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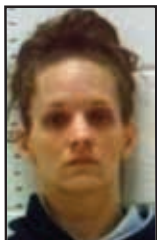
By DUNCAN DENT duncan@neshobademocrat.com

Two suspects have been denied bond after they were arrested last week in connection with the murder of two women last month, one of them in Neshoba County, the authorities said.

Austin Harrell, 27, and Shaunna Reynolds, 31, both of



Austin Harrell



Shaunna Reynolds

Newton County, were charged here with the murder of 26-year-old Breanna Strickland in Neshoba County.

Another woman, 21-year-old Kaitlyn Goolsby, was murdered in Newton County, the authorities said. Their bodies were dumped off a road not far from the Conehatta community in Newton County.

The investigation started on

March 4 when the bodies were found. Clark said the two were arrested in Newton on March 12.

Both Harrell and Reynolds were served arrest warrants and appeared before Neshoba County Justice Court for an initial appearance on March 18. Bond was denied for both suspects and they remain in custody in Newton County.

"I echo Sheriff Joedy Pennington's statement from earlier today which praised the coordinated efforts of local law enforcement agencies," Clark said of the multi-agency investigation.

"This investigation spread over multiple jurisdictions, which shows proof of how blessed we are in the field of police protection."

Clark said that the pair took the life of Strickland in Neshoba County on Feb. 25, while traveling on Highway 21 south. Clark said that they were reportedly headed to Scott County.

Clark said that authorities are still conducting interviews but they believe the murders were "planned" and that the See MURDER, page 3A



"An Evening with Marty Stuart and the Congress of Country Music" held Monday night in downtown Jackson was chaired by former Gov. and Mrs. Haley Barbour at the Westin Hotel in downtown Jackson. State officials and dignitaries attended.

Fundraising gala

Philadelphia, \$30-million Congress of Country Music showcased

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY steve@neshobademocrat.com

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"... Marty Stuart's Congress of Country Music is the spiritual home of country music — a cathedral where the spirits of country music legends, and the fires of today's creative souls, converge," he said.

Stuart, a Philadelphia native, had the attention of Mississippi's political and business elite as they gathered here at the Westin Hotel downtown for "An Evening with Marty Stuart and the Congress of Country Music."

Going in, Stuart said he wanted to put not only Philadelphia but country music on the forefront. He did.

"Mississippi is the birthplace of America's music. Blues, rock-n-roll and country music," Stuart said. "Country music is a way of life for me. I live it, Love it.

"In Philadelphia, we are building the Congress of Country Music, a center dedicated to the preservation of traditional country music. For years, I have been on this self-appointed mission to collect the lost, the forgotten, discarded pieces of this part of Ameri-



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can history. I travel the land getting to know colorful country music fans and rescuing lost treasures."

Stuart spent the first hour of the gala working the room, talking with his guests. Getting to know them. There was a dinner. Afterward, he put on a concert, joined by his wife, Connie Smith, and members of his band.

Speaker of the House Philip Gunn

summed it up. "I am excited about this. I have been able to talk to Marty multiple times and have seen some of the items he has," Gunn said. "I am glad to be here tonight and to offer my support. I am very much for this project. A few years back, we appropriated some money for the project."

Former Gov. Haley Barbour, who hosted the gala, reflected on music

history in Mississippi.

"A lot of us think about where we lead in music," said Barbour.

"Rhythm and Blues, nobody questions that it started in the Mississippi Delta. Rock-n-roll is a little more diverse but there is no question who the king of rock-n-roll is.

"Country music — we think of the Tennessee mountains but it started in Meridian with Jimmie Rodgers. Guys like Marty Stuart have kept it alive and beyond that. They have spread the Mississippi Country Music emblem of over the country and really all over the world," Barbour said.

During his address to the crowd, Barbour pointed out the \$30 million project is more than an idea on the drawing board.

"Construction is underway," Barbour said. "They are spending \$4 million on the first phase which is supposed to open this fall."

Located on the south corner of Byrd Avenue and Main Street, when completed, the Congress of Country Music will feature a renovated Ellis Theater along with a museum to display Stuart's 20,000-plus piece collection of country music memorabilia. There will also be classrooms, a community hall, event space and a rooftop performance venue.

While working with local school

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SUPERVISORS

Sheriff asks for new cars, Tasers

By DUNCAN DENT and COLEMAN EAKES news@neshobademocrat.com

Supervisors have approved more than \$160,000 in new equipment for the Sheriff's Office that includes new Tasers and patrol vehicles.

Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark submitted proposals to the Board of Supervisors for new Tasers and three new police interceptor SUVs at the meeting on Monday.

Clark said that his office has built momentum since he took over about three years ago but that new equipment is needed to continue to move forward.

"The department has continued to improve since I got here but we cannot be satisfied with where we are at," Clark said.

He noted that his officers currently have Tasers that are "deteriorating" and they are not able to upkeep.

Concerning the vehicles, Clark said he had a patrol vehicle die on an officer this week-end when he went home on his lunch break. He said that the vehicle was towed and that another vehicle was available but that meant the new vehicle would be in service seven days a week while the other vehicle was in the shop.

"Excessive wear can instantly be life threatening in police patrol, due to cars dependency of aged sensors that are in control of steering, breaking and traction," Clark said.

The total request is \$120,000 for the police interceptor SUV's and \$43,200 for the 12-X7 Tasers.

The board decided to bid for a less expensive version of the 12-X7 Tasers and Clark agreed as long as they were comparable to the 12-X7 Tasers.

Clark said that the vehicles will still have to undergo the bid process but that he hoped to be able to cover the cost of the Tasers through a forfeited weapons sale that ended on Monday.

Clark said he did not yet know how much the sale had made. The sale featured more than 75 fire arms that had been seized, forfeited or otherwise unclaimed over the years.

Clark said he is pleased to see the board move forward on these items but had noted that this was his third time asking for the proposed items.

Clark prepared a letter stating his previous request made back in July 2021 and his most recent request in January 2022.

Clark reminded supervisors in the letter that state law says the Sheriff may request funds needed for the operations of the Sheriff's Office annually.

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City set to discuss medical marijuana vote

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Philadelphia aldermen plan to discuss the new medical marijuana law at their first meeting in April.

The Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act went into effect on Feb. 2 and municipalities have 90 days after that date to

opt-out of the act in whole or in parts.

Last week the board received information on the news law from the city attorney.

"The bill, which passed Feb. 2, contains wording that says every municipality and county, individually, may within 90 days of passage, either vote to accept it or not

to have it," City Attorney Robert Thomas said last Tuesday during a regular meeting.

In Madison County, Ridge-land Mayor Gene F. McGee said that opting out gave the city time to see what happens in places that do opt-in and noted that it would take longer than they had for the deadline to opt-in or out to draft proper

zoning amendments concern- ing the medical marijuana industry.

In nearby Gluckstadt, two medical cannabis companies are teaming up to gather the 700 or so signatures needed to force a vote to overturn the city's decision this month to opt-out of medical marijuana.

Madison County Sheriff

Randy Tucker, a Gluckstadt resident, spoke to the medical marijuana issue before Gluck- stadt's 3-2 vote to opt out.

"Everyone knew this was coming, but I'm not here to speak for or against it," Tucker said. "We have 120 days as a city to opt-out or participate in the medical marijuana program. When you talk about

enforcement regarding this, there's a big handicap for law enforcement. It won't change any DUI laws of that nature, but in other areas like Oklaho- ma, there were additional crimes and side effects from the marijuana industry. There is a black market that will continue even if medical cannabis is legalized."

Aldermen approve \$900K airport lighting project

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Aldermen approved a \$900,000 project to improve the runway lighting at the Philadelphia Municipal Air- port last week.

The project is 95-percent reimbursable from the FAA, said Will Pentecost, PE, at Allen Engineering, during his presentation to the board.

The project would include

replacing all of the runway, taxiways and apron lights with LED lighting, while installing new wiring and cabinets, new circuits and regulators.

"You currently have 20- year-old system," Pentecost said. "That system has been there since the runway was extended in the early 2000s."

Allen Engineering's con- tract has two phases. The first phase will be for survey and design work and coming up

with a budget. The second part will be the contract and con- struction phase. They will put the contract out for bids, deter- mine the lowest and best bid, and make recommendations for the board to approve. Afterwards, they will monitor work on the project until it is complete.

Allen Engineering is be paid \$79,750 which is part of the total cost. They will be paid \$42,750 for phase one

and \$37,000 for phase two.

In a separate matter, before approving the board minutes from the pervious meeting, the board withdrew the nomi- nation of Kimbel Wilson to the Philadelphia School Board.

The matter had been approved at the March 8 meet- ing. It was learned that Mrs. Wilson's husband works for the district, making her inel- igible to serve due to a poten- tial conflict of interest.

Aldermen then passed the March 8 minutes. Robert Beck II was the nominated by Alderman James Tatum and appointed.

In another matter, aldermen were updated about the progress for removing a dilap- idated house on Kelly Street. They also discussed properties on Water Avenue, and two more Evergreen Avenue.

In other matters:
• Aldermen were informed

the bidding process for work on the canal west of the Depot between Main and Beacon streets will be restarted.

• Approved the termination of an employee in the ceme- tery department.

• Approved the payment of \$6,425 to North America Fire Equipment Company, Inc., (NAFECO) for turnout gear. The money will come out of the insurance rebate account.

Police arrest man, juvenile in connection with burglary at business

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A Philadelphia man and a juvenile have been arrested and

charged in connection with a burglary on Friday.

Shawn Dooley, 20, 1015 Golf Course Road, was arrested and charged with burglary of a

commercial building, the authorities said.

Police Chief Eric Lyons says that a juvenile was also arrested in the same incident and was

charged with burglary of a com- mercial building.

Dooley remains in custody in the Winston County Deten- tion Center.

Lyons said that on March 18 at approximately 12:30 a.m.

officers responded to call of sus- picious persons in parking lot of Eastgate Plaza.

Officers made contact with said individuals and found them in possession of several items including a change jar. Officers

checked local businesses in the plaza and observed the door to the Thrifty Nickel had been broken into and that the items came from that business.

The two suspects were then arrested.

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"This third request is to replace patrol units that have high mileage and show signs of excessive wear. Excessive wear can instantly be life threatening in police patrol, due to cars dependency of

aged sensors that are in control of steering, braking and traction. Neshoba County Sheriff Deputies' safety is my first priority in protecting this County. Neshoba County Sheriff's Deputies are committed to serving others.

"These deputies go to work each day not knowing chal- lenges lay before them or what threat they may encounter.

The day may hold a high speed chase or a close encounter with a weapon. Our deputies are well trained and committed to making Neshoba County a safer place to live."

Clark concluded, "It is critical that Sheriff's Deputies have equipment that meet their needs in patrolling and protecting Neshoba County."

Marty

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districts, the Congress of Country Music will create an education curriculum and programming to teach and promote the roots of country music. There will be changing displays which will not only spotlight Stuart's collection. It will also include showings of international traveled artifacts, memorabilia, photography, folk art and Native American programming.

There were plenty of com- munity supporters present at the gala.

Cyrus Ben, chief of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, spoke with pride how Stuart first saw his wife, Con-

nie while she was performing at the Choctaw Indian Fair.

Stuart was a pre-teen at the time but legend has it he told his mama going home that night he was going to marry her one day. He did and wrote a song about it: "I met my baby at the Choctaw Fair."

"It's a unique story with Marty and Connie meeting at the Choctaw Reservation," said Chief Ben. "They have always come back and visited and are friends of the Tribe.

"For us with the Pearl River Resort and all of our entities, the Congress of Country Music is another addition for us," Ben said. "It reverberates as a positive thing for every- one in the community. from the stores and retailers in town and the resort. They can come and play with us on the golf course and maybe visit the tables and stay with us."

Mayor James A. Young talked about how the city of

Philadelphia has appropriated \$1 million to show the rest of the state its support.

Retired Philadelphia educa- tor Robert Turnage, who now lives in Water Valley, has been following the progress of Con- gress of Country Music.

"The progress they have made in the last two or three years has been phenomenal," Turnage said. "I have seen pic- tures and have seen the con- struction part. It is going to be a fabulous thing. The Ellis is just the start."

Neshoba County's dele- gation to the Mississippi Legisla- tor agreed.

"We are thankful for every- thing Marty has done in Philadelphia," Sen. Jenifer Branning said. "He is an ambassador for our hometown and Mississippi."

Rep. Scott Bounds added, "It is coming together. A good representation of people from Mississippi tonight."

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Opinion

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Partitioning Ukraine

No political solution appears more likely than a new partition of Ukraine.

"It's time to meet, time to talk ... time to restore territorial integrity ... for Ukraine," said President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Saturday.

Zelenskyy added that the need to negotiate was even greater for Moscow. "Otherwise, Russia's losses will be so huge that several generations will not be enough to rebound."

According to the Pentagon, Russia has lost 7,000 soldiers; Kyiv puts the figure at 14,000 dead.

Still, Russian President Vladimir Putin appears less pressured to meet and talk. What does this tell us?

Zelenskyy does not believe further fighting will benefit Ukraine as much as it will cost his country. And he wants the war over.

As for Putin, as Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin said Sunday, "He's not been able to achieve the goals that he wants to achieve as rapidly as he wants to achieve them." Putin wants more time.

The Russian president began the invasion of Ukraine with Crimea already annexed and the enclaves of Luhansk and Donetsk having already declared their independence of Kyiv.

Since the invasion began, however, Putin's forces have besieged but not taken Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, or second largest city, Kharkiv.

Yet, Russian troops are now in Mariupol on the Sea of Azov, having completed a land bridge from Russia through the Donbas to Crimea and, from there, halfway to Odessa, the last major Ukrainian port on the Black Sea.

While the Ukrainian army and citizens have put up fiercer resistance than was anticipated in Moscow, Russia is not losing this war.

Measured by territorial gains, Putin is winning.

He has not captured Kyiv or Kharkiv, but he has expanded the Russian-controlled territories of Donetsk, Luhansk and Crimea that he had at the start of his invasion.

While Russia's costs and

casualties have been far greater than was anticipated, Putin has added to the Ukrainian lands he held when the war began. And Mother Russia has not lost an inch of land in this war.

"How does this thing end?" Gen. David Petraeus famously asked on the road to Baghdad. No political solution appears more likely than a new partition of Ukraine, with lands east of the Dnieper River and along the coasts of the Sea of Azov and the Black Sea being ceded to Moscow, and the west of Ukraine being declared a neutral nation like Austria or Finland in the Cold War.

The problem with this probable outcome is that Zelenskyy has ruled out any territorial concessions or land transfers from Ukraine to Russia. And he seeks to "restore," not to make permanent, the 2014 amputations of Crimea and the Donbas.

The dilemma: Zelenskyy probably cannot survive ceding control of any Ukrainian land to Russia. And Putin probably cannot survive a failure in peace talks to expand the Ukrainian holdings with which he began the war.

The "territorial integrity" of Ukraine is the crucial issue in ending this war.

And it is precisely here where it appears impossible for both sides to come to terms.

The one issue on which both parties will likely agree in any peace settlement is the issue that should have been agreed to — to prevent the war: a formal declaration by Kyiv that it will never join a NATO alliance created to contain Russia and, if necessary, defeat Russia in a war.

A frustrated and enraged President Joe Biden has taken to calling Putin a "killer," a "murderous dictator" and a "war criminal" who has launched an "immoral war" — comments the Kremlin calls

"unforgivable"

Such rhetoric would seem to rule out any role for U.S. diplomacy in negotiating the end to this war. Other nations — Israel, Turkey, France, Germany — have maintained regular relations and constant contact with Putin, who sits and broods atop the world's largest nuclear arsenal.

Consider the moral dilemma the U.S. has put itself in.

Our president says Russia is led by "a war criminal," conducting an "immoral" war in which deliberate atrocities are committed at hospitals, schools, kindergartens and art theaters.

Yet, the U.S. and NATO will not provide weapons to Ukraine, including secondhand MiGs, that might cause Russia to retaliate against us or NATO or risk World War III or risk Russia's use of tactical atomic weapons.

Because, pillaged and persecuted though Ukraine may be, it is not a member of NATO.

If Latvia, however, with 5% of Ukraine's population, is encroached upon, we will engage Russia militarily, and to hell with the risk of World War III or Russia's possible retaliation with atomic weapons.

In war, the moral is to the material as three is to one, said Napoleon. Unfortunately, what George Bernard Shaw said cynically also appears to be true: In war, God is on the side of the big battalions.

Zelenskyy probably cannot survive signing away the title to any Ukrainian land, be it Crimea or the Donbas. And Putin likely cannot survive not bringing home new territory from a Russian "victory."

Again, perhaps the one issue on which almost all now agree is that Ukraine renounce its right to join the NATO alliance.

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EDITORIALS

Marty spreads the word

Marty Stuart is spreading the word about his Congress of Country Music. A big fundraising gala in downtown Jackson Monday night will help make his dream become a reality, benefit our community and preserve country music history.

When explaining what is going on with his \$30-million project in downtown Philadelphia, the Country Music Hall of Famer went back to the mission statement of his vision.

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A Philadelphia native, Stuart had the attention of Mississippi's political and business elite as they gathered for "An Evening with Marty Stuart and the Congress of Country Music." And he is going to need that kind of support and their big money to make the Congress of Country Music a reality. The night was encouraging.

The turnout was good, thanks to the support of those like former Gov. Haley R. Barbour, who hosted the event.

Going in, Stuart said he not only wants to put Philadelphia at the forefront but country music as well. And he is.

"Mississippi is the birthplace of America's music. Blues, rock-n-roll and country music," Stuart said. "Country music is a way of life for me. I live it, Love it.

Stuart is passionate about his dream and that is inspiring.

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working the room, talking with his guests. Getting to know them. There was a dinner. Afterward, he put on a concert, joined by his wife, country music sensation Connie Smith, and members of his band.

This kind of broad, statewide support is what it is going to take to fully fund and operate the Congress of Country Music.

Barbour reflected on Mississippi's musical influence and the importance of what Stuart is doing. A big name like Halley Barbour is appreciated and he is a master fundraiser. So, Stuart has found his ambassador.

"A lot of us think about where we lead in music," Barbour said. "Rhythm and Blues, nobody questions that it started in the Mississippi Delta. Rock-n-roll is a little more diverse but there is no question who the king of rock-n-roll is.

"Country music — we think of the Tennessee mountains but it started in Meridian with Jimmie Rodgers. Guys like Marty Stuart have kept it alive and beyond that. They have spread the Mississippi Country Music emblem of over the country and really all over the world."

A powerhouse like Barbour is needed. He has been an ambassador for Mississippi and now he is for Neshoba County and the Congress of Country Music.

"Construction is underway," Barbour said. "They are spending \$4 million on the first phase which is supposed to open this fall."

While we can all applaud Marty's vision and support the Congress of Country Music, what real growth can be expected, where is the study on long-term operations of a museum and music venue in Philadelphia? Now that we are spreading the word, — and the word is good — a study is the next step, especially before taxpayers are asked to become more committed.

We want the Congress of Country Music to be a long-term and viable thing.

FLASHBACKS

MARCH 20, 1942

Mr. J. F. McCauley, member of the State Salvage Committee, attended a meeting of the Committee at Jackson on Tuesday of this week. Plans were made at the meeting to go into every county in the State for the purpose of urging people to salvage their scrap metal, scrap paper, old rubber, rags and burlap to be converted into materials of war.

W. A. Winsted, Neshoba County superintendent of education, was elected as a member of the executive board of the Mississippi Education Association at the annual convention held in Jackson.

MARCH 21, 1952

The annual election of officers was the principal event at the meeting of the Philadelphia Rotary Club Monday. Bill Norton who is now serving as Secretary Treasurer of the club, was elected president.

The state of Mississippi has a right to collect a two per cent sales tax on illegal liquor, in addition to the right of collecting a 10 per cent Black Market tax.

MARCH 20, 1962

There will be a County wide cotton and corn meeting, Wednesday morning, March 28th, at 1:30 p. m. in the Home Demonstration Kitchen of Philadelphia courthouse.

The boys and girls participating in athletics at the Neshoba County High School and the cheerleaders of the school are being honored Thursday night, March 22, at a banquet given them at the V. F. W. Hut by the Boosters club.

MARCH 19, 1972

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has issued a study report on the Pearl River Basin, which includes a recommendation for a 16,000-acre reservoir in Neshoba County. The study report was made by the Mobile District Engineer and South Atlantic Division Engineer in Atlanta.

Seven Neshoba County establishments charged with selling alcoholic beverages and described as "common nuisances and detrimental to the good morals of the community" were put out of business today as a result of court orders issued Saturday.

MARCH 20, 1982

A public meeting of citizens in halting drug abuse in Neshoba County will be held on March 30 at 7 p. m. in the gymnasium at Neshoba Central High School. The purpose of the meeting will be to organize a Neshoba County branch of DREAM.

The Neshoba County Recreation Club will sponsor a spring carnival on March 26,

in the Westside Community Center. There will be a variety of fun games and treats for young as well as old.

MARCH 20, 1992

Exchange students from Brazil and Yugoslavia were special guests of the Philadelphia Lions Club Thursday night. Speaking to the club were Kristine Liborio of Salvador, Brazil, Vanessa Kaiser of Sao Jose do Rio Prato, Brazil and Jelani Stojanovic of Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

MARCH 20, 2002

Three bridge replacement projects and the surfacing of a county road are on hold pending state aid funding disbursement, the Board of Supervisors were informed Monday.

Parks and recreation officials hope to fund a new restroom complex and second pavilion near Imagination Fun Station in Northside Park with donations from the community.

MARCH 21, 2011

Several Philadelphia businesses are accepting donations to send building supplies to aid victims of the recent tornadoes in Kentucky. "House on a Truck" is an effort to place all the necessary building materials to construct a 1,800 square foot house on a trailer, which will be taken to Salyersville, Ky.

LETTERS

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BIBLE SELECTION

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."
— Jeremiah 17:7-8 (ESV)

Gifted students place in chess competition

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Philadelphia, Union, and Neshoba students in the East Central Talented and Gifted (ECTAG) Association put their chess skills to the test and duked it out against other top-ranked student chess players in the area.

During the competition, which took place last month, these students finished in the top three in multiple divisions.

- Division YA, second grade (1st place, Union)
- Division YB, second grade (2nd place, Neshoba)
- Division IA, fourth grade (2nd place, Neshoba)
- Division IB, fourth grade (1st place, Union)
- Division IC, third grade (1st place, Neshoba)
- Division IIA, sixth grade (1st place, Neshoba)
- Division IIB, sixth grade (1st place, Union, 3rd place, Philadelphia)
- Division IIC, fifth grade (2nd place, Neshoba)
- Division IV, high school (3rd place, Union)

Other participating schools included Union, Forest, Scott Central, Newton County, Morton, Lake, Leake Central, Hawkins Middle, and Philadelphia.

Becky Spears, a fourth-grade Gifted Teacher at Neshoba Elementary School, said Neshoba hosted the chess portion of the ECTAG program this year and said all the students were very excited to play, especially the second graders.

"We weren't able to take part in the chess competition last year due to the pandemic," Spears said. "We usually hold the competition at our school, but since our building is under some renovations, we had to move the competition to Trinity Baptist Church. We had table after table set up with chess boards and the kids were amazed to see how many there were. These students enjoy chess a lot."

Logan Spears, a fifth-grade gifted student at Neshoba Central in the IIC Division, said he really enjoyed being able to compete in competition since he was not able to



Neshoba 5th grade gifted students play against other gifted students in the area. Pictured, from left: Logan Spears, Hunter Herrington, and JJ Thrash.

ranked students would play against other top ranks of the same grade so it would be an even playing field. Second graders played against second graders and so on." She said holding the competition at Trinity Baptist Church was different due to it being off campus, and the students are used to coming to the school for it.

"The students were just happy to be able to have their competition and get together," Spears said. "Our students are gifted, but they have to face off against other top ranks. They may be the best at our schools, but when they play top-ranked students from other schools, it's interesting to see that play out."

Noah Parker, a fourth-grade gifted student at Neshoba Central in Division IA, said the most challenging part of going to the competition was the playoffs at school to decide the top players.

"When I got to the competition, the players I competed against were really good," Parker said. "In two of my games, I tied at the end of our

30-minute time limit and had to have a 15-minute playoff. It was a tough, but good day."

Katie Goss, second through fourth grade teacher at Union, said her students worked very hard to prepare and learned a lot about thinking skills and strategy.

"Taking part in the competition excited my students and pushed them to do better next year," Goss said. "Some of them watch chess videos at home and check out books on chess to read so they can learn to do better."

Katie Monday, second through sixth-grade teacher at Philadelphia Elementary School, supervised Division IIB and said her students' biggest challenge was gaining new strategies.

"They definitely had a hard time inventing new strategies to play chess," Monday said. "They did well though and I am very proud of all their hard work. I had one student, Talia Cole, who won all her games and a Chess Master ribbon!"

OBITUARIES

Emma Lou Monroe

Emma Lou Monroe, 85, of Starkville, MS died on March 14, 2022 at Oktibbeha County Hospital. She was born on March 1, 1937 in Philadelphia, MS to Sylvester Davidson and Emma Bell Davidson. After living in Philadelphia for several years, her family moved to the Mississippi Delta where she met and married the love of her life, William "Pete" Monroe, on October 21, 1953. They have one daughter, Wanda Lou Calhoun of Starkville.



Mrs. Monroe worked for Garan Shirt Co, Herschede Hall Clock Company, Wevex, and Mississippi State Extension as a Plant Pathology Lab Technician. She retired from Mississippi State in 1995. She was a dedicated member of Meadowview Baptist Church for over 30 years. Lou was a strong, courageous woman who truly loved God and her family. She was a dedicated wife and mother. She loved to fish, travel, play the piano and sing. She enjoyed playing cards, dominos, and checkers with her great-grandchildren up to the day before she passed. She was famous for her homemade birthday cakes. Those who knew her knew her laugh and keen sense of humor. She never let you leave without telling you she loved you, no matter who you were.

She is survived by her daughter Wanda Calhoun (Allen), grandson Todd Allen (Samantha) of Starkville, granddaughter Amanda Richardson (Justin) of Philadelphia, MS, great grandchildren Jace, Jack, and Camille Allen, Emma Sellers Richardson, sister Nell Spurlock of Meridian, MS and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her loving husband William "Pete" Monroe, her parents Sylvester and Emma Bell Davidson, brothers Grover Davidson, JD Davidson, and Buddy Davidson, sisters Ethelle Ladd, Bertha Evans, Mae Collins, Pauline Watkins, and great granddaughter Mamie Richardson.

Services will be held at Welch Funeral Home, 201 W Lampkin Street Starkville, MS, Thursday, March 17, 2022 with visitation at 1:00pm and funeral at 2:00 pm. Interment will be at Oddfellow's Cemetery. No graveside services will be held.

You can leave the family a condolence at: www.welchfuneralhomes.com.

Pauline Boler

Funeral services for Mrs. Pauline Boler were held on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at 2 P.M. from the chapel of Beck Funeral Home with Rev. Harold Coburn officiating. Burial was at Donald Rest Cemetery. Beck Funeral Home, Inc was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Boler, 77, of Philadelphia, passed away on Monday, March 14, 2022 at Jeff Anderson Medical Center in Meridian.

She is survived by husband, Bob Boler of Philadelphia, MS, three sons, Robert Earl Jones of Clarksdale, MS, Timothy and Robert Boler, both of Philadelphia, MS, four daughters, Brandi Davis, Barbara Gully, Paula Boler and Ashley Boler all of Philadelphia, MS, four sisters, and grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Cedric Boler, Christopher Boler, Rodney Boler, Freddy Grady, Deonte Griffin and LeJamie Hill.

Deborah C. Maxey

Funeral services for Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" C. Maxey will be held Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at Robert Barham Family Funeral Home with Dr. Tom Sikes and Rev. Davey Wilkerson officiating. Burial will follow at Longino Baptist Church Cemetery.



Robert Barham Family Funeral Home is honored to be entrusted with arrangements.

Mrs. Deborah C. "Debbie" Maxey, age 69, of Meridian passed away Sunday, March 13, 2022 at Poplar Springs Nursing Center.

Deborah "Debbie" Maxey, born deaf, attended Magnolia Speech School in Jackson, Mississippi, under the tutelage of founder Libba Matthews and Debbie's mother, Nell Taylor. Family and friends all knew Debbie for her quick sense of humor. She enjoyed socializing with the deaf community at various MAD (Mississippi Association of Deaf) events. Debbie was previously an avid bowler and held many records in the deaf bowling league at Dixie Bowling Lanes. She was employed 25+ years at Delco Remy as an assembly person. Debbie was a pioneer in being the first deaf individual to be employed at Delco Remy and this was done prior to ADA (American Disabilities Act) being established into law in 1990. Using her lip reading skills she passed her tests and gained qualification without the utiliza-

tion of an interpreter. She later joined the UAW (United Auto Workers) where she was a long-time member.

Debbie is survived by her daughter, Angela White and her husband, Eddie; her son, John Maxey; grandchildren, Joshua White, Emily White, and Luke Mathis and his wife, Kayla, and Jody Maxey; as well as great-grandchildren, William Cain and Maniaha Maxey-Byrd. She is also survived by her siblings, Laurie Cobb and Jim Taylor.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Maxey; mother, Nell Taylor; and father, Jim Taylor.

The family requests memorials be made to Magnolia Speech School.

Pallbearers will be Luke Mathis, Joshua White, Jim Taylor, and Michael Cobb.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. prior to the funeral service.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.robert-barhamffh.com.

Twana Gail Tubby Isaac

Funeral service for Mrs. Twana Gail Tubby Isaac will be held at 2 PM Saturday, March 19, 2022 at Pearl River Baptist Church with Rev. Ricky Thompson, Sr. officiating. Interment will be in Isaac Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10 AM Friday, March 18, 2022 at Pearl River Baptist Church. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Isaac, 45, passed away on Sunday, March 13, 2022 at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland, MS. Her hobbies included hanging with family and friends, playing with her cat, Kitkat, traveling and she wanted more grandbabies. She was a member of Pearl River Baptist Church.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Curley Tubby and Fronie Mae Jefferson; infant son, Edward Willis, Jr.; brothers, Roy Tubby and Rodney Tubby; grandparents, George Tubby and Mary Willis Tubby; Hubert Shoemaker and Victoria Jefferson Tubby.

Survivors include husband, Charles Isaac; daughters, Vinshada Tubby, Aleyah Sockey, Kenaye Willis, Shandal Morris,

Dayrean Bell; son, Damian Sockey; sisters, Erica Tubby, Tracy Tubby; brother, Eli Tubby; 1 grandchild, Kaiden Willis.

Pallbearers are John Willis, Robert Tubby, Gerren Isaac, Brandon Tubby, Jeremiah Tubby, Germaine Isom, Justin Lard, Stephen Lewis, Josh Martin, Michael Tubby, Brice McWilliams, Corey Jefferson.

Edward L. May Sr.

Funeral service for Mr. Edward L. May Sr. was held 11 AM March 22, 2022, at John E. Stephens Chapel with Bro. Hal Creel and Rev. John E. Stephens officiating. Interment was in McClain Chapel Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel was in charge.

Mr. May, 71, passed away Sunday, March 20, 2022, at Regency Hospital in Meridian, MS. He was born in Scott Co. and spent his early life in Pearl, MS but lived most of his life in East Neshoba Community. He was Baptist by Faith. He loved his family and Ole Miss Football. He was retired from Bellsouth and also worked at GA Transport.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Mattie May; sisters, Olivia Reid, Bobbie Nell Purvis.

Survivors: spouse, Cathy; Daughters, Chasity May Wilkinson (Robert), Crystal Myers (Grant); sons, Edward L. May Jr. (Hollie), Tommy Apperson (Gidget); (7) grandchildren; (1) niece.

Elizabeth Roberson

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Roberson were held on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Rev. Tommy Conn officiating. Burial followed in Good Hope Cemetery in Neshoba County. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Elizabeth Roberson, of Philadelphia, MS, died Friday, March 18, 2022.

Mrs. Roberson was a native of the Linwood community of Neshoba County and attended Neshoba Central High School. Mrs. Roberson was Baptist by faith.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, James Roberson, Jr., of Philadelphia; daughters, Katie Fuller of Philadelphia, Jessica McElhenney of Union; son, Lee Bradshaw of Union; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Roberson was preceded in death by parents, James and Bertha Bradshaw; sister, Darlene Washam.

Jesus Jose Rigoberto Melendez

Funeral service for Mr. Jesus Jose Rigoberto Melendez was held at 2 PM Sunday, March 20, 2022 at John E. Stephens Chapel. Visitation was held from 12-2 PM Sunday, March 20, 2022 at John E. Stephens Chapel. Cremation to follow service.

Mr. Melendez, 66, passed away on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 in Jackson, MS. He enjoyed making billfolds and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his father, Rogelio Melendez Sanchez; siblings, Javier Melendez Vasque, Grasiela Melendez Vasque.

Survivors include his mother, Martha Vasquez Torres; daughter, Jessica Melendez; step-children, Billy Wishork, Jessica Wishork, Lisa Wishork; siblings, Magalena Melendez Vasque, Patricia Melendez Vasque, AnaMaria Melendez Vasque, Rogelio Melendez Vasque, Jorge Alberto Melendez Vasque; 4 grandchildren.

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Annie Buckley-Boler

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie Lois Buckley-Boler will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 1 P.M. from Little Mountain M.B. Church in Union, with Pastor Dwayne Bingham officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Beck Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Buckley ,84, of Union, passed away on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at Laird Hospital.

She is survived by her children, Davis Buckley, Carl Buckley, Frankie Buckley and Alvin Buckley all of Philadelphia, MS, Gladys Beamon and Carl Buckley both of Union, MS, 21 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Dennis Triplett, Carlos Buckley, James Riley, Jr., Frankie Buckley, Jr., Dwayne Buckley and Derrick Bloodsaw.

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The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors will receive sealed bids at the Board Room in the Neshoba County Courthouse, Philadelphia, MS, until 1:30p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2022, and shortly thereafter publicly open the same for construction of Permanent Traffic Control Signage, Project 1386B for the use and benefit of Neshoba County, said construction being on Roads "A" through "N" as specified on the Construction Plans for State-Aid Project SAP-50(14)S. The principal items of construction are as follows:

- PAY ITEM #: ITEM: DESCRIPTION; ESTIMATED QTY; UNIT**
 S-630-A; ReflectORIZED Traffic Warning Sign (Encapsulated Lens); 300 EA
 S-630-B; ReflectORIZED Traffic Regulatory Sign (Encapsulated Lens); 65 EA
 S-630-C; ReflectORIZED Traffic Object Marker (Encapsulated Lens) (Type 3); 84 EA
 S-630-G; ReflectORIZED Traffic Warning Sign with Supplemental Plate (Encapsulated Lens); 6 EA
 S-630-H; ReflectORIZED Traffic Regulatory Sign with Supplemental Plate (Encapsulated Lens); 6 EA

Specified work shall be in accordance with the Construction Plans for SAP-50(14)S and the corresponding specifications (referenced to each item's pay item #) in the Mississippi Standard Specifications for State Aid Road and Bridge Construction, 2004 Edition and applicable notice to bidders, special provisions, and supplemental specifications contained herein.

Basis of Award: The award, if made, will be made to the qualified contractor submitting the lowest and best bid, said award being based on the most economical bid unit prices for the items involved.

Sealed bids will be received until the designated date and time at the Neshoba County Courthouse, Philadelphia, Mississippi. Electronic bids will be received until the designated date and time via electronic online submission through Quest CDN for a thirty-dollar (\$30) fee. All bids will be thereafter publicly opened.

Detailed plans and specifications for the above-described work are on file in the County Administrator's Office at the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 201 in Philadelphia, Mississippi. Plans and Proposals may be secured by contacting Marty Crowder, P.E., County Engineer, 1150 West Main Street, Ackerman, Mississippi 39735, 662-285-2062. The cost is fifty dollars (\$50) for printed plans and proposal package, non-refundable. Plans and specifications may also be downloaded electronically for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 by providing QuestCDN Project Number 8147989 on the Project Search Page on the Quest website www.questcdn.com. To bid electronically, contact QuestCDN at 1-952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance with electronic bidding and starting a free membership. Certified check or bid bond for five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Neshoba County must accompany each proposal. The Board of Supervisors hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this advertisement and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

It shall be incumbent upon each bidder to understand the specifications as listed herein and to obtain clarity when necessary.

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi on the 7 th day of March 2022. /s/ Kevin Cumberland
 KEVIN CUMBERLAND, PRESIDENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
 Publication Dates: March 16th and March 23rd , 2022.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Neshoba County School District will receive Competitive Sealed Proposals for Supplemental Instructional Programs by mail, by hand delivery, or electronically until 2:00 pm, on April 21, 2022. All written responses shall be placed with two signed hard copies of Proposals, enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Proposal for Supplemental Instruction," and submitted to Neshoba County School District, Office of the Superintendent of Education, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, MS 39350.

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- PAY ITEM #: ITEM: ESTIMATED QTY; UNIT**
 S-403-A; Hot Mix Asphalt (Type SC-1) (Type 8) (Edge Repair); 165 Tons
 S-403-B; Hot Mix Asphalt, (Type SC-1) (Type 8) (Leveling); 2,536 Tons

Specified work shall be in accordance with the Construction Plans for SAP-50(14)S and the corresponding specifications (referenced to each item's pay item #) in the Mississippi Standard Specifications for State Aid Road and Bridge Construction, 2004 Edition and applicable notice to bidders, special provisions, and supplemental specifications contained herein.

Basis of Award: The award, if made, will be made to the qualified contractor submitting the lowest and best bid, said award being based on the most economical bid unit prices for the items involved.

Sealed bids will be received until the designated date and time at the Neshoba County Courthouse, Philadelphia, Mississippi. Electronic bids will be received until the designated date and time via electronic online submission through Quest CDN for a thirty-dollar (\$30) fee. All bids will be thereafter publicly opened.

Detailed plans and specifications for the above-described work are on file in the County Administrator's Office at the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 201 in Philadelphia, Mississippi. Plans and Proposals may be secured by contacting Marty Crowder, P.E., County Engineer, 1150 West Main Street, Ackerman, Mississippi 39735, 662-285-2062. The cost is fifty dollars (\$50) for printed plans and proposal package, non-refundable. Plans and specifications may also be downloaded electronically for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 by providing QuestCDN Project Number 8147989 on the Project Search Page on the Quest website www.questcdn.com. To bid electronically, contact QuestCDN at 1-952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance with electronic bidding and starting a free membership. Certified check or bid bond for five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Neshoba County must accompany each proposal. The Board of Supervisors hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this advertisement and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

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The NESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS will receive competitive Reverse Auction Bids to be submitted electronically via the Neshoba County website at www.neshobacounty.net until 1:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2022. The page is available under Quick Links with the heading of Electronic Bidding / Reverse Auction on the left side of the county website at www.neshobacounty.net.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

- All Bids shall be submitted via Reverse Auction at www.neshobacounty.net/bids from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. local time on Monday, April 18, 2022. The page is available under Quick Links with the heading of Electronic Bidding / Reverse Auction on the left side of the county website at www.neshobacounty.net.
- If a vendor does not have access to the internet to participate in said Reverse Auction, bids may be submitted from the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors Office at 401 Beacon Street, Suite 201, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 between 8:00 a.m and 1:30 p.m. on the day of the reverse auction.
- No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days. By submitting a bid you acknowledge compliance with the specifications provided.
- The vendor shall submit a proposal / bid for said limestone and hauling and delivery services via PDF format in per ton lump sum price, which shall be utilized by the County to determine compliance with the specifications and assist in making the determination of the best and lowest bid. The County reserves the right to accept the bid deemed best and lowest for the County. The County will be the final authority in determining compliance with the specifications. Questions concerning the specifications may be submitted to purchasercerk@neshobacounty.net.
- The vendor shall furnish and/or deliver the Aggregate # 7 limestone, in coordination with and at the direction of Neshoba County Road Manager Eddie Posey, in the approximate quantity, to be picked up at the vendor's plant or with delivery to the Neshoba County Unit Facility Building, 11901 Highway 15 North, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350, at the option of Neshoba County, in support of State Aid Project SAP-50(14)S.

It shall be incumbent upon each bidder to understand the specifications as listed herein and to obtain clarification when necessary. It is not the intent of these specifications to limit the bidding to any particular make or manufacturer of materials, but rather to select such materials to fit the specific need and perform a specific task. Any reference to name-brand materials is intended to establish standards only and bids submitted in materials equal thereto – at the sole discretion of the County – will be considered.

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to accept or reject any / or all bids, with or without cause, and waive informalities. Ordered by the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors on the 7 th day of March 2022.

GUY NOWELL
 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
 Neshoba County, Mississippi
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Detailed specifications may be obtained via our website at www.neshobacounty.net, the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors office at 401 Beacon Street, Suite 201, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350, by calling 601-656-6281, or via email to purchasercerk@neshobacounty.net.

Proposals, enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Proposal for Assessments," and submitted to Neshoba County School District, Office of the Superintendent of Education, 580 East Main Street, Philadelphia, MS 39350. Electronic proposals can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions regarding the electronic bidding process, please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814 or info@centralbidding.com. Official Requests for Proposals can be downloaded at www.neshobacentral.com or downloaded at www.centralbidding.com. It shall be incumbent upon each bidder to understand the specifications and requirements. Questions, interpretations, clarifications, or communication regarding RFP Supplemental Instructional Programs must be submitted to Dr. Penny Hill at phill@neshobacentral.com by April 6. Responses to questions and requests for clarification shall be the responsibility of Dr. Penny Hill. NCS D Assistant Superintendent. Contact made with any other Neshoba County School District personnel may be considered grounds for disqualification.

Responses to questions and requests for clarification shall be the responsibility of Deirdre Manning, NCS D Director of Federal Programs. Contact made with any other Neshoba County School District personnel may be considered grounds for disqualification.

Published Wednesday, March 23, and Wednesday, March 30, 2022.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY having been granted on the 3rd day of March, 2022, by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, upon the Estate of Edward Earl Wilson in Civil Action No. 2022-27JK, notice is hereby given to

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all persons having claims against said estate to present same to be proved and registered according to law within ninety (90) days from this date or they will be forever barred. This the 16th day of March, 2022. By: /s/ Ellen Joiner Wilson, Executor Prepared by: Lori C. Baird (MS Bar No. 104145) ROSEN HARWOOD, P.A. 2200 Jack Warner Parkway Suite 200 (35401) Post Office Box 2727 Tuscaloosa, AL 35403 Telephone: (205) 344-5000

Publish Dates: 03/23/22, 03/30/22 and 04/06/22

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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

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

SUMMONS

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT(S)

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

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

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

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

/s/Kristina Jim
 TRIBAL COURT CLERK

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR, H.M.A.

MELISSA ANN BELL PETITIONER VS. CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2022-84 TERESA COTTON ANDERSON AND LOIS HICKMAN AND DAVID HICKMAN AND ASHLIE THAMES and ANY UNKNOWN FATHERS RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS

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/s/Kristina Jim
 TRIBAL COURT CLERK

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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

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

SUMMONS

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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

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

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

/s/ Kristina Jim
 TRIBAL COURT CLERK

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

/s/ Zaki Obaid Elnaham
 ZAKI OBAID ELNAHAM

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

NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

The NESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS will dispose of the following lot of personal property, at public auction, on Wednesday, March 31 st , 2022 at 12:00 PM via online auction at www.govdeals.com.

One (1) Toshiba eStudio 452 Copier Serial # C1K622564

One (1) Toshiba eStudio 2540c Copier Serial # CHE231477

One (1) Toshiba eStudio 230 Copier Serial # CSB521533

One (1) Toshiba eStudio 230 Copier Serial # CS1415062

One (1) Toshiba eStudio 233 Copier Serial # CRL756134

One (1) Toshiba eStudio 35555C Copier Serial # C7HC19198

One (1) Toshiba eStudio 455 Copier Serial # CQF025885

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi on the 7th day of March 2022.

/S/ GUY NOWELL
 GUY NOWELL, CLERK BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Publication Date: March 23, 2022

Before the Civil Division of the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

In the Matter of the Estate of Janice Darlene Pedraza, Deceased Cause No. 2021-367

Summons (By Publication)

To: The Unknown Heirs of Janice Darlene Pedraza, Deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry

You have been made Respondents in the cause filed in this Court by Miguel Pedraza, Administrator.

The Petition for Determination of Heirs at Law filed in the Civil Division of the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians is a civil action seeking to determine the heirs at law of Janice Darlene Pedraza, deceased.

You are hereby summoned and commanded to personally appear before the Honorable Jeffrey Webb at the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court in Choctaw, Mississippi on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. to defend said suit and show cause, if any you can, why the relief sought and prayed for in the Petition should not be granted, 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.

This the 13th day of January, 2022.

/s/ Jennilee Young
 Choctaw Tribal Court Clerk

Prepared by: Mark K. Tullos The Tullos Law Firm 134 Main Street Post Office Box 505 Raleigh, Mississippi 39153 Telephone: 601-782-4587 Facsimile: 601-782-4219 Email: tuloslawfirm@gmail.com Attorney for Petitioner

Philadelphia Public School District 248 Byrd Avenue, Philadelphia, MS 39350 Phone: 601-656-2955 Fax: 601-656-3141

Advertisement Bid Depository of Funds for Philadelphia Public School District

Notice is hereby given to all qualified institutions that the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Public School District, pursuant to the provisions of Section 37-7-333, 27-105-305 and 27-105-315 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as

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amended, shall receive sealed bids for the privilege of keeping school district funds from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 and thereafter until new arrangements shall be made according to law.

Said bids shall be received at the Office of the Superintendent, Philadelphia Public School District, 248 Byrd Avenue, Philadelphia, MS 39350 until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 and each shall be submitted on the "Bid Proposal Form", which may be obtained from the Office of the Superintendent. Selection of the depositor(s) will be at the regular board meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities in the bids. In order to be considered, each sealed bid shall have "DEPOSITORY BID PHILADELPHIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT" and date written or typed on its face.

President: Harold Coburn Board of Trustees Philadelphia Public School District

Dates of Publication: March 16, 2022 and March 23, 2022

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF NESHOPA WHEREAS, on February 26, 2016, Kevin Tindol and Melissa Tindol executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Jenifer Branning, Trustee for the benefit of Charles W. Burch and wife, Jo Carmen Burch, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi in Book 2016 at page 1816; and WHEREAS on the 10th day of March, 2022, Terry L. Jordan was substituted as Trustee by instrument recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, in Book 2022 at page 2234, and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust having requested the undersigned to do so, on March 31, 2022, I will, during legal hours (between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m., and 4 o'clock p.m.) at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the North front door of the Neshoba County Courthouse at Philadelphia, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to-wit: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 24, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi (said point also being the Southwest corner of Lot 3); Run thence East for 571.9'; Run thence North 993.5'; Run thence West for 71.8'; Run thence North for 231' to the South row of County Road 626; Run thence Southwesterly along said South row for approximately 650' to the West line of Section 24; Run thence South for 809.3' back to the Point of Beginning. Containing 15 AC, more or less, in Section 24, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. AND ALSO: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 24, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi (said point also being the Southwest corner of Lot 3); Run thence East for 571.9'; Run thence North for 993.5'; Run thence West for 71.8'; Run thence North for 231' to the South row of County Road 626; Run thence Northeasterly along said South row for approximately 72'; Run thence South for 234.7' back to the Point of Beginning. Containing 0.4 AC, more or less, in Section 24, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Witness my signature, this the 10th day of March, 2022. s/Terry L. Jordan, Substituted Trustee State of Mississippi County of Neshoba This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named Terry L. Jordan, who after having been first duly sworn, deposes and says that all of the matters in the above and foregoing instrument are true and correct as therein stated. This the 10th day of March, 2022. s/Peggy M. Barfoot, Notary Public SEAL

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors will receive sealed bids at the Board Room in the Neshoba County Courthouse, Philadelphia, MS, until 1:30p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2022 and shortly thereafter publicly open the same for contracting the construction of TRAFFIC STRIPING AND RAISED MARKERS, Project 1386C, for the use and benefit of Neshoba County, said construction being on Roads "A" through "N" as specified on the Construction Plans for State-Aid Project SAP-50(14)S. The principal items of construction are as follows:

- PAY ITEM #: ITEM: ESTIMATED QTY; UNIT**
 S-621-C; 4" Wide Thermoplastic Edge Stripe (Continuous White)(90 Mil); 65,830 Mile
 S-621-D; 4" Wide Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe (Skip Yellow)(120 Mil); 15,467 Mile
 S-621-E-1; 4" Wide Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe (Continuous Yellow)(120 Mil); 258,508 LF
 S-621-H-1; Thermoplastic Legend (White)(120 Mil); 3,693 LF
 S-627-J; Two-Way Clear Reflective High Performance Raised Markers; 44 EA
 S-627-L; Two-Way Yellow Reflective High Performance Raised Markers; 2,740 EA

Specified work shall be in accordance with the Construction Plans for SAP-50(14)S and the corresponding specifications (referenced to each item's pay item #) in the Mississippi Standard Specifications for State Aid Road and Bridge Construction, 2004 Edition and applicable notice to bidders, special provisions, and supplemental specifications contained herein.

Basis of Award: The award, if made, will be made to the qualified contractor submitting the lowest and best bid, said award being based on the most economical bid unit prices for the items involved.

Sealed bids will be received until the designated date and time at the Neshoba County Courthouse, Philadelphia, Mississippi. Electronic bids will be received until the designated date and time via electronic online submission through Quest CDN for a thirty-dollar (\$30) fee. All bids will be thereafter publicly opened.

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The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors will receive sealed bids at the Board Room in the Neshoba County Courthouse, Philadelphia, MS, until 1:30p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2022, and shortly thereafter publicly open the same for construction of Hot Mix Asphalt Edge Repair and Leveling on State -Aid Roads and Off-System County Roads , Project 1386A, for the use and benefit of Neshoba County, said construction being on Roads "A" through "N" as specified on the Construction Plans for State-Aid Project SAP-50(14)S and on designated Off-System County Roads as directed by the County Engineer. The principal items of construction are as follows:

- PAY ITEM #: ITEM: ESTIMATED QTY; UNIT**
 S-403-A; Hot Mix Asphalt (Type SC-1) (Type 8) (Edge Repair); 165

COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 3/14-3/21

- Kamicia Banyard, 33, of 150 Woodway Drive 1190, Driving Under the Influence- 1st offense.
- Barry Bartley, 60, of 2066 Hwy 53 N, Public Drunk.
- Shane Bell, 25, of 140 Sonny Jones Road, Hold for Investigations, Driving under the Influence Other Substance, poss. of controlled substance, poss. of paraphernalia.
- Levon Bohannon, 51, of 4933 New Hope Rd, contempt of court.
- Joey Brandbury, 43, of 76 Shep Rush, driving under the influence other substance, poss. of controlled substance, poss. of

controlled substance, poss. of firearm by convicted felon.

- Tern Card, 66, of 12740 Hwy 491, disturbance of family.
- Chauncey Clemons, 41, of 611 Christine Street, serving sentence.
- Gable Clemons, 36, of 304 Deer Trail, poss. of controlled substance, no drivers license, improper equipment, seat belt violation, no insurance, failure to appear, disorderly conduct.
- Rodney Copeland, 43, of 11111 RD 781, poss. of controlled substance, poss. of paraphernalia, seat belt violation, no insurance, poss. of marijuana-vehicle, poss. of controlled substance, poss. of controlled substance.

- Madison Crocker, 22, of 11500 Hwy 482 Lot 5, failure to appear.
- Ywonne Dan, 35, of 278 Lagoon Rd, failure to appear, poss. of marijuana- 1st offense.
- Kelli Davis, 37, of 11101 RD 149, contempt of court poss. of marijuana- vehicle, no insurance, poss. of controlled substance, seat belt violation.
- Daniel Day, 47, of 10490 RD 541, hold for other agency.
- Kimberly Duell, 45, of 11371 Hwy 15 S, grand larceny- more than \$1000, grand larceny- more than \$1000, burglary-dwelling house.
- Antoine Evans, 32, of 140 Dugan Avenue C, poss. of stolen

firearm, hold for investigations.

- Tyler Gilmer, 31, of 5928 Hwy 494, hold for investigations.
- Alex Harrell, 45, of 10370 Rd 305, poss. of paraphernalia, poss. of controlled substance, hold for investigations.
- Meroskie Harrington, 21, of 103 Cajun Lane, hold for investigations, poss. of marijuana- 1st offense.
- Charles Jefferson, 42, of 72 Choctaw Circle, probation violation.
- Ronald Jenkins, 46, of 209 Wilson Street, driving under the influence- 2nd offense.
- Brandon Jimmie, 21, of 120 Greenlane, driving under the influence-3rd offense (felony), no

insurance, suspended drivers license.

- Mary Parks, 25, 406 S. Decatur St., hold for investigations, poss. of controlled substance, poss. of paraphernalia.
- Lindsey Smith, 36, of 10031 Rd 394, poss. of paraphernalia, poss. of controlled substance.
- Jeffrey Sullivan, 45, of 2883 Jackson Rd, public drunk.
- Michael Talbert, 38, of 488 Allen Lane, hold for investigations.
- James H. Thompson, 34, of 1843 Salem Rd, bad check- 1st or 2nd offense less than \$100, bad check- 1st or 2nd offense less than \$100, bad check- 1st or 2nd offense less than \$100, bad

check- 1st or 2nd offense less than \$100.

- Courtney Williams, 44, of 6573 Abraham Lincoln Drive, driving under the influence- 1st offense.

Winston County Jail Docket for Philadelphia Police arrests from 3/13-3/20

- Ashley L. Barrier, 38, of 13990 Road 505, possession of controlled substance, MV-no insurance, controlled substance, possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle, license, driving while revoked or suspended
- Marcus R. Carothers, 37, of 10360 Road 1357, hold; detainee for another agency
- Shawn Dooley, 20, of 1015 Golf Course Road, burglary-commercial buildings, cars, etc.
- Christopher C. Dorman, 26, of 2433 Highway 16 East of Carthage, contempt of court; municipal court
- Janiya C. Edwards, 21 of 10261 Road 763, malicious mischief- felony (value over \$1000)
- Willis J. Houston, 26, of 501 Jerry D. Colman Street, controlled substance; possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle, speeding 10 over

- Bernard Mathis, 56, of 279 Depot Hill Street of Dekalb, DUI- 1st offense, speeding 10 over, MV- driver's license/improper
- Brittany L. McCain, 30, of 1843 Salem Road of Forest, forgery; uttering counterfeit instrument or coin (amount \$1000 or more)
- Lakeisha S. McWilliams, 35, of 10351 Road 610, contempt of court; municipal court
- Rejia A. Petty, 54, of 208 Robin Hood Road, 2 counts of contempt of court; municipal court, controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia
- Cindy A. Riddle, 50, of 100 Sistrunk Avenue 15, contempt of court; municipal court
- Rayeshanie Sam, 24, of 143 E. Tucker Road, contempt of court; municipal court
- Mia J. Skinner, 31, of 111 West Hill Drive, contempt of court; municipal court
- Patrick W. Solomon, 25, of 208 Rolling Hill Road, hold; detainee for another agency
- Justin W. Thompson, 32, of 536 Wilcher Road of Carthage, contempt of court; municipal court
- James H. Thompson II, 34, of 536 Wilcher Road of Carthage, forgery; making and uttering instrument in own name (amount less than \$1000), false pretense
- Justin Tolbert, 31, of 10011 Road 426 of Union, hold; detainee for another agency
- Thurdis Tubby, 25, of 115 Rolling Hills Circle, public drunk, vandalism; destruction (defacing or injuring)- public property-court house or jail facility (value \$500), burglary from vehicle
- Truman Turner, 55, of 1920 Laurel Hill Road of Carthage, DUI- 2nd offense, MV- careless driving
- Jalen Williams, 19, of 1220 Oswald Road, public drunk, hold; detainee for Neshoba County SO
- Kimberly R. Worthy, 32, of 263 A. Avenue, DUI- 2nd offense, MV- disobedience of traffic control devices, MV- driver's license-none, MV- no insurance
- Randale H. York, 23, of 326 James Billie Road, false identifying information, disorderly conduct- failure to comply with request or command of law enforcement officers, controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia, controlled substance; possession of marijuana less than 30 grams or synthetic cannabinoids 10 grams or less in motor vehicle

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seclerk@neshobacounty.net .

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

- All Bids shall be submitted via Reverse Auction at www.neshobacounty.net/bids from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., local time, on Monday, April 18 th , 2022. The page is available under Quick Links with the heading of Electronic Bidding / Reverse Auction on the left side of the county website at www.neshobacounty.net.
- If a vendor does not have access to the internet to participate in said Reverse Auction, bids may be submitted from the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors Office at 401 Beacon Street, Suite 201, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 between 8:00 a.m and 1:30 p.m. on the day of the reverse auction.
- No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days. By submitting a bid you acknowledge compliance with the specifications provided.
- The vendor shall submit a proposal / bid for said emulsified asphalt and hauling and delivery services via PDF format in per gallon lump sum price, which shall be utilized by the County to determine compliance with the specifications and assist in making the determination of the best and lowest bid. The County reserves the right to accept the bid deemed best and lowest for the County. The County will be the final authority in determining compliance with the specifications. Questions concerning the specifications may be submitted to purchaseclerk@neshobacounty.net.
- The vendor shall furnish and deliver the emulsified asphalt, in coordination with and at the direction of Neshoba County Road Manager Eddie Posey, with the approximate 179,727 gallons quantity, to various locations in Neshoba County in support of SAP-50(14)S for the duration of the project.

It shall be incumbent upon each bidder to understand the specifications as listed herein and to obtain clarification when necessary. It is not the intent of these specifications to limit the bidding to any particular make or manufacturer of materials, but rather to select such materials to fill the specific need and perform a specific task. Any reference to name-brand materials is intended to establish standards only and bids submitted in materials equal thereto – at the sole discretion of the County – will be considered.

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to accept or reject any / or all bids, with or without cause, and waive informalities. Ordered by the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors on the 7 th day of March 2022.

GUY NOWELL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Neshoba County, Mississippi
Publication Dates: March 16 th and March 23 rd , 2022

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Sealed or electronic bids will be received by the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors at the Office of the Chancery Clerk at the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 107, in Philadelphia, Mississippi until 1:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2022 for : **Construction of Soil-Cement Roadway Base** being known as Project # CES 20-1368.

Sealed bids will be received until the designated date and time at the Neshoba County Courthouse, Philadelphia, Mississippi. Electronic bids will be received until the designated date and time via electronic online submission through Quest CDN for a thirty dollar (\$30) fee. All bids will be thereafter publicly opened.

Detailed plans and specifications for the above described work are on file in the County Administrator's Office at the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 201 in Philadelphia, Mississippi. Plans and Proposals may be secured by contacting Marty Crowder, P.E., County Engineer, 1150 West Main Street, Ackerman, Mississippi 39735, 662-285-2062. The cost is fifty dollars (\$50) for printed plans and proposal package, non-refundable. Plans and specifications may also be downloaded electronically for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 by providing QuestCDN Project Number 8147957 on the Project Search Page on the Quest website www.questcdn.com. To bid electronically, contact QuestCDN at 1-952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance with electronic bidding and starting a free membership.

Certified check or bid bond for five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Neshoba County must accompany each proposal. It shall be incumbent upon each bidder to understand the specifications as listed herein and to obtain clarity when necessary. Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi on the 7 th day of March 2022.

/s/ Kevin Cumberland
KEVIN CUMBERLAND, PRESIDENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Publication Dates: March 16th and March 23rd , 2022.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KENNY BERT GILMORE

Public Notices

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 22-0023-KK

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 11th day of February 2022 by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Kenny Bert Gilmore, Deceased, being administered in Civil Action File No.: 22-cv-00023-KK, on the docket of said Court, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred. THIS the 8th day of March, 2022.

/s/Benita Carleen Gilmore
Executor of the Estate of
Kenny Bert Gilmore, Deceased

Prepared by:
K. LEE STRIBLING, ESQ.
MS Bar No.: 102159
P.O. Box 50189
New Orleans, LA 70150
Telephone: (504) 298-7121

PUBLISH 3 TIMES in the Neshoba Democrat , March 16, 23, and 30, 2022.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

NESHOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, AND CHRISSEY ALEXANDRIA CREEL, A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HER NEXT FRIEND, MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, PETITIONERS VS. CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. 2021-336 GAVIN MCLLOUD CREEL RESPONDENT

CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: **Gavin Mcloud Creel** , who is not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose post office address is 133 Timber Lane, Vidalia, LA 71373.

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by the Neshoba County Department of Child Protection Services by Marcus D. Davenport, Social Services Regional Director, and Chrissy Alexandria Creel, a minor, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minor and demanding that the full custody, control and authority to act on behalf of said minor be placed with the Neshoba County Department of Child Protection Services.

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 5th DAY OF MAY, 2022, IN THE COURTROOM OF THE NESHOPA COUNTY CHANCERY COURTHOUSE AT 401 E. BEACON STREET, STE. 107, PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF 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 said Court, this ____ day of 2022.

GUY NOWELL, CHANCERY CLERK
NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI 39350
By: _____
Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES EARL WHITEHEAD MICHAEL WELLS, PETITIONER CAUSE NO: 2022-26 KK NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 2nd day of March, 2022, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi to the undersigned, MICHAEL WELLS, upon the estate of JAMES EARL WHITEHEAD, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date or they will be forever barred. THIS the 2nd day of March, 2022. Respectfully submitted, Michael Wells, Executor

Terry L. Jordan
Attorney at Law, PLLC
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Philadelphia, MS 39350
Phone (601) 656-2451
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MS State Bar No. 3234

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

IN THE SPECIAL COURT OF EMINENT DOMAIN NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
MISSISSIPPI TRANSPOR- TATION COMMISSION

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PLAINTIFF VS. CIVIL ACTION NO. 19-CV-0300-NS-CC RAY FARMER, ET AL DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, DEVISEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ANY OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES OF INTEREST HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHTS, TITLE OR INTEREST, LEGAL OR EQUITABLE, IN AND TO THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN BY AND THROUGH THE ESTATE OF CLENNIE FARMER, DECEASED, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, DEVISEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ANY OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES OF INTEREST HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHTS, TITLE OR INTEREST, LEGAL OR EQUITABLE, IN AND TO THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN BY AND THROUGH THE ESTATE OF JOHN FARMER, DECEASED ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, DEVISEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ANY OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES OF INTEREST HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHTS, TITLE OR INTEREST, LEGAL OR EQUITABLE, IN AND TO THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN BY AND THROUGH THE ESTATE OF ANITA MCMILLAN, DECEASED MARY ALICE AGNEW, OWNER, who is an adult non-resident of the State of Mississippi, who may be served with process of law herein at her post office and resident street address which is 7305 Arlie Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37918; ALETHA FARMER, OWNER, who is an adult non-resident of the State of Mississippi, and is believed to be a resident of Oklahoma, but whose post office and street address is wholly unknown after diligent search and inquiry; SARAH WILLIAMS, OWNER, who is an adult non-resident of the State of Mississippi, who may be served with process of law herein at her post office and resident street address which is 4803 S.E. Avalon, Lawton, Oklahoma 73501.

You have been made a Defendant in the Second Amended Complaint for Special Court of Eminent Domain filed in Neshoba County, Mississippi, by the Mississippi Transportation Commission, Plaintiff, seeking condemnation of real property in which you have an interest, described as follows, to-wit: Parcel 1

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 5, Township 10 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, said corner being defined as N 1183761.18, E 904053.00 on the above referenced coordinate system and is marked locally with a recovered aluminum cap; Thence, South 02 degrees 32 minutes 25 seconds East for 4245.72 feet to a Three-Quarter Inch (3/4") iron rebar with cap set at the proposed west right of way line of Mississippi Highway 19, said point is located 34.67 feet right of measured radially to the survey centerline as established for the relocation of a portion of local roads known as Old highway 19 and BIA Road 2215 as per Project No. 103896/201000 at station 10+50.000, said point being defined by state plane coordinates of N 1179519.626, E 904241.173 of the above referenced system and hereinafter referred to as the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence, along the proposed west right of way line of Mississippi Highway 19, North 00 degrees 12 minutes 06 seconds East for 59.84 feet to a Three-Quarter Inch (3/4") iron rebar with cap set on the North line of the Defendant's property; Thence, run along the bounds of the Defendant's property the following bearings and distances: North 89 degrees 59 minutes 46 seconds East for 323.93 feet to a Three-Quarter Inch (3/4") iron rebar with cap set; Thence, South 25 degrees 23 minutes 16 seconds East for 65.45 feet to a Three-Quarter Inch (3/4") iron rebar with cap set; Thence, South 89 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds West for 125.00 feet to a Three-Quarter Inch (3/4") iron rebar with cap set; Thence, South 31 degrees 24 minutes 28 seconds East for 165.42 feet to a Three-Quarter Inch (3/4") iron rebar with cap set on the proposed west right of way line of Mississippi Highway 19 as per Project No. 103896/201000; Thence, along said proposed west right of way line, North 65 degrees 48 minutes 50 seconds West for 343.56 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 0.83 Acres more or less, and being situated in the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 10 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Parcel 2
Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 5, Township 10 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi, said corner being defined as N 1183761.18, E 904053.00 on the above referenced coordinate system and is marked locally with a recovered aluminum cap; Thence, South 09 degrees 18 minutes 08 seconds East for 4617.30 feet to a mag nail with washer set on the survey centerline

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as established for the relocation of a portion of local roads known as Old highway 19 and BIA Road 2215 as per Project No. 103896/201000, said point being defined by state plane coordinates of N 1179204.60, E 904799.35 of the above referenced system, said point is also on the Defendant's apparent eastern property line and is hereinafter referred to as the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence, along the survey centerline as established for the relocation of a portion of local roads known as Old highway 19 and BIA Road 2215 the following courses: South 36 degrees 49 minutes 23 seconds East for 492.99 feet to mag nail with washer set on the proposed southern and western right of way line of Mississippi State Highway 19, said nail being on the survey centerline as established for the relocation of a portion of local roads known as Old highway 19 and BIA Road 2215 as per Project No. 103896/201000 at Station 22+34.28; Run thence along the bounds of the proposed southern and western right of way line of Mississippi Highway 19 as per Project No. 103896/201000 the following bearings and distances: South 53 degrees 10 minutes 35 seconds West for 31.03 feet to a Three-Quarter Inch (3/4") iron rebar with cap set 31.03 feet right of and measured perpendicular to the proposed survey centerline as established for the relocation of a portion of local roads known as Old highway 19 and BIA Road 2215 as per Project No. 103896/201000 at Station 22+34.28; South 53 degrees 10 minutes 37 seconds West for 18.97 feet to a Three-Quarter Inch (3/4") iron rebar with cap set 50.00 feet right of and measured perpendicular to the proposed survey centerline as established for the relocation of a portion of local roads known as Old highway 19 and BIA Road 2215 as per Project No. 103896/201000 at Station 22+34.28; North 36 degrees 49 minutes 23 seconds West for 359.28 feet to a Three-Quarter Inch (3/4") iron rebar with cap set 50.00 feet right of and measured perpendicular to the proposed survey centerline as established for the relocation of a portion of local roads known as Old highway 19 and BIA Road 2215 as per Project No. 103896/201000 at Station 18+75.00; North 36 degrees 49 minutes 23 seconds West for 100.00 feet to a Three-Quarter Inch (3/4") iron rebar with cap set 100.00 feet right of and measured perpendicular to the proposed survey centerline as established for the relocation of a portion of local roads known as Old highway 19 and BIA Road 2215 as per Project No. 103896/201000 at Station 17+75.00; North 53 degrees 10 minutes 37 seconds East for 45.00 feet to a Three-Quarter Inch (3/4") iron rebar with cap set 55.00 feet right of and measured perpendicular to the proposed survey centerline as established for the relocation of a portion of local roads known as Old highway 19 and BIA Road 2215 as per Project No. 103896/201000 at Station 17+75.00; North 38 degrees 14 minutes 07 seconds West for 76.10 feet to a Three-Quarter Inch (3/4") iron rebar with cap set on the Defendant's northern and eastern property line; Thence, along the Defendant's northern and eastern property line, North 89 degrees 51 minutes 32 seconds East for 70.92 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 0.71 Acres, more or less, and being situated in the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 10 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Parcel 1 and Parcel 2 contain an aggregate of 1.54 acres, more or less.

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

GUY NOWELL, CHANCERY CLERK NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

(SEAL) BY: _____
D.C.

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/s/ Guy Nowell
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NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOU ELLA GOLDMAN BARRON, DECEASED, TAMMY LEE SISSON, EXECUTRIX CAUSE NO. 22-34-KK

EXECUTORIX'S LETTERS having been granted on the 28th day of February 2022, by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Lou Ella Goldman Barron, deceased, notice is hereby given to all creditors having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration, according to law, within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred. THIS the 1st day of March 2022.

/s/ Tammy Lee Sisson, Executrix

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI ESTATE OF CLYDE BERNELL KITTRELL, DECEASED by Jason Kittrell, Administrator PLAINTIFF VS. CAUSE NO. 2021-345 VIRGINIA F. NEESE; FRANCIS HICKS; JOHN HARVEY FRAZIER; WILLIAM NAPOLEAN FRAZIER, JR.; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BILLIE FRAZIER A/K.A WILLIAM NAPOLEAN FRAZIER; MCDANIEL TIMBER COMPANY, INC.; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 26, 2013, PARCEL NO. 05200-26-003.000, PPIN 3958, LYING IN SE1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST, NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND DOES 1-75, INCLUSIVE DEFENDANTS

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Engagements

Bane to wed Fortune March 26

It is with great pride that Tommy and Barbara Bane of House, Ms and Jeff Fortune(Tyawanna) of Four Corners, Ms and Terri Lyn Williamson of Ethel, MS announce the upcoming wedding of their children, Raven JoAnn Bane and Andrew Noah Fortune.

Raven was raised in House, MS. She attended East Central Community College earning a degree in Associate's Degree of Nursing. Raven currently works at Neshoba General Nursing Home where she's been a RN for 2 years and was an LPN for 3 years. Raven is the granddaughter of the late Melton "Sug" and Hazel Jewel Howington of Little Rock, MS; and the late Calvin and Oma Bane of Philadelphia, MS

Andrew was born and raised in Kosciusko, MS. He attended Ethel High School. Andrew currently works at Winston Plywood and



Raven JoAnn Bane and Andrew Noah Fortune

Veneer in Louisville, MS. Andrew is the grandson of the late James Terry Williamson of Ethel, Ms; Sandra "Dee" and the late

Lydell Ray of Ethel, MS; and Danny and Linda Fortune of Four Corners, MS.

Andrew and Raven will become Mr. and Mrs. For-

tune on March 26, 2022 before friends and family at Pine Grove Baptist Church in House, MS at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Of Local Interest

FALLEN VETERANS MONUMENT BRICKS

The Monument Replacement Committee continues to sell bricks and pavers to be placed at our new Fallen Veterans Monument located in DeWeese Park adjacent to the Neshoba County Library. Bricks are \$125.00 and Pavers are \$200.00 each. Every effort will be made to get any orders

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RED WATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PEARL RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Special Education Teacher

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STANDING PINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LLI Special Education Teacher

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CHOCTAW CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Assistant Principal

Qualifications: Possess a valid Mississippi Educator License issued by the Mississippi State Department of Education, with appropriate endorsements. M.Ed with emphasis in curriculum and instruction.

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Qualifications: Possess a valid Mississippi Educator License issued by the Mississippi Department of Education with the appropriate endorsement.

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Secondary Teacher, English

Qualifications: Class A certification with appropriate endorsement in the area of English issued by the Mississippi Department of Education. B.S./M.Ed Degree from accredited university in endorsed academic subject area.

TUCKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Elementary Teacher, Pre-Kindergarten

Qualifications: Possess a valid Mississippi Educator License issued by the Mississippi State Department of Education with appropriate endorsement and emphasis on grade level and/or subject area being taught.

Ability to work in a rural school system with bilingual students. Complete a criminal background check on county, state and national levels. Any record or conviction of criminal or child abuse charges will result in immediate termination. Employee in this position is subject to random drug testing. Must possess a valid Mississippi Driver's License, adequate transportation and personal automobile liability insurance.

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Jesus' blood and righteousness

Acts 18:1 begins, "Paul left Athens and went to Corinth." Paul entered Corinth alone as he did in Athens. Corinth was a port city and thriving commercial center, much larger than Athens. Corinth was known for its worldliness, sporting events, and sexual immorality. Whereas Athens' main temple was to the goddess of wisdom (Athena), Corinth had a massive temple to Aphrodite, the goddess of love. The temple had thousands of male and female prostitutes.

Paul finds a Jewish couple, Aquila and Priscilla, who had become Christians before moving to Corinth. They had in common with Paul the tent making trade, so Paul began working with them and then preaching in the Jewish synagogue on the Sabbath.

In verse 5 we see that Silas and Timothy arrive from Macedonia, apparently with funds, because Paul began to devote his time to "testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus." The Jews opposed and reviled Paul to such an extent he declares himself "innocent of their blood" and announces he is going to the Gentiles while in Corinth.

So Paul moves his base of operation from the synagogue to the house of a believer, Titius Justice, whose house happened to be next door to the synagogue (verse 7)! Undoubtedly the unconverted Jews were angered by Paul's ongoing ministry right next door, and their opposition must have weakened Paul because the Lord appears to Paul in a vision and tells him not to fear but to keep on speaking (verses 9-10). Paul ends up staying in Corinth for 18 months (verse 11). And his ministry bore fruit; "many believed."

The second question of the Heidelberg Catechism asks how may I live and die in the joy and comfort of Christ. The answer is three things I must know: 1) How great my sin and misery are. 2) How I am set free from all my sins and misery. 3) How I am to thank God for such deliverance.

The Jewish resistance to the gospel in Corinth is a demonstration of how great and miserable sin is. Their revulsion to the gospel was so strong that Paul "shook out his garments and said to them, 'Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent'" (verse 6). In other words, he had warned

them of the guilt of their sin and the judgment of God against them. He was not responsible for their doom.

The Jews in Corinth would have hated being likened to the sinful Corinthian Gentiles. For a list of sins prevalent in Corinthian culture, you can read First Corinthians chapter 6. It is true not all of these things are done by every sinful man, but the same root of sin is in us all. That root at its core is opposed to God, and from it springs all manner of evil. We cannot extract this root but God can.

Resisting the truth of what God says about our sinful hearts will cause, if not a public display like the Corinthian Jews, private indignation. Sin makes man so obstinate that he will not be saved from it, but he will be damned rather than turn to God. Such is the misery of sin.

Sin leads to death. Scripture teaches us death is not a normal process, but that death is punishment. It is the wages of sin. It is an expression of God's wrath, his judgment against the sinner. But God in his mercy provides a Savior suitable for our case.

Christ came into the world to enter into death. His death was voluntary in obedience to the Father. We see that Jesus shrank from it (John 12, Matthew 26). He knew it was an expression of God's wrath, the execution of justice against the workers of iniquity. But in all his suffering and agony on the cross, he never became disobedient. His dying was an act of perfect obedience in the love of God.

He himself never sinned, but he came to represent his people so he must bear the wrath for their sins. So he agreed with the sentence of death, that he was worthy of death. The Lord laid upon him the iniquity of us all. It is only in Christ's death we can be absolved from guilt of sin, and be reconciled to God. None who resist him will be accepted by God.

We must agree with the sentence of death also, that we are worthy of it, and that our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness. It is a great salvation. Jesus said, "the words I speak to you are of spirit and life, come unto me and I will give you rest."

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SOCIETY

Watkins enjoys making soft cookies

By COLEMAN EAKES
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Lisa Watkins is a family woman who loves to make meals and treats for her children and grandchildren.

Watkins has a total of five grandkids: Addyson Alford, Jacy Alford, Jon Kemp, Greyson Kemp, and Peyton Boswell. And each of them loves for her to make them chocolate chip cookies.

"They all love for me to make them chocolate chip cookies and I just buy it from Walmart and follow the directions but I make it to where they're soft so that's probably why they like them so much!" She said.

Watkins credits a lot of what she's learned about cooking to Diane Robinson who taught her how to cook chicken and dressing the Thanksgiving right after her mother, Geneva Harthcock, passed away.

Her father, Edward Harthcock, taught her how to cook breakfast foods like grits, bacon, and eggs.

"My dad would always cook a big breakfast for us and he taught me how to cook pancakes and to wait until it bubbles around the edges before you flip it."

Her mom was a daycare teacher so she would try and cook lunch for everyone during the summer.

They had a garden so they had fresh tomatoes and she'd always have a sandwich ready for her dad along with some french fries which he would have with all his sandwiches.

"My daddy's favorite sandwich was a pineapple sandwich which is pineapple and mayo on some toast and of course I'd make him so French fries to go with it," said.

Lisa grew up in Lexington and now lives in Philadelphia in the Linwood community.

She and her husband Tim Watkins have been married for almost 6 years and together they have 7 children: Katie Kemp, Shelby Anthony, Ashton Rideout, Whitney Wilson, Eli Watkins, Dreux Watkins, and Bo Watkins.

Lisa is a member of the Board of Barber Examiners of Mississippi and has been for 30 years. She and her husband own a hair salon called Studio 355 on Church Avenue.



Lisa Watkins

COOK OF THE WEEK

CORN CASSEROLE

1 Can of Mexicorn
7 oz. Package Yellow Mahatma Rice
1 Stick of Butter, Melted
1 Can Cream of Mushroom Soup
1 Cup Shredded Cheese
Chopped Jalapenos
Directions:
Cook rice as directed on package. Drain corn and mix all the other ingredients together. Put it in a casserole dish and bake for about 20-30

minutes on 325 F.

BLUEBERRY CRUNCH

2 Cups of Self-Rising Flour
2 Sticks Oleo
1 Cup of Pecans
1 8 oz. Package of Cream Cheese
1 Box Confectioner's Sugar
1 Large Box of Cool Whip
Blueberry Pie Filling
Directions:
Mix flour, melted oleo and nuts together and press in bottom of long dish or pan. Bake at 350 F until brown. Let it cool. Mix cream cheese that has been softened and add

confectioner's sugar. Mix cool whip together with mixer and put into cooled crust. Top with favorite pie filling and chill.

BROCCOLI CORNBREAD

Broccoli Cornbread:
½ Cup Ole Melted
1/3 Cup of Grated Onion
1 tsp. Salt
¾ Cups of Cottage Cheese
1 Pack of 10 oz. Broccoli Chopped and Drained
4 Eggs Slightly Beaten
1 Pack of Jiffy Mix
Directions:
Sauté' melted ole, onion, and salt. Once sautéed, mix cottage cheese, broccoli and

beaten eggs. Stir in jiffy mix, pour into a greased 13 x 9 x 2 baking pan. Cook on 400 F for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown.

CORN DIP

2 Cans Mexicorn

20 Round Sliced Jalapenos

Diced
2-3 Green Onions
2 to ¾ Cups Mayo
2 to ¾ Cups Sour Cream
4 Cups Shredded Cheese
Tony Chachere's Seasoning to Taste

Directions:
Drain Corn and mix in all other ingredients and chill and serve with corn chips.

Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS
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A beautiful baby girl made her debut into the world on March 11, 2022, where she was welcomed with great joy by her parents, Austin and Destiny Lofton. Vivian Grace Lofton weighed exactly 8 pounds of perfection. She has a perfect nursery which was prepared with much love for her arrival. Congratulations!

A Scholarship Workshop sponsored by The River will be held to provide assistance for seniors about where to find and how to apply for scholarships. There will be two sessions available: March 21, 2022, at 6:00 PM in the Senior Citizens Building at Northside Park; a second session on March 24, 2022, at 6:00 PM will meet at the Westside Community Center.

Qualified personnel with information about availability and how to secure scholarships will be present. Assistance with completing applications and essays will be available for those who request it. Students are encouraged to bring their essays no matter what stage they are in for help completing them. If you have a laptop, please bring it with you.

Participants will sign in on

arrival. Pizza will be served while working on applications and qualify for a \$50 giveaway!

Miriam Prince, a junior at Leake Academy, received a tremendous honor when she was selected for the 2nd Team All-State List of girls basketball players from all over the entire state of Mississippi. This List is composed of girls from schools with large enrollments. Not many students from small schools ever make the List.

She is a junior and plays guard on the Lady Rebels team and is listed as a guard on this exalted list of girls. Her father, Phillip Prince, said she has worked hard during the summer where she earned respect and it transferred into the basketball season. He also said that she is unique, Miriam is the daughter of Phillip and Valeria Prince. Congratulations!

Eli and Bethany Morgan Chunn welcomed their second child, a boy, on March 14, 2022. The new arrival, who weighed 8 pounds and 7 ounces, has been named Roper James Chunn. He has a big sister, Darci, who is in love with her baby brother all ready. Congratulations!

Time seemed to fly by for Byron and Chiquita Moore Jones

as they celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary. They have three adult children, Zachary, Zyron, and Zoe. It doesn't seem possible that they have been married for 30 years. Congratulations and best wishes for many more years together!

Happy Birthday to Delores Edmisson who celebrated her 88th birthday on March 18th in Dickson, Tennessee. Nanda, as she is affectionately called, has several grandchildren here in Philadelphia as well as her daughters, Mickie Williams and Deena Dansby. Steve Dansby claims her as his favorite mother-in-law who is always a welcome visitor!

Her grandchildren are Jill Dansby Rushing, Kelly Dansby Little, Sid Williams Heath, John Williams, and Lindsey Williams Eakes. She also has several precious great-grandchildren whom she adores. Her Philadelphia family is always excited when she comes to visit!

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SPORTS

Lady Rockets' softball rebounds with 14-2 win

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**
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The Neshoba Central Lady Rockets got back on the winning track last week after taking their first loss since 2019.

The Lady Rockets entered the week with a 9-1 record. They played four games last week. They started by defeating West Harrison 8-0 and Taylorsville 8-4. They dropped a 1-0 decision to Northwest Rankin and then bounced back to beat

Enterprise 14-2.

The Lady Rockets were to play Choctaw Central on Monday. On Friday, they will be in the South Jones tournament. They will play Hernando at 5 p.m. and South Jones at 7 p.m.

**Lady Rockets 8
West Harrison 0**

Neshoba Central pounded out 12 hits in their win over West Harrison.

The Lady Rockets scored one in the first, two in the third,

two in the fourth and three in the sixth.

Lanayah Henry was the winning pitcher. She helped her cause at the plate by nailing two hits and knocking in a run.

Sa'Nya Jackson hit a home run and recorded three RBIs. Hama'ya Fielder hit a double and a single. She scored two runs. Mauhree Jones hit a double. Dakota Williamson had two hits and a RBI. Mya Willis had two hits.

**Lady Rockets 8
Taylorsville 4**

Neshoba Central outhit Taylorsville 8-4 as they defeated Taylorsville.

The Lady Rockets scored four in the second and four in the fourth. Taylorsville answered with one in the first, two in the fourth and one in the sixth.

Jones was the winning pitcher. Jones helped her cause with a home run and two RBIs. Charmayne Morris hit a

triple, a double and a single. She scored one run and knocked in three RBIs. Henry hit two doubles and scored a run. Jackson and Mya Willis both hit a double.

**Northwest Rankin 1
Lady Rockets 0**

Northwest Rankin scored the only run of the game in the fifth inning and held on for the win.

Henry took the pitching loss. Henry and Willis had the Lady

Rockets' only two hits.

**Lady Rockets 14
Enterprise 2**

Tenly Grisham blasted four hits to lead the Lady Rockets past Enterprise.

Grisham scored four runs and knocked in another.

Jones was the winning pitcher. She hit a single and knocked in three runs. Morris had two doubles. Willis hit a double and a single and Erica Lyons hit a double.

Leake Academy baseball splits two spring holiday games

By **ROBBIE ROBERTSON**
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The Leake Academy baseball team split a pair of games last week in a pair of games at East Central Community College.

After an 11-0 loss to Kosciusko on Monday, the Rebels bounced back and beat East Webster 15-10 on Wednesday.

Leake, now 6-5 on the sea-

son, will return to action this week as they begin district play. They will travel to Winston Academy on Monday and host the Patriots on Thursday. They will make the return trip to Louisville on Friday to finish the three-game series.

**Leake Academy 15
East Webster 10**

The Rebels took advantage of 12 walks and held on to take a five-run win over the Wolver-

ines in Wednesday's game at East Central.

Leake scored three in the first and second and led 6-2 after two. Leake added one in the fourth and four in the fifth and led 11-5 after five. The Rebels added one in the sixth and three in the seventh to take the win.

East Webster outhit Leake 11-6 but the Rebels took advantage of 12 walks, five errors and six hit batters. Bish-

op Hardin was 2-for-3 with a double, three walks and five runs scored. Jake Freeny was 2-for-4 with a double and three runs scored.

Aiden Watkins started on the mound and pitched 4 2/3 innings, giving up five runs on seven hits and five walks while striking out three. Whitt Welch pitched 2 1/3 innings and gave up five runs on four hits and three walks.

**Kosciusko 11
Leake 0**

The Rebels struggled at the plate while the Whippets took advantage of seven walks and two errors.

After two scoreless innings, Kosciusko scored three in the third and one in the fifth. The Whippets then exploded with seven runs in the sixth to take the win.

Leake managed just three hits as Riley Myers and Whitt

Welch each doubled while Aiden Watkins also had a single.

Bishop Hardin started on the mound and pitched five innings and gave up four runs on four hits and a walk while striking out six. Rhett Atkinson pitched 2/3 innings and gave up seven runs on one hit and six walks. John Cross Beckham came in and got the last out.

Rockets baseball team improves to 9-2; hosting Ridgeland

By **STEVE SWOGETINSKY**
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The Neshoba Central baseball team came from behind to

defeat the Ridgeland Titans last week.

The Rockets scored one in the sixth and five runs in the seventh. Ridgeland scored four

runs in the third inning.

Sanders Griffis was the winning pitcher in relief of Reid Hall. Hall had eight strike outs while Griffis had three strike-

outs.

Hall hit a sole home run in the seventh. He also had two singles. Pepper Agent hit a home run and a single. He

recorded on RBI. R.B. Hardin hit a home run.

The Rockets, now 9-2 on the season, have three games this week. They were to visit Bran-

don High School on Wednesday. They were to host Ridgeland on Friday and Kosciusko on Saturday.

Union blanked by Jaguars 12-0

By **ROBBIE ROBERTSON**
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Union only got in one game this past week and it wasn't a pretty one.

Union dropped a 12-0 decision to Wayne Academy in the Stringer Tournament.

Union returns to action on Monday as they are scheduled to host Sebastopol before returning to division play. Union will host the Clarkdale

Bulldogs on Tuesday and then play at Clarkdale on Friday.

**Wayne Academy 12
Union 0**

The Yellowjackets managed only one hit as they dropped a five-inning, run-rule decision to the Jaguars on Monday at Stringer.

After a scoreless first inning, Wayne Academy scored three in the second, one in the third, three in the

fourth and finished with five in the fifth.

Wayne outhit Union 9-1 in the contest. Kaleb Casey had Union's only hit.

Jacob Freeman started on the mound for Union and pitched three innings, giving up five runs on five hits and two walks. Kaleb Casey pitched the last two innings and gave up five runs on four hits and two walks while striking out two.

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