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PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY

Teen leads deputies on high-speed chase

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A Neshoba County man faces multiple charges after leading law enforcement on a high-speed chase in the Pearl River community.

The man, Azarie Cole Willis,

18, 134 Dixon Road, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault of a police officer, resisting arrest, and felony fleeing, according to Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark.

Willis was arrested on March 9 after deputies encountered him at about 2:15 p.m. at a

traffic checkpoint near the intersection of Oswald Road and Highway 488.

Willis was driving a black Hyundai Elantra, according to Clark.

Deputies observed Willis park in the drive-



Willis

way of a residence near the checkpoint. No one appeared to be at the house and some dogs in the yard appeared to be hostile to Willis' presence, Clark said.

A deputy decided to approach Willis and as he

approached, Willis jumped into his vehicle and while turning his vehicle around ran over the deputy's foot, Clark said.

Willis then led deputies on a chase down Oswald Road and across Highway 16 before turning on Blackjack Road near the Geyser Falls waterpark.

Clark said Willis "meandered" down Blackjack Road at speeds between 60 and 70 miles an hour until reaching Dixon Road. At Dixon Road, he stopped at a house believed to be his residence and ran inside.

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Neshoba County Detention Center inmates haul off an old appliance as they work to pick up trash in the county.

SUPERVISORS

Upgrades to Coliseum still ongoing

By JACE HENDERSON jace@neshobademocrat.com

Improvements to the Neshoba County Coliseum in preparation for disaster situations as well as routine operations continue.

"The project is progressing fast," said County Administrator Jeff Mayo. "J & J Contractors is doing a great job, particularly in working with us around events and the weather."

Some improvements being made to the Coliseum include the addition of a new storage area and HVAC enhancements like replacing package units and converting heating to LP gas, along with adding four showers at the rear of the Coliseum.

According to officials, code requirements mandate a sprinkler system for the storage addition, and a dry system will be used to prevent freezing, but limited water supply to the building poses a challenge to comply with the six-inch supply capacity called for by the plans.

Despite the challenge, county supervisors have approved a proposal by the Central Water Association to upgrade the water meter and eliminate restrictions at the cost of parts.

"While we have a six-inch line coming into the Coliseum, we only have available water supply of two inches due to the meter being of two-inch size," Mayo said. "To maximize fire protection and provide for capability for both the existing and to be installed sprinklers in the storage addition, the two-inch meter needs to be replaced with a six-inch meter and the three-inch restriction where the old meter needs to be removed. This will allow maximum water flow to the facility in the event the sprinkler system is needed."

In other action, supervisors voted to:

- Approve pay increases of \$1 an hour for three Sheriff's deputies for taking on new roles: Mark Flake as the fire investigator, Matthew Winstead as the criminal investigator, and Patrick Burt as shift supervisor effective March 18;
• Approve the acquisition of an equipped 2018 Ford SUV at a cost of \$28,000 for the Sheriff's Department;
• Approve a pay increase of \$0.50 an hour for Mallory Miller for six months of employment at the jail effective March 4;
• Approve moving Shundrell Clemons from full-time jail staff to part-time staff effective March 18 with a reduction of pay of \$0.50 an hour;
• Approve a writ of garnishment for Damon Hudson for

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NEW ENFORCEMENT MEASURES

Sheriff launches litter awareness campaign

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Sheriff Eric Clark is launching a new litter campaign aimed at raising awareness and rallying public engagement in maintaining clean roads.

"We are doing our part in cleaning up Neshoba County," Clark said. "Growing more and more rampant is the litter problem that we face on our roadways. We need to work together to help make our county a clean and healthy place to live."

To strengthen the campaign's impact, Clark is actively pursuing grants to fund educational literature for the schools. He also plans to involve school resource officers in spreading awareness to students.

Clark said common culprits like discarded food containers from fast-food meals are a lot of the problem and he wants to stress the importance of educating the community about the consequences of littering and the impact it has on the environment.

Through his litter campaign video posted on Facebook, Clark plans to not only raise awareness over the issue but also deter littering through the enforcement of misdemeanor violations.

Enforcing stricter penalties for littering, including citations for debris unintentionally flying out of vehicles and seeking maximum fines for each offense is part of the Sheriff's strategy to curb the chronic litter problem in Neshoba County.

Despite ongoing efforts by inmate

work crews to clean up litter across two mile and half stretches along Highway 19 North in the Arlington community and the Spring Creek community on Highway 21 North, Clark says the littering problem has continued even with significant amounts of trash collected from these areas.

To help aid in enforcement, the Sheriff's Office has deployed surveillance cameras at known dump sites and problem areas, allowing officers to catch litterers in the act.

Community involvement, including reporting incidents and providing tips, has also proven to be very beneficial in tackling the issue, Clark said.

To encourage responsible waste disposal, Neshoba County residents are urged to utilize the county's designated

dumpsite and to secure loads with tarps or coverings when transporting trash.

Neshoba County offers a free dumpsite located near the County Barn on the Highway 15 North bypass for all residents' convenience.

With a firm stance on enforcement and community collaboration, the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to combating littering and preserving the county's appearance for years to come, Clark said.

"We work every day to make Neshoba County a better, clean, and safe place to raise our families in," Clark said. "We ask that you help do your part in keeping the county clean."

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Serves as Legislative Doctor of the Day

Dr. Gloria Graham, a family medicine practitioner with East Central Mississippi Health in Sebastopol, served as Legislative Doctor of the Day at the Capitol on Thursday, February 22. In that capacity, Dr. Graham was available to provide emergency medical treatment to lawmakers and staff. Dr. Graham is standing with Sen. Jenifer B. Branning, a Republican from Philadelphia, who introduced her.

County

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- \$1,131;
- Approve a road crossing for Central Water Association at 10181 Road 139;
- Approve hiring Theodore Gamble III as a full-time sanitation worker at \$14 an hour effective March 18;
- Accept the resignation of part-time Deputy Circuit Clerk Gail Breazeale effective March 8, and approve hiring Charlotte Logan as Deputy Circuit Clerk at \$13.25 pending pre-employment drug screen;
- Approve increasing voting precinct facility rental fees from \$75 to \$150 a day;
- Approve hiring Jacquelyn Grace Everett as a dispatcher at \$14 an hour effective March 18;
- Approve a payment application from Burke-Mordecai Builders for \$86,734 for the Emergency Management Storage Addition Project;
- Approve a travel request for new Emergency Management Director Josh Burt and County Administrator Jeff Mayo to attend the Partners in Preparedness Conference in Biloxi on April 30 and pay registration fees totaling \$175 each;
- Approve hiring Constables Keith McCrory and John Lilley to provide security for large events held at the Coliseum;
- Approve the transfer and appointment of John Posey as Justice Court Clerk at \$38,500 a year salary effective March 18;
- Approve a travel request for Gidget Tate and Jeff Mayo to attend the Mississippi Chancery Clerks Association & Mississippi Association of County Administrators Comptrollers Spring Educational Workshop from May 14-15 in Ridgeland;
- Approve a travel request for Supervisors to attend East Central Planning and Development District's MAS Spring Regional Meeting at the Train Depot in Newton on March 27.

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Chase

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Deputies reportedly caught Willis trying to exit the back door where he was arrested. "The deputies handled themselves very well," Clark said. "He led them on a chase through

populated areas for between five and eight miles."

Willis was taken into custody by the Choctaw Police Department that day and was extradited to the custody of the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office on March 13.

Clark said interviews with Willis reveal he ran because he believed there was a warrant out for his arrest.


According to Clark he is not aware of any charges against Willis by CPD and said the deputy who had his foot run over did not suffer injuries that required medical attention.

Willis is out of jail on a \$10,600 bond, according to Neshoba County Detention Center records.

GET INVOLVED

The Great Neshoba clean UP month

APRIL 2024



Friends and neighbors it is that time of year to kick off "The Great Neshoba Cleanup." Cleanup days will be held every Saturday of April from 8AM-12PM. Kevin Baysinger has volunteered to coordinate efforts and can be contacted at 601-416-5587 or via email at Neshoba25@bellsouth.net. Be sure to follow The Great Neshoba Cleanup facebook page for updates. Together we can Keep Neshoba County, Mississippi and America Beautiful.

Voter turnout less than 11 percent for primaries

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Donald J. Trump ran away with the Republican nomination for president in Neshoba County last Tuesday with 96 percent of the vote.

Joe Biden was the only Democrat on the presidential ballot.

Voter turnout was light, with only 10.39 percent of 33,894 registered voters turning out. In the Democrat Primary, 530 voters cast ballots, and in the Republican Primary, there were 2,993.

Neshoba countians cast ballots in the presidential, U.S. House of Representatives, and U.S. Senate races in the Republican and Democrat primaries.

Absentee ballots were tallied last Tuesday night but the current totals are without affidavit ballots, officials said.

In the Republican primary, voters chose between Trump, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, former South Carolina Gov. Nikki R. Haley, and businessman Vivek Ramaswamy for the presidential nomination. DeSantis, Ramaswamy, and Haley have since exited the race.

For the U.S. Senate, incumbent Roger Wicker faced Ghannon Burton and Dan Eubanks for the nomination. Michael Guest was the only candidate in the party's nomination for the U.S. House of Representatives.

In the Democrat primary, Ty Pinkins ran unopposed in the party's nomination for the U.S. Senate.

In Neshoba County, incumbent Sen. Roger Wicker won the Republican nomination with 67.91% of the vote. Ghannon Burton



Election officials review ballots cast in last Tuesday's presidential primaries.

received 544 votes, while Dan Eubanks received 408. Wicker received 2,019 votes.

Pinkins won the Democratic nomination for the Senate with 98.16% of the vote. Pinkins received 426 total votes.

Michael Guest had 99.01% of the votes with 2,887.

In statewide primary results, Trump won the Republican nomination for president with 92.7 percent

of the vote. Nikki Haley received 12, 829 total votes, while Vivek Ramaswamy received 1,074.

Trump received 225,683 total votes.

Joe Biden won the Democratic nomination for president.

Roger Wicker won the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate with 61.2 percent of the vote. Ghannon Burton received 60,578

votes, while Dan Eubanks received 34,077.

Wicker received 149,177 total votes.

Ty Pinkins won the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate and was unopposed.

In the U.S. House of Representatives races, Neshoba County native Trent Kelly won the Republican nomination in the District 1 race and was unopposed.

Dianne Black won the Democratic nomination in

District 1 with 84.9 percent of the vote. Black received 11,987 votes, while Matthew Williams received 2,126 votes.

Ron Eller and Andrew Smith will be advancing to a runoff in the District 2 race. Eller received 14, 734 votes to Smith's 11,374 votes.

Bennie Thompson won the Democrat nomination in District 2 and was unopposed.

Michael Guest won the

Republican nomination in the District 3 race and was unopposed.

Craig Raybon won the Democratic nomination in District 3 and was unopposed.

Mike Ezell won the Republican nomination in the District 4 race with 73.3 percent of the vote. Ezell received 51,237 total votes, Carl Boyanton received 13,273 votes, and Michael McGill received 5,362.

Man charged with attacking his grandmother

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A Neshoba County man has been arrested and charged with allegedly assaulting his grandmother at his residence near Burnside.

The man, Joshua Andrew McAdory, 34, 10050 Road 1535, was arrested and charged with exploitation of a

vulnerable person, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, public drunk, and contempt of court, according to Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark.

He said deputies responded to a call on Road 1535 reporting a domestic violence event at 4:15 p.m. on Saturday, March 16.

Upon arrival, Clark said deputies encountered an 83-

year-old woman with "signs of assault" that included redness and scratch marks on her throat area where she had been choked.

The woman told deputies she had been choked to the point that she quit breathing.

Clark said the



Joshua McAdory

woman identified her attacker as McAdory, her grandson. She said he had fled into the woods behind the residence.

"We got the drone up in the air," Clark said. "We could hear him yelling in the woods but had trouble

getting close to him as

he kept moving away from approaching deputies."

Clark said McAdory exited the woods at nearby Road 573, better known as Dunn Road, where deputies encountered him and made the arrest after a significant struggle.

McAdory appeared "paranoid" and told deputies he would not go to jail, Clark

said.

"He was very combative," according to the Sheriff. Clark said it took two deputies to get him under control and they had to deploy Tasers.

Clark said the suspect smelled like he had been drinking.

Johnson named Merit Finalist, STAR Student

Jackson Johnson, a senior at Union High School, has been named a National Merit Finalist. This prestigious distinction stems from his outstanding performance on the PSAT during his junior year. Achieving National Merit Finalist status is a very distinguished national honor, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Jackson Johnson. He is the son of Jay Dee and Tracy Johnson, and plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi next year. Johnson has also been named Union High School's STAR Student for the 2023-2024 school year by the Mississippi Economic Council (MEC) Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) program. Jackson selected Mrs. Mandy Feasel, his English teacher, as his STAR Teacher. Mrs. Feasel has been selected as STAR teacher twelve times. Mrs. Feasel teaches English and Art at Union High School and is married to Jamie Feasel of Union.



CORRECTION

In the March 13, 2024 edition of the Democrat, a story about Skye Mingo erroneously stated that she returned to Philadelphia to live with her dad, who was Tribal chief. The late Phillip Martin, Tribal Chief at the time, facilitated emergency Level C housing for Mingo, ensuring her proximity to the necessary medical care.

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EDITORIALS

Clock ticking for TikTok

When Congress does something on a bipartisan basis, it's cause for concern. President Biden and Rep. Nancy Pelosi, San Francisco Democrat, are of one mind with Reps. Dan Crenshaw and Chip Roy, both Texas Republicans, when it comes to outlawing the teen-favorite social media platform TikTok.

This consensus propelled a lopsided 352-65 vote in the House last week in favor of legislation blocking the app — unless Beijing-based ByteDance sells its considerable stake in TikTok. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer, New York Democrat, hasn't weighed in yet, but it's hard to see him reining in members eager to see TikTok go away.

It doesn't help that millions of teens are addicted, drawn in by the app's endless supply of short, rapid-fire videos. TikTok encourages users to join the latest trends by uploading videos of their own. These could involve anything from performing silly dance moves to doing stupid things like tasting laundry detergent pods — material designed to rile up gullible media outlets that aren't in on the joke.

But there's a sinister side to TikTok's algorithmic content barrage. Some are concerned the app promotes aberrant behavior, transgenderism, and a general dumbing down of society — just the sort of things the Chinese government might use to weaken its main adversary.

The Protecting Americans From Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act is broader than it needs to be to handle these issues, and that is by design. The measure criminalizes distribution of any application that is "controlled by a foreign adversary," which could mean having a significant investor "subject to the direction or control of a foreign person."

It's left to the president to interpret that

vague wording by designating whether a particular foreign power presents a "significant threat to the national security of the United States." It's up to the head of the Department of Justice to enforce the rest of the bill's provisions. This is not a comforting arrangement, as both have already abused these very designations in the past.

In 2016, the Justice Department lied to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court by calling Carter Page, a volunteer for Donald Trump's campaign, an "agent of a foreign power." To get away with it, then-FBI lawyer Kevin Clinesmith doctored an email to conceal evidence that Mr. Page was actually a source for the U.S. government.

The same DOJ then went after Gen. Michael Flynn, then-President-elect Trump's incoming national security advisor, because he told the Russian ambassador not to overreact to the expulsion of Russian diplomats. White House meeting notes show that it was none other than then-Vice President Joe Biden who suggested charging Mr. Flynn under the Logan Act, a dormant 18th-century statute meant to dissuade private citizens from conducting foreign policy.

A DOJ that is happy to deceive the FISA court and a president eager to misinterpret arcane laws to indict his enemies will have no scruples when it comes to twisting this new bill to serve partisan ends. For instance, the administration could simply declare Elon Musk under "Russian influence" — repeating exactly what it did to Mr. Trump — to force the largest free-speech platform, X, off the internet.

If the proposed TikTok ban can be abused, it will be abused.

— *The Washington Times*

FLASHBACKS

March 17, 1944

Sgt. Willard B. Green has recently been promoted to his present rank from that of a corporal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Green of the Bond community and is now in service in the Southwest Pacific for a return engagement.

Sec. Lieut. Harold H. Howell is missing in action, having failed to return to his base in England from a raid over Germany on March 3, according to the War Department. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Howell of this city, received this notice from the Adjutant General late last week.

March 18, 1954

Miss Alice Ebba Hamill lent dignity and royalty to the parade led by the Philadelphia High School Band as the climax to the weeklong Dairy Festival which came to a close Saturday. Miss Hamill, who is Miss Neshoba County, was crowned the 1954 queen of the Southeast Miss. Livestock Show held in Forest yesterday.

March 19, 1964

President T. A. Webb has announced that the Board of Directors of the Citizens Bank of Philadelphia has approved the purchase of the Church of Christ property on Main Street, just west of the post office and will start making

plans for a new modern building for the bank, including drive in windows on the west side.

Mrs. Harriett DeWeese and Mrs. Boots Howell were shown with a piece of the stained glass windows they and Mr. Howell constructed for the new St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church being completed this week.

March 21, 1974

Returning letter players in Neshoba Central track are Kim Reese, Kathleen Davis, Linda Diana Lyons, Nora Slayton, Charles Carter, Raymond Scott, Billy Ray Parker, Herman Clark, Cleotha Cole and Tony Sharp. Returning lettermen in baseball are Jackie Morrow, Steve Cheatham, Bruce banning, David Clay, Steve DeWeese, Miller Dunn, Carl Ellis, Larry Gage and Herman Kelly.

A bill that would help finance construction of a new Neshoba County Library has been passed by the Mississippi legislature and sent to the governor.

March 21, 1984

A majority of Neshoba Countians at Saturday morning's precinct caucuses favored sending uncommitted delegates to the Democratic national convention from Mississippi. Of those express-

ing a presidential preference, Walter Mondale supporters led.

Philadelphia Mayor Charles McClain received keys to the city's new garbage truck from Jean Giffis, owner of Griffis Ford-Mercury, where the truck chassis was purchased for \$22,684.54.

March 16, 1994

An unidentified newborn baby was turned over to Neshoba County authorities after being found by a man in his home, Deputy Donnie Adkins said Tuesday.

Recent favorable weather has made it possible to accomplish a lot of work on construction of the Silver Star Resort and Casino on the Choctaw Indian Reservation.

March 24, 2004

Beacon Street was closed to traffic for about 30 minutes early Thursday morning after a bomb threat was called in to the Huddle House. Someone called the restaurant at 7:55 a.m., and said that a bomb would go off in 15 minutes.

March 19, 2014

The inaugural run of a new reading initiative at Philadelphia Middle School has been a huge success with nearly half the students scoring 80 percent or better on a rubric for their monthly projects.

CAL THOMAS

The smell of mendacity

"What's that smell in this room? Didn't you notice it, B rick? Didn't you notice a powerful and obnoxious odor of mendacity in this room? There ain't nothin' more powerful than the odor of mendacity. You can smell it. It smells like death."— (Big Daddy in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof")

Court decisions can sound complicated because they sometimes contain legal language that is difficult for a layperson to understand. That's not the situation in the case of Fulton County, Georgia's District Attorney Fani Willis and special prosecutor Nathan Wade. Judge Scott McAfee gave Willis a choice — either dump Wade, with whom she'd had a romantic relationship, as prosecutor in the case against Donald Trump, or leave the case herself. Wade quickly tendered his resignation. It's hard to see how anyone except the most strident anti-Trumper will see the outcome of a trial with Willis on the case as fair.

The judge's ruling contained a word one rarely hears used these days. McAfee wrote that while a conflict of interest wasn't proved, "an odor of mendacity remains."

For those who didn't get far with vocabulary in high school English class, mendacity is defined as "untruthfulness; tendency to lie."

Most people are familiar with the courtroom oath to "tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." Judge McAfee concluded Willis and Wade were not telling the whole truth, but the case could go forward anyway even while their relationship

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carried "the appearance of impropriety."

If one is engaging in behavior that appears inappropriate to a judge, doesn't that potentially taint the outcome of a case in the public's eyes?

Judge McAfee's ruling is reminiscent of two other cases. FBI Director James Comey declined to prosecute Hillary Clinton for her mishandling of classified information while she was secretary of state. The New York Times reported: "Comey rebuked Mrs. Clinton as being 'extremely careless' in using a private email address and server. He raised questions about her judgment, contradicted statements she has made about her email practices, (and) said it was possible that hostile foreign governments had gained access to her account."

Then there was what Special Counsel Robert Hur said about Joe Biden's careless handling of classified documents during his time in the Senate, as vice president and until he became president. After five hours of interviewing Biden over two days, Hur concluded that Biden didn't break the law and besides, a

jury in heavily Democratic Washington would be unlikely to convict him because he would be viewed as a "well-meaning, elderly man with a poor memory."

Biden wasn't elderly when he began stashing documents in unsecured locations. Under the law he was not supposed to have them and didn't have the power in his previous posts to declassify them.

Is this the new standard for high government officials who violate laws that are supposed to protect classified documents? If so, Congress needs to re-write the laws and include the rest of us under their protection.

These cases will only fuel the growing belief that there is a two-tiered justice system in America. It also further undermines what is becoming a cliché — that "no one is above the law."

One does not have to be a supporter of Donald Trump, as his former vice president Mike Pence announced last week he is not, to have the view that Trump is being treated "unfairly," as he likes to say, and that the 91 felony charges he must fight with his own money, as opposed to the endless cash governments can spend, has placed him at a disadvantage.

No one seems to mind that mendacity, while always present in the political arena, appears to be increasing everywhere. If allowed to spread it will create a "smell like death" in our legal system.

Email Cal Thomas at tcaeditors@tribpub.com. Look for his latest book "A Watchman in the Night: What I've Seen Over 50 Years Reporting on America" (HumanixBooks).

RICH LOWRY

Dem leadership signals left-wing base

The uncommitted voters of Michigan say "jump," and Chuck Schumer asks "how high"?

The Senate majority leader gave an extraordinary speech flaying the democratically elected leader of an ally engaged in fighting a defensive war against a hideous terrorist enemy.

The speech calling on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to go, along with increasingly critical statements by the White House, shows that the Democrats have decided that appeasing their left-wing base in an election year is now their top consideration.

This is bad all around. As a matter of basic decency, this is not something that allies do to one another, especially not in wartime. Present unvarnished views in private? Absolutely. Try to nudge a partner toward a favored policy? Sure. But blast a friendly government in hopes that it can be toppled via a new election, just months after suffering a monstrous attack and as it is still trying to destroy a terrorist group deeply embedded in an urban environment? No.

The fact of the matter is that this is not Bibi Netanyahu's war. It is the nation of Israel's war. Netanyahu sustained political damage after the Oct. 7 attack, but his goal of prosecuting the war against Hamas to its completion is widely shared in Israel. Immediately after the attack, Israel formed a government of national unity that has pursued the war policy that Democrats now find so objectionable. If Netanyahu were to resign tomorrow, any number

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of things might change, but the war against Hamas would stay the same.

It is easy, sitting in Washington, D.C., and worrying about how to placate the anti-Israel uncommitted voters in the Democratic primary, to forget the shock of the massive pogrom carried out by Hamas on that infamous day in October. Israelis, though, aren't going to forget, nor should they.

It's a key tell about Schumer's intentions that his speech engendered a universally negative reaction in Israel, and Schumer — who is no naif — must have anticipated as much. Benny Gantz, who would presumably run against Netanyahu in a future election, harshly rejected the Schumer call for a new government. So, the only place where Schumer could have any assurance of advancing his cause was here at home.

What stronger signal could there be that the Democratic leadership has heard the activist calls to rein in Israel than the previously staunch supporter of the Jewish state, Chuck Schumer, unloading on its wartime government?

Hamas has been getting devastated on the battlefield, but the turn against Israel among Democratic officials in the U.S. is a sign of the success of its longer, deeply cynical strategy. By doing every-

thing in its power to create the predicate for more civilian casualties in Gaza, Hamas hopes to turn international opinion against Israel. So it has done in one of the two major American political parties.

If you had told many of the same Democrats criticizing Israel today that within five months of the Oct. 7 attack they would be inveighing against Israel's war against Hamas, they would have been incredulous. If you had told them they would be getting pushed around by pro-Hamas sentiment in their own party, they would have rejected the idea as impossible. If you had told them they would have been seeking a two-state solution as one of their highest post-Oct. 7 priorities, they might have considered it a smear.

Yet here we are.

On top of everything else, this isn't good domestic politics. There is still majority support for Israel. The anti-Israel turn demonstrates, yet again, that the Biden campaign is pursuing a base strategy in November. Just the last couple of days, Kamala Harris visited an abortion clinic, Joe Biden suggested there will be no executive action at the border, and Schumer — having run it by the White House first — delivered his philippic.

What's fidelity to an ally compared to zeal in pursuit of an embattled president's election strategy?

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BIBLE SELECTION

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

— Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV)

COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 3/11-3/18

- Martha M Anding, 59, of 11371 Hwy 15 S, Union; contempt of court
- William Ben, 25, of 137 Bogue Chitto Ln; contempt of court, driving under the influence other substance
- Alisha Boler, 37, of 412 Coleman St Apt 206; sale/gift tobacco to minors
- Khelsea D'sha Brown, 30, of 4799 Hwy 483, Lena; indictment
- Terry Chunn, 40, of 10940 Hwy 21 N; hold for other agency
- Jacque Lemour Cistrunk, 30, of 20051 Rye Rd, Aberdeen; failure to appear
- Sherry L Collins, 42, of 100 Sistrunk Ave Lot 16; hold for investigations
- Robert Currie, 38, of 3147 Luke Rd, DeKalb; driving under the influence-1st offense
- Kevin Devon Edwards, 50, of 10230 Rd 428, Union; child endangerment misdemeanor, disorderly conduct, simple assault
- Cody Dylan Fortenberry, 21, of 10131 Deer Creek Dr; driving under the influence other substance

- Alva Nathan Freeman, 53, of 1484 Rd 2642; failure to appear X2
- Jonathan Paul Goodin, 39, of 1526 Hwy 16 W; contempt of court, failure to appear
- Shelby Faye Gore, 31, of 424 Columbus Ave; contempt of court
- Dianne D Grant, 54, of 121 Indian Hill Cir; contempt of court
- Tykeyarria Danguel Gray, 27, of 814 Chestnut St; possession of marijuana 1st offense, possession of controlled substance
- Boris Armand Griffin, 42, of 279 B N Carver Ave; contempt of court
- Benny Harrison, 47, of 10271 Hwy 16 W; driving under the influence-2nd offense
- Milton Ray Henry, 22, of 164 Lagood Rd; contempt of court, possession of marijuana-vehicle
- Ebony Gabrielle Home, 28, of 506 Lamar Cir; failure to appear
- Michael Troy Johnson, 46, of 3134 Hwy 16, Carthage; hold for other agency, grand larceny-more than \$1000 X2
- Mallory Leigh Jones, 23, of 15491 Hwy 39 N Apt 24, DeKalb; contempt of court, failure to appear
- Laura Sue Lasher, 51, of 4019 Sewall Dr, Huntsville, AL; possession of controlled substance, possession of marijuana-vehicle
- Anna Marie Majure, 46, of 10211 Rd 125, Union; domestic violence simple assault - 1st
- Carl William Majure, 37, of 10211 Rd 125; domestic violence simple assault - 1st
- Joshua Andrew McAdory, 34, of 10050 Rd 1535; disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, contempt of court, public drunk, vulnerable person - exploitation of
- Jimmy McBeath, 43, of 619 W Walnut St; littering, driving under the influence - 2nd offense, possession of marijuana - vehicle, contempt of court
- Moses McLaurin, 42, of 99 Craft St, Morton; hold circuit court
- Peter McMillian, 51, of 589 N Oswald Rd; failure to appear
- Joseph Arthur Ross Jr, 58, of 520 VWE Dr 6J, Floodwood; driving under the influence - 1st offense
- Joshua Scott, 40, of 751 Drysdale, Carthage; possession

- of marijuana 1st offense, possession of controlled substance
- Leighanna Janaye Thomas, 24, of 232 Goat Ranch Rd; disturbance of family
- Aaliyah Triplett, 20, of 10452 Rd 610; disturbance family 1st - domestic violence
- Malissa L Williamson, 55, of 10952 Rd 315, Union; possession of controlled substance, possession of marijuana-vehicle
- Azarie Cole Willis, 18, of 134 Dixon Rd; aggravated assault on police, fire, school officer with weapon, resisting arrest, felony pursuit
- Dartalian Willis, 28, of 232 Louis Rd; contempt of court
- Shania A Willis, 27, of 426 Black Jack Rd; contempt of court, failure to appear
- Russel Dan Woods, 48, of 4027 Telstar Cir, Huntsville, AL; possession of controlled substance, possession of firearm by convicted felon, possession of marijuana - vehicle

Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrest from 3/11-3/17

- Marion J Bell, 42, of 944 Black Jack Rd; warrant-arrest report
- Darren Daniels, 31, of 705 E Main St; contempt of court-municipal court, MV-no insurance
- Ashton Edwards, 22, of 10360 Rd 565; contempt of court-failure to appear or complete jury service
- Jeremy Franklin, 41, of 10051 Rd 1345; warrant-arrest report
- Jason L Goodin, 35, of 10120 Rd 2638; disorderly conduct-interfering with business customers, invitees, etc., assault-simple-causing bodily injury
- Sherman G Green, 41, of 10181 Rd 1357; warrant-circuit court bench warrant, trespass-willful or malicious
- Deterius M Griffin, 26, of 10830 Rd 632; DUI-2nd offense, assault-simple-causing bodily injury, MV-expired or no driver's license, MV-improper equipment
- Randall Isaac, 35, of 333 W Tucker Cir; contempt of court-municipal court, MV-no insurance, MV-tag-none or expired
- Stanley C Johnson, 57, of 250 Saddlewood Dr, Clinton;

- DUI-1st offense, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct-failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers
- Trelan K Laster, 30, of 546 Stribling Rd; contempt of court-failure to appear or complete jury service
- Desmond Moore, 32, of 213 Sherwood Dr; warrant-arrest report
- Medgal Peebles, 30, of 285 Bennett St; warrant-arrest report
- Chelsea M Ray, 29, of 10150 Rd 2608; contempt of court-failure to appear or complete jury service
- Cedric G Rogers, 42, of 150 Pine Ridge Rd; DUI-2nd offense, MV-no insurance, MV-license-driving while revoked or suspended, MV-careless driving
- Andrew W Snipes, 32, of 206 W Canal St; DUI-1st offense
- Kenisha Thomas, 33, of 5201 Monaco Lake Apt 5B, Pascagoula; MV-expired or no driver's license, DUI-1st offense, CS-paraphernalia-possession or use

OBITUARIES

Linda Nell Edmonds

Funeral services for Ms. Linda Nell Edmonds will be held 2 PM Friday, March 22, 2024, at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. John E. Stephens officiating. Interment will be in Golden Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be 12 PM - 2 PM Friday, March 22, 2024, at John E. Stephens Chapel.

Ms. Linda Nell Edmonds, 60, passed away Monday, March 11, 2024, at UMMC in Jackson, MS. She lived most of her life in Neshoba County where she was a homemaker. She was Baptist by Faith, and her hobbies were flowers and doing crafts.

Ms. Edmonds is preceded in death by her husband, Michael Edmonds; parents, James David Pierce and Willie Smith Pierce; son, Jerry Wayne Collins Jr.; brother, James Lee Pierce.

Survivors include daughter, Brittany Rowell of Sebastopol; sisters, Martha Anding of Union, Brenda McNeil of Coal Bluff, Norma McNeel of Noxapater; (4) grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Emma Kay Brancaccio

Funeral services for Ms. Emma Kay Brancaccio will be held at 11 AM Friday, March 22, 2024 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Ronnie Foster, and Rev. Jeffrey Lordi officiating. Interment will be in Good Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be 9 AM - 11 AM Friday, March 22, 2024 at John E. Stephens Chapel.

Ms. Brancaccio, 70, passed away, Friday, March 15, 2024 at Bolivar Medical Center in Cleveland, MS. She lived most of her life in Starkville, MS. Her hobbies were going to thrift stores, boat riding and fishing, and traveling with her sister.

Ms. Brancaccio is preceded in death by her parents, Edgar Verdell Evans and Bertha Davidson Evans; son, Robert "Bobby" Brancaccio; sister, Diane Evans; brothers, Jerry and Eddie Evans. Survivors include her fiancé, Jimmy Edwards; daughters, Melissa St. Dennis, Shmoan Skeen; sister, Vickie Robertson; (5) grandchildren, Michael, Lauren, Kolby, Jadeyn, Kayleigh.

Madine Wilkerson

Madine Wilkerson, daughter of Jay & Burdie Culberson born in Neshoba County on October 16, 1937.



Madine and her twin sister Audine (Jim) Ware, the youngest in the Culberson family of 6 including: Bill (Peggy) Culberson, Evelyn (Ken) Madine Brelan, Wilkerson Muri (Gay) Culberson, and Irma Jean Culberson.

Madine learned to play guitar at 9 years and the twins won the Fiddlers contest at age 14 with the popular song, Mockingbird Hill. They sang at church and gatherings for the enjoyment of all.

She married Otis Wilkerson at 19 years old and they began a family of their own, having 3 children: Sheila (Cary) Bierdeman, Jeff (Alice) Wilkerson & Randall (Kim) Wilkerson.

Madine kept a lovely home

and enjoyed gardening. She won "Yard of the Month" multiple times.

Madine loved to embroider pictures, sew, and hand-stitch quilts, a craft she learned from her mom.

She was well known for her famous cheesecake, chocolate pie, and banana pudding.

Madine had a love for travel and adventure and lived in Alaska near her daughter for a short time.

She remained by Otis's side until his death and is at rest beside him in Floral Hills Memory Garden.

Madine & Otis were blessed with 6 grandchildren: Jessica (Kevin) Jones, Melissa (Josh) Eller, Hunter (Ashlyn) Wilkerson, Hannah (Alex) Rodrigo, Hailey Wilkerson & Jay (EmaDella) Wilkerson & 13 great-grandchildren: Braylon, Carson, & Mason Jones, Jaxon, Graham, Hunter, Olivia & Knox Eller, Rose & Sam Wilkerson, Zander, Emberly & Sophia Rodrigo.

Madine spent her last days surrounded by her family enjoying the sounds of her great-grandchildren playing, the singing of the songbirds, and roosters crowing on Randall's farm. Madine lived to be 86 1/2 years old and she passed away on March 9, 2024, surrounded by her loving family holding her twin sister, Audine's hand.

Mary Maxine Eldridge

Funeral services for Ms. Mary Maxine Eldridge were Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. John E. Stephens officiating. Interment will be in Cedar Lawn City Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Eldridge, 92, passed away Thursday, March 14, 2024 at Woodland Court Retirement Center in Newton, MS. She lived most of her life in the Stephentown Community in Neshoba County where she was a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Her hobbies were sewing, crafting, flowers and collecting rocks.

Ms. Eldridge is preceded in death by her husband Howard Eldridge; parents, Gordan and Mandy Stephens Chunn; daughter, Tammy Duncan; sister, Aline Craine; brothers, Hubard H., Paul, Robert, Clifton Jr., and Herman Chunn; grandson, James Dylan Duncan; sister-in-law, Mammie Lois Holland.

Survivors include sister, Martha Conn; (2) great-grandchildren, Finn and Foster Duncan and numerous nieces and nephews.

Claude James Chapman

Funeral services for Mr. Claude James Chapman will be

held at 2 PM Thursday, March 21, 2024 at Bogue Homa CERF Building with interment will be in Bogue Homa Community Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10 AM Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at Bogue Homa Community Cemetery.

John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Chapman, 66, passed away on Friday, March 15, 2024 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian, MS. He was Catholic in Faith and his hobbies included fishing, hunting, gardening, and spending time with his grandbabies.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Abbie Mae Nickey Chapman; parents, Asa Chapman and Mary McMillan Chapman; daughters, Sonya Nickey and Leah Hamilton; son, Myron Chapman; sisters, Mary Jane Vaughn, Rosie Sorrel, Trudy Chapman, Shirley Briscoe, Teresa Willis; brothers, Clifton Chapman, John Mingo, Jack Chapman.

Survivors include daughter, Allison Barnes; sons, Douglas Chapman, Curtis Chapman; sister, Norma Davis, Annie Jalalzadeh, Betty Sutton; 6 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild.

Maxine Lillian Hendon

Funeral services for Ms. Maxine Lillian Hendon will be held at 2 PM Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Mack Alford officiating. Interment will be in Cedar Lawn City Cemetery. Visitation will be 12 PM - 2 PM Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at John E. Stephens Chapel.

Ms. Hendon, 94, passed away Monday March 18, 2024, at her home in Philadelphia, MS. She lived most of her life in Neshoba County and was a member of First Church of God. She was retired from Philadelphia High School Cafeteria. Her hobbies were spending time with family, friends and talking on the phone.

Preceded in death: husband O.C. Hendon; parents, Thomas Jefferson Young, Nezzie Gregory Young; sisters, Anita Jeril, Pearl Needham, Flora Risk, Marcell Stevens; brother, Billy Young.

Survivors: sons, Jimmy Hendon (Peggy), Steve Hendon (Rhonda); sister, Elowese Marlin (4) grandchildren; (2) great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Marcelene Rush Washinton

Funeral service for Mrs. Marcelene Rush Washington was held on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 12 P.M. from Mission M.B. Church in Preston, with Pastor Charles Griffin officiating. Burial was at Friendship Gholson M.B. Church Cemetery. Beck

Funeral Home, Inc was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Washington, 72, of Memphis, passed away on Monday, March 11, 2024 at Methodist South Hospital in Memphis, TN.

She is survived by her three sons, Michael, Ernest, and Robert, eight grandchildren, Brittni, Da'jai, Hamilton, Ben, Ernest, Jr., Mosi, Layla and Anaya, four great grandchildren, and seven siblings.

Craig Matthew Dixon

Funeral services for Mr. Craig Matthew Dixon will be held at 10 AM Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church with Rev. Carl Wilson officiating. Interment will be in the Redwater Community Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 1 PM Monday, March 18, 2024 at the Redwater CERF Building. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Dixon, 32, passed away on Friday, March 15, 2024 in Leake County. He was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and enjoyed playing stickball, basketball and fishing. He is preceded in death by his mother, Lawanda Dixon; grandparents, Neil and Cora Wilson.

Survivors include mother, Sherri Wilson; daughters, Nylah Wilson and Mirah Dixon; son, Westyn Dixon; sister, Savannah Wilson; brothers, Tristan Dixon, Cory Wilson; grandmother, Virginia Stevens; aunt, Sabrina Wilson.

Angela Lucile Reynolds Spears

Funeral services for Angela Lucile Reynolds Spears were held Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 3 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Barry Walker officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery of Noxapater. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Spears, 49, of Philadelphia died March 15, 2024.

Angela was a native and long-time resident of Neshoba County. She was a graduate of Noxapater High School, ECCC, and graduated MSU with her Bachelor's and Master's Degree. Angela taught for 22 years at Neshoba Central High School until she retired in 2021. Mrs. Spears was a member of West Philadelphia Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Hilton Spears; sisters, Deana Reynolds Cumberland and Beverly Reynolds Clay (Tyson); step-daughter, Brookes Hardin (Mutt); step-son, Jay

Spears (Becky); father, Billy Reynolds; five grandchildren; two nieces and one nephew.

Mrs. Spears was preceded in death by her mother, Peggy Lucile Baskin Reynolds.

Jody Jarrell

A celebration of the life of Jody Jarrell were held Friday, March 15, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel of McClain-Hays Funeral Home in Philadelphia. Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jody was a laidback, easygoing man. He liked the simple things. He never felt comfortable in a coat and tie. But rather, he enjoyed sporting his many Hawaiian shirts or his Mississippi State clothing. It's only fitting that we too remember Jody by honoring his memory in a laidback Hawaiian shirt, Mississippi State gear or your favorite style of comfort.

Joe Henry Jarrell, Jr. "Jody" was born March 17, 1949, to Joe and Christine Jarrell. He

passed away Monday, March 11, 2024, following a short illness.

He grew up in Philadelphia and graduated from Philadelphia High School. He furthered his education at Mississippi State University where he earned a degree in Forestry. He worked for the Mississippi Forestry Commission for 25 years before retiring. Jody was made for retirement enjoying his favorite hobbies like saltwater fishing, gardening, the outdoors and his Mississippi State Bulldogs.

He married the love of his life, Leah, in Oct. 1984.

Jody was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Christine Jarrell; grandparents, James and Bessie Jarrell and Jim and Addie Mae Scott; Jody was also preceded in death by two of his best buds, Fent DeWeese and Larry Mills.

His survivors include his wife, Leah Cole Jarrell, and his sister, Jan Jarrell. He is also survived by a large family of in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins and best buds, Don Kilgore and Dick Molpus.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to your favorite charity.



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Students participate in Conservation Carnival

By STAFF REPORTS
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The Neshoba County Soil & Water Conservation District hosted their 28th Annual Conservation Carnival at the Neshoba County Coliseum last month.

Just over 350 fifth grade students from Bogue Chitto, Pearl River, Tucker, Neshoba Central and Philadelphia Schools took part in this year's carnival.

The purpose of this event is to enhance the youth of tomorrow with the importance of natural resources and what they can do to conserve them.

Nine educational stations were set up and students rotated through all stations. Local agencies participated in the carnival educating students on various subjects such as:

ATV Safety – Brad Staten with the MSU Extension Service.

Bugs – MSU Entomolo-



Area Wildlife Biologist, Russell Singleton teaches students about local wildlife.

gy Department's Bug Blues Museum

Water Safety - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with Tommy Miller and Matt Rigdon.

Wildlife – Meaghan Huseman with the MS Museum of Natural Science.

Enviroscape – Deb Veeder with Mississippi Wildlife Federation's Adopt-A-Stream.

Rainwater Simulator –

Lee Jones with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Soil Tunnel – Lydia Edmonson with the MS Soil & Water Conservation Commission.

Hunter Safety – Justin Blackburn, Hunter Hall and Dustin Floyd with MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

Wildlife – Russell Singleton with USDA's Natural



Hunter Hall and Dustin Floyd with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks teach students about hunting safety.

Resources Conservation Service.

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Deputies bust man with illegal pills

By DUNCAN DENT
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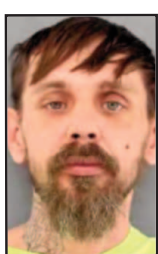
A Carthage man was arrested during a traffic stop last week with dozens of illegal pills.

The man, Joshua Scott, 40, 751 Drysdale Road, Carthage, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and careless driv-

ing, Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark said.

Scott was out of jail two days later on a \$7,900 bond, jail records show.

Deputies observed Scott on Thursday, March 7, at about 11 a.m. where Highway 16 turns into



Joshua Scott

four lanes at the Pow Wow driving recklessly, Clark said.

Deputies initiated a traffic stop and Scott pulled into the valet parking lane at the Silver Star Casino, Clark said.

Upon making contact with Scott, deputies discovered two pre-

scription pill bottles with the labels scratched off. Clark said they found more than 167 pills inside the bottles.

Clark said the pills are believed to be either Xanax or ecstasy and have been sent off to the state crime lab for testing.

Of Local Interest

4-H HORSE CLUB

If you are interested in joining the Neshoba County 4-H Horse Club, join us on April 11th at 5:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room located at the Neshoba County Coliseum. This will include information regarding riding events as well as horse art opportunities. This program will be available to youth ages 8-18. If you plan to attend or need any additional information, please call the Neshoba County Extension Office at 601-656-4011!

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.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT FIELD DAY

All hunters and wildlife managers, foresters and loggers, private landowners, wildlife enthusiasts, and industry representatives, join us on April 18th, 2024, at the Coastal Plains Branch Experiment Station

located at 51 Costal Plains Road Newton, MS from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for a Wildlife Management Field Day. Pre-register by calling 601-683-2084 by April 11. On-site registration begins at 8:30. The program begins at 9:00. Lunch will be provided.

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Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church invites you to join us for our Spring Revival, April 1 - April 3, 2024 7:00PM Nightly. Guest Speaker is Pastor Cornelius McDonald. 3216 Mt. Nebo Road, Lisman, AL 36912. 205-398-3090

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

The Mt. Enon M.B. Church in the Dixon Community cordially invite all area church families to attend their Friends and Family Day scheduled for Sunday, March 24th at 3:00PM. Pastor E.J. Hinton of the Philadelphia Parish will be the visiting evan-

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Persons knowing of a child who may need special education or gifted educational services should contact

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Living by faith

The letters to the churches we find in Revelation chapters 2 and 3 are in the context of the church facing tribulations in the world. The Lord Jesus Christ has revealed himself as the Savior of his people and the Lord of glory. From Heaven's perspective, the important thing on earth is how the church is upholding the name of Christ and the gospel in a world of trouble.

The letters to the churches are to real churches in 1st Century Asia (modern Turkey), but they are written to be instruction to the churches who proclaim Christ's name in every generation until his return. The Lord Jesus speaks first the church in Ephesus. He says, "I know your works" (Revelation 2: 2). The Lord can say to every church, your church and mine, "I know your works." He can say it to you as an individual. We do well to remember this truth.

The Lord commends the church in Ephesus for their patient endurance under the pressure of false teachers. They had tested those who claimed to be apostles but were false. The church saw false teaching as no small thing, but rather an "evil." It's not easy to be faithful to the truth when it can cost you friendships, make enemies, and make you unpopular.

Nevertheless, the Lord Jesus requires his church to be faithful not only in proclaiming the truth, but refuting error. Serious error makes Christ to be no Christ. Truth is truth and error is error whether men think it so or not. There is a certain and immutable truth connected to Christ's name.

We learn a couple of things here. There always has been and always will be a lot of error concerning the Christian faith. The devil is a deceiver. The truth glorifies God and humbles the pride of men, so there is resistance to it. Also, it is never in vain to defend the truth, no matter how lonely or difficult it is. The Lord knows and is pleased with those who bear up for his name's sake.

After showing that he is most ready to commend all that is good, the Lord says, "But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first" (Revelation 2:4). This is a serious rebuke. Christ is speaking to his people and questioning whether they still have love for him. It doesn't matter the good they are doing if their love is declining.

The reason Jesus came into the world is that we might be saved from our sins and "know God" (John 17). To know God implies a love to God above anything else. The psalmist says, "Whom have I in heaven but you, and there is none on earth I desire but you O Lord." The Lord insists on love because it was for that reason he called us out of the world.

The remedy to their fall is to "Repent and do the works you did at first" (verse 5). Here we need to remember the law/gospel distinction. The law says, "Do this and live." The gospel says, "Believe in Christ and live." The problem with the Christians in Ephesus is pride. They had been refuting error and developed a legal mindset, forgetting that it was only by grace that they had been saved. There was nothing lacking in the outward works, but much lacking in their hearts.

A legal mindset sees the works you do as what makes you more righteous than other men. A gospel mindset sees the works you do as those done to honor the Lord who paid the debt of your sin on the cross. The greater the legal mindset grows, the further away from Christ you go. Pride will replace love. Pride goes before the fall. The path back is to remember the reason you came to Christ and do the works out of love and thanksgiving.

The Lord gives a warning: "If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent." The lampstand represents light and life, the truth of the gospel. The warning is the loss of Christ, fellowship with God. The weightiness of this is plain, the life of the church and the soul of the individual is at stake. If this doesn't humble us, we won't be humbled.

In verse 7 the Lord says, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Repentance is always a call to turn and live. The Lord promises that the one who conquers (overcomes by faith) will be given access to "tree of life, which is in the paradise of God." That is the inheritance of a world of love. So, let us love Christ and live by faith, casting off all pride.

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At 93, Holley still loves to cook

By JACE HENDERSON
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Bobbie Holley embodies the essence of Southern cooking at 93 years old. As she approaches her 94th birthday in April, she continues to charm taste buds with her cooking skills honed through a lifetime of dedication to her family, particularly in the kitchen.

"I made a sour cream pound cake yesterday and made gumbo, so I guess I'm doing pretty good," she said with a laugh. "As long as God gives me strength, cooking is what I'm going to do."

Holley was raised out in the country in the Bloomo community, learning to cook from her mother and mother-in-law, but said she really started cooking when she got married.

"I was a young bride, and I just learned to cook," she said. "I love to cook."

Married first to the late Vester Irons for 35 years and later to the late John Holley for 28 years, she shared her passion for cooking with her family and friends. Through her three children, three stepchildren, eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren, Holley's kitchen has remained a hub of love and laughter.

Over the years she has proudly passed down her skills to her children and grandchildren. She taught her grandson, Trent, how to make homemade biscuits and cornbread, ensuring her cooking lives on for generations.

Beyond the kitchen, Holley worked as a part-time manager and treasurer at Wells Lamont alongside her husband, Vester. Later in life, she spent 15 years at The Citizens Bank, before she retired.

Vester was a big fish fryer and quail hunter, leaving Bobbie to prepare the quail dinners. Notably, they were both featured as Cook of the Week in the sixties.

"I would cook the quails, string bean casserole, creamed potatoes, green salad, homemade rolls, and caramel pies," she said.

Holley says she was known for taking her good chicken and dressing to First Methodist Church during the holidays when she was able, and after she retired, she started baking fresh cakes for everybody.

"That was my pin money as I like to call it," she said.

Her family's favorite dish she makes is fried chicken, creamed potatoes, and butterbeans, representing "country living" as she says.

Holley also has an extensive collection of recipes, both in cookbooks and some of her own stored in her memory. Her cooking truly knows no bounds.

As her birthday approaches next month, Holley looks forward to a well-deserved break, with her family planning to treat her to a meal out.

"I love good food and love to go out to eat," she said. "I love to be served good."

Holley's family includes children: Patti Rickles, Kay Duett (Stuart), and the late Barry Irons (Betty). Her stepchildren are Guy Holley, Pam Fulton, and Merle Coats. Her grandchildren are Trent Rickles, Jamie Rickles, Erika Gray (Jim), Tara Yates, Ty Duett, Dan Irons, Jenny Irons, and Mary Margaret Massey. Her great-grandchildren are John Henry Rickles, Kate Massey, McKay Morrow, James William Gray, Abby Yates, Gully Yates, Addy



Bobbie Holley

COOK OF THE WEEK

Hobor, Lillian Hobor, and Savannah Irons.

CHICKEN AND DRESSING

- 1 large pan of cornbread
- 3 homemade biscuits or 3 or 4 slices of bread
- 3 or 4 chicken cooked breasts (keep chicken broth)
- 1 can of cream of chicken soup
- 1 can of cream of mushroom soup
- 1 large onion
- 1-2 stalks of celery
- 5 eggs (beat eggs real good)
- Black pepper (as much as you like)

Combine cornbread and sliced bread in blender. Saute onions and celery in 1 stick of margarine. Combine cornbread/sliced bread with all ingredients including chicken broth (save some broth for the top). Pour dressing in large pan. Pour leftover broth on top so that it is soppy. Bake

in oven on 325 degrees for about an hour. If it starts to brown, cover with foil.

Cornbread for dressing:

- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 1 tablespoon of sugar
- ¼ cup flour
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup milk
- ½ cup of margarine
- A little over a cup of buttermilk

Bake at 450 degrees until brown.

PETER PAUL MOUND CAKE

- 1 cup plain flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup self-rising flour
- 1 cup shortening
- 5 eggs

Frosting: 2 cups sugar, 1 stick butter, 1 small can Pet milk, 2-3 T. cocoa

Cream sugar and shortening. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Sift the tow flours

together and add alternately with milk. Stir with vanilla. Bake in 3 (9-inch) pans for 30 to 35 minutes at 350 degrees. Frosting: Cook all over medium heat, stirring constantly until thick. Frost cake.

Lemon-Sour Cream Cake

- 1 cup butter
- 2 ¾ cups sugar
- 6 eggs

- 3 cups flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon soda
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 teaspoons lemon extract

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix butter and sugar thoroughly in mixer. Add one egg at a time with a little flour, beating carefully. Add other ingredients. Blend

in sour cream with lemon extract. Bake in greased and floured tube pan for 1 hour.

■ Know someone who should be featured as Cook of the Week? Nominate them by emailing the Democrat at jace@neshobademocrat.com.

Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS
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Congratulations to Maggie Taylor who is the winner of the 2024 Merit Scholarship, an award given to a student of a Mississippi bank employee by the Mississippi Bankers Association. She is the daughter of Mark Taylor, Senior VP and COO at The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, and Judge Amy Kilpatrick Taylor.

Maggie is a senior at Neshoba Central High School where she is a member of the soccer team, student council, and multiple honor societies. She plans to attend the University of Mississippi in the fall. Congratulations!

Precious Emery Kollyns Henderson made her grand debut into the world on March 11, weighing 5 pounds and 9 ounces of sweetness. She was

welcomed with joy by her parents, Kyle and Cheyenne Henderson. Her big sister welcomed her from her grandmother's house due to a respiratory infection. Congratulations!

Happy thirty-second anniversary to Byron and Chiquita Moore Jones who celebrated in Pensacola, Florida. The couple had a good time relaxing and sampling great food while touring the area. Congratulations and best wishes for many more!

Neshoba Central High School's February Student of the Month for the 11th grade is Barrett Knight. Barrett works hard on his grades and extracurricular activities but is also easygoing. He is the son of Shane and Heather Anderson Knight. Congratulations!

The Syd Williams family was delighted to have their son, John, and his son, Calvin, visiting them for several days from Montana. The extended family was also excited to see them. He is the son of Syd and Mickie Williams.

Adorable Mia Manning Hasty arrived on March 6, weighing 7 pounds and 4 ounces of perfection. Her very thankful parents welcomed her with love. They are Tyler and Alisha Li Hasty of Oxford. Congratulations!

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Rebels pick up 3 wins

By ROBBIE ROBERTSON
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After struggling to a 2-5-1 record to start the season, the Leake Academy baseball team posted three blowout wins last week.

The Rebels played twice on Monday at East Central, beating Louisville 14-0 and Ethel 17-2. The Rebels returned on Tuesday and then beat Ethel 9-0 to finish out the week.

Leake will return from spring break and open district play with a three-game series against Wayne. Game 1 is set for Tuesday at Wayne while game 2 is set for Thursday at Madden. Game 3 is scheduled for Friday at Waynesboro.

Leake 14, Louisville 0

After a week off, the Rebels drew 14 walks and banded out 11 hits in a shutout win over the Wildcats on Monday at ECCC in the first game of the day.

After two scoreless innings, Leake scored five in the third inning and then finished with three in the sixth and seven in the seventh.

Leake had 11 hits in the contest. Tyler Winstead was 2-for-3 with two walks, three runs scored and two RBIs while Camden

Marble was 2-for-4 with a double and four RBIs. Gage Warren was 2-for-3 with a double, two walks and two RBIs while Rhett Stovall was 2-for-5 with two runs scored. Jack Harkins was 2-for-5 with two runs scored and three RBIs. Charlie Brantley singled, walked twice and scored two runs while Reese Atkinson walked four times and scored three runs. Majure Chandler also walked three times and scored two runs.

Harkins started on the mound and pitched four innings, scattering one hit and three walks while striking out two. Jon Donovan pitched the last three innings and gave up one hit and one walk while striking out two.

Leake 17, Ethel 2

The Rebels scored 14 runs in the first inning and cruised to a three-inning, run-rule win over the Tigers in the second game of the day on Monday.

After Leake scored 14 in the first, Ethel scored two in the second. Leake finished with three in the third.

Leake had just six hits and took advantage of 10 walks and seven errors. Matthan Weaver was 2-for-2 with two runs scored while Gage Warren singled and drove in two runs. Camden Mar-

ble singled and drove in two runs while Charlie Brantley singled and scored three runs. Tyler Winstead and Jack Harkins both walked twice, scored two runs and had three RBIs while Rhett Stovall singled and scored two runs. Tanner Walsworth also walked twice and scored two runs.

Reese Atkinson started on the mound and pitched all three innings for Leake to pick up the win, giving up two runs on two hits while striking out six.

Leake 9, Ethel 0

The Rebels used a pair of big innings and took a shutout win over the Tigers on Tuesday at East Central.

Leake scored four in the second and finished with five in the sixth.

Leake outthit Ethel 9-6 in the contest. Majure Chandler was 2-for-3 with a double, two runs scored and two RBIs. Tyler Winstead was 2-for-3 while Rhett Stovall singled and drove in two runs.

Stovall started on the mound and pitched six innings, scattering six hits and a walk while striking out three. Matthew Nowell pitched the seventh and struck out one.

Lady Yellowjackets finding momentum

By ROBBIE ROBERTSON
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The Union Lady Yellowjackets got in three games last week, taking just one game.

Union lost 11-1 to defending 4A state champion West Lauderdale but rebounded to beat Russell Christian 11-0. Union then finished the week with a 7-0 loss to Harrison Central.

Union hosted Clarkdale on Tuesday and return the trip on Friday. Union will in the Newton County Tournament on Friday and Saturday. They play Enterprise on Friday at 5 p.m. and Florence on Saturday at 4 p.m.

West Lauderdale 11, Union 1

Alanee Wheeler started in the

circle and pitched 3 1/3 innings, giving up eight runs on five hits and two walks while striking out four. Aubrie Coleman pitched 1 1/3 innings and gave up three runs on three hits and two walks.

Union 11, Russell Christian 0

Union had a pair of five-run innings and banded out eight hits. Lauryn Roebuck was 2-for-3 with a triple, two runs scored and three RBIs while Tiara Campbell was 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs. Lacey Bishop was 2-for-2 with two runs scored while Abigail Cleveland and Alanee Wheeler each singled and drove in two runs. Destiny Moulds scored two runs while Maggie Davis had two RBIs.

Cleveland started in the circle

and pitched five innings to get the win. She didn't allow a hit and walked two batters while striking out seven.

Harrison Central 7, Union 0

The Red Rebelettes finished strong to take a shutout win over the Lady Yellowjackets on Saturday.

Harrison scored one in the third, four in the fifth and two in the sixth.

Union managed just three hits in a shutout loss. Lauryn Roebuck, Destiny Moulds and Elle Killen each singled for Union.

Alanee Wheeler started in the circle and gave up seven runs, only three earned, on 10 hits and a walk while striking out eight.

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