cents per page for standard photocopies. The cost of searching, reviewing, and redacting exempt information will be based on the hourly rate of the lowest-paid city employee qualified for the task, according to state law.

Requests will be processed in the order that allows the most efficient handling within seven business days, and requesters must claim or review the assembled records within 30 days

of notification that the records are available.

The process for requesting electronic public records is the same as for requesting paper records, and a request form is also available at the public records officer's office and online at philadelphiacity.com, officials said.

"This will help everybody and make the process a lot easier," said City Attorney Robert Lee Thomas.

For those requesting access to public records or needing assistance with requests, contact the City Clerk of The City of Philadelphia.

In other matters, aldermen voted to:

- Approve a motion to amend the ordinance for medical cannabis to allow for Sunday sales. The vote was

as follows: Justin Clearman, aye; Shaun Seales, aye; James Tatum, aye; James Waltman, nay; and Jim Fulton, nay. The motion passed;

- Approve a motion to pay Allen & Hoshall invoice totaling \$420 for engineering services completed on the Booker T Washington ADA Improvements, CDBG project. The motion was approved unanimously;

- Approve a motion to pay Allen Engineering invoice totaling \$460 for work on the airport lighting improvement project, and another invoice totaling \$1,179.77 for work on the airport runway and taxiway seal coat project. The motion was approved unanimously;

- Approve a motion to pay Gilmer Electric invoice totaling \$3,576 for lighting and IT power at Booker T from

Bond B monies. The motion was approved unanimously;

- Approve a motion to pay East Central Planning and Development invoice in the amount of \$9,999 on the MCWI project. The motion was approved unanimously;

- Approve a motion to advertise for bids on the 2024 paving project for the Street Department. The motion was approved unanimously;

- Approve a motion to approve a road bore for C-Spire along west Myrtle Street. The motion was approved unanimously;

- Approve a motion to approve a road bore for AT&T along Lakeside Drive. The motion was approved unanimously;

- Approve a motion to approve road bores as listed along the following: CR 606, Frog Level Ln., Central Dr.,

Weyerhaeuser Rd., Pilot St., Saint Francis Dr. – Edgewater Dr., Airpark Rd. – Saxon Rd., Chestnut St., CR 561, Morrow St., and Highway 19 for MaxxSouth. The motion was approved unanimously;

- Approve a motion to hire Peter Malone at \$14.63 an hour effective Feb. 29 as a driver with the Fire Department. The motion was approved unanimously;

- Approve a motion to amend the resolution on the Philadelphia Transit to allow an option for aldermen to make a one-time \$10,000 donation. The vote was as follows: Shaun Seales, aye, Jim Fulton, aye, James Waltman, aye, James Tatum, aye, and Justin Clearman, nay. The motion passed.

Crime

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firearm in the city limits and possession of a firearm by a minor. Holden was arrested on Feb. 19, shortly after the shooting reportedly took place.

Lyons said the incident was reported at about 12:50 p.m. when PPD received a report of shots fired on Valley View Drive. Lyons said the call took officers to Holden's residence.

According to Lyons, a 22-year-old male was struck in the foot and was transported by per-

sonal vehicle escorted by law enforcement to Neshoba General.

"The male victim has since been released after surgery and is back home," Lyons said. He noted the victim is not believed to be the target of the shooting.

Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark said deputies responded to the scene and were part of the escort to the hospital.

A neighbor's vehicle and residence were struck with bullets. No injuries were reported by the neighbor, Lyons said.

Officers made contact with Holden who was also at the residence where the shooting

occurred and recovered a gun that was used to shoot back at the drive-by vehicle that struck a neighbor's truck.

Officers were able to obtain a vehicle description of the drive-by vehicle and were able to identify the tag number and owner of the vehicle using Flock cameras in the city, Lyons said.

On Feb. 21, officers were able to locate the vehicle on Cherry Avenue where Boyd, Burch and Green were found inside the vehicle and were taken into custody.

Lyons said on Tuesday bond had not been set.

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the Sheriff's Department, all at no cost to taxpayers. The app has been effective for other departments including Leake and Lafayette counties, Clark said.

After supervisors requested two quotes to evaluate cost comparisons, Clark submitted an \$11,285 amount for the first year of the Sheriff's App, covering app development on both Apple and Android devices, along with support and maintenance functions. Another quote of \$26,065 for year one, was provided by Most Wanted Gov. Websites with similar features.

Moving into the second year, fees for the Sheriff's App would total \$5,295, resulting in a combined cost of \$16,580, Clark said. In contrast, Most Wanted will total \$8,190 for year two, with a combined cost of \$34,255, he said.

The board's hesitation for approval centers around funding year two of the Sheriff's App. However, Clark suggested spending the funds generated from the inmate commissary during the first year of the app's usage.

"The people of this county deserve ample police protection, and I am determined to provide that service," Clark said. "This app could be a life-

saver and a huge influence on how we patrol."

In other action, at their Feb. 20 meeting, supervisors voted to:

- Accept a total loss settlement of \$4,359 for a 2013 Ford Taurus for the Sheriff's Department;

- Approve paying a cafeteria invoice totaling \$120 for deputy meals during the Standardized Field Sobriety Training Instructor School from Feb. 6-8 for deputies Priscilla Castro, Davirius Miller, Cortez Peebles, and Dyron Talbert;

- Approve paying Neshoba General's January inmate feeding invoice totaling \$45,160;

- Approve pay increases of \$0.50 an hour to correctional officers Laydric Carter, Malloory Miller, Bruce Ferguson, and Damon Hudson for completing the Correctional Officer Certification Course;

- Approve a reimbursement for a CAT excavator for the

Road Department from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for \$30,435;

- Approve paying off a Road Department CAT 307.5 mini-excavator for \$26,209 to Cadence Bank;

- Approve hiring Anna Lauren Bryan part-time with the Tax Collector's Office at \$9 an hour effective Feb. 26 pending a drug screen;

- Approve a maintenance request for eight school bus turnarounds at 10811 Road 541, 10182 Road 1713, Deer Creek Drive, 10281 Road 715, 10181 Road 1117, 11211 Road 361, 10701 Road 133, and 10840 Road 822;

- Approve Burks Mordecai Builders payment of \$128,361 for work completed on a storage building project;

- Approve hiring Jessie and Frances Hamilton as part-time event staff at the Coliseum effective Feb. 16 at \$14 an hour.

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EDITORIALS

Trump trounces Haley at home

There's a time to turn the page, but it's only when the story is finished. That's the message from South Carolina's Republican primary voters, who showed they're no more ready to move on from former President Donald Trump than he is willing to depart from a script that concludes with a return to the White House.

Mr. Trump won Saturday's Palmetto State presidential primary with a comfortable 60% share of votes among a strong Republican turnout. Despite her popularity while serving as South Carolina's governor and then U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, fellow contender Nikki Haley mustered just 40% — despite generous help from Democrats allowed to vote in the state's open primary.

Making the most of her youthful looks, competent red-state helmsmanship and solid diplomatic credentials, Ms. Haley has outlasted all GOP rivals except the former president. Ms. Haley had counted on a wall-to-wall TV ad campaign to convince state Republicans that it's time to "turn the page" on the Trump era. It's no reflection on her qualifications that in South Carolina, where a sense of right and wrong still matters, voters disagreed.

Leading the list of wrongs that Americans charge to President Biden's faulty leadership is a border policy that has flooded the nation with millions of illegal immigrants. According to an Edison Research exit poll, the dysfunctional southern border topped the priorities list in South Carolina, named as most pressing by 37% of primary voters. The economy ranked second at 33%, and foreign policy followed at 13%.

Judging from the enthusiasm of pro-Trump crowds, South Carolinians were equally driven by their sense of injustice heaped upon the former president in Dem-

ocratic-controlled strongholds. Voters reckon that abandoning Mr. Trump to the depredations of his enemies would ensure that no Republican challenger will be spared similarly rough treatment in the future.

The list of insults to justice is extensive: New York courts entertaining novel business-law charges that can name no victim and innuendo-laden sexual assault and defamation lawsuits that stand to cost the Republican front-runner half a billion dollars. In the Empire State, an outlandish federal campaign-finance case also looms.

In Washington, Mr. Trump faces charges for urging Americans disturbed by 2020 election irregularities to display their displeasure by protesting "peacefully and patriotically." Another trial awaits for getting crossways with presidential record-keepers. In Georgia, he is confronted with racketeering allegations for asking election authorities to "find" more 2020 votes. On all fronts, the Democratic Party's bag of legal dirty tricks threatens to bankrupt and imprison Mr. Biden's likely Election Day opponent.

Meanwhile, Ms. Haley vows to fight on, reportedly preparing seven-figure ad buys leading up to Super Tuesday on March 5, when Republicans will cast primary ballots in 15 states and one U.S. territory. Barring a startling breakthrough, she will fall too far behind the Trump juggernaut to have a realistic expectation of securing the party's nomination.

Mr. Trump's "make America great again" script has no role for the South Carolina runner-up. Ultimately, it's up to voters whether to decide whether follow Mr. Trump's narrative or, as Ms. Haley urges, to "turn the page."

— *The Washington Times*

FLASHBACKS

February 25, 1944

Overall plans for the 1944 Red Cross War Fund drive in Neshoba County has been completed, according to Tom DeWeese, drive chairman. Detailed plans will be announced next week, Mr. DeWeese said.

James Nelson Lewis, who has been an employee of The Neshoba Democrat since June 12, 1943, left Wednesday for Jackson where he will undergo examination for enlistment in the U. S. Navy.

February 25, 1954

Philadelphians will be host to 65 band students at the Philadelphia High School here Friday night and Saturday when selected band members from Forest, Newton, Mortan, Union and Decatur High will join with Philadelphia's selected students for a band clinic.

East Neshoba Girls went into the finals of the District IV Tournament held in Kosciusko Tuesday night after defeating Walnut Grove that afternoon by a close margin of 53-50.

February 27, 1964

Bob Parks from the department of Miss. Geological Survey, Thursday visited the site of the well blowing gas at the home of Miss Rosie McNeil in the edge of Kemper county. The gas will not burn, but Mr. Parks said that he was taking samples which would be analyzed.

Jack Ross, student at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia has accepted the call of the First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia to be its next pastor.

February 28, 1974

The Neshoba County Heart Association has set a goal of \$3,000 to be used to reduce death and disability from heart attack and other heart and blood vessel disease.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Neshoba County Fair Association Tuesday afternoon at city hall, President N. A. Johnson Jr. announced that "considerable improvement" was being made on the fairgrounds.

February 28, 1984

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors have designated March 3 as the date for distribution of cheese and butter to relief services recipients. The point of distribution will be the Mississippi National Guard Armory on Highway 15 north.

Residents of the Old Legion Lake Road in District One of Neshoba County are perturbed at the condition of a stretch of county road. A flowing stream of water three feet wide cover the road.

February 23, 1994

Esther Watkins, a retired school teacher, has conveyed to the public library the copy-

right of her history of Neshoba County from its early beginnings until just before the Civil War.

A move is underway to establish a support group in Philadelphia for the families person with Alzheimer's Disease, a brain disorder that strikes almost 10 percent of people over 65 years of age.

February 25, 2004

An hour-long blackout that left much of the city in the dark earlier this month was caused by a defective battery unit in protective equipment at an electrical substation, officials said.

Retailers say there is a danger in roadside vendors who are here one day and gone the next and a group plans to ask city officials what can be done to curtail such activity.

February 26, 2014

Philadelphia Elementary School has been invited to partner with Dr. John Hunt and his staff at Science Fun Day to become a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) School. Thanks to a \$12,300 grant from the Weyerhaeuser Foundation, all PES teachers and staff members will receive professional development and materials in preparation for becoming a STEM school starting in August..

CAL THOMAS

Trump promises to protect Christians

Speaking to an audience of devoted fans at the National Religious Broadcasters Convention in Nashville last Friday, Donald Trump said if re-elected president he will "... create a new federal task force on fighting anti-Christian bias. ... Its mission will be to investigate all forms of illegal discrimination, harassment and persecution against Christians in America."

Dr. Robert Jeffress, pastor of the mega First Baptist Church in Dallas, said Trump's speech "was the most powerfully pro-Christian speech I've ever heard from any president. He will win the Christian vote in a landslide!"

From the beginning of the nation, presidents and candidates have used religious language and quoted Scripture to influence especially conservative Christians to vote for them and back their policies. Not all have meant what they said, or followed through in their personal and political lives in ways that reflected the faith they claimed to hold.

Trump also repeated his assertion that the "radical left..." want(s) to tear down crosses where they can, and cover them up with social justice flags," adding, "But no one will be touching the cross of Christ under the Trump administration, I swear to you." I always thought crosses were a good defense against vampires until someone told me there are no vampires in America. I replied, "see, the crosses are working!"

But seriously, folks. Evangelical Christians who believe government is necessary to defend their faith are getting their marching orders from somewhere other than

Trump promises if re-elected to investigate "all forms of illegal discrimination, harassment and persecution against Christians in America."

the Scriptures they claim to revere.

For those who need a reminder on what should be expected from the unbelieving world, here are some verses that might help sharpen their focus.

Paul, an Apostle of Jesus, suffered numerous persecutions because of his faith. These included beatings, shipwrecks, hunger, jail and eventually death. He responded: "My persecutions and sufferings that happened to me ... I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Jesus Christ will be persecuted." (2 Timothy 3:11-12) All means all.

Jesus, Himself, told his disciples to expect persecution: "If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you..." (John 15:19-20)

Elsewhere, Matthew records Jesus saying: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heav-

en. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Matthew 5:10-12)

The key words here are "for righteousness' sake" and "falsely." If one is persecuted for saying and doing stupid things the persecution is on them.

Christians all over the world have suffered harsh persecution. American Christians think they are being persecuted for things that would be considered trivial by those who have experienced imprisonment, even death, for their faith.

Surveys show that many Americans, especially the young, have stopped attending formal worship services because they see them as having been tainted by poisonous political agendas. People of strong faith who have not made a bargain with the political devils of our day don't need secular government to defend them. Like those Christians of the past they (and some in the present like Russian patriot Alexei Navalny) should stand strong for their faith, living it out in the world in obedience to the one they call "Lord." If they do that, the world just might stand back and marvel.

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RICH LOWRY

The campaign against Donald Trump

Donald Trump has a \$355 million judgment against him, and we're just getting started.

The judgment in the civil fraud case, which reaches \$450 million including pre-judgment interest, is the handiwork of an elected Democratic judge in a case brought by an elected Democratic prosecutor who pledged to pursue Trump in her election campaign.

The prosecutor, New York Attorney General Letitia James, wielded an incredibly broad statute meant to target consumer fraud. Executive Law 63(12) doesn't require any finding of intent to commit fraud or illegality, or require actual victims. The judge in the case, Arthur Engoron, said it didn't even matter whether Trump's exaggerated valuations of his assets were relied on by anyone.

It is, in short, the magic bullet of anti-fraud statutes, and the perfect weapon in the hands of a politically motivated prosecutor looking for any reason to nail one specific person she and all her supporters passionately hate.

The shockingly extravagant judgment against Trump isn't for damages — since there were, ahem, no damages — but supposedly to "disgorge" his "ill-gotten gains."

In harassing lawsuits or prosecutions, it is often said that the process — in other words, the time and money spent fighting the case — is the punishment. That's certainly true of Trump, whose campaign coffers have been drained by legal fees and whose schedule has been clogged with court dates. But the punishment is also the punishment.

It is a rejection of the Anglo-American legal tradition as it has developed over the centuries to enshrine neutrality and fair play in favor of something that is more personalized and illiberal.

On top of the civil fraud case, Trump has been hit by \$5 million and \$83.3 million verdicts in the two E. Jean Carroll cases. Former prosecutor Andy McCarthy notes that the rules in such cases are that the defendant "has to post the amount of the judgment, plus interest, in order to assure the court that the appeal is not simply for purposes of delay, and that the defendant will pay up if he loses." That means Trump will have to pony up half a billion dollars merely to appeal.

This is before Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg comes in with his criminal case, wherein the elected Democratic prosecutor has bootstrapped what should, at most, be a misdemeanor involving hush money paid to a porn star into 34 felony counts.

Bragg's fraud case, in what's becoming a theme, doesn't allege anyone actually being defrauded, and was brought only after Bragg was criticized by allies for taking a pass on charges that, to quote Abraham Lincoln, are "as thin as the homeopathic soup that was made by boiling the shadow of a pigeon that had starved to death."

"Lock her up" was an unworthy slogan directed at

Hillary Clinton back in 2016. Now, Trump's enemies have seen and raised that sentiment. They are moving to destroy Trump's business, drain his resources, blacken his reputation, sink his presidential campaign and, if they can, lock him up — and literally, not figuratively.

What's happening in New York — and is being replicated at the federal level and in Georgia in the 2020 election cases — is law as blood lust. It is a rejection of the Anglo-American legal tradition as it has developed over the centuries to enshrine neutrality and fair play in favor of something that is more personalized and illiberal.

These prosecutors are acting as if they consider the famous speech by then-attorney general and future Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson not as a warning, but a roadmap. He called "the most dangerous power of the prosecutor" that "he will pick people that he thinks he should get, rather than pick cases that need to be prosecuted." Given the variety of laws on the books, Jackson explained, "A prosecutor stands a fair chance of finding at least a technical violation of some act on the part of almost anyone." Then it becomes "a question of picking the man and searching the law books, or putting investigators to work, to pin some offense on him."

That Donald Trump is the man in question doesn't make this phenomenon any less disgraceful or un-American.

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

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BIBLE SELECTION

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

— 1 John 4:9 (ESV)

PHS celebrates Black History Month with program

By JACE HENDERSON
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Philadelphia High School hosted a Black History Month program centered around the theme "Holding On To Excellence."

The program began with a slideshow showcasing classroom doors decorated by students, illustrating their contributions to celebrating Black History throughout the month.

The crowd then joined in harmony with everyone singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing" by James Weldon Johnson and led by Bre'lon Tanksley, before five winners of the school's poetry contest were selected to read their poems, receiving recognition and prizes.

The five poetry winners were Chloe Hunt, Braylon Tanksley, Lakeelah Willis, Jah'Zarria Griffin and Terra Marshall.

Philadelphia Mayor James

A. Young served as the guest speaker, delivering a speech on the theme of excellence, and the program was accompanied by uplifting music from the Philadelphia Choir, featuring lead soloists Makayla Triplett, Breland Hunter, and Aubree Hudson, with songs like "Father Can You Hear Me" by Tamela Mann and "Lift Me Up" by Rihanna.

Tesha Crouther had the honor of recognizing people of excellence from Philadelphia and special presentations were made by PHS Homecoming Queen Nayla Arnold and The Beta Club.

Those honored were Henry Ossawa Tanner, Jennie Louise Van Der Zee, Alton Mason, Madame CJ Walker, Rev. A.C. Rush, Montgomery Moore, Bobbie J. Jackson, Evonne Boyd, Ella Smith, Dr. Shannon Whitehead and Rev. James Young.



Photo by Bre'lon Tanksley

Pictured, from left, are Band Director, Joshua Rushing, Charmaine Manzano, Isabella Coburn, Makayla Triplett, Aubree Hudson, Javion Seales, and Superintendent Dr. Whitehead.

COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 2/20-2/26

- Luther James Amos, 43, of 125 Fani Lakna Cir; public drunk
- Scotty Bell, 43, of 625 Oswald Rd; contempt of court
- Carlos R Ben Jr, 44, of 119 Chitto Cove, Walnut Grove; driving under the influence-2nd offense, no proof of insurance, suspended driver's license-DUI
- Ryan Hunter Boyd, 26, of 500 S Laurel Ave, Adel, GA; possession of marijuana-vehicle, possession of paraphernalia
- Darris Burks, 29, of 230 Rea St; failure to appear
- Norris Carter, 48, of 513 Valley View Dr; serving sentence
- Chortia L Chickaway, 36, of 230 Choclaw Rd, Conehatta; contempt of court, failure to appear X2

- Lorenzo Cordell Clarkson, 38, of 3116 Sparta PO Box 260, Gibsland, LA; possession of marijuana-vehicle, possession of paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance, hold for other agency
- Zachary Dwight Davis, 30, of 140 Willis Rd; failure to appear, contempt of court
- Christopher Robert DeBrow, 37, of 2809 Avenue E, Birmingham, AL; possession of marijuana-vehicle, possession of controlled substance
- Michael D Gibson, 36, of 144 Rolling Hills; possession of paraphernalia
- Michael Shey Grady, 39, of 526 Pleasant Valley Dr; possession of a stolen firearm
- Lancaster Greer 2nd, 60, of 12611 Hwy 495, DeKalb; pos-

- session of paraphernalia
- John Harvey, 44, of Marty Stuart Dr, Carthage; failure to appear
- Anthony Hopson, 40, of 250 MLK Dr; contempt of court, possession of marijuana-1st offense
- Rachel Denise Jackson, 49, of 111 Rolling Hills Rd; failure to appear, driving under the influence-1st offense
- Natalie D Jefferson, 40, of 882 Decatur Conehatta, Conehatta; contempt of court
- Rickie James Jenkins, 57, of 135 Jenkins Qrts Cutoff Rd, Shuqualak; failure to appear
- Dustin Clifford Jones, 28, of 3143 Hwy 16 E Cot #3, Carthage; grand larceny-more than \$1000
- Kelvin Bernard Jones, 54, of 101 Pecan Lane, Okalona; pos-

- session of firearm by convicted felon, possession of marijuana-vehicle
- Warren Grant Ketcher, 34, of 551 Goat Ranch Rd; failure to appear X2
- Jacob Ladd, 18, of 10310 Rd 627; failure to appear
- Morgan Landry, 30, of 1 Golfing Green Dr Apt 301, Ocean Springs; disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, possession of controlled substance
- Magdalene McCarty Leggett, 54, of 465 Mt Pleasant Rd, Noxapater; public drunk
- Jayne Lashay Lyons, 43, of 10233 Rd 725; failure to appear
- Denisah Symone Murrell, 36, of 220 Bolden St, Union; failure to appear
- Nelson R Norwood Jr, 53, of

- 111 Rollinwood; driving under the influence-1st offense
- Miranda Caye Pierce, 47, of 3725 Pleasant Grove Rd, Little Rock; failure to appear
- Chasity M Richard, 42, of 10791 Rd 741, Louisville; hold for investigations, malicious mischief over \$1000
- Lance Michael Richard, 39, of 2480 Hwy 393, Louisville; hold for investigations, malicious mischief over \$1000
- Kadedra Itiana Robinson, 27, of 271 S Rasco Ln, Forest; failure to appear
- Hakeem L Rush, 32, of 1066 Frog Level Ln Apt 97; possession of a stolen firearm
- Arica Steve, 51, of 256 Oswald Rd; failure to appear, failure to pay
- Mitchell Trevon Stribling, 45,

- of 13261 Rd 610; failure to appear X2
- Justin Epona Tubby, 31, of 305 Pearl Ave Apt 23; contempt of court
- Jefferson Williamson, 60, of 191 Apt A Hwy 19 S, Attala; failure to appear
- Bobby Wilson, 38, of 15225 Bunker Hill Rd, Vancleave; disorderly conduct, driving under the influence-1st offense, possession of controlled substance
- Keynon Miles Wilson, 26, of 148 Mills Rd, Conehatta; contempt of court
- Shannon Marie Wishork, 35, of 10073 Rd 307; contempt of court

OBITUARIES

Johnnie Mae Fox

Funeral service for Mrs. Johnnie Mae Fox will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 11 A.M. from Goodway Missionary Baptist Church, with Pastor Willie C. Rush officiating. Burial will be at Donald Rest Cemetery. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Fox, 83, of Philadelphia, passed away on Tuesday, March 20, 2024 at Ochsner Rush Hospital in Meridian.

She is survived by one son, DoMarco Fox of Columbia, SC, once daughter, Sonya Roberts of Philadelphia, MS, six grandchildren, and four great grandchildren, other family, and friends.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Jonathan Graham Chaney

Graveside service for Infant Jonathan Graham Chaney, infant son of Jenna and Seth Chaney, will be held at 2 PM Thursday, February 29, 2024 at Ocobla Cemetery with Rev. Dwight Faulkenberry officiating.

Infant Chaney was born and passed away on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at Baptist Hospital in Jackson, MS.

Survivors include parents, Jenna and Seth Chaney; grandparents, Judy Jackson, Lester and Sheila Jackson of Louisville, MS, Sonya Anderson of Philadelphia; great-grandparents, Sonny and Auline Graham of Philadelphia; 1 aunt, Katelyn Rainey; 2 uncles, Ben Jackson and Nathan Chaney.

Heather Virginia Edwards

A memorial service for Mrs. Heather Virginia Edwards will be held at 2 PM Saturday, March 2, 2024, at The River Recovery Center with Rev. Barry Walker officiating.

Mrs. Edwards, 43, passed away Friday, February 23, 2024, at her home in Philadelphia, MS. She lived most of her life in Neshoba County, and she was an LPN. She was a member of Coy Community Church, and her hobbies were cooking and taking care of family and friends.

Mrs. Edwards is preceded in death by her parents, Donld Lee Herring and Mary Linda Luke Herring; son, Kaleb Christopher Cooper; brother, Casey Shipley.

Survivors include her husband Gray Edwards of Philadelphia; daughters, Leigh Allyn Porter of Philadelphia, Harley Allen (Chris) of Colorado Springs; sons, Matthew Luke Porter (Kristin) of Tillatoba, MS, Ashton Edwards of Philadelphia; (4) grandchildren, Envy, Ryleigh, Waylon, Baby Allen.

Roslyn Chauncey Burks

Funeral services for Ms. Roslyn Chauncey Burks will be held 10 AM Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at Mars Hill Pentecostal Church in Winston County with Rev. Richard Burks officiating. Interment will be in Mars Hill Pentecostal Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Burks, 85, passed away Saturday, February 24, 2024, at her home in Philadelphia, MS. She lived most of her life in the Alice Community, and she was a member of Mars Hill Pentecostal Church. Her hobbies were fishing, flowers and gardening, tending to her cows, and birdwatching.

Preceded in death: husband, James Allen Burks; parents, Martin and Minnie Chauncey; sisters, Fredlou Register, Beulah Carver, Dollie Melton, Minnie Manac; brothers, Dud, Isom, Martin, and Jim Chauncey; grandsons, James Eugene Burks, Adam Mark Wright.

Survivors: daughter, Kathleen Moore; son, John Burks (Wanda); brother, Johnny Chauncey; (2) grandchildren, (9) great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, step-grandchildren.

Rachel Louise Hoyt Eakes

Graveside service for Ms. Rachel Louise Hoyt Eakes was held at 10 AM Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at McClain Chapel Cemetery.

Ms. Eakes, 79, passed away on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at Anderson Baptist Hospital in Meridian, MS. She was a member of McClain Chapel Pentecostal Church. She enjoyed cooking for her family, flowers, traveling and her animals.

She is preceded in death by her husbands, James Edward Hoyt and William Alfred Eakes; parents, Nathan Huey Pilgrim and Wilma Louise Billings Pilgrim; daughter, Ellen Diane

Lewis; sister, Mary Ann Barham. Survivors include daughters, Tammy Atkinson and Kathy (Cal) Lanier of Kemper Co.; sisters, Pauline Williams and Juanita Mayerhoff of Kemper Co, Mildred Miles of Philadelphia; special aunt, Ola Mae Holmes; 1 grandson, Brandon Atkinson; many special nieces and nephews and great nephews.

Helen "Ma Helen" Graham

Graveside services for Helen "Ma Helen" Graham will be held Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 2 p.m. from Good Hope Cemetery with Bro. Tim Vowell and Bro. Carl Roberts officiating. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ma Helen was a native of the Laurel Hill Community of Leake County and moved to Philadelphia 1947. Mrs. Helen has worn many hats in her life; wife, mother, glove factory worker, mechanic, beautician and worked at Williams Brothers and at Philadelphia Public Schools. Mrs. Graham was a member of The First Assembly of God Church of Philadelphia.

Survivors include her daughters, Barbara Benson (Willard) and Brenda Jayroe (Joe); four grand-daughters; 10 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; sister, Waudine Moorehead; brother, Paul Wilcher (Rhonda); a host of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Graham was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Murlee Graham; parents, Harvey and Lula (Jolly) Wilcher; and 10 siblings.

Donald L. Chunn

Funeral services for Donald L. Chunn were held Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 1p.m. from Holy Rosary Catholic Church with Father Bob Goodyear officiating. Burial followed in Holy Rosary Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Chunn, 68, of Philadel-

phia, died Monday, February 19, 2024.

Donald was born in Rankin County, MS and has lived his whole life in Neshoba County and attended Neshoba Central Schools. He later joined the MS National Guard and was employed for Stokes Auto Parts for 32 years plus. Mr. Chunn was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Paula Chunn; son, Donnie Chunn; three grandchildren; sister, Dewanda Foxhall (Lee); 2 god-daughters; numerous nieces, nephews and their families.

Mr. Chunn was preceded in death by son, Jessie Leigh Chunn; parents, Edison Leon Chunn and Emma Lou Ladd; sisters, Yvonne C. Ishee and Debbie H. Chunn.

Donovan Grant Hickman

Funeral services for Mr. Donovan Grant Hickman will be held at 10 AM Thursday, February 29, 2024 at the Pearl River CERF Building with Bro. Leonard Jimmy, Jr. officiating. Interment will be in Pearl River Community Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10 AM Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at the Pearl River CERF Building. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Hickman, 50, passed away on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at Baptist Medical Center in Oxford, MS. He enjoyed playing stickball, basketball and doing landscaping. He is preceded in

death by his father, Harrison Hickman; sons, Jalen Grant Hickman and Draven Keys Hickman; brother, Davian C. Hickman, Sr.

Survivors include his mother, Judith Wesley; brothers, Dustin D. Hickman and Delanie H. Hickman; 5 grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Kevin McMillan, Gerald McMillan, Alex McMillan, Phillip McMillan, Jr., Lucas Thomas, John Wahwasuck; honorary pallbearer will be Phillip McMillan, Sr.

Cliff Hamilton

Services for Mr. Cliff Hamilton, age 90, of Hattiesburg, were held Friday, February 23, 2024 at Parkway Heights United Methodist Church in Hattiesburg. Mr. Hamilton passed from this life on February 20, 2024. Rev. Keith Keeton and Rev. Shane Singleton officiated the service. A graveside service was held at Unity United Methodist Church Cemetery in Taylorsville.

Mr. Hamilton worked for many years as a tool and die maker before retiring. His need to keep busy led him to work as a driver for Enterprise for over 20 years. He was a United States Navy veteran and a member of the Forest Hill Lodge #613 in Jackson, MS. He was a former member of Van Winkle United Methodist Church for over 50 years and was a current member of Parkway Heights United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Janie M.

Hamilton; parents, Sidney and Susie Hamilton; brothers, Hartness Hamilton and Elbia Hamilton; and sister, Inez Peebles.

He is survived by his daughter, Joy (Jason) Yates of Hattiesburg; and grandchildren, Caroline Elizabeth and Annabelle Catherine.

The family would like to thank the staff at Alden Pointe for their love and care over the past several months.

Jones and Son Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KEVIN DAVID BRISCOE, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2023-1087206

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 13th day of February, 2024, by the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned upon the Estate of Kevin David Briscoe, 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 13th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Robert Briscoe

Robert Briscoe, Administrator of the Estate of Kevin David Briscoe, deceased

SUBMITTED BY:

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

CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALVIN WILLIAMS, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2024-0000034

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 20th day of February, 2024, by the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned upon the Estate of Alvin Williams, 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 20th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Renata Willis

Renata Willis, Administrator of the Estate of Alvin Williams, deceased

SUBMITTED BY:

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Attorney for Administrator

TITLE OF ABANDONMENT SCOTTY'S RECYCLING, LLC 13070 HIGHWAY 19 NORTH PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350

MAKE: 2008 ALUM/SILVER FORD TAURUS X
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SALE DATE: 3-20-24 @ 8:00 AM
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MAKE: 2008 CHEVROLET UPLANDER WHITE
VIN: 1GNVD23148D208655
PLACE OF SALE: SCOTTY'S RECYCLING, LLC
SALE DATE: 3-20-24 @ 8:00 AM
OWNED BY: JAMES DAWSON
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LEIN HOLDER: NONE

TITLE OF ABANDONMENT SCOTTY'S RECYCLING, LLC 13070 HIGHWAY 19 NORTH PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350

MAKE: 2019 BLACK FORD FUSION
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MAKE: 2017 WHITE FORD EXPLORER
VIN: 1FM5K7DH6HGA73073
PLACE OF SALE: SCOTTY'S RECYCLING, LLC
SALE DATE: 3-20-24 @ 8:00 AM
OWNED BY: KAYDEE MAYO
ADDRESS: 10100 ROAD 2804 PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350-3940
LEIN HOLDER: CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORP
ADDRESS: PO BOX 513 SOUTHFIELD MI 48037-0513

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NE-

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SHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLARA ANNETTE FULTON JOHNSON, DECEASED
CIVIL ACTION NO.:2024-3-JK

GARY A. FULTON SR.
ADMINISTRATOR

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, whether resident/ non resident of the state of Mississippi, claiming any right, title or interest as heirs of Clara Annette Fulton Johnson, deceased.

You have been made a Respondent in the Motion to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Gary Fulton Petitioner, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-at-law of Clara Annette Fulton Johnson, deceased, as fully set out in the Motion on file in the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Motion to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 18th day of April, 2024, in the courtroom of Neshoba County in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 23rd day of February, 2024.

Gidget Stovall Tate, Chancery Court Clerk
Neshoba County, Mississippi

BY: /s/ Kathy Greer D.C.

Douglas J. Graham
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IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF

LARIN THOMAS, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 2023-588
GABRIEL SCOTT THOMAS
ADMINISTRATOR

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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

You have been made a Respondent in the Motion to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Gabriel Scott Thomas, Administrator, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-at-law of Larin Thomas deceased, as fully set out in the Motion on file in the Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Motion to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 15th day of May, 2024, 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 judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 21st day of February, 2024.

/s/ Kenyetta Barojas
TRIBAL COURT CLERK

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NOTICE OF SALE

Whereas, Philadelphia Gun & Pawn Mini-Storage, Landlord, 910 Posey Ave. Philadelphia, MS 39350

Gives Notice That:

Goods Description: Household Items Held in the account of:JM Stribling Address:209 Woodbriar Ln, Philadelphia, MS 39350 Storage Unit #8 WILL, on the first legal date more than fifteen (15) days after the first publication hereof February 28th, 2024, will go for sale at the hour of 8:30 am on the date of March 15th, 2024, at the foregoing address of Landlord, sell to highest bidder for cash, the foregoing description of goods to satisfy rent & all other expenses, with Philadelphia Gun & Pawn having the right to reject any & all bids.

WITNESS my signature this 22nd day of February, 2024.
PHILADELPHIA GUN & PAWN MINI STORAGE LANDLORD
Stephanie Bishop, Clerk

Jaterian Stribling 2228 King RD Forest MS 39074
Bells Inc 1101 Hwy 35 S Forest MS 39074

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONNIE BLAKE FULTON, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 23-204
SUMMER FULTON CUMBERLAND PETITIONER

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[By Publication]

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN STATUTORY, WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF RONNIE BLAKE FULTON, DECEASED

You have been made a Respondent in the matter filed in this Court by Summer Fulton Cumberland, as Petitioner and natural mother of Ronnie Blake Fulton, deceased, to determine the statutory, wrongful death beneficiaries of Ronnie Blake Fulton, deceased. Respondents other than you are unknown. You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Petition to Determine Heirs-at-Law and Statutory, Wrongful Death Beneficiaries of Ronnie Blake Fulton, deceased, to Peyton J. Moore, Esq., whose address is Mchard, Mchard, Anderson & Associates, PLLC, 140 Mayfair Road, Ste. 1500, Hattiesburg, MS 39402. Your response must be mailed or delivered within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this Summons or a Judgment by Default will be entered against you for any relief demanded in the Petition. You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 8 day of February, 2024.
GIDGET STOVALL TATE, CLERK
NESHOPA COUNTY CHANCERY COURT
401 E. BEACON STREET, STE. 107
PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350

BY: Gidget Stovall Tate by Ashley Duran D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE CAUSE NO:2024-8 GUARDIANSHIP OF Z.I.M. A MINOR

BY PETITIONERS HELEN MCCULLOUGH AND LARRY MCCULLOUGH

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: CHRISTINE L. MCCULLOUGH, a resident/ non resident of the state of Mississippi, (whose post office and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry)

You have been made a Respondent in the petition filed in this Court by Helen and Larry McCullough, Petitioners, seeking guardianship of the person named in the Petition.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 21 st day of March, 2024 in the courthouse of Neshoba County in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the relief, 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 7th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Gidget Stovall Tate by: A. Duran (Seal)
Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2016, Joshua Parks Sansing and Jhaun Sparnecht Sansing executed a Deed of Trust to Robert C. Richardson, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for Origin Bank, its successors and assigns, which is recorded in Book 2016 at Page 6062 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2023 at Page 4857; and WHEREAS, Underwood Law Firm PLLC has been substituted as Trustee under the Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby has been declared due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust, and the legal holder of the indebtedness secured thereby, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, has requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell the property in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder together with attorney's fees, and expenses of sale. NOW, THEREFORE, Underwood Law Firm PLLC, as Substituted Trustee under the Deed of Trust, will on March 13, 2024, offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash within legal hours (between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the main door of the Neshoba County Courthouse in Philadelphia, Mississippi, the following described property together with all improvements thereon situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi:

The South 1/2 of Block 224 and the South 1/2 of Block 225 West of Crockett Avenue situated in the Northeast Division of the City of Philadelphia. Also included is a strip of land 30 feet wide situated between Block 224 and 225 more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the SE corner of Block 224, thence North to the North line of the South 1/2 of Block, thence East along said North line for a distance of 30 feet, thence South to the SE corner of Block 225, thence West for a distance of 30 feet to the point of beginning.

UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM PLLC will convey only such title as is vested in it as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURE, this the 5th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Andrew R. Wilson

Andrew R. Wilson (Miss. Bar #102862)
Underwood Law Firm PLLC
P.O. Box 1874
Madison, MS 39130
Phone: (601) 981-7773

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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2019, Alvin Anthony Parker, Sr. executed a certain deed of trust to Advantage Title LLC, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as beneficiary, as nominee for Cardinal Financial Company, Limited Partnership, its successors and assigns which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, State of Mississippi in Book 2019 at Page 4184; and

WHEREAS, LLG MS LLC has heretofore been substituted as Trustee by instrument dated November 9, 2023 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 2023 Page 7743; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Cardinal Financial Company, Limited Partnership, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LLG MS LLC, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on March 6, 2024 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the North Door of the County Courthouse of Neshoba County, located at 401 East Beacon Street, Philadelphia, MS 39350, to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds the following described property situated in Neshoba County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Neshoba, State of Mississippi, and is described as follows:

TRACT I:

From the South Right of Way line of Rea Street where the same intersects the West Right of Way line of Fox Avenue in Block 195 of the Stribling Addition to the City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi, thence run South along the West Side of Fox Avenue, a distance of 200 feet, thence West a distance 150 feet, thence South a distance of 100 feet to point of beginning thence further South 30 feet, thence East to the West Right of Way line Fox Avenue, thence North approximately 30 feet to the Southeast corner of the Lot, presently owned by the grantees herein, thence West along the South line of said Lot approximately 150 feet to point of beginning, lying and being situated in Block 194, Stribling Addition to the City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi, according to the Plat thereof on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi.

TRACT II:

From the Northeast corner of the James Proctor property which is the intersection of the South side of Rhea Street and the West side of Fox Avenue in Block 195 of the Stribling Addition to the City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi, and running South along the west side of Fox Avenue a distance of 200 feet to the Southeast Corner of James Proctor property in Block 194 of the Stribling Addition to the City of Philadelphia, Mississippi, for a point of beginning, a lot running West 150 feet from the point of beginning, thence South a distance of 100 feet; thence East to the West side of Fox Avenue; thence Northwesterly along the West side of Fox Avenue to the point of beginning, all of said Land being in Block 194, Stribling Addition to the City of Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi, according to a plat thereof on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONNIE BLAKE FULTON, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 23-204
SUMMER FULTON CUMBERLAND PETITIONER
SUMMONS

[By Publication]

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF RONNIE BLAKE FULTON, DECEASED

You have been made a Respondent in the matter filed in this Court by Summer Fulton Cumberland, as Petitioner and natural mother of Ronnie Blake Fulton, deceased, to determine the heirs-at-law of Ronnie Blake Fulton, deceased. Respondents other than you are unknown. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 2024, in the Chancery Courtroom at Neshoba County, in 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 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 8th day of February, 2024.

GIDGET STOVALL TATE, CLERK
NESHOPA COUNTY CHANCERY

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BY: Gidget Stovall Tate by Ashley Duran D.C.

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF J.D.I.M., A MINOR

DELNITA R. JONES AND ANDREW M. JONES,
INDIVIDUALLY AND AS NEXT FRIEND
PETITIONERS
VS.
CAUSE NO. 2023-1087166

LAKENDRIA KING, MAURICE MC-MILLAN
AND MBCI CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
AND UNKNOWN FATHER
DEFENDANTS

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, J. D.I. M., whose mother is Lakendra King.

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, petition or motion at 9:00 a.m., on the 2nd day of April, 2024, 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 may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 7th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Kenyetta Barojas
TRIBAL COURT CLERK

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF RICHARD FULTON, SR., DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23-294
TIFFANY TRIPLETT PETITIONER
UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: ANYONE WHO CLAIMS TO BE A WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARY, AND HEIR AT LAW, AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RICHARD FULTON, SR., DECEASED, WHOSE POST OFFICE AND STREET ADDRESS ARE UNKNOWN AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY

You have been made a respondent in a Petition to Determine Heirs at Law and Wrongful Death Beneficiaries filed in this Court by Tiffany Triplett, seeking a determination of heirs at law and wrongful death beneficiaries of Richard Fulton, Sr., Deceased. You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Petition against you in this action to Alvin Armistead, Esquire, Attorney for Petitioner, whose address is 162 East Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 14th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION.

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

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the 18TH day of JANUARY, 2024.

GIDGET STOVALL TATE
CHANCERY COURT CLERK
NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: /S/ A. DURAN D.C.
DEPUTY CLERK

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

THE NESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS will receive competitive sealed bids and proposals in the Office of the Chancery Clerk, for the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi, at the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 E. Beacon Street, Suite 107, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 or electronic bids and proposals submitted at www.neshobacounty.net/bids until 10:00 AM on the 4th day of March 2024 for the purposes of acquiring the following services and contracts: Lawn Care Maintenance Services for Neshoba County Facilities.

Detailed specifications for the above described services and bid submittal forms may be obtained from the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors office at the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 E. 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

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said services shall be returned, with detailed proposals included therewith, including the fixed price amount to be bid, via sealed envelope clearly marked with "Proposal for Lawn Care Services" to the address provided above or in a single PDF document format, and submitted electronically at www.neshobacounty.net / bids under the correct bid solicitation, by 10:00 AM, local time, on Monday, March 4, 2024.

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

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi on the 20th day of February 2024.

/s/ GIDGET STOVALL TATE
GIDGET STOVALL TATE, CLERK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OF LOCAL INTEREST

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS PROGRAM

Neshoba County Extension will be hosting an Alzheimer's Awareness Program on March 14th at 10 a.m. in the Multipurpose room located in the Neshoba County Coliseum. This program will be beneficial to caregivers, older adults, or caretakers of their elderly family members. This program will be free to attend. Mr. Jimmy Henderson, an Alzheimer's Foundation member, will be presenting on the "10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's". Please call the Neshoba County Extension Office at 601-656-4011 if you have any questions. Please RSVP by March 7th!

LINWOOD CAR SHOW

Linwood's 5th Annual Car & Truck Show & Chitlin Fundraiser will be held Saturday Feb. 24th. Registration begins at 7 a.m. Bikes and Tractors welcome. Chitlin and pulled pork Sandwich plates will be ready at 11 a.m. Car and Bike Clubs welcome. 11971 Rd. 325 Union, Ms. 39365

POLLWORKER TRAINING

The Neshoba County Election Commission will have Pollworker training for March 12, 2024 Primary Election. Thursday February 22, 2024 at 5:30pm in the Courtroom of Neshoba County Courthouse.

4-H FISHING CLUB

The Neshoba County 4-H Fishing Club Interest Meeting will be held on March 12, 2024, at the Neshoba County Coliseum. This program will be available to youth ages 8-18. If you are interested in participating or need more information, please call the Neshoba County Extension Office at 601-656-4011 to RSVP.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

On Sunday, March 24th, Jehovah's Witnesses will host the annual commemoration of Jesus' death. This date is considered the most important day of the year for Jehovah's Witnesses, and is observed annually on Nisan 14 of the Jewish calendar in adherence to Jesus' statement found in Luke 22:19, "Keep doing this in remembrance of me," according to a church release.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Multi County Communi-

ty Service Agency, Inc. will be holding a public hearing on March 4, 2024, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. It will be held at Multi County Community Services Agency at 268

Atkins Street; Philadelphia, MS 39350. The purpose of the hearing is to elect a Board Member for the Low-Income Sector. For more information, contact Ronald Collier at 601-483-4838.

YARD SALE

Yard Sale. Friday at 11AM. Saturday at 7AM. 1122 East Ave near Smith Bargain Center. Everything 50 Cents.

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Neshoba County Nursing Home offering CNA Classes

Application closing date Friday March 8th, 2024



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IN THE MATTER OF RICHARD FULTON, SR., DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23-294
TIFFANY TRIPLETT PETITIONER

ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND/OR WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF RICHARD FULTON, SR., DECEASED RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: ANYONE WHO CLAIMS TO BE A WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARY, AND HEIR AT LAW, AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RICHARD FULTON, SR., DECEASED, WHOSE POST OFFICE AND STREET ADDRESS ARE UNKNOWN AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY

You have been made a respondent in a Petition to Determine Heirs at Law and Wrongful Death Beneficiaries filed in this Court by Tiffany Triplett seeking a determination of heirs at law and wrongful death beneficiaries of Richard Fulton, Sr., Deceased.

You are summoned to appear in this action on the 21st day of March, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard before the Honorable D. Joseph Kilgore, Chancellor, at the Neshoba County Chancery Courthouse, 401 E. Beacon Street, Philadelphia, MS 39350, and in the case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered for the things demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of this Court, on the 18th day of January, 2024.

GIDGET STOVALL TATE
CHANCERY CLERK
NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: /s/ A.DURAN D.C.
DEPUTY CLERK
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Submitted by:
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLEN ROLLINS JR., DECEASED
CIVIL ACTION NO.:2023-290

DEBRA ROLLINS
PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, on the Clen Rollins Jr., Deceased, on the 29th day of January, 2024, 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 8th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Debra Rollins
DEBRA ROLLINS
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF CLEN ROLLINS JR.

Prepared by:
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MSBN: 101965

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS, on April 8, 2023, Maxine York, Surviving joint Tenant executed a deed of trust for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Mr. Cooper, its successors and assigns, which deed of trust was recorded on April 17, 2023, in Book 2023, Page 2361 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and Said Deed of Trust was last sold, assigned and transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment recorded Book 2023, Page 7270 in the office of the Chancery Clerk, Neshoba County, Mississippi. WHEREAS, the holder of the deed of trust at the time of the substitution substituted McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC as Trustee, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded on February 1, 2024, and spread at large upon the records in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2024, Page 664, prior to the posting and publication of this notice; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of the deed of trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, Nationstar Mortgage LLC has requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land, property and improvements in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustee's fees and expenses of sale; THEREFORE, on March 13, 2024, the undersigned Substitute Trustee in the deed of trust, will offer for sale at public outcry and sell to the highest bidder for cash, within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the North door of the Neshoba County Courthouse in Philadelphia, Mississippi, the following described land, property and improvements lying and being situate in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to-wit: All that certain lot, piece or parcel of ground situate, lying and being in the County of Neshoba, State of Mississippi and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the NW Corner of NW1/4 of SW1/4, Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi; and run thence

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East to the East right of way line of the public road; thence run South along the East right of way line of said public road for a distance of 114 feet to and for the point of beginning; said point of beginning being the SW Corner of a 1 acre parcel previously deeded to Grantees herein by Deed recorded in Book A-116 at Page 75; from said point of beginning run thence South along the East right of way line of the public road for a distance of 105 feet; thence run East for a distance of 210 feet; thence run North for a distance of 105 Feet or to the SE Corner of the lot previously conveyed to Grantees herein; thence run West for a distance of 210 feet to the point of beginning being a parcel of land containing one-half acre situated in the NW1/4 of SW1/4 of Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Being that parcel of land conveyed to James York and Maxine York, WIFE, Joint Tenants with Right of Survivorship from Bernice Withers and Ursula B. Withers, WIFE by that deed dated 06/23/1989 and recorded 06/23/1989 in Book A-180, Page 236, of the Neshoba County, MS public registry. According to the public records, there has been no conveyance of the land within a period of twenty-four months prior to the date of this report, except as follows: None Parcel ID(s):0610 0-35-017.001 | WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in the Substitute Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 9th day of February, 2024 /s-/ Robert M. Peebles, III McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Substitute Trustee 1022 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 304 Ridgeland, MS 39157-2049 (662) 388-5464 Foreclosurehotline.net File No.: 23-02579MS

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLENE YORK, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 2023-1086955
ROWENA YORK
PETITIONER

LETTERS OF TESTAMENTARY HAVING BEEN GRANTED ON THE 6th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024, BY THE COURT CLERK OF THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS, TO THE UNDERSIGNED UPON CHARLENE YORK, 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 THIS DATE OR THEY WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

/s/ Rowena York
ROWENA YORK,
ADMINISTRATRIX

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

KEITH GUYTON AGENT, DECEASED
CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-cv-23-KK
STARLA DAWN TOLBERT, EXECUTRIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to the undersigned Executrix on February 23 2024, by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, upon the Estate of Keith Guyton Agent. Notice is hereby given to all persons having any claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred.

This is the 24th day of February 2024.
/s/ Starla Dawn Tolbert
STARLA DAWN TOLBERT

CURRENT LAW FIRM, PLLC
P.O. BOX 222
Union, MS 39365
662.420.3744

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

THE ESTATE OF FREEMAN BEN BY AND THROUGH THE EXECUTOR PLAINTIFF
JIMMY L. BEN

VS. CAUSE OF ACTION:2023-1087252

JOHN DOE AND JANE DOES 1-20 AS THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JARED JAY JIM OR THE ESTATE OF JARED JAY JIM DEFENDANT

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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

You have been made a Respondent in the Motion to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Jimmy Ben, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-at-law of Jared Jay Jim, deceased, as fully set out in the Motion on file in the Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Motion to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 16 TH day of April, 2024, 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 judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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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 13th day of February, 2024.

/s/Kenyetta Barojas
TRIBAL COURT CLERK

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NESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXPENSE SUMMARY FOR: 02/20/2024
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Northside Storage, LLC
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IN THE MATTER OF NAOMI FULTON, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23-251
TAMMY JIM PETITIONER
UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: ANYONE WHO CLAIMS TO BE A WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARY, AND HEIR AT LAW, AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NAOMI FULTON, DECEASED, WHOSE POST OFFICE AND STREET ADDRESS ARE UNKNOWN AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY

You have been made a respondent in a Petition to Determine Heirs at Law and Wrongful Death Beneficiaries filed in this Court by Tammy Jim, seeking a determination of heirs at law and wrongful death beneficiaries of Naomi Fulton, Deceased. You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Petition against you in this action to Victoria M. McKinney, Esquire, Attorney for Progressive Insurance Company, whose address is 713 S. Pear Orchard Road, Suite 102, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR

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JIMMY L. BEN

VS. CAUSE OF ACTION:2023-1087252

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, whether resident/ non resident of the state of Mississippi, claiming any right, title or interest as heirs of Thelma Barnes, deceased, Daisy Ann Jim, deceased, Barry Davis Jim, Sr., deceased, Waggoner Jim, deceased, Odean Bell Nickey, deceased, Anna Dixon Farmer, deceased, Emmette Dixon, deceased, Harold Jefferson, deceased and Harry Dixon, deceased.

You have been made a Respondent in the Motion to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Jimmy Ben, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-at-law of Jared Jay Jim, deceased, as fully set out in the Motion on file in the Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Motion to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 16 TH day of April, 2024, 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 judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 13th day of February, 2024.

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The Lord's Day

In Revelation 1:10, the apostle John says, “I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day.” In the Spirit means under the influence of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit was in John in a special way; to give him the Lord's prophetic word, which we have in the book of Revelation.

This special visitation of the Spirit came on the Lord's Day. The Lord's Day is the day the Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead, the first day of the week. The Christian church observes the 4th commandment, to honor the Sabbath day, on the 1st day of the week because it represents the day of salvation.

Psalms 118 says, “This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.” The “day the Lord has made,” is a prophetic reference to the day of salvation Christ has accomplished by his death and resurrection. We commemorate that day when we gather together on the Lord's Day to worship God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Revelation 1:5, John tells us that Christ has “freed us from our sins by his blood.” After this in verse 7, John speaks of the Lord returning in glory and judgment. Because we are freed from our sins, we are to long for Christ's appearing in glory. This is called the Day of the Lord.

The Lord's Day and the coming Day of the Lord in glory are inseparably connected. Paul said about the Lord's Supper: “As often as you eat the bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.” The Apostle's emphasized that longing for the Lord's coming, the Day of the Lord, was an essential element of our faith.

Paul told the Corinthian Church he was thankful for their riches in Christ as they “wait for his day.” Paul told the Philippian Church, “He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” And there are other examples of this we see in their writings.

We don't tend to long for Christ's appearing as we should and part of that is how we view the Lord's Day. Sunday isn't just about going to church. It is worshipping in view of Christ's salvation and anticipating his coming in glory.

Richard Sibbes said: “Since there is such a day as the Lord's coming, let us

make much of the day the Lord has left us. What is that day? It is the Lord's Day. He appointed that day for his honor and glory. We become more acquainted with Christ on this day because the Spirit especially blesses Christ to us in worship. Do you want to hear, ‘Come ye blessed by my Father into the kingdom prepared for you?’ Then worship on the Lord's Day longing for Christ's appearing.”

A solemn reason for anticipating the Lord's coming is that he will come in judgment. There is an allusion to this in Revelation 1:10-11. After he hears a loud voice like a trumpet, John is directed to write down what he will see. The trumpet emphasizes the authority of the Lord's word.

The law was given to Moses with a trumpet blast. In Jeremiah 6, the Lord tells a rebellious Israel that he sent prophets for them to “listen to the sound of the trumpet,” but they wouldn't listen. The prophets warned them to listen and apply the word of God, but they did not. The word of Christ that John was to write down is to go to the churches (verse 11).

This word is for the church in all generations until Christ returns. The Lord tells us we need to have ears to hear what the Spirit says to the church. Paul tells us that Christ's return will be with a trumpet blast. Then the day of salvation will be over. The period between the proclamation of the gospel and the trumpet on the last day is the time to make our salvation sure.

The last trumpet is from God. It is not in the sinner's choice whether to appear before God or not. We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. The word God gives to us is not an idle word, it is our very life. But it is a gracious word from a gracious Lord.

Make the Lord's Day the most important day of the week. The Lord gives us the Lord's Day to bless us and keep us. The Lord's Day isn't just another day. It is preparation for the day of the Lord. So let us draw near to the Lord, and all the more as that last day approaches.

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

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McQuaig started cooking as a child

By JACE HENDERSON
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Kelly McQuaig began cooking at the age of nine, often baking with a friend on weekends. As a teen, she stepped up, preparing simple suppers for her brothers during her parents' late work hours.

"After I moved to New Orleans when I was 18, I got exposed to a lot of different cultures and cuisines," she said. "That got me interested in different types of food and techniques for preparing food."

Spending five years in the vibrant city ignited her passion for cooking with influences ranging from Mediterranean and Japanese to Cajun, Creole, and Italian dishes.

While she now boasts a diverse cooking skill set, McQuaig loves crafting pizzas from scratch for friends and family to enjoy when they visit her home.

"My favorite pizza toppings are artichokes and green olives," she said. "You can make any kind of pizza, and it doesn't always have to have red sauce."

Her go-to comfort foods include chicken spaghetti and soups, especially a bacon-infused black bean soup that is cherished by her husband.

She has been married to musician Scott McQuaig for almost 13 years and has a stepdaughter, Jessica. She also fulfills various roles at Yates Construction, where she has dedicated 23 years of her career.

Currently, she serves as Bill Yates' senior assistant, as corporate secretary of Yates' parent company, and as the corporate licensing director.

Cooking is a passion

"I do a lot of venison dishes too, because Scott hunts and we have a freezer full of deer meat," she said. "I love trying out new venison recipes that are really good."

During holidays, McQuaig embraces tradition by preparing turkey or ham alongside her grandmother's sweet potato casserole and Southern cornbread dressing.

McQuaig said her favorite cooking memories are time spent with her grandmother, Hazel Burt, making candy during Christmas, and inheriting the tradition of planning events around food, friends, and family from her granny, Mildred Scott.

"Cooking is a release from everything that goes on every day. It's a stress reliever," she said. "When I cook, I don't think about anything else. I'm just focused on what I'm doing, what I'm cooking, and my techniques."

In McQuaig's kitchen, essential tools include a good chef's knife, onion goggles, and a carbon steel pan. Her advice to fellow cooks is to avoid shortcuts on ingredients by using fresh, high-quality ingredients that are sure to elevate any dish.

"You can also save a lot of time by preparing in advance," she added. "I love having everything ready to go when I



Kelly and Scott McQuaig

start cooking."

VENISON TENDERLOIN WITH ONIONS AND BALSAMIC SAUCE

1 to 1 1/2 lbs. venison tenderloin

Steak seasoning
1/2 cup flour
1 tbs. Italian seasoning
1 tsp. Spike seasoning
4 tbs. butter
1 medium yellow onion
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
3/4 cup beef broth
Kosher salt and ground black pepper

Trim the tenderloin and cut into small pieces (I like mine sized to where there will be two to three bites per piece). Pat meat to dry and season with a steak seasoning of your choice (I like Kinder's Buttery Steakhouse Rub). Let sit on counter to come to room temperature ahead of cooking.

Combine the flour, Italian seasoning, and Spike seasoning in a shallow dish. Coat meat with flour mixture. Melt

2 tbs butter in a cast iron skillet on medium-high, and brown meat on all sides, about 2-3 minutes per side. Internal temperature should reach 130-135 degrees. Remove to a plate and set aside.

While meat browns, half and thinly slice the onion. Add remaining butter to skillet and add onions. Cook for 10-15 minutes until soft and lightly browned. Add balsamic vinegar to deglaze the skillet, and then add 3/4 cup beef broth. Stir until well combined and sauce is slightly thickened, about 4-5 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Serve venison topped with onions and sauce.

CHICKEN SPAGHETTI
(Credit: this recipe is a slightly modified version of one from cookbook author and chef Jennifer Chandler of Memphis, TN)

1 1/2 to 2 lbs. chicken breast

8 oz. dry spaghetti, broken into 3-inch pieces

1 1/2 cups frozen peas and carrots
4 tbs. unsalted butter
1/4 cup finely diced yellow onion
4 tbs. all-purpose flour
1 cup milk
10 oz. sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1/8 tsp. cayenne
Kosher salt and ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Bring a large pot of salted water to boil and cook chick-

en until done (165 degrees). Remove chicken to plate and let cool, then shred. In same water that chicken was cooked, cook spaghetti according to package directions.

Fill a small saucepan with water and bring to a boil over high heat. Add the carrots and peas and cook until crisp-tender, about 5 minutes. Drain well and set aside.

In a large saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter. Add the onions and cook until soft, about 5 minutes. Add the flour and cook, whisking until golden brown, 2 to 3 minutes. Gradually add the milk

COOK OF THE WEEK

and 1 cup of the chicken stock, continuing to whisk until well combined. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce to medium-low and simmer, whisking constantly, until the mixture thickens to the consistency of canned soup. Stir in remaining cup of chicken stock, and season with salt and pepper. Add 2/3 of the cheese and stir until melted. Remove from heat and stir in the mayonnaise and cayenne.

To the cheese mixture, add the cooked spaghetti, peas and carrots, and chicken. Add salt and pepper to taste. Pour into a 9/13 baking dish, and sprinkle remaining cheese over the top.

Bake until golden brown, about 45 minutes.

BLACK BEAN SOUP

10 slices bacon, finely chopped
2 medium onions, chopped (about 2 1/2 cups)
6 garlic cloves, minced
1 (14.5 oz.) can reduced-sodium chicken broth
1 (14.5 oz.) can chopped tomatoes
2 tbs. ketchup
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 tbs. chili powder
4 (15.5 oz.) can black beans, drained but not rinsed
Kosher salt and ground black pepper
12 oz. beer (I prefer a pale lager)
1 bunch cilantro
Juice of 1/2 lime

Optional for garnish: sliced scallions, sour cream, shredded cheddar cheese

In large, heavy pot or dutch oven cook bacon over medium heat until fat is rendered, about 5 minutes. Add onions and cook, stirring occasionally, until translucent, about 4 minutes. Stir in the garlic and cook about 1 minute. Add broth, tomatoes, ketchup, Worcestershire, and chili powder. Stir in the beans, turn heat to high, and bring to a boil. Adjust the heat to gently simmer, add beer, and cook 10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

While soup cooks, wash, dry, and pick off thick stems from the cilantro, then coarsely chop. After soup simmers 10 minutes, add cilantro and cook about 5 more minutes. Turn off heat and stir in lime juice.

Serve with garnishes.

Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS
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Last week, an outstanding Neshoba Central High School Rocket athlete, Brodie Ben, signed a letter of intent to continue his academic and athletic careers at Mississippi College this fall. He is a member of the NCHS Class of 2024 and is the son of Choctaw Tribal Chief Cyrus and Tarita Ben. His sisters, Eden and Selah Ben, were also present at the signing including his teammates, coaches, friends, and a great number of his fellow students who came to show their support. Congratulations!

Deep South Spirit The Glow Tour 2024 in Biloxi offered the perfect showcase for some of our younger local talented gymnasts to present their performances with great success!

The Red Squad won 1st Place Champions Mini Allstar Prep while the Blue Squad won 1st Place Youth Allstar Prep and GRAND CHAMPIONS for the highest scores in AIISTAR PREP DIVISION!

Congratulations to these 35 girls who worked so hard to achieve their honors and to their families and friends who supported them!

The Philadelphia Elementary School PTO will hold its annual Beauty & Beau Pageant on March 9 in the elementary gym. Most Beautiful & Most Handsome & the People's Choice are the categories. Contact Mrs. Lyon for more information. This is a fundraiser that helps the Philadelphia PTO fund their school help projects.

Neshoba Central High School has announced its 2024-2025 Varsity Cheerleaders. They are Marlee Washington; Shelby Berry; Miley Fulton; Halli Smith; Anna Norris; Bailey McAdory; Dixie Rebecca Hines; Haley Gipson; Sadie Martin; Presley Byrd; Alyson Ferguson; Laney Burrage; Mave Rae Parker; Raleigh Smith; Laney Griffin; Christyana McKinnon; Alexis Atwood. Congratulations and have a great cheer year!

Congratulations to Colton Riley White who graduated from Basic Training in the United States Army recently! He will be home to visit his family for a two-week leave and will then be stationed with the U.S. Army Airborne Division in Kentucky. His proud parents are Chad and Sheena White.

Trinity Baptist Church Pastor Jason Willis recognized five members of their youth who received Rocket Awards at Neshoba Central Rocket Awards Day last week. These awards are very special and are an honor to attain. Those receiving Rocket Awards were Jaxson Vaughn; Jennings Darbonne; Lily Carsyn Barrett; Harper White; and Beckett Johnson.

The pastor at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Father Jofin George, celebrated the 15th Anniversary of his Ordination as a Catholic priest on Feb. 13. He expressed his gratitude to all of those who have supported and encouraged him along his journey and most of all, to God for His unwavering guidance and grace. We are so glad you answered His call. Congratulations and best wishes for many more years to "love and serve."

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Neshoba, Choctaw Central make semis

By STAFF REPORTS
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The Neshoba Central Lady Rockets move on to the semifinals of the 6A state basketball

tournament after defeating Olive Branch 69-44 last week.

The Lady Rockets take on Hancock on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. The winner moves on to

play either South Panola or Terry in the championship on March 2.

Both the Choctaw Central Warriors and Lady Warriors are also one step closer to 4A state

championships and will play in the semifinals.

The Lady Warriors defeated South Pontotoc 56-27 last week and is set to play Morton at 5:30

p.m. Thursday. The winner will move on to face either Tishomingo County or Quitman for the championship.

The Warriors edged out New

Albany 66-60 last week and will take on Raymond at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday. The winner will move on to face either Greenwood or McComb for the state title.

Leake Academy baseball falls to 2-3-1 on year

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The Leake Academy baseball team had an up and down week on the diamond.

The Rebels opened the week at Jackson Academy and fell 12-9 to the 6A Raiders before hosting Winston on Thursday and losing 5-3 in the seventh inning. The Rebels then ended the week on Friday with a 6-5 walk-off win against Newton County Academy.

Leake, now 2-3-1 on the season, will return to play this week as they travel to unbeaten Madi-

son St. Joseph on Monday and then host Tri-County on Friday.

Leake 6, NCA 5

The Rebels scored the last four runs of the game, including a walkoff single from Charlie Brantley in the seventh inning to take a one-run win on Friday night.

Each team had six hits in the contest. Brantley was 2-for-3 with a triple, two runs scored and two RBIs while Rhett Stovall was 2-for-3 with a run scored. Rece Atkinson had a big two-run double in the sixth inning. Jack Harkins had Leake's other hit

with an RBI single in the sixth inning.

Harkins started on the mound and pitched three innings, giving up just one hit and three walks. Caden Stovall pitched the next two innings, giving up two runs on three hits and three walks while striking out three. Mathew Nowell pitched the last two innings to pick up the win, giving up three unearned runs on two hits and a walk.

Jackson Academy 12, Leake 9

The Raiders took advantage of seven walks, three hit batters and

three walks to take a three-run win over the Rebels and sweep the season series on Thursday.

Leake had just three hits but drew eight walks and had four hit batters. Jack Harkins and Grayson McDonald each singled and drove in two runs apiece while Matthan Weaver singled, walked twice and scored a run. Charlie Brantley scored two runs while Warner Young and Eli Thompson both walked twice.

Tanner Walsworth started on the mound but got just one out and gave up five runs on two hits and three walks. Young then pitched the next 2 2/3 innings and

gave up four runs, with only one earned on two hits while striking out four. Tyler Winstead pitched 1 1/3 innings and gave up two runs. Majure Chandler pitched the last 1 2/3 innings and gave up one unearned run on two hits and three walks while striking out four.

Winston 5, Leake 3

The Patriots scored four runs in the top of the seventh to rally and beat the Rebels on Tuesday.

Leake outhit Winston 7-5 in the contest but also issued eight walks. Charlie Brantley was 3-for-3 with a run scored and an

RBI while Tyler Winstead and Caden Stovall also singled and drove in a run. Jon Donovan also tripled for the Rebels.

Rece Atkinson started on the mound for Leake, pitching four shutout innings, scattering two hits and two walks while striking out five. Donovan pitched the next 2 1/3 innings and gave up three runs on two hits and three walks while striking out three. Coby Kemp then faced three batters and gave up two runs on a hit and two walks while Stovall came in and pitched 2/3 of an inning and struck out two.

Lady Yellowjackets kick off softball season with 2 losses

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The Union softball team was shutout in a pair of games, losing 15-0 to 5A power Neshoba Central on Tuesday and 4-0 to Florence on Saturday. Union got its first win on Thursday with a 15-10 win over Southeast Lauderdale.

Union will play a two-game series with Kemper County this

week, going to DeKalb on Tuesday while hosting the Lady Wildcats on Friday. Union will then play in the Raleigh Tournament as they are scheduled to play Harrison Central at noon and Taylorsville at 4 p.m.

Neshoba Central 15, Union 0

The Lady Rockets finished strong with 12 runs in the last three

innings to take a shutout win on Tuesday.

Neshoba scored one in the second and two in the third and led 3-0 after three. Neshoba then scored one in the fifth, four in the sixth and seven in the seventh.

Neshoba outhit Union 20-3. Landrey Hanna was 2-for-3 while Abigail Cleveland had Union's other hit.

Alanee Wheeler started in the

circle and pitched five innings for Union, taking the loss. Wheeler gave up four runs on eight hits and a walk while striking out eight. Aspen Lovem pitched the last two innings and gave up 11 runs on 12 hits.

Union 15, Southeast 10

The Lady Yellowjackets overcame an early deficit and scored 14 runs in the last four innings to

take the five-run win.

Union banged out 14 hits and had four extra base hits. Lauryn Roebuck was 3-for-4 with a home run, three runs scored and four RBIs. Alanee Wheeler was 3-for-5 with a double and two runs scored while Tiara Campbell was 3-for-5 with two runs scored. Destiny Mould was 2-for-5 with a double, three runs scored and two RBIs. Marquisha Davis was 2-for-4 with

two runs scored and two RBIs while Lacey Bishop tripled and drove in three runs. Abigail Cleveland also scored two runs.

Cleveland starting in the circle and pitched all seven innings for Union, giving up 10 runs with only two being earned. She picked up the win as she gave up nine hatstand six walks while striking out three.

Yellowjackets pick up pair of wins on diamond, lose to Raleigh

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The Union baseball team won two out of three games last week, including a sweep of Scott Central.

Union took two games from Scott Central, winning 9-7 on Tuesday and 14-4 on Friday. The Yellowjackets then lost 18-2 on Saturday.

Union will host Quitman on Tuesday and play at Lake on Friday before beginning division play

the next week with Eupora.

Union 9, Scott Central 7

The Yellowjackets scored two runs in the top of the eighth inning and held on to take an extra-inning win over the Rebels on Tuesday.

Hayden Dolan was 2-for-5 with a pair of doubles and three RBIs. Samuel Alawine was 2-for-4 with two runs scored. Mason Tucker also had two RBIs while Austin Lee and Jacob Freeman also had singles for Union.

Rafe Manning pitched two innings and gave up two runs on a walk while striking out four. Tanner Watkins pitched 2/3 of an inning while Jacob Freeman pitched 3 1/3 innings while giving up five runs on five hits and a walk. Cooper Fultz pitched 1 1/3 innings while giving up a hit and a walk while striking out three.

Union 14, Scott Central 4

The Yellowjackets scored in every inning and took a run-rule

win on Friday.

Union had 12 hits and drew 10 walks in the contest. Samuel Alawine was 3-for-4 with a double and two RBIs while Hayden Dolan was 2-for-2 with a double and two walks. Rafe Manning also doubled and scored three runs while Jacob Freeman singled and drove in four runs. Jackson Flake was 2-for-2 with two RBIs while Austin Lee singled and scored twice. Mason Tucker also tripled and scored a run.

Cooper Fultz started on the

mound and pitched 3 1/3 innings, giving up four runs, only one earned, on four hits and two walks while striking out four to pick up the win. Alawine pitched 1 1/3 innings and gave up three hits while striking out one. Tanner Watkins got the last out for the Yellowjackets.

Raleigh 18, Union 2

The Lions used a 14-run inning to take a four-inning, run-rule win on Saturday.

Union had just three hits. Rafe

Manning singled and scored a run while Samuel Alawine singled and had an RBI. Cooper Fultz singled while Jacob Freeman had an RBI.

Alawine started and pitched two innings, giving up three runs on three hits while striking out five. Tanner Watkins pitched an inning and gave up three runs on one hit. Manning only got one out but gave up seven runs on four hits and three walks while Turner Johnson also got just one out while giving up five unearned runs on two hits and a walk.

Rockets baseball picks up 3 wins

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The Neshoba Central Rockets baseball team swept their competition last week, picking up three wins on the season.

The Rockets picked up the first win last week, outlasting the the West Lauderdale Knights in a nail-biter on the Knights campus to take home a 6-5 win. The Knights struck first with two runs in the bottom of the first, one run in the third, one in the fourth and one in the sixth.

Ryder White started on the mound for the Rockets going 5.1 innings giving up 7 hits, 5 runs, one base on balls and 3 strike outs. J.P. Hancock came on to finish the contest earning the save pitching 3.2 innings giving up only one hit with five strike outs.

Big plays came from Catcher R B Hardin who was a wall behind

the plate all night to go along with a double in the top of the ninth with no outs. This double and two walks got the bases loaded and Will Williams scored on a pass ball to seal the win for the Rockets.

On Thursday, the Rockets dispatched the Choctaw Central Warriors 12-1.

The Rockets scored first and never looked back taking home the win on a nice evening at Choctaw Central.

Sam Killens started on the mound for the Rockets to earn the win. He allowed two hits and one unearned run over four innings, striking out five and walking none. Xavier Ben came on in relief to close out the game.

The Rockets accumulated 12 hits in the game. Sanders Griffis and RB Hardin each collected two hits for the rockets. The rockets stole four bases for the night led by

Jalyas Winters with two. The Rockets also turned three double plays to turn back the Warriors.

On Friday, the Rockets defeated the Pearl Pirates 12-4 as they scored early and often during the contest to capture the win.

Griffis earned the win for the Rockets, striking out 7, walking 3 and giving up two hits for one run over five innings. Williams entered the game in the top of the fifth to close out the game.

The rockets piled up twelve hits in the game. Williams went three for four at the plate, Jalyas Winters and J P Hancock collected two hits each. Jordan Davis, RB Hardin, Demakez West, Espn Jackson and Caleb Thames all had one hit apiece. The Rockets ran wild on the bases paths, accumulating seven stolen bases for the contest.

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Parker signs with Itawamba Community College

Philadelphia had signing day for Brady Parkerson. He was joined by a host of family, friends, coaches and teammates. Brady signed with Itawamba Community College to play football. He is the son of Arral and Sunny Parkerson.