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BOGUE CHITTO Child dies while playing with gun

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@neshobademocrat.com

A four-year-old child in the Bogue Chitto Community playing with a gun has died. The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians released a statement confirming the incident on Sunday and said the Federal Bureau of Investigation is assisting with the investigation.

The child received the fatal gunshot wound at home and was pronounced dead at Neshoba General after being driven there by a private vehicle, the authorities said.

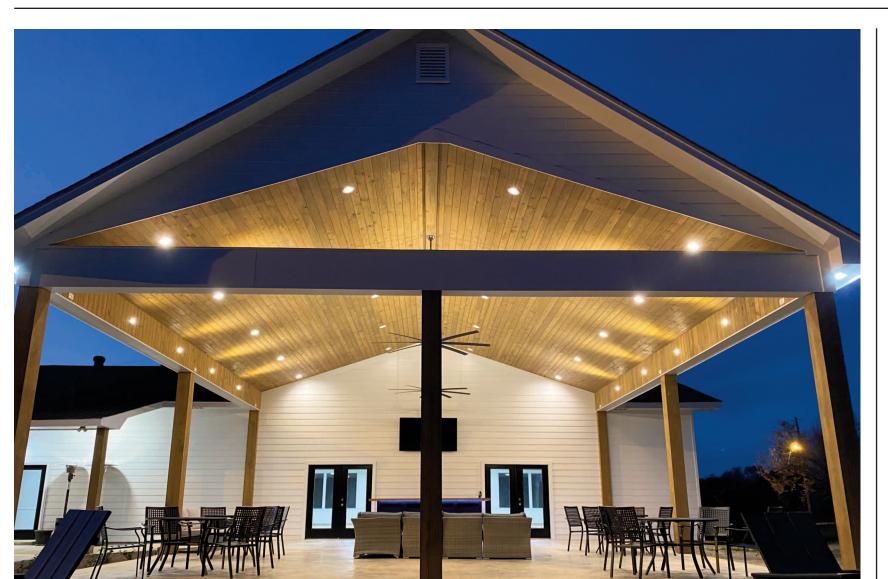
The statement released on Monday by Misty Brescia, director of the Office of Public Information for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, said: "Yesterday our Choctaw community experienced the very unfortunate loss of life of a young child. We extend our prayers and heartfelt condolences to the family during this difficult time.

"Choctaw Police & the FBI are investigating this incident. As this is an active investigation, we are unable to provide any details."

Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark said he believed the child was four years old.

He said his office learned before turning the investigation over to Choctaw Police that the gunshot wound was likely a self-inflicted accident after the child found a hand-

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DISPENSARY Aldermen **OK** Sunday marijuana

By JACE HENDERSON jace@neshobademocrat.com

Aldermen have voted to amend the medical marijuana ordinance to allow for Sunday sales.

Aldermen approved the change requested by the owner of Dabbs Cannabis Dispensary to extend sales to Sundays in a 3-2 vote during last week's regular meeting.

Tony Wallace and Bobby Brit-ton of Mendenhall own Dabbs Cannabis Dispensary, located at 1024 W Beacon St. across from Popeyes. They already own other dispensaries in Scott, Rankin, and Simpson counties, making Philadelphia their fifth.

Aldermen will formally vote on the new ordinance on Feb. 20 and if approved the change will take effect in about 30 days.

Ward 1 Alderman Justin Clearman, Ward 3 Alderman James Tatum, and Ward 4 Alderman Shaun Seals voted for the change while Ward 2 Alderman Jim Fulton and Alderman-at-Large James Waltman opposed selling pot on Sundavs Under the current ordinance approved in April 2023, businesses like Dabbs can operate Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. In other matters, aldermen voted to:

The back patio of the Philadelphia Country Club was recently updated as part of an effort to enhance the facility.

Philadelphia Country Club makes big improvements

By JACE HENDERSON jace@neshobademocrat.com

The Philadelphia Country Club has undergone remarkable change with recent renovations to enhance the experience for its members and visitors alike

With a commitment to excellence, the club has embraced innovations and improvements under Board President Mike Tinsley.

About two and a half years ago, the club invested \$35,000 in a new tennis court, complete with state-of-the-art LED lights, added pickleball lines, and a gated enclosure. The tennis courts previously served as a parking area for the swimming pool.

The clubhouse has also seen a significant facelift, featuring a remodeled interior, a new roof, fresh paint, and enhanced landscaping.

With an eye toward the future, there are even plans to potentially introduce a restaurant, adding to the allure of the club.

"The clubhouse is in the best shape it's been in since it was built," said **Tinsley**

The club's dedication to creating a memorable atmosphere is evident in the



The Philadelphia Country Club recently dedicated two beautiful fire pits in loving memory of Billy Gene and Helen Tolbert, who loved the game of golf, especially at PCC. From left, Robert Tolbert, Tammy Tolbert Tawater and George Tawater were present. Thanks to George for the design, construction, and installation.

ballroom's popularity as a wedding venue, with five weddings already booked for the year. The addition of an outdoor patio, costing \$150,000 and officially completed about two months ago, has further heightened the appeal for weddings as well.

The club recently has paid tribute to deceased members with dedicated features on the patio like a fountain in memory of Stan Webb and two fire pits in memory of Billy Gene and Helen Tolbert, all avid golf enthusiasts and longtime club members.

The club has seen a notable increase in membership, with about 60 new members in the past year and a half, bringing the total active membership to about 240.

Membership, priced at \$130 per month, includes various amenities, with additional options for cart storage.

"For a small town, this is pretty awesome for what we've got. The course is a hidden jewel for East Mississippi," Tinsley said.

The golf course, boasting two freshwater lakes pumped by two wells, also offers more than just golfing opportunities. Members can enjoy fishing in the See CLUB, page 3A

· Approve a motion to pay Perry Construction \$101,831 for work completed on the Booker T. Washington Gymnasium ADA Improvements. The motion was approved unanimously;

• Approve a motion to pay Wendell Holmes Sr., HVAC \$1,921 for blower units installed at Westside Community Center out of Bond B account. The motion was approved unanimous-

• Approve a motion to accept the resignation of Bryce Parkerson from the Street Department effective Feb. 2. The motion was approved unanimously;

• Approve a motion to hire John Ladd at \$10 per hour effective Feb. 8 with the Street Department pending a drug screen. The motion was approved unanimous-

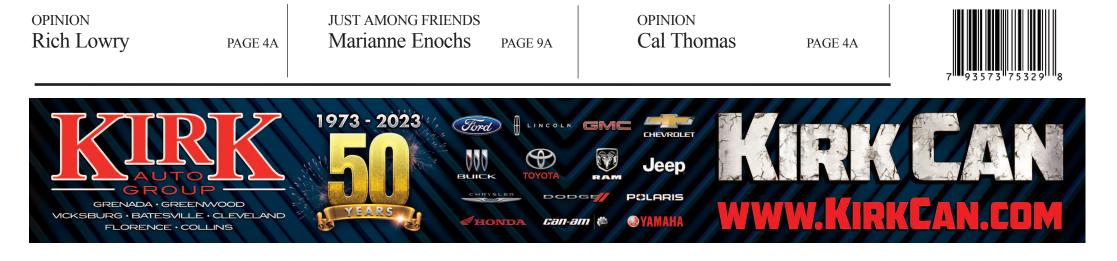
• Approve a motion to approve welcome signs at 11 city entrance locations. The motion was approved unanimously:

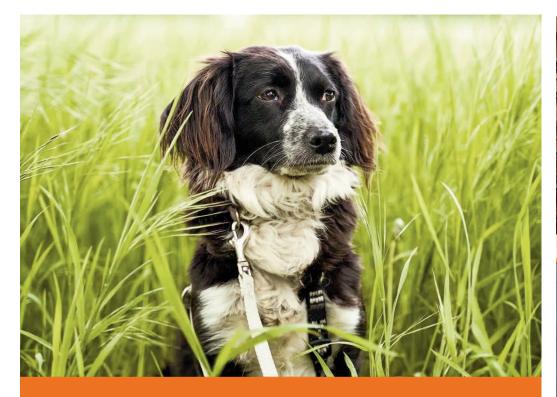
• Approve a motion to allow Animal Control to apply for a grant. The motion was approved unanimously;

• Approve a motion to accept the resignation of John Lilley from the Police Department effective Feb. 6. The motion was approved unanimously;

• Approve a motion to accept

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Money donated for kids' trophies

The Community in Action group of Philadelphia/Neshoba recently donated \$1,998.92 to the Park Board, covering the cost of 140 trophies for kids participating in the Booker T. Washington Gym sports league. Additionally, they donated \$5,000 for the HVAC project at the gym. In January, the group granted \$2,100 in college scholarships to five Philadelphia High School students, recognizing their achievements in essays about Martin Luther King Jr. The scholarships will be presented to those deserving students during the upcoming awards day at the school. Pictured are Summer Ward and Johnny Beckwith.

Child

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gun under a pillow in a bedroom. Philadelphia Police Chief

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The Democrat reserves the right to reject or edit any or all advertising. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: The Neshoba Democrat, P.O. Box 30, Philadelphia, MS 39350. Eric Lyons said his officers encountered a speeding vehicle at about 2:15 p.m. on Holland Avenue on Sunday.

He said a PPD officer observed the speeding car and attempted to stop it. But the vehicle did not stop until reaching Neshoba General where the officer discovered



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the resignation of Jarron Tucker from the Fire Department effective Jan. 26. The motion was approved unanimously;

• Approve a motion to approve the purchase of a Motorola APX Next Multi there was a child inside suffering from a gunshot wound. "No charges are expected

in this incident from the Police Department," Lyons said.

He noted his office learned after the fact that the shooting occurred in the Bogue Chitto community on Tribal land.

radio for the Fire Department for \$10,409 through Task Force Grant and reimbursable. The motion was approved unanimously;

• Approve a motion to accept a Paratech equipment bid from Nafeco at \$745,793.23 for the Fire Department. The motion was approved unanimously.



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Deputies arrest woman for fentanyl syringes

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@neshobademocrat.com

Neshoba County А woman was arrested and charged on several counts after approaching a safety checkpoint on the wrong side of the road in the North Bend community late last month.

The woman, Beverly Ann Cumberland, 57, 10121 Road 2826, was arrested and charged with DUI, posses-sion of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia, careless driving, and no insurance, according to Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark.

Cumberland was released from the Neshoba County Detention Center on an \$11,000 bond on Jan. 28. Clark said

deputies encountered ty checkpoint at the

intersection of Road 781 and Road 624 at 11:55 a.m. on Jan. 27. Deputies stopped Cumberland when she approached the

checkpoint. She told Cumberland at the safe- Cumberland deputies she was on her way to Meridian.

Clark said deputies had "a lot of clues" to suspect Cumberland was under the influence.

Clark said, among other things, Cumberland kept fidgeting with her purse alerting deputies to the possibility she might be hiding a weapon or something illegal.

A search of her purse found two syringes loaded with a fentanyl solution, five unloaded syringes, a small glass vial of a fentanyl solution, a glass pipe, and misdemeanor amounts of several prescription pills, Clark said.

Juveniles charged with pair of burglaries

By DUNCAN DENT

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Two juveniles, both 17, were arrested and have been charged in connection with a pair of burglaries in December.

Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark said both juveniles face burglary charges related to incidents reported on Dec. 9 and Dec. 22. He said one juvenile also faces charges of assaulting a police officer after he had to be restrained when he was brought in on Jan. 31.

The names have not been

released and they will be handled through Youth Court.

The first incident on Dec. 9 was a vehicle break-in at Pendleton Square Apartments about 3 p.m. in which a black Glock pistol with a green laser site was taken from the driver's side door of a vehicle parked there.

The second incident was a burglary reported at. mobile home in the Stallo community on Road 832 in which a Play Station 4 game console and computer were reported stolen on Dec. 22 after the homeowner returned from work that afternoon

The pistol, computer, and Play Station have all been recovered and returned to their proper owners.

Clark said one of the juveniles was first identified as a suspect shortly after the Dec. 9 incident when the victim said he had been told the juvenile was attempting to sell a pistol matching the description of the one taken from the victim's vehicle.

Police seeking info into Sherwood shooting

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@neshobademocrat.com

Multiple shots fired into a residence on Sherwood Drive have police searching for suspects.

"We have no new information into possible suspects at this time," said Philadelphia Police Chief Eric Lyons.

Lyons said PPD received reports of shots fired into a residence on Sherwood Drive near Robinhood Circle on Friday, Feb. 9, at about 7 p.m.

Officers responded to the area where reports of about seven shots were fired with several striking the front of a resi-

dence. According to Lyons, several people were inside the residence including children, although no one was injured.

Anyone with information on this or other crimes should call CrimeStoppers at 1-855-485-8477 or PPD at (601) 656-2131

Club

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lakes, adding an extra layer of recreational fun.

"A lot of times people join just to fish," Tinsley said.

Country Club Superintendent Nolan Mitch has overseen a lot of the golf course's extensive improvements over the last three years.

Mitch's initiatives include tackling invasive grass, updating the golf course, and improving irrigation and drainage systems, and he has introduced new sandboxes

said. "He brought me in, did a lot of stuff to this building, and we have grown. We want to keep growing. There's a lot more that we will continue doing."

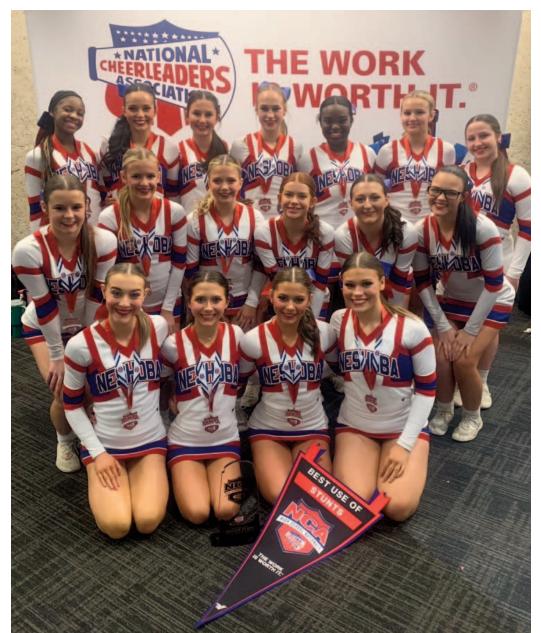
Mitch said he aims to continue enhancing the greens and fairways, with ongoing projects such as tree removal for optimal grass growth.

The next goal for the club is to fix cart paths damaged by tree roots along the course. Upgrading the cart paths may include a shift from asphalt to cement, depending on the price, but this upgrade showcases the club's commitment to providing a topnotch experience, he said.

will reach our goal," Mitch said. "I hope to leave a legacy here and an outstanding golf course. It's my dream in the future to host some potential pro players to play out here and enjoy what I am enjoying.'

The Philadelphia Country Club is currently on a transformative journey, officials say, blending tradition with innovation for an unparalleled experience that will last for years to come.

Board members include Tinsley, Terry Phillips, David Hayman, Johnny Hester, Trent Stribling, Brad Bounds, and Cameron Leslev.



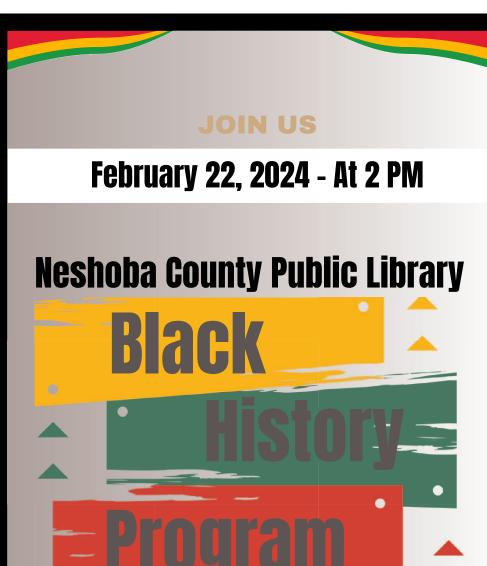
Neshoba Cheerleaders compete in Dallas

The Neshoba Central Cheerleaders recently received 2nd place at the NCA National High School Cheerleading championship in Dallas. Thery also were awarded best use of stunts. Pictured, front row from left, are Baylor Coggins, Marley Bell, Alicia Greenlee, Hattie Hicks (Middle) Anna Norris, Laney Burrage, Presley Byrd, Macie Rae Parker, Sadie Martin, Bailey McAdory (Back) Alyssa Clemons, Miley Fulton, Halli Smith, Dixie Rebecca Hines, Marlee Washington, Haley Gipson, and Shelby Berry,



"We've come a long way

"It's going to be a long and under Mike's leadership," Mitch slow process, but eventually we



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EDITORIALS Expanding school choice

School choice is winning from coast to coast. Last year, six states created programs offering every student a shot at the high-quality education once exclusive to the privileged. Even more are moving in this direction in 2024.

There are alternatives to the traditional public school system in most of the country, and this is driving renewed interest. The nonprofit National School Choice Awareness Foundation released a survey last month suggesting that nearly 2 in 3 parents are exploring options other than their assigned district public school. Some 43% of those surveyed have already gone in a nontraditional direction, such as a charter school, private school, magnet school or homeschooling for at least one child.

Sensing the popularity of school choice, the Missouri House of Representatives last month approved open enrollment legislation granting parents the option of sending their children to any public school in the state, regardless of where they live, liberating those who might be trapped in a failing or dangerous environment. The state Senate has also advanced a bill to expand the current school choice scholarship program.

In other states, lawmakers are taking defensive positions to resist the assault of teachers unions desperate to retain their iron grip over the K-12 classroom. Nebraska enacted the Opportunity Scholarship Act last year to provide millions in public funds to help low-income families afford private schools. Lawmakers there began working this week on a proposal to sidestep a union-backed scheme to pull the plug on the program before it has a chance to help anyone.

any who dare challenge their schoolhouse monopoly. The facts say otherwise. The Current Project, a nonprofit dedicated to creating upward mobility for Black single mothers, released a survey Monday suggesting these moms are tired of the "one size fits all" system. Some 86% responding to the nationwide poll said they're more likely to vote for political candidates who embrace school choice.

The new way of thinking about education isn't limited to K-12 schools. High school students who intend to go to college are no longer stuck with the standardized ACT or SAT admissions test, which have become increasingly politicized to fit in with the latest progressive fads.

Florida's state university system last year began accepting the Classic Learning Test as an alternative, and the number of students ditching the testing duopoly for CLT has grown tenfold. Instead of reflecting the fleeting ideologies of the present, the exam draws from the timeless texts of civilization's greatest minds to challenge students.

A similar appreciation for the timeless can be found at the University of Austin, a new private college offering a classically minded curriculum in a forum that, unlike most educational institutions, rejects today's cancel culture in favor of critical thinking.

It's a sign of the times that turning to the best minds of past generations for guidance has become a revolutionary idea. But the school choice revolution is exactly what's needed to escape the groupthink that has imprisoned so many young minds. And freeing those minds is the key to the long-term health of our republic.

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The unmaking of a president

Beginning with the election of John F. Kennedy in 1960 and through the re-election of Richard Nixon in 1972, political journalist and biographer Theodore H. White wrote books called "The Making of a President." Were he alive today he might title one about Joe Biden "The Unmaking of a President."

CAL THOMAS

The deplorable state of the president is obvious to all but those who are desperately hoping they can drag him across the finish line in November.

The administration appears desperate, if not devastated, following the release of a report by Special Counsel Robert Hur that included Hur's observation that Biden could not be indicted for "willfully" keeping and sharing classified papers because he is an "elderly man with a poor memory."

At a hastily called news conference that seemed to underscore rather than refute Hur's observations, Biden called the president of Egypt the president of Mexico. He also kept fumbling at what appeared to be pages in a notebook. These pages usually contain anticipated answers to reporters' questions. He never got to the right pages.

As if this wasn't enough self-inflicted damage, the administration rolled out the equally inarticulate vice president to defend Biden. Kamala Harris, whose remarks have been called "word salads" by critics, tried to convince us that what we are seeing and hearing is not the Biden she knows. In this, she followed the example of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, who has repeatedly claimed the southern border is "secure." They want us to believe them instead of what our "lying

The next time you're stopped for speeding, try *telling the officer you* didn't intend to go 75 in a 30-mile-per-hour zone.

eyes" are telling us.

The major media, until recently enablers of the president, are starting to show cracks in their alliance. Writing in the largely pro-Biden New York Times, columnist Bret Stephens emphatically states, "Democrats can no longer stay silent about Biden."

The equally fawning Washington Post:"'Hair on fire': Democratic worries grow over claims about Biden's memory lapses."

Politico reported on remarks by longtime Democratic Party strategist Paul Begala: " I'm a Biden supporter. And I slept like a baby last night. I woke up every two hours and wet the bed. (The Hur report) is terrible for Democrats. And anybody with a functioning brain knows that." Speaking of the president's press conference, Begala said, "I think Biden made it worse, no question about it."

Ian Sams, the spokesman for the White House Counsel's office, called passages in the Hur report about Biden's mental state "gratuitous" and "inappropriate." Except they weren't. After spending five hours in two interviews with the president, Hur's statements are at the heart of why he thinks a D.C. jury would be sympathetic to Biden and never convict him. It reminds me of then- FBI Director James Comey's rationale for

not recommending Hillary Clinton be indicted for mishandling classified documents: " Although we did not find clear evidence that Secretary Clinton or her colleagues intended to violate laws governing the handling of classified information, there is evidence that they were extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information."

The next time you're stopped for speeding, try telling the officer you didn't intend to go 75 in a 30-mileper-hour zone.

No such absolution is granted to Donald Trump, because as Hur claimed, Trump's case is different. That is unlikely to go down well with Trump supporters. No wonder so many believe there are two-tiers in our justice system.

Reporters are starting to interview doctors to get them to speculate about Biden's mental state. While acknowledging they have not examined the president, some say he should be given a cognitive test. If he does take a test, the full results should be released. If he doesn't, the media should keep asking why not?

Questions are being raised whether the president is fit for a second term. I'm wondering if he can make it to the end of this term and whether America's enemies may see an opportunity to do things they would probably not do if a fully functioning president were in charge.

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

RICH LOWRY Biden should surrender at the border

Defenders of the status quo casually toss around terms like "racist" to describe

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A pizza carry out franchise

The Ford franchise here

Perhaps the most headspinning statement of the Biden years came about a week ago when President Joe Biden endorsed an impending Senate immigration deal so he could "shut down" the border.

This, after the president had dismantled all the Trump policies that had secured the border; after Biden and his minions had refused for years to call the chaos at the border a "crisis"; after doing all he could to re-direct illegal immigrants to newly created legal channels to launder them into the country through different means.

Then, all of a sudden, when the calendar flipped from 2023 to the election year of 2024, Biden sounded like a Donald Trump-style border hawk.

The Senate deal represents Biden's best chance to try to escape the border morass of his own creation. The latest NBC News poll highlights the president's dilemma - he trails Trump by 35 points on who would do a better job securing the border.

The way out for Biden isn't passing the bill and immediately shutting down the border. The fact of the matter is that the deal is unlikely to pass given fierce opposition in the Republican-held House, and the border shutdown isn't quite as advertised (it is triggered only when there are elevated levels of illegal immigration and asylum-seekers would continue to come through ports of entry).

No, what Biden and the Democrats are hoping is that they can turn the politics of immigration on its head by

Give Biden the border shutdown authority he wants. This, after the president had dismantled all the Trump policies that had secured

the border.

blaming Republicans for rejecting a solution to the border out of sheer partisan cussedness and loyalty to Donald Trump, who vociferously opposes deal.

"We need help," Biden said after the bill was released. Why won't they give me the help?"

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, a Democrat from New York, asked: "Will the senators drown out the political noise from Trump and his minions and do the right thing for America? It's a crucial question. History is looking down on every one of us right now."

It's not obvious when Democrats began to think that cracking down on the border is the way to be on "the right side of history," but clearly a memo went out sometime over the last month.

It's not as though Biden has been trying his utmost to control the border — using executive orders, creative interpretations of the laws and any other tool at hand — and then in frustration came to Congress for new authorities because he's exhausted every one he already has.

He's ignored the pleas for help from border states, disregarded the distress of big city Democrat mayors, and looked away from the damning images of long lines of illegal immigrants from all over the world walking into the country

His position now is, effectively, that Congress has to stop him from continuing on his current course lest things truly get out of hand.

If this doesn't make much sense, at the very least he's, for now, divided the GOP on an issue that had united them.

It's unclear how much Biden can get from this, given that he's president and the border failures have been on his watch. Still, it behooves Republican opponents of the deal to try to limit any potential political damage. The GOP House should counter by offering a simple, easy-tounderstand bill to give Biden the clear, immediate authority to shut down the border without any of the triggers or limits of the Senate deal, or other complex provisions.

The GOP's posture should be, "You, Mr. President, say you want to be a border hawk. Well, we think you already have the ability to do much more than you're doing now, but regardless, here's a new, unmistakable codification of your ability, nay, responsibility, to exclude all illegal immigrants. Have at it."

If Biden took that deal, it would represent a complete surrender. If he rejected it, as is likely, it would once again show his lack of seriousness about border security.

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

February 18, 1944

Appreciably hindered, no doubt, by the critical condition of many roads in the county, as well as a great deal of illness, Neshoba County lagged to the final moment in reaching its quota in the Fourth War Loan drive but it was reached, thanks to the hard work of members of the drive committee, the County War Finance Director, F. L. Grubbs, and other interested citizens.

Stating that the Court House "has been badly abused and poorly kept," and that the county jail was "unsanitary," the Neshoba County Grand Jury recommended correction of these conditions in its report to the Circuit Court, presented upon adjournment last week.

February 18, 1954

One of Neshoba County's most prominent civic leaders, Mrs. Martha Moss. was named today as chairman of the 1954 Easter Seal Campaign in Neshoba County.

It has been the opinion of many people, for a long time, that Philadelphia and Neshoba County should have a live wire chamber of commerce, with a full time paid secretary-manager.

February 20, 1964 A campaign to rid the city of Philadelphia of rats will be held next Thursday and Fri-

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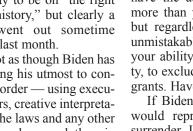
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BIBLE SELECTION

it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

– 1 Corinthians 13: 6-7 (ESV)





COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 2/5-2/12

 Sherman Jermar Bell, 28, of 1367 Mills Rd, Conehatta; contempt of court

· Taurana Caraveo, 31, of 10261 Hwy 16 W; child neglect, contempt of court

• Cortez Cole, 28, of 1125 West Ave; public drunk, trespassing

· Jeremv William Eades, 36, of 10270 BIA 2215; failure to appear, driving under the influence-1st offense, suspended driver's license, no insurance

Orlandra Lashawn Edwards, 42, of 1220 Neely Town Rd, DeKalb; possession of marijuana-vehicle

 Kenneth Dale Embry, 37, of 210 Walnut Grove Rd, Walnut Grove; possession of controlled substance, no insurance, seat belt violation

· David Bryan Frank, 48, of 10250 Rd 349, Union; failure to appear, contempt of court

 Cedric Hickman, 32, of 127 Standing Pine Dr, Walnut Grove; contempt of court

Jerry Lee Higgins, 47, of 300 Bob Drive Rd, Walnut Grove; grand larceny-more than \$1000 X3

Xavier Kenyon Hudson, 26,

of 10021 Rd 1537; driving under the influence other substance

• Robert Hunter, 41, of 589 Wilson Rd, Decatur; contempt of court Jasper Dewayne Irwin, 40,

of 5195 Hwy 35 N; no charges listed

• Melissa Irwin, 41, of 10770 Rd 763: contempt of court. possession of paraphernalia

 Aven Isaac, 36, of 190 Frog Level Rd; burglary-dwelling house, public drunk, malicious mischief under \$1000, trespassing

 Senna Willis Joe, 46, of 137 Thompson Rd; driving under the influence/refusal to take test

· Shanitra Reann John, 26, of 130 Chitto Cove, Walnut Grove; failure to appear, contempt of court

· La'Jeffery Kirkland, 27, of 2672 Madden Rd, Carthage; driving under the influence other substance, possession of marijana-vehicle

• Allan Lambert, 42, of 11631 Rd 383; contempt of court

· Henry Lee Mayfield, 30, of 3610 W Lindsey Ferry Rd, Columbus; contempt of court

· John McFee, 38, of 1549 Young Crossing Rd, Louisville; indictment

· Jennifer Mingo, 46, of 118 Hunters Place; contempt of court

· Robert Anthony Morrison, 39. of 8436 Attala Rd 5015, Ethel; contempt of court

· Donald Patrick Jr., 41, of 1607 29th Ave, Meridian; possession of controlled substance, failure to yield to blue light/siren

· John Rickman Jr., 45, of 2600 Greenway Dr, Jackson; possession of controlled substance, false ID information, hold for other agency

 Stephanie Robinson, 35, of 10280 Rd 402; contempt of court

· Michael Wayne Rone, 40, of 1515 Sihon Rd, Sallis; failure to appear, contempt of court

 Deanna Sharae Sandifer, 33, of 203 Old Ridge Rd, Carthage; failure to appear

 Terrance Scarbrough, 30, of 15491 Hwy 39 N, DeKalb; failure to appear

· Jerry Wayne Smith, 65, of 252 Martin Luther King Dr; failure to appear

· Cameron Lane Stephens, 21. of 10671 Rd 763: failure to appear

· Thomas Stewart, 37, of 6205 Booker St, Mosspoint; contempt of court X2

· Aaliyah Triplett, 20, of 10452 Rd 610; disturbing the peace

· Cassandra Williamson, 42, of 1558 Mills Rd, Conehatta; contempt of court

Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 2/5-2/11

Brenda Ben, 22, of 122 Bogue Chitto Dr; DUI-1st offense, contempt of court-failure to appear or complete jury service

· Antonio Burnside, 49, of 10111 Rd 1523; contempt of court-failure to appear or complete jury service

· Martina Chickaway, 36, of 230 Choctaw Rd, Conehatta; contempt of court-municipal court X4

· Jacob Chisholm, 23, of 1001 Dogwood Dr, Rosehill; warrant-arrest report

 Dytarious J Clemons, 25, of 1700 Pendleton Sq Apt 164; contempt of court-default in payment of restitution

 Jonathan Daniels, 40, of 10815 Rd 779; CS-sell, transfer, distribute, possess with intent to

· Charlie Darren, 39, of 163 Tucker Cutoff Rd; contempt of

court-failure to appear or complete iurv service

· William S Dunn, 46, of Philadelphia; contempt of courtfailure to appear or complete jury service

• Shalan Graham, 36, of 5438 Fishlodge Rd, Meridian; conspiracy-to commit a crime, falsely indict. etc

· Damon C Hudson, 43, of 609 Walnut St; DUI-2nd offense · Elliott W Leach, 40, of 399 Clyde Ave; DUI-3rd offense, MV-driving while license revoked or suspended, MFinterference with traffic control devices or railroad signs or signals

 Steven P Macdonald, 52, of 1209 Farm Springs, Summersville, SC; warrant-arrest report

· Javarious D Marshall, 19, of 100 Sistrunk; contempt of court-failure to appear or complete jury service

 Myles L Massey, 20, of 10091 Rd 2210, Union; warrantarrest report

· James McElhaney, 31, of 12520 Rd 383; public drunk

· Martisha A Mingo, 27, of 231 Sonny Jones Rd; contempt of court-municipal court X2

Meagan I Morris, 32, of 527

Lamar Cir; shoplifting-1st conviction where value is \$1000 or less, warrant-arrest report

· Kenneth L Spears, 44, of 5544 Hopewell Rd, DeKalb; sexual battery, hold-detainer for other agency

• Kendrick Steve, 34, of 1863 Will Brown Rd, Conehatta; contempt of court-municipal court

• David Thames, 25, of 412 Crockett Ave; assault-aggravated-manifesting extreme indifference, obstructing access to emergency assistance

 Valerie L Thompson, 47, of 206 Homer St; CS-paraphernalia-possession or use, CSschedule V-transfer and possession with intent- 30-500 grams or 40-2500 dosage units, hold-detainer for other agency

 William V Triplett, 44, of 10110 Rd 145; contempt of court-failure to appear or complete jury service

· Alicia R Vaughn, 40, of 10055 Rd 773; contempt of court-municipal court

· Jaquan T White, 24, of 16 North Bell Ave, Columbus; DUIother uncontrolled substance. MV-careless driving

 Mary E Willis, 40, of 14151 Hwy 488; DUI-2nd offense

OBITUARIES

Mary Maude Ring

Memorial service for Ms. Mary Maude Ring was held at 3 PM Saturday, February 10, 2024 at Grace Baptist Church with Rev. Chester Carlisle officiating. John E. Stephens Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Ring, 85, passed away on Monday, February 5, 2024 at her residence in Philadelphia, MS. She lived in California and was employed with the State of California Tax Board. She moved to Philadelphia in 2013. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church and charter member of Sacramento. CA Women of the Moose. She volunteered for Community Development Partnership.

Preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin Franklin Towberman and Dorothy Fry Towberman; Husband, Jerry T. Ring; Sister, Shirley Griffith; Brother, Richard Towberman.

Survivors: Daughters, Nancy S. Towberman, Dawn M. Towberman (John); Brother, Ralph Towberman; (3) Grandchildren, Petrina Abila (Troy Payne), Ashley Towberman and Zach Towberman; (1) Great-Grandchild, Eloise Towberman; Host of nieces and nephews.

Dale Smith and Joe Seal. A host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and their families.

Apryl was preceded in death by her grandparents, MJ and Oma Ferguson, AJ and Arcola Browning, Houston and Lucille Seale; and Ruby Ballard; also a sister, Tammy Pope.

Joyce Maxine McGrew

Jovce Maxine McGrew, age 80, of Lake, passed away Thursday, February 8, 2024 at her

surrounded by her She was born Friday, December 31. 1943 in Monroe, Louisiana.

Visitation was held on Monday, February 12. 2024

home

family.

Joyce McGrew from 5:00 PM until 8:00PM at Newton County Funeral Home - South. Funeral services were held on Tuesday. February 13, 2024 at 11:00 AM vton Christian Church Burial followed in Pine Ridge Cemetery at Lawrence. Dr. John Cash and Bro. Cade Price officiated. Joyce was a lifelong resident of Lake, where she graduated high school and raised her family. She was an employee of Bo-Kays and Balloons in Newton for 15 years. She was a lifelong member of Newton Christian Church, where she served her church family faithfully. Joyce loved her family very much, was an excellent seamstress, and skilled in various crafts. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles McGrew; father, Lloyd Percy Gibbs; mother, Mary Jane Thompson Gibbs; daughters, Valerie McMullan and Cindy Fendley; brothers, Dudley Gibbs, Percy Lee Gibbs, Jack Evans and John Evans; sister, Infant Mary Janette Gibbs; stepbrothers, William "Son" Gibbs and Billy Claude "Buddy" Gibbs; and step-sisters, Nell Walker, Jean Culpepper and Ann "Sis" Thompson. Survivors include her son, Steve McGrew (Tina) of Meridian; daughter, Wendy Bailey (Randy) of Lake; sister, Cora Mae Cleveland (David) of Hickory; thirteen grandchildren, seventeen great- grandchildren, one great-great grandson, and a host of nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Clint McMullan, Brandon McMullan, Ryan Wilson, Michael Wilson, Jamie McGrew, Austin Tillman, Shane Naquin, Zach Emmons, Justice Smith, and Damion Bailey. Honorary pallbearers will be Charles McMullan, Eric Shorter, Kaden Atwood, Noah Wilson, Kyler Tillman, and Odin Chisolm Newton County Funeral Home - South was in charge of

arrangements.

Paul D. Grayson

Graveside services for Paul D. Grayson were held Monday, February 12, 2024 at 2 p.m. from Union Hill Church Cemetery in DeKalb, MS with Rev. Chris Gully officiating. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Grayson, 84, of Dekalb, died Thursday, February 8, 2024 at Ochsner Stennis Hospital in Dekalb, MS.

Mr. Paul was born and raised in Jones County, MS and a graduate of SoSo High School and Jones Jr. College. After graduation, he went to work in the furniture manufacturing industry and also worked at Georgia Pacific in Louisville, MS before starting his own business, Grayson Construction. Mr. Grayson was a member of Union Hill Church.

Mr. Grayson was preceded in death by parents, Lois and Alice Gravson; and first cousin, Rodney Hinton. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jean Weaver Grayson; daughter, Paula Ripple; two grandchildren; one nephew and two nieces.

CERF Building. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Cotton, 56, passed away on Friday, February 9, 2024 at UMC in Jackson, MS. He was a mechanic and enjoyed playing softball and baseball.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Tommy Cotton, Sr. and Judy Jackson Cotton; wife, Belinda Charlie Cotton; daughter, Elaina Frazier; sister, Dewanna Lewis; brothers, Gary Tubby, Sr. and Melton Chapman.

Survivors include daughters, Mindee Gibson, Betsy Cotton Philyaw, Ellen Cotton Young; sons, Adrain Frazier, Tommy Cotton, III, Taylor Cotton; sisters, Verna Clemmons, Jennifer Mingo, Diane Mingo; brothers, Donald Cotton, Jeffery Cotton; 8 grandchildren.

Pallbearers are James Bell. Jonah Cotton, Geno Mack, Lak-Chickaway, Jeremiah enton Steve, Dewayne Cotton, Jr., Abram Cotton, Denzel Mingo. pallbearers Honorary are Demyias Mingo, Billy Gibson, Eric Tubby, Orlando Dixon, Deon Lewis, Shane Bell.

brothers, Hubert Miller, James Miller, Jimmy Miller and Lester Miller.

Thomas was a quiet, humble and giving man who adored Jane, his wife of nearly 72 years. He was devoted to his family and raised them up by his own example to love the Lord to work hard, and to treat others with respect.

A devout Christian, Thomas prayed for and was willing to help anybody in need. He was a faithful and long-time member and deacon of Bethany Baptist Church in Peoria, IL, where he lived for many years. He retired from Edward Hine Printing Company and then moved back home to Mississippi. More recently he was a committed and generous member of Grace Baptist Church in Philadelphia, MS.

Always with a smile (whether golfing, on his tractor, motor homing throughout the US, or cooking on the grill) Thomas lived life to its fullest. His favorite Bible verse was 2 Corinthians 5:17 and his favorite expression was "If I can't fix it, it ain't broke.'

The family would like to

February 9, 2024 in San Antonio, ΤX

He is survived by his father, Rev. Arthur James Taylor of Philadelphia, MS, two brothers, Jowaski Black and James Triplett both of Philadelphia, MS.

Pallbearers Duran are McBeath. Imarion Black, Cenika Black, Taishon Black, LaDarius Johnson and Desmond Sledge.

Loteal Chesney Burchfield

Loteal Chesney Burchfield, lovingly known as Loteal, was born on September 15, 1931, in Union, MS.

She was the cherished daughter of Bennie and Hattie Chesney. Services will be held Saturday, February 10. 2024, with visita-

tion at 9:30 am

and lasting until Burchfield

the hour of service at 11:00 am at

Chancellor Funeral Home in

Monica Sue Gibson

Funeral services for Ms. Monica Sue Gibson were held at 10 AM Monday, February 12, 2024 at the Pearl River CERF Building with Bro. Carl Wilson officiating. Interment was in Redwater Community Cemetery. Visitation was at 10 AM Saturday, February 10, 2024 at the Pearl River CERF Building. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Gibson, 57, passed away on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at Choctaw Health Center in Choctaw, MS. She was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Carthage, MS. Ms. Gibson was a dedicated worker and enjoyed playing games on her tablet and watching tv.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Steve Gibson and Sissie Wilson Gibson; sisters, Loujane Lewis, Evaline Gibson; brother, Daniel Gibson.

Survivors include daughter, Maritka Lewis; sons, Dakota Bautista, Harold Harrison Sockey, Jr.; sister, Sarah Dixon; 5 grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Sebastion Lewis, Anthony Orphan, Cagney Edwards, Richard Wilson, Ed Jefferson, Kendrick Wesley, Jamie Wesley, Eric York; honorary pallbearer will be Nicodemus Anderson..

Apryl Williams

A memorial service was held for Apryl Williams at First Pentecostal Church of Philadelphia on Sunday February 11, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Apryl was born in Meridian, MS and lived in Washington State until she was 13 years old. She returned to Philadelphia and attended Neshoba Central until graduation in 1993. She loved to read, fish and use the computer. She was a member of First Pentecostal Church of Philadelphia.

Survivors include her husband, John Williams; daughter, Skylar Griffin; sons, Austin and Jeremy Adams; granddaughter, Evey Griffin; father, Earl Ferguson; mother, Linda Browning; step-father, Bobby Seal; sister, Nicole Hardy; step-brothers,

Mary Louise "Lou" Clark

Graveside services for Mary Louise "Lou" Clark were held on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. from Neshoba Baptist Church Cemetery with Bro. David Addy officiating. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Clark, 88, of Union, passed away Monday, Februar5, 2024 at her home.

Mary was born and raised in Neshoba County, MS. She was a graduate of the Linwood School. Mary was employed and retired from East Central Community College after 35 years as a secretary and registrar. She was a faithful member of Neshoba Baptist Church for 50 years.

Survivors include daughter, Lori Porter; son, Barry Clark (Melissa); three grandchildren; three great- grandchildren; sisters, Jeanette Willis and Edith Todd; one niece and one nephew.

Ms. Clark was preceded in death by her husband, Chester K. Clark and parents, Earl and Opal Eldridge.

Tommy Cotton, Jr.

Funeral services for Mr. Tommy Cotton, Jr. will be held at 10 AM February 15, 2024 at Bogue Chitto CERF Building with interment in Nanih Waiya Mennonite Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 2 PM Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at Bogue Chitto

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Thomas Alford Miller

Services for Mr. Thomas Alford Miller were held 3 pm, Monday, February 12, 2024 at Milling Funer-

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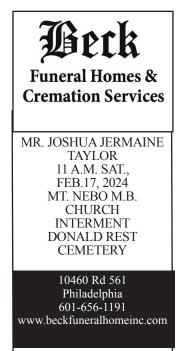
ated.



Visitation was Thomas held 1 -3 pm, Miller Monday at Milling Funeral Home of Union.

Thomas Alford Miller, 89, of Union, MS went to his eternal heavenly home on February 7, 2024 after a courageous fight with bone cancer. He is survived by his wife, Jane; one daughter, Pamela DeWitt and husband Fred of Union; two sons, Thomas Allen Miller and wife Sandra of North Carolina, Timothy Glenn Miller of Union; grandchildren, Matthew Miller and wife Laysa, Megan Miller and Fiancé' Mike Pettinato, Justin Miller and wife Kristen and Joshua Miller and Fiancé' Hannah Austin and great grandchildren, Evelyn, Callen and Desmond Miller.

Mr. Miller was preceded in death by his parents, Delmos Miller and Alice Chesney Miller; sister, Norma Covington and four



thank Emily Edwards and the rest of the Quality Hospice Care team for their compassionate care for Thomas and their love and support for the entire family throughout this very difficult time.

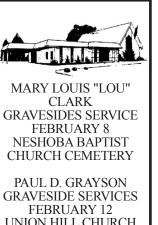
Pallbearers: Fred DeWitt, Matthew Miller, Justin Miller, Joshua Miller, Mike Pettinato and Danny Guthans

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Gertrude C. Ford Hope Lodge at 2615 North State Street, Jackson, MS, 39216. Milling Funeral Home of Union was in charge of the arrangements.

Joshua Taylor

Funeral service for Mr. Joshua Jermaine Taylor will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at 11 A.M. from Mt. Nebo M.B. Church, with Dr. Derek Henson officiating. Burial will be at Donald Rest Cemetery. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Taylor, 29, of Philadelphia, passed away on Friday,

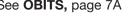


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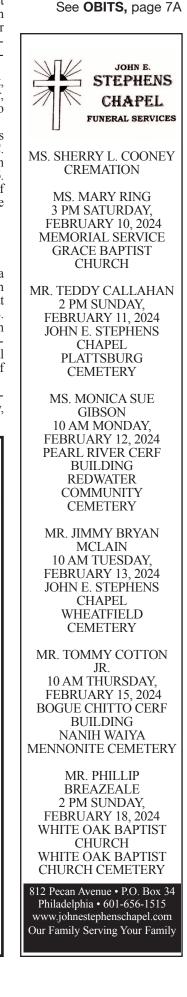
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6A, The Neshoba Democrat, Philadelphia, Miss., February 14, 2024

Public Notices	Public Notices
IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NE- SHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF NAOMI FULTON, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 23-251 TAMMY JIM PETITIONER ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND/OR WRONGFUL DEATH BENE- FICIARIES OF NAOMI FULTON, DE- CEASED RESPONDENTS	ed 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 NESHOBA COUNTY CHANCERY COURT 401 E. BEACON STREET, STE. 107 PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350 BY: <u>Gidget Stovall Tate by Ashley Du-</u>
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION	ran D.C.
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: ANYONE WHO CLAIMS TO BE A WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIA- RY, AND HEIR AT LAW, AND ALL UN- KNOWN HEIRS OF NAOMI FULTON, DECEASED, WHOSE POST OFFICE AND STREET ADDRESS ARE UN- KNOWN AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY	IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NE- SHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF NAOMI FULTON, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 23-251 TAMMY JIM PETITIONER UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES RESPON- DENTS
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.	SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO: ANYONE WHO CLAIMS TO BE A WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARY, AND HEIR AT LAW, AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS
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 Hon- orable D. Joseph Kilgore, Chancel- lor, at the Neshoba County Chancery Courthouse, 401 E. Beacon Street, Philadelphia, MS 39350, and in the case of your failure to appear and de- fend, 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	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 determinat ion of heirs at law and wrongful death beneficiaries of Naomi Fulton, Deceased. You are re- quired to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Peti- tion against you in this action to Victo- ria M. McKinney, Esquire, Attorney for Progressive Insurance
CHANCERY CLERK NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI BY:/s/A. Duran DEPUTY CLERK SEAL	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
Submitted by: Victoria M. McKinney, MSB 105831 Upshaw Williams Biggers & Beckham LLP Post Office Box 3080 Ridgeland MS 39158 Telephone: 601-978-1996 Facsimile: 601-978-1949 IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NE- SHOBA COUNTY MISSISSIPPI	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
SHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF RICHARD FUL- TON, SR., DECEASED CAUSE NO. 23-294 TIFFANY TRIPLETT PETITIONER	response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the 18TH day of JANU- ARY, 2024.
ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND/OR WRONGFUL DEATH BEN- EFICIARIES OF RICHARD FULTON, SR., DECEASED RESPONDENTS	GIDGET STOVALL TATE CHANCERY COURT CLERK NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI BY: /S/ A. DURAN DEPUTY CLERK
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: ANYONE WHO CLAIMS TO BE A WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIA-	IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NE- SHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

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RY, AND HEIR AT LAW, AND ALL	CLEN ROLLINS JR., DECEASED	
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RICHARD	CIVIL ACTION NO.:2023-290	
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION

J.D.I.M., A MINOR

DELNITA R. JONES AND ANDREW M. JONES, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS NEXT FRIEND PETITIONERS

CAUSE NO. 2023-1087166

LAKENDRIA KING, MAURICE MC-MILLAN AND MBCI CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES UNKNOWN FATHER AND 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 Lakendria King.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT(S)

THE COMPLAINT OR PETITION WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUM-MONS 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

NESHOBA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXPENSE SUMMARY FOR: 2/05/2024 GENERAL 001-000

COUNTY 49576.42 001-100 BOARD OF SU-PERVISORS 67038.61 001-101 CHANCERY CLERK 8164.25 001-102 CIRCUIT CLERK 8960.95 001-105 TAX ASSESSOR / COLLECTOR 6303.26 001-151 MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING/GROUND 23453.66 001-152 DATA PROCESSING 3226.85 001-153 REAPPRAISAL 16637.00 001-154 VETERAN SERVICE OF-FICE 103.79 001-160 CHANCERY COURT 5058.73 001-161 CIRCUIT COURT 5381.17 001-163 JUVENILE COURT 2513.05 001-165 LUNACY COURT 100.00 001-166 JUSTICE COURT 5842.28 001-167 CORONER/ MEDICAL EXAMINER 4439.94 001-169 COUNTY ATTORNEY 1000.00 001-170 PUBLIC DEFENDER 323.93 001-171 COURT ADMINISTRATOR 1481.85 001-180 ELECTIONS 966.94 001-200 SHERIFF ADMINISTRA TION 55415 40 001-220 CUSTODY OF PRISONERS 82238.32 001-232

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AT LAW, AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RICHARD FULTON, SR., DE-CEASED, WHOSE POST OFFICE AND STREET AD-DRESS ARE UNKNOWN AFTER DILI-GENT 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, seek-ing 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 RE-SPONSE IS NOT MAILED OR DE-LIVERED, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DE-MANDED 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 JANU-ARY, 2024.

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

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 Cardi-nal Financial Company, Limited Partnership, its successors and assigns which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Nesho ba County, State of Mississippi in Book 2019 at Page 4184; and

WHEREAS, LLG MS LLC has here tofore 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 pavable 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 there under, 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 ours (being b 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:

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February 21, 2024 and February 28, 2024

NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors will receive sealed bids and/or guaranteed buy backs on the sale of the following personal property:

2020 CAT 307.5 Mini-Excavator Property No. 160-263 Serial No. CAT03075AGW701739

Sealed bids will be received until 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 and submitted electronically via single file PDF document at www neshobacounty.net/bids or addressed to the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors, C/O Chancery Clerk Gidget Stovall Tate, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 107, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 in the Neshoba County Courthouse

Furthermore, the exterior of the sealed bid submitted in person shall be marked "2024 Sale of Excavator". Bids will be considered during the regular Board Meeting on March 4, 2024 and bidders shall promptly be prepared to execute said sale with a check in the full amount of said bid. This notice is given pursuant to Miss Code Ann. § 19-7-5.

Notice is so ordered to be given on December 18, 2023.

/s/ GIDGET STOVALL TATE GIDGET STOVALL TATE. CLERK BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NE SHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

PETITIONERS HELEN MC-BY CULLOUGH 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 vou desire.

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

Public lotices

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated February 8, 2019, execut-ed by JOHNATHAN RUSSELL conveying certain real property therein described to ALEXIS ALAN. as Trustee. for MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC., Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi filed and recorded February 8, 2019, in Deed Book 2019, Page 1332; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Rubin Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee;

NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on March 6, 2024 within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the north door of the Courthouse proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to wit:

COMMENCE AT THE NE CORNER OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST, AND RUN S-89 DE-GREES-55`-W-657.90 FEET ALONG FENCE LINE TO AN IRON PIN AND FENCE CORNER TO AND FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN S-04 DEGREES-27`-E-113.20 FEET ALONG WOOD RAIL FENCE TO FENCE CORNER; THENCE RUN S-89 DEGREES-01'-W-189.40 FEET ALONG WOOD BAIL FENCE TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERN R.O.W. OF NESHOBA COUNTY ROAD #2616; THENCE RUN SOUTH-WESTERLY ALONG SAID ROAD R.O.W. WITH A CURVE TO THE LEFT OF DELTA = 26 DEGREES -17` HAVING A RADIUS OF 134.32 FEET AND A DEGREE OF CURVE OF 42 DEGREES - 39[°], CHORD BEARING IS S-80 DEGREES-19'-W; CHORD DISTANCE IS 61.10 FEET; RUNNING ALONG SAID ROAD R.O.W. 60.23 FEET; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID ROAD #2616 R.O.W. WITH A CURVE TO THE RIGHT OF DELTA = 04 DE-GREES-39`, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1582.87 FEET AND A DEGREE OF CURVE OF 03 DEGREES-37` CHORD BEARING IS S-69 DE-GREES-12'-W; CHORD DISTANCE IS 128.57 FEET; RUNNING ALONG SAID ROAD R.O.W. 128.60 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID ROAD R.O.W. RUN NORTH 171.34 FEET TO FENCE LINE; THENCE RUN N-89 DEGREES-55'-E-360.03 FEET ALONG FENCE LINE BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTAIN-ING 1.05 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST, NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSIS-SIPPL

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 10151 COUNTRY LN, PHILA-DELPHIA. MS 39350 . In the any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

POST OFFICE AND STREET

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 NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: /S/ A.DURAN D.C. DEPUTY CLERK SEAL

Submitted by: Victoria M. McKinney, MSB 105831 Upshaw Williams Biggers & Beckham LLP Post Office Box 3080 Ridgeland MS 39158 Telephone: 601-978-1996 Facsimile: 601-978-1949

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NE-SHOBA COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

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

SUMMONS

[By Publication]

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN STATUTORY, WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIAR IES 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 demand-

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: DOUGLAS J. GRAHAM SETTLEMIRES & GRAHAM, PLLC

410 East Beacon Street Philadelphia, MS 39350 (601) 656-9597 MSBN: 101965

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOUISE CHAPMAN, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2023-592

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The heirs at law of LOUISE CHAP-MAN, deceased, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of LOUISE CHAPMAN, deceased, whose post office and street addresses are unknown to the Administrator/Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law. You have been made a Respondent in a Petition for Determination of Heirship filed in this court by the Administra tor/Petitioner of the Estate of LOUISE CHAPMAN, deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this ac tion at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 16th day of April, 2024, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court at Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 5th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Kenyetta Barojas CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT CLERK

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

6258.21 001-260 EMERGENCY MAN-AGEMENT 2257.24 001-262 CON-STABLES 1906.00 001-420 HEALTH CENTER 3801 08 001-440 MENTAL HEALTH 1800.00 001-450 WELFARE ADMINISTRATION 3340.07 001-452 COUNCIL ON AGING 217.55 001-500 LIBRARY ADMIN 20000.00 001-530 PARKS AND RECREATION 12500.00 001-540 RECREATION/COLISEUM 7560.00 001-550 SCHOOLS 2538.67 001-630 SOIL CONSERVATION 3541.67 001-631 COUNTY EXTEN-SION 3819.41 001-676 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPEMENT AUTH 7156.35 001-677 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 16305.46 097-265 COUNTY WIDE E-911 4233.50 104-172 LAW LIBRARY 263.90 106-250 FIRE DEPARTMENT 238 89 106-251 COUNTY LINE VED 417.38 106-252 HOUSE VFD 2178.95 106-253 HOPE VFD 167.00 106-254 LINWOOD VFD 1412.73 106-255 DIX-ON VFD 2536.30 106-256 TUCKER VFD 2441.28 106-257 FAIRVIEW VFD 99.78 106-260 STALLO VFD 2034.40 106-261 LONGINO VFD 4404.14 106-262 NORTHBEND VFD 2034.40 111-180 ELECTIONS 1824.61 113-251 COUNTYLINE VFD 33884.00 113-260 STALLO VFD 34766.00 119-100 AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS 495425.04 120-221 INMATE CAN-TEEN FUND 177.95 130-540 COL-ISEUM EXPENSES 12115.30 150-300 COUNTY UNIT ROAD 56251.21 160-300 COUNTY WIDE BRIDGE & CULVERT 129049.14 160-890 CO WIDE BRIDGE-LEASE/PURCHASE 7279.58 202-800 HOSPITAL CAP LOAN 26627.75 225-800 2013 RE-FUNDING PARK BONDS 1940.00 235-800 EOC/SOLID WASTE BONDS 1940.00 400-340 SOLID WASTE 17677.60 400-890 SOLID WASTE -LEASE/PURCHASE 5628.69 650-000 ASSESSMENTS 49746.53 690-000 ECCC MAINTENANCE 88969.05 691-000 ECCC BUILDING 59312.69 TO-TAL DISBURSEMENTS: 1486305.90 THIS IS A SUMMARY OF EXPEN-DITURES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 5, 2024 LISTING THE TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS BY EACH DEPARTMENT/FUND PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MISSISSIPPI CODE ANN. § 19-3-35. A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL EXPENDITURES REP-RESENTING THESE TOTALS IS RECORDED IN THE DOCKET OF CLAIMS AND IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE CHANCERY CLERKS OFFICE OR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS. /S/ GIDGET STOVALL TATE CLERK OF THE BOARD NESHOBA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NE-SHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF RICHARD FUL-TON, SR., DECEASED

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

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARY. AND HEIR

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 approx imately 30 feet to the Southeast corner of the Lot, presently owned by the grantees herein, thence West along the South line of said Lot approximat ely 150 feet to point of beginning, lying and being situated in Block 194, Strib ling 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 Philadelph ia, 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 Philadelph ia, 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. LOGS Legal Group LLP 1080 River Oaks Drive, Suite B-202 Flowood, MS 39232 (601) 981-9299

Philadelphia MS 39350 23-029640

Publication Dates: January 17, 2024, February 14, 2024, <u>/s/ Gidget Stovall by: A. Duran</u> (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, Substituted Trustee'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 Philadelph ia, 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

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUST-EE'S SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF NESHOBA

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFOR-MATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Rubin Lublin, LLC 428 North Lamar Blvd, Suite 107 Oxford, MS 38655 rlselaw.com/property-listing Tel: (877) 813-0992 Fax: (470) 508-9401

PUBLISH: 02/07/2024, 02/14/2024, 02/21/2024, 02/28/2024

THE CHANCERY COURT OF NE-SHOBA COUNTY STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA ANGELINE KILPATRICK CAUSE NO. 2023-340

WILLIS KILPATRICK, JR., PETITION-ER

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The Unknown Heirs of Barbara Angeline Kilpatrick

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT(S)

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

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 9:00 o'clock, a.m., on the 21st day of March, 2024, in the courtroom of the Neshoba County Courthouse at Philadelphia, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition

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

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

/s/ Gidget Tate

GIDGET TATE, Chancery Court Clerk Neshoba County, Mississippi

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NE-SHOBA COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

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

276 Fox Ave

TO: ANYONE WHO CLAIMS TO BE A

Neshoba Schools receives \$68K robotics grant

OF LOCAL INTEREST

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@neshobademocrat.com

Neshoba County The School District will receive a \$68,000 grant for its robotics program at Neshoba Central.

"We are excited to have it," said Superintendent of Education Josh Perkins.

Perkins said the funding comes from the EquipMS Grant program issued by Accelerate Mississippi.

"The money will go

towards upgrades and updates at our robotics engineering lab," Perkins said.

District officials hope to have the money in place soon so they can begin the project in time to have the updates in place for the next school year. Perkins said the grant will reimburse the school district after they begin the project and said they have about a year to expend all the funds.

The grant issues approxi-

mately \$1.4 million to career technical and education efforts at 25 high schools and districts across the state. The Neshoba County School District will receive \$68,703 for its engineering and robotics program from the EquipMS Grant program.

For comparison, in neighboring Kemper County, The John C. Stennis CTE was awarded \$35,336.71 for its construction and carpentry

program and the Winston-Louisville Career and Technology Center in Winston County received \$126,352 for its industrial maintenance program.

The EquipMS Grant program was established through House Bill 588 which was signed by Gov. Tate Reeves last April. The Mississippi K-12 Workforce Development Grant program aims to provide funding for Mississippi public school districts to modernize, replace, or otherwise enhance priority sector career and technical high school programs.

'Successful career preparation doesn't begin after a student receives a high school diploma," said Courtney Taylor, AccelerateMS Deputy Director for Strategy and Programs. "Our state's leadership is showing a strong commitment to strengthening our

workforce development at all levels and this investment opens doors for students to acquire skills earlier and in more meaningful ways tied to local job opportunities.'

Funding for these programs is largely targeted at manufacturing, healthcare, information technology, economic development priorities, and construction and agriculture, aligning closely with the local industry's demands.

ALZHEIMER'S A WARENESS 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!

PRE-K REGISTRATION

Philadelphia Elementary School Pre-K Registration 2024-2025 To register a child for the pre-

k, guardians must provide:

A.) two (2) current proofs of residency in Philadelphia Public School District with the same address

1.) IF RENTING/LEASING: Current official home/apartment lease/rental agreement with length of lease and Parent's or Guardian's name included on lease/rental agreement and notarized

2.) Filed Homestead Exemption application form OR Current mortgage document or property deed

3.) Valid driver's license OR voter identification card

4.) Current utility bill (dated within 60 days) showing the service location with parent's or guardian's name listed - Acceptable bills: electricity, gas, water, or landline telephone

5.) Automobile Registration receipt

6.) Property Tax Card, Property Deed, or other document that states the residency property's Section, Township, and Range

B.) the child's certified birth certificate from Mississippi State Department of Health Vital Records (601-206-8200) (child must be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2024). C. the child's MS certificate of immunization compliance form

'A DATE WITH ELVIS' Come to the Ellis Theater on Feb. 14, 2024 at 8:00 PM for "A Date with Elvis" featuring the movie "Viva Las Vegas" hosted by Angie Marchese, VP of Archives and Exhibits at Graceland. Be sure to check out Elvis's 1956 Gibson guitar on display in the Borchetta Lobby for one night only. Tickets may be purchased at the Ellis Theater Box Office, by calling 601-653-5358, or congressofcountrymusic.org.

LINWOOD CAR SHOW

Linwood's 5th Annual Car & Truck Show & Chitlin Fundraiser will be held Satur-

day 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

FAIRVIEW VOLUNTEER MEETING

Fairview Volunteer Fire Department will hold it's annual meeting February 18th at 3:00 pm. We encourage our community to attend.

Public Notices

[By Publication]

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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

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 NESHOBA COUNTY CHANCERY COURT

401 E. BEACON STREET, STE. 107 PHILADELPHIA. MS 39350

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.

GARY A. FULTON SR. ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE

OF CLARA ANNETTE FULTON JOHNSON

Prepared by: DOUGLAS J. GRAHAM SETTLEMIRES & GRAHAM, PLLC 410 East Beacon Street Philadelphia, MS 39350 (601) 656-9597 MSBN: 101965

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 PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 15th day of December, 2023, by the Tribal Court Clerk, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Larin Thomas, 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 WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the rd day of January, 2024 /s/ Gabriel Scott Thomas GABRIELSCOTTTHOMAS ADMINIS-TRATOR

Obits

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Byram.

Loteal is preceded in death by her parents, Bennie and Hattie Chesney. She joins her beloved husband, Alton Burchfield and daughter, Teresa Lick in eternal rest, along with two brothers, Lamar and Sammy; and a sister, Ellen.

Loteal will be dearly missed by her surviving family members and friends who hold treasured memories close to their hearts. Among those left behind are her loving daughter, Nelda (Val) Moore of Ridgeland. Her memory will forever be cherished by her four grandchildren: Carrie Moore, Austin (Lydia) Moore, and Tyler (Emily) Moore, Bridget (Jason) Gwizdala, as well as her seven great-grandchildren: Evelyn and Mason Gwizdala, Garner, Malone, Wren, Banks, and Burch Moore. She leaves behind with her grandchildren and great grandchildren, a legacy of love, and beautiful fun memories filled with laughter. Additionally, she leaves behind several nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends who were blessed to experience her infectious love and gentle nature.

away Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at UMMC in Jackson, MS. He lived most of his life in Winston County and was Baptist by Faith. He enjoyed listening to music and watching football.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Roy Glynn Callahan and Jessie Earline Cooper; sisters, Phyllis Callahan, Glenda Frascone.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel Callahan; daughters, Susan Ulrich (Scott) of Summitt, Tammy Vines (Shane Draughon) of Philadelphia, Marlene Kirkland (Sandy) of Philadelphia, Renee Warmack (Bill) of Plattsburg; sons, Shannon Callahan (Kathy) of Morton, Wade Collins of Plattsburg; sister, Annette Tracy of AR: (18) grandchildren: (7) great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews

Emma George

Millsaps College. She received a master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and an educational specialist degree from Mississippi State University. She dedicated her life to educating children, serving as a teacher and principal beginning in West Point then in Meridian at Highland Elementary and West Hills Elementary for many years. She was a longtime member of Poplar Springs Drive United Methodist Church where she was very active in the United Methodist Women and taught Sunday School. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Meridian retired teachers' groups, and various bridge clubs. In addition to her love of family, friends, genealogy, and travel. Emma was an avid football fan, especially of the Mississippi State Bulldogs.

Survivors include nieces D'Anne Logue, Marcy Morgan, Lori McClain, and Ginny Shurlds and their families, and honorary grandchild Jamie Galaske and her family.

Interment in Wheatfield Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. McLain, 42, passed away Friday, February 9, 2024 at Neshoba General Hospital. He lived in Neshoba County all of his life. He was a carpenter. He was a member of Lighthouse Baptist Church and also attended Beat Line Baptist Church. His hobbies included spending time with his daughter, riding 4wheelers, fishing and helping others

Mr. McLain was preceded in death by his parents, Jimmy McLain and Bonnie West.

Survivors: Daughter, Hattie Catherine McLain of Philadelphia; Sisters, Cindy Stephens of Philadelphia, Sandy Garcia of TX, Dawn Arledge of Philadelphia and Kim Spears of Philadelphia; Brother, Marty K. Mitchell of Philadelphia; Several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and

Sherry L.

Cooney

Sherry L. Cooney will be held at

a later date. Ms. Cooney, 61,

passed away Monday, February

5, 2024 at Neshoba General Hos-

County most of her life. She

enjoyed NASCAR RACING and

her parents, Jerry L. Adkins and

Audrey E. Westover Adkins;

infant sister and brother. Wendell

her son, Richard Cooney (Casey)

of Philadelphia; (3) grandchil-

dren, Delilah R. Cooney, Sebast-

ian R. Cooney and Isaiah J.

Ms. Cooney is survived by

She has lived in Neshoba

She was preceded in death by

Memorial service for Ms.

cousins

pital.

country music.

Adkins.

Cooney.

Teddy Joe Callahan

Funeral services for Mr. Teddy Joe Callahan were held at 2 PM Sunday, February 11, 2024 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Dwight Fleming officiating. Interment in Plattsburg Cemetery John E. Stephens Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Callahan, 71, passed

Atkinson

Funeral services for Emma George Atkinson were held at Robert Barham Family Funeral

Home on Monday, Feb-ruary 12, 2024 at 11:00 AM. Visitation was held at the funeral home from 10:00-10:45 AM prior to the

service. Inter-Emma ment followed at Atkinson Cedarlawn

Cemetery, Philadelphia, MS Robert Barham Family Funeral Home is honored to be entrusted with the arrangements.

Emma George Atkinson, 89, passed away at home in Meridian, MS on February 6, 2024. Emma was a graduate of

Philadelphia High School and

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ELEVATION CONFERENCE

Northside Pentecostal Church, pastor Samuel Fulton, is hosting Elevation conference Friday, March 1 at 7pm with guest speaker Mark Brown, Saturday, March 2 at 7pm with guest speaker Jeff Arnold, and Sunday, March 3 at 6pm guest speaker Donna Jones. Everyone is invited!

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Emma was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Clara Davis Atkinson, sisters Clara Lynn Morgan and Barbara Walker, and honorary son, Donnie Trussell.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Poplar Springs Drive United Methodist Church, Meridian, MS.

Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at robertbarhamffh.com.

Jimmy Bryan McLain

Funeral services for Mr. Jimmy Bryan McLain were held at 10 AM Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Mike Sullivan and Mitchell Thomas officiating.



PUBLIC NOTICE TO RENTERS

Mississippi Regional Housing Authority V in Newton will resume taking pre-applications for rental assistance for the Housing Choice Voucher program for all counties beginning 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2024. PRE-APPLICATIONS WILL BE TAKEN "ONLY ON-LINE" at https://mrha5s8.housingmanager.com. Also, computer access will be provided to apply ON-LINE at Mississippi Regional Housing Authority V central office in Newton, MS. The Waiting List will remain open until such time this Authority deems it necessary to close the On-Line Waiting List.

Applicants must provide:

-The name (as listed on the Social Security card) of everyone who will live with them in the assisted unit. -The Social Security number for all household members. -The date of birth for all household members. -Income information for all household members. -Also, we prefer that everyone provide us with an e-mail address if possible.

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The purpose of this program is to assist low-income housing families in renting decent, safe and affordable housing.

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CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF COMEAL POLK, DECEASED C. A. NO. 2023-607

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The heirs at law of COMEAL POLK, deceased, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of CO-MEAL POLK. deceased, whose post office and street addresses are unknown to the Administrator/Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law. You have been made a Respondent in a Petition for Determinat ion of Heirship filed in this court by the Administrator/Petitioner of the Estate of COMEAL POLK, deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 16th day of April, 2024, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court at Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 5th day of February, 2024

/s/ Kenyetta Barojas CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT CLERK

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NE-
SHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE EST	ALE OF
CLARA ANNETTE FULTON	JOHN
SON, DECEASED	
CIVIL ACTION NO.:2024-3-JK	

GARY Α FULTON SR. PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, on the Estate of Clara Annette Fulton Johnson, Deceased, on the 19th 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 30 TH day of January, 2024



Prepared by: Douglas J. Graham Settlemires & Graham, PLLC ATTORNEYS AT LAW 410 EAST BEACON STREET PHILADELPHIA. MS 39350 TELEPHONE: (601)656-9597 MSBN 101965

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINIS-TRATION OF THE ESTATE OF TERRY STEVEN BELL DECEASED CAUSE NO.2023-1130 GAIL CLEMONS PETITIONER

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 Terry Steven Bell, deceased.

You have been made a Respondent in the Motion to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Gail Clemons, Administratrix, seeking to adjudicate the sole and only heirs-at-law of Terry Steven Bell, 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 3rd 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 7th day of February, 2024

/s/ Kenyetta Barojas TRIBAL COURT CLERK

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License plate reader leads to arrest at casino

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@neshobademocrat.com

A Jackson man wanted on charges in multiple jurisdictions was arrested at the Golden Moon Casino last week after a license plate reader alerted county law enforcement authorities he was driving a stolen vehicle.

The man, John Rickman Jr., 45, 2600 Greenway Drive, Jackson, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and giving false ID information, according to Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark.

Rickman faces charges in

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other jurisdictions as well, Člark said.

Rickman is wanted in McNairy County, Tenn., for violation of his probation on a burglary conviction, according to Clark. Clark said in addi-

tion to the vehicle he Rickman

was driving being reported stolen out of Jackson, Tunica officials are interested in Rickman as well.

Clark said Tuesday his office is still working on extraditing Rickman but believes he will be turned over to Tennessee authorities first

Sheriff's deputies were first alerted to Rickman's presence in Nehoba County when the stolen vehicle he was driving appeared on a license plate reader camera on Highway 16 leaving town at about 4:19 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8.

Clark said the vehicle was tracked to the Golden Moon's east parking lot where deputies secured the vehicle and notified casino security.

With the help of security, NCSO deputies were able to locate Rickman in the Golden Moon and arrest him.

During the arrest deputies found drugs on Rickman and Clark said he gave fake information to the arresting officers.

Man arrested for theft at chicken farms

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@neshobademocrat.com

A Walnut Grove man has been arrested and charged in connection with the theft of materials and equipment from area chicken farms.

The man, Jerry Lee Higgins, 47, 300 Bob Drive Road, Walnut Grove, was arrested and charged with three counts of grand larceny, according to Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark

handed over to Leake County officials on Feb. 10 for similar has also been contacted by Scott County regarding Higgins.

Clark said investigators connected Higgins to the theft of equipment and materials from several poultry farms in Neshoba County

Higgins has been charged in connection with the theft of 300 sheets of tin used to cover chicken houses worth an estimated \$19,000 taken from a farm on Road 266 in the Beatline community. This theft is believed to have occurred in January and was reported on Feb. 3.

Higgins is also suspected in several other incidents including a theft on Road 1129 in the Laurel Hill community in November in which \$9,000 of materials and equipment were reported stolen.

Another is said to have occurred on Road 2446 off of Highway 19 South in the Bethsaida community in December where \$22,000 in materials and equipment were reported stolen.

"If you own a poultry farm and have suffered fraud or thefts to Mr. Higgins, contact your local sheriff's office," Clark said. "Mr. Higgins is known for thefts of metal roofing and other poultry items."

Contact East Mississippi Crime Stoppers at (855) 485-TIPS or the NCSO at (601) 656-1414 if you have information about a crime.

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By STAFF REPORTS news@neshobademocrat.com

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looks forward to building upon the foundation of past leaders to benefit future generations with the help of donations and partnerships such as this.

We are so thankful for this donation from Mississippi Power, and the relationship we have developed," said ECCC's Executive Director of the Foundation, Dr. Stacev Hollingsworth. "Having commitments from local companies and industries speak very highly of what we are trying to accomplish with the Deeply Rooted, Future Focused campaign, and again we are very grateful for Mississippi Power's support."





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Neshoba County Jail records show Higgins was brought in on Feb. 7 at 3:39 p.m. Clark said Higgins was

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SOCIETY Smith's cooking inspired by mom

By JACE HENDERSON jace@neshobademocrat.com

amie Smith's cooking journey began with learning to cook anything and everything from her mother, the late

Judy Ladd. Reflecting on her formative

years growing up in Neshoba County, Smith fondly recalled her mother's approach to cooking — a pinch of this, a dash of that, with no precise measurements.

"She was one of those that didn't measure. You just had to figure it out," Smith said. "She could cook just about anything. My best memories are cooking with her."

Smith, a registered nurse at Centerwell Home Health, skillfully balances her rewarding professional career with the responsibilities of being a mother to Caitlin Draughon and Bryson Smith. Additionally, she cherishes her role as a grandmother to Emmet Branning, Maddox Draughon, and Maylee Draughon.

While Smith finds joy in crafting dishes like sausage and potato soup and chocolate oatmeal cookies, it's her meatloaf that steals the spotlight.

"Bryson is constantly wanting me to cook meatloaf," she chuckled.

Family gatherings and holidays at the Smith household are marked by cherished traditions like a classic spread of turkey and ham, mashed potatoes, butter beans, and homemade Christmas candies.

Smith, however, isn't limited to a conventional approach. She embraces the grill, expertly preparing burgers, steaks, pork chops, and corn on the cob.

"Cooking brings my family together," she said. "My kids are older now, and usually when I cook, they all come running.

The secret to Smith's flavorful food lies in her family's love for seasonings like onion powder and garlic powder, adding that extra touch of warmth to their shared meals.

Outside the kitchen, when she's not whipping up savory dishes, Smith loves spending quality time with her grandchildren.

For Smith, cooking transcends the act of preparing meals. It's about forging connections, sharing laughter, and celebrating life in the heart of the kitchen or around the dinner table with her family.



COOK OF THE WEEK

sausage 5-6 minutes until browned. Use a slotted spoon to transfer sausage to a plate and set aside.

In the same pot, add butter and sauté onions over medium heat until translucent. Add garlic and sauté for another minute until fragrant.

BRYSON'S SPICY MEATLOAF

1¹/₂ pounds ground beef

- 1 egg
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup dried breadcrumbs or crackers

Salt and pepper to taste

- Spicy seasonings of choice to taste
- Jalapeño peppers

Bell pepper Pepperoncini peppers to

garnish

¹/₃ cup ketchup 2 tablespoons brown sugar

2 tablespoons prepared mustard

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x5-inch loaf pan. Combine ground beef, onion, jalapeño pepper, bell pepper, milk, breadcrumbs, and egg in a large bowl; season with salt and pepper, and spicy seasonings. Transfer into prepared loaf pan. Mix ketchup, brown sugar, and mustard together in a small bowl until well combined; pour over meatloaf and spread it evenly over the top. Bake in the preheated oven until no longer pink in the center, about 1 hour. Place the pepperoncini peppers on top.

CHOCOLATE OAT-**MEAL COOKIES**

- 2 cups white sugar
- ¹/₂ cup margarine (1 stick)
- ¹/₂ cup milk
- 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 pinch salt
- **3 cups quick cooking oats**
- ¹/₂ cup peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Bring sugar, margarine, milk, cocoa, and salt to a rapid boil in a saucepan for 1

SAUSAGE AND POTA-**TO SOUP**

1-pound Italian ground sausage

 $\frac{1}{2}$ white onion (optional) diced

1 tablespoon minced garlic 6 cups chicken broth 2 cups water

4-5 yellow potatoes - cut into 1-inch pieces 3 teaspoons salt - or to taste 1 teaspoon black pepper



Jamie Smith with her children, Caitlin Draughon and Bryson Smith, and grandchildren, Emmet Branning, Maddox Draughon, and Maylee Draughon

Other seasonings we like (to taste)- onion powder, chicken powder, garlic powder, Italian seasoning, red pepper

2 cups heavy cream 4 cups chopped kale and/or spinach

bits and grated parmesan cheese for topping - optional

Chopped bacon or bacon In a large pot sauté minute. Remove from heat. Add quick-cooking oats, peanut butter, and vanilla; mix well. Working quickly, drop by teaspoonfuls onto waxed paper and let cool.

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

Just Among Friends

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Congratulations to Tyler Jordan Greer who completed the requirements for his license to preach the Gospel as he may have the opportunity to exercise his gifts in the work of the ministry.

Greer completed his training at Old Hopewell Baptist Church in Collins and was elated to become a minister. He is also currently working on a second master's degree in Christian Theology at William Carey University.

Representatives of the Citizens Bank presented a check to Choctaw Central High School last Thursday at the C-TEC building.

Stacy Brantley, Mark Taylor, Jackie Hester, and Channing Peebles of the bank made the check presentation.

Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben and members of the National Technical Honor Society accepted the donation on behalf of the Choctaw Tribal Schools.

The donation was made possible through the School Stash Debit Cards program in which the Citizens Bank donates a small amount of money to the Choctaw Tribal Schools when an individual uses the Choctaw Tribal Schools debit card in a qualified transaction. The money is donated by the bank at no cost to the debit card holder. It is the bank's way of investing in the children's education. The more purchases made using the debit card, the more money accumulates for the fund. Thank you to the Citizens Bank for investing in the students' future!

She's here! Precious little Addison Kate Beckham was so anxious to meet her parents, Hannah Jones Beckham and Eric Beckham, that she arrived 3 weeks early on Feb. 3! They were overjoyed and beyond grateful to finally meet her.

Her joyful grandparents are Doug and Deanna Prince Jones and Pete and Bobbie Beckham. This precious baby has two sets of great-grandparents. Her maternal great-grandparents are Jimmy and Phyllis Prince. Her paternal great-grandparents are Richard and Joan Jones. Congratulations!

This 10-U All-Star Team was awarded the Sportsmanship Award for the 2023 AAA DYB State Tournament. This award is a very prestigious one which speaks well for the team who represented our city and county. Great job , players and coaches!

Members of the team are Jack Allen Leeper; Jaxson Vaughn; John Parker Cockrell; Levi Dees; Patton Phillips; Kyson Nash; Braylen Davis; Talan Schooler; Luke Howell; MJ Spurlock; Christian Spurlock. Congratulations to each and every member of this team!

A cruise to Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, and the Grand Turk was a wonderful trip for Charles and Janice Murphy Griffin recently. They traveled with three other couples who have been friends from high school days in Eupora and frequently travel together. The weather was great and the food was wonderful!

The group enjoyed touring the San Juan National Historic

Site of Castillo San Cristobal and the Grand Turk Lighthouse Weather Station among other sites. Before boarding the cruise ship, they spent a few days in St. Augustine, Fla., exploring the rich history of this old city which was founded in 1565 and is the oldest continuously occupied settlement of European and African-American origin in the United States. It was a great trip!

We have another brand new resident of Neshoba County! A precious little miracle, Ellis Andrew Skinner, made his debut on Feb. 2, weighing 4 pounds and 15 ounces. He is perfectly beautiful! His parents are Dr. Thad and Sara Breland Skinner who welcomed him with absolute joy! He wore his first little outfit on Feb. 9 and looked adorable! Congratulations!!

Yellowstone National Park was shrouded in a deep white blanket of snow everywhere when four friends arrived to tour magical surroundings. its Maudean Sanders, Regina Gipson Hicks, Marsha McDonald, and Tammie Sullivan Weaver visited Yellowstone last month. They said it was a fabulous trip.

Öld Faithful shot into the air on time through the snow and made a spectacular appearance. What a memorable experi-

ence.

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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

Christ died for sinners

In Revelation 1:1, we are told that the book of Revelation is "the revelation of Jesus Christ." God gave him this revelation, so the first thing we learn is that the source of the book is God and that it is primarily about Christ. The Lord Jesus gives it to the apostle John in order that his people may know the things that will take place.

The book is about Christ because he is the Mediator God appointed between God and man. In Revelation, Christ has conquered sin, death, and the devil. As the conqueror, He has been exalted to the throne of God and executes the plans and purposes of God symbolized by the sealed scroll in God's hand (Revelation 5).

Though the Lord Jesus Christ has conquered and been exalted, there is still great opposition from the world and the devil toward his people. So, the book is given to the saints to give them the vision of Christ exalted above to assure them that, as Martin Luther said, "though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us, we will be still because God has willed his truth to triumph through us."

However cryptic or confusing some of the vision and symbols are in the book of Revelation, it is a revelation we have great need of. The book sheds light and clarity on truths in the Bible and the gospel. The book depicts two humanities; one confesses the blood of the Lamb (Christ's death), even to the point of dying for his name; the other humanity is under the power of sin, death, and the devil.

We are shown two destinies; one is the certain judgment of God, the other a new heaven and earth of righteousness prepared for Christ's people. We understand more clearly why Jesus said such things as, "Blessed are they who are persecuted for my name's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." And "they who lose their life for my name will save it." Revelation points us to eternity.

The prophets anticipating the gospel also become clearer to us. If you read through the book of Revelation and then go to Isaiah 55, you understand how gracious God is in appealing to sinners with such statements as, "Incline your ear and come to me. Hear that your soul may live. Seek the Lord while he may be

found, call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked man forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts. Let him return to the Lord and he will have compassion upon him."

In Revelation 1:3, John speaks of the blessedness of those who hear and keep the words of the book, "for the time is near." The next great event in redemptive history is the return of Christ in glory. Revelation not only prepares Christ's people for his coming, but it also teaches them to look for it and long for it. It is not only certain, but also a blessed day for them.

Someone told me of a man who prepared for disaster at the approach of Y2K. The man quit his job, invested in survival supplies, and made all kinds of sacrificial preparations. If we believe in the coming of a great event, we look to it and prepare for it. The reason many do not prepare for Christ is they don't believe it. It seems as farcical as something like Y2K.

But the word of Christ, the revelation of Christ, is for his sheep. He says, "Blessed are those servants whom the

master finds awake when he comes." He means spiritually awake, looking for and longing for the day of Christ. The apostle Paul says the same about Christ's coming: "We are children of the light, so let us keep awake and sober, having the hope of salvation" (1st Thessalonians 5).

If you aren't prepared for Christ's coming, you aren't prepared to leave this world either. It is Christ you must make sure of. His first and second coming are connected, yet differ much.

Thomas Manton says the following: "His first coming was obscure; he came in the form of a servant. Now he will come in power and glory. Then Christ occasionally showed his glory, now he will come in the glory of his Father. Then he raised a few from death, now he will raise all the dead. Then Christ came not to judge but save. He submitted to the tribunal of men, to die for sinners. Now he will come to judge all, kings, rulers, all men great and small." Even so, come Lord Jesus.

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

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State basketball tournament underway

By STAFF REPORTS sports@neshobademocrat.com

The Mississippi High School Athletics Association basketball tournament is underway.

The Philadelphia Tornadoes played Bruce in first-round action in the 2A tournament on Tuesday after the Democrat went to press. If they win, they move on the play the winner of East Union and Leflore County on Saturday.

The Tornadoes were the 2A Region 4 District Champions this season.

In 4A action, the District Champion Choctaw Central Warriors were set to face off against North Pontotoc on Tuesday. The winner will move on to play either Itawamba Agricultural or

Caledonia on Saturday.

The Lady Tornadoes, also the 2A Region 4 District Champions this season, kicked off first round action against MS Palmer on Tuesday. The winner moves on to play East Union on Friday.

The District Champion Lady Warriors absolutely crushed New Albany 87-5 in first-round action on Monday. They play Itawamba Agricultural on Friday in secondround action.

The District Champion Neshoba Central Lady Rockets, ranked top in the state, kick off the 6A tournament on Friday against Center Hill. The winner moves on the play Olive Branch or Vicksburg.





The Tornadoes celebrate a District Championship.

The Lady Tornadoes celebrate a District Championship.

Rebelettes face Parklane in first round of tournament

By ROBBIE ROBERTSON sports@neshobademocrat.com

The Leake girls move to 28-7

4 seed from the North in the Class 5A Tournament this week at

on the season and will be the No. No. 1 Parklane on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

The Leake boys move to 26-Copiah. Leake will face South 11 on the season and will also be

the No. 4 seed from the North and will take on No. 1 seed Oak Forest on Wednesday at 7:45 p.m.

Leake girls 55, Pillow 53

The Rebelettes avenged two previous losses by taking down the Lady Mustangs on Tuesday in an elimination game at the Class 5A North State Tournament.

The game was tight from the outset as Pillow led 18-17 at the ned of the first period and each team scored 17 points in the second period as the Lady Mustangs led 35-34 at the half. Each team scored 17 points in the third period as Pillow led 49-48 going to the fourth. Leake took the fourth period 7-4 and finished with two free throws from Anna Morgan Young to secure the win.

Senior Katye Jones had her best game of the year with 24 points and a season high 16 rebounds. Young had 12 points and four rebounds. Jenna Allen also had eight points while Marleigh Myers had six points and three rebounds. Olivia Rudolph had four points and three

rebounds.

Leake boys 58, Bavou 55 (2 OT)

The Rebels needed two overtimes but eventually took a threepoint win over the host Colts on Tuesday.

Samuel Prince led Leake with 32 points while Matthew Nowell had six points.

East Rankin girls 51, Leake 30

After splitting games in the regular season, the Lady Patriots handed the Rebelettes their worst loss of the season with a 21-point setback in the tournament semifinals.

Ella Bell led Leake with eight points and five rebounds while Marleigh Myers had six points. Katye Jones had five points and four rebounds while Jenna Allen also had five points. Olivia Rudolph also had seven rebounds.

Heritage boys 54, Leake 19 The Patriots outscored the ren had 12 points.

Rebels in every period and took a 35-point win in the second round of the Class 5A tournament on Friday.

Matthew Nowell led Leake with five points while Samuel Prince had four points.

Bayou girls 67, Leake 58

The homestanding Lady Colts overcame an early deficit and took a nine-point win over the Rebelettes in the tournament consolation game on Saturday.

Marleigh Myers led Leake with 12 points and seven rebounds while Anna Morgan Young had 12 points. Codi Breedlove had nine points while Caroline Cheatham had six points three steals and three assists. Ella Bell and Jenna Allen also had six points apiece.

Simpson boys 66, Leake 42

The Rebels lost to the Cougars for the fourth time this season, dropping a 24-point decision.

Samuel Prince lead Leake with 16 points while Gage War-

Yellowjackets primed for postseason

By ROBBIE ROBERTSON sports@neshobademocrat.com

Despite a homecourt advantage, Union was unable to bring win over the Yellowjackets in the semifinals of the 4-2A Tournament on Thursday.

U'Darrian Hickmon led Union an early deficit and pulled away in with 20 points while Keon

Union boys 71, Eupora 51 The Yellowjackets overcame

the second half to take a 20-point

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home a division championship last week.

The Union girls started the 4-2A tournament with a 57-41 win over Eupora but then fell 54-46 to Philadelphia in the tournament finals.

The Union boys were upset in the first round, falling 56-55 to Sebastopol in the semifinals. Union then bounced back and beat Eupora 71-51 in the consolation game on Friday to finish third.

The Union girls defeated Bruce 63-22 in first-round action on Monday in a 7 p.m. contest while the Union boys will play at Calhoun City on Tuesday.

> Sebastopol boys 56, Union 55

The Bobcats took a one-point

Hutchins had 17 points. Kamarion Rushing also had 10 points for Union.

Union girls 57, Eupora 41 The Lady Yellowjackets started slow but pulled away to take a 16-point win over the Lady Eagles on Tuesday and advance to the 4-

2A finals.

Kylee Madden led Union with 13 points, nine assists, three rebounds and three steals while Sydney Coward had 12 points, six rebounds, four assists and three steals. Elle Killen had 11 points and five rebounds while Rymia Craft had eight points and six rebounds. Destiny Campbell had six points and five rebounds while

Gracyn Tillman had five points.

win on Friday. U'Darrian Hickmon led Union with 27 points while Keon

Hutchins had 16 points. Mason Tucker had 10 points while Zie Buckley, Kamini Townsend and Kamarion Rushing each had six points apiece.

Philadelphia girls 54, Union 46

The Lady Yellowjackets fell behind early as the Lady Tornadoes took an eight-point win to claim the 4-2A championship.

Kylee Madden led Union with 18 points while Rymia Craft had 15 points and Gracyn Tillman added six points.

Leake baseball hits the diamond

By ROBBIE ROBERTSON sports@neshobademocrat.com

The Leake Academy baseball team kicked off the baseball season last week with a win over for-

mer district foe Winston Academy. The Rebels banged out 11 hits and built an early lead to take a 10-

6 win over the Patriots. Leake has two games scheduled this week as they will host Class 6A Jackson Academy on Tuesday in the home opener and will then play at Tri-County Academy on Thursday.

Leake 10, Winston 6

The Rebels jumped out to an early lead and held off the Patriots late to take a four-run win over the Patriots on Thursday in the season opener.

Leake scored three in the first and four in the second and led 7-1 after two innings. Leake added two in the third and one in the fourth and led 10-4 after four innings. Winston added two more runs for the final margin.

Leake had 11 hits in the contest as Tyler Winstead was 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Grayson McDonald was 2-for-4 while Rece Atkinson was 2-for-3 with two runs scored. Caden Stovall was 2-for-3 with an RBI. Rhett Stovall singled, scored twice and had three RBIs while Mathan Weaver singled and scored twice. Charlie Brantley also scored twice while Jon Donovan doubled and drove in a run.

Atkinson started on the mound and picked up the win, pitching the first two innings, giving up three runs on two hits and two walks while striking out five. Rhett Stovall pitched the next three innings and gave up two runs on five hits while striking out two. Donovan pitched the last two innings and gave up two unearned runs on one hit while striking out four

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