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City man arrested in murder

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A Philadelphia man has been arrested and charged with the murder of a Georgia man in Newton County.

The man, Qualee Fryer,

21, was arrested and charged with the murder of 20-year-old Adrion Simmons, according to Chief Deputy Kris Hollingsworth with the Newton County Sheriff's Office.

Choctaw Police responded to a report of a shooting on

Friday, Feb. 16, at about 10 p.m., at a residence on Campus Drive near Conehatta Elementary School.

CPD responded to the scene and determined that the victim



Fryer

and suspect were not Tribal members and contacted the Newton County Sheriff's Office to conduct the investigation, Hollingsworth said.

the suspect was still on the scene when Choctaw Police arrived. CPD detained Fryer until the deputies arrived and took him into custody.

"After having interviewed the suspect, he was charged with murder," Hollingsworth

said. Anyone with information on this crime or any other crime can call East Mississippi Crimestoppers at (855) 485-TIPS or the NCSO at (601) 656-1414. Tips may result in a cash reward.



Jack Butler and Pete Peebles prepare to sell some homemade candles.

Teenage entrepreneurs blend humor with candle creations

By JACE HENDERSON jace@neshobademocrat.com

Teenage entrepreneurs Jack Butler and Pete Peebles break the mold as high school juniors managing their own candle-making business.

Both 17, Butler, who is homeschooled, collaborates with Peebles, who attends Leake Academy, blending their humor and wit into a promising local business with significant potential for both their business venture and personal growth.

After merging their initials together, the duo arrived at JP Homemade Candles, priding themselves on maintaining a professional product with a touch of teenage charm.

As stated on their website: "When you buy this candle, you are supporting two young men who are Two Hot To Candle."

"We keep our products professional, but our faces funny," Butler said.

The inspiration for their candle business was sparked during a group chat, fueling the entrepreneurial spirit that led them to collectively drive their ideas forward.

"We've always been entrepreneurs just doing things here and there. Growing up I was always reselling stuff," Butler said. "We experimented around,

found a candle that was competitive with major brands, started selling to a couple of friends, and it took off from there."

"We just order 10 to 15 samples at a time to see what we like," Peebles said.

"Sometimes we won't pick any scent out of there, or sometimes it may be five, four, it doesn't matter. From there we try to think of a name, and that's a process in and of itself. We usually come back to the first one we thought of."

Established officially in early 2023 after a successful end to 2022, JP Homemade Candles currently offers a variety of scents like Autumn Days, Sunshine Squeeze, Caribbean Breeze, Coastal Charm, Pineapple Paradise, Light My Love, Oh My Cider, Cozy Daze, Frostbite, and O' Christmas Tree.

"Our best-selling candle overall is probably O' Christmas Tree, but year-round it's Sunshine Squeeze, Autumn Days, and Caribbean Breeze," Peebles said.

Caribbean Breeze was one of their first scents. "Our first ever batch of candles was a completely different wick, jar, and wax, but the scent was the same," Butler said. "Out of the three original scents we tried out, Caribbean Breeze was the one that sold well, so we grew off of that scent until we

brought in some more."

Despite occasional clashes due to their lifelong friendship and knowing how to push each other's buttons, Butler and Peebles leverage their roles effectively, with Butler managing media and marketing and Peebles overseeing the website, spreadsheets, and accounting.

They don't hold back and there is no sugarcoating with them, they said. "We tell it how it is and have figured out our roles."

Their physical work involves ordering supplies, melting wax, adding scents, and pouring candles. After addressing imperfections like sinkholes near the wicks, they choose names and design labels.

Though their marketing approach is simple, they've received community support by gaining a presence in local stores like Kademi and Hospital Gift Shop, pouring candles for MG & Company's signature line, and participating in events like Ham Jam.

They also have engaged in a few exclusive collaborations, and their community involvement extends to fundraisers, with one for the Beta Club raising \$20,000.

"When you are younger, you always see these other successful people and think it's just good luck, but if you just

have an idea, act on it, and keep going no matter if you fail, you will eventually be successful," Peebles said.

Butler added, "Use what you have to your advantage. Use your family, friends, age, and story. People would rather buy from a story than a company that's not going to give interaction. With us, people ask about our story and that's how we've gotten the word around town."

Outside of their entrepreneurial journey, Butler enjoys woodworking, basketball, guitar, and 4-H shooting sports, while Peebles enjoys playing golf, football, guitar, and working at Prince Oil.

Peebles plans to major in accounting at Mississippi State, aspiring to work in a bigger city before starting his own private equity firm. Meanwhile, Butler aims to major in business at Freed-Hardeman University in Tennessee, with dreams of owning multiple businesses and engaging in part-time ministry work.

"Business has been great. People ask what our biggest failures are, and I don't think I could even name one," Peebles said.

For those eager to support the teens, visit their website at www.jp-homemade-candles.com or Facebook page at "JP Homemade Candles".

CRIME

Teen arrested in Monday shooting

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A Philadelphia teenager has been arrested and charged in connection with a shooting Monday on Valley View Drive that sent a man to the hospital.

The teenager, Lemarion Holden, 18, 237 Valley View Drive, was arrested and charged with discharging a firearm in the city limits.

Philadelphia Police Chief Eric Lyons said investigators are seeking a second suspect and shooter.

"More arrests are expected and we will release updates when we get them," Lyons said.

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

According to Lyons, a male was struck in the foot and was transported by personal vehicle escorted by law enforcement Neshoba General. Lyons said the victim was reported to be in surgery on Tuesday and was expected to be released that evening or Wednesday.

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

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

NESHOBA

Highway 15 closed for bridge work

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Highway 15 South at the Canadian Pacific Kansas City railroad bridge at Neshoba will be closed for up to two months for repairs, the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) announced.

The closure began on Monday, Feb. 19.

Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark the work appears to be going smoothly.

"I think people have adapted really well," Clark said. "We have had no negative reports whatsoever."

Clark said MDOT has arranged for local law enforcement to keep an eye on the area

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Deputy joins FBI task force

Neshoba County Sheriff's Deputy Josh Jolly was recently sworn in as an FBI Safe Trails Task Force member. Deputy Jolly will assist FBI team members as they investigate crimes, such as drug trafficking that occur on Tribal land. Jolly, right, is pictured with Sheriff Eric Clark.



Road

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and they have increased patrols on Road 325 which runs parallel to Highway 15 and he

expects will have increased traffic while the bridge is repaired.

"We are going to concentrate on keeping the speed down and things in order," Clark said.

During the closure, one lane will remain open with traffic control devices allowing travel in each direction, MDOT said in the announcement.

Crews have started with the northbound lane and once that side is complete, they will work on the southbound lane.

Motorists are advised to drive slowly and stay alert for crews and equipment, MDOT said.

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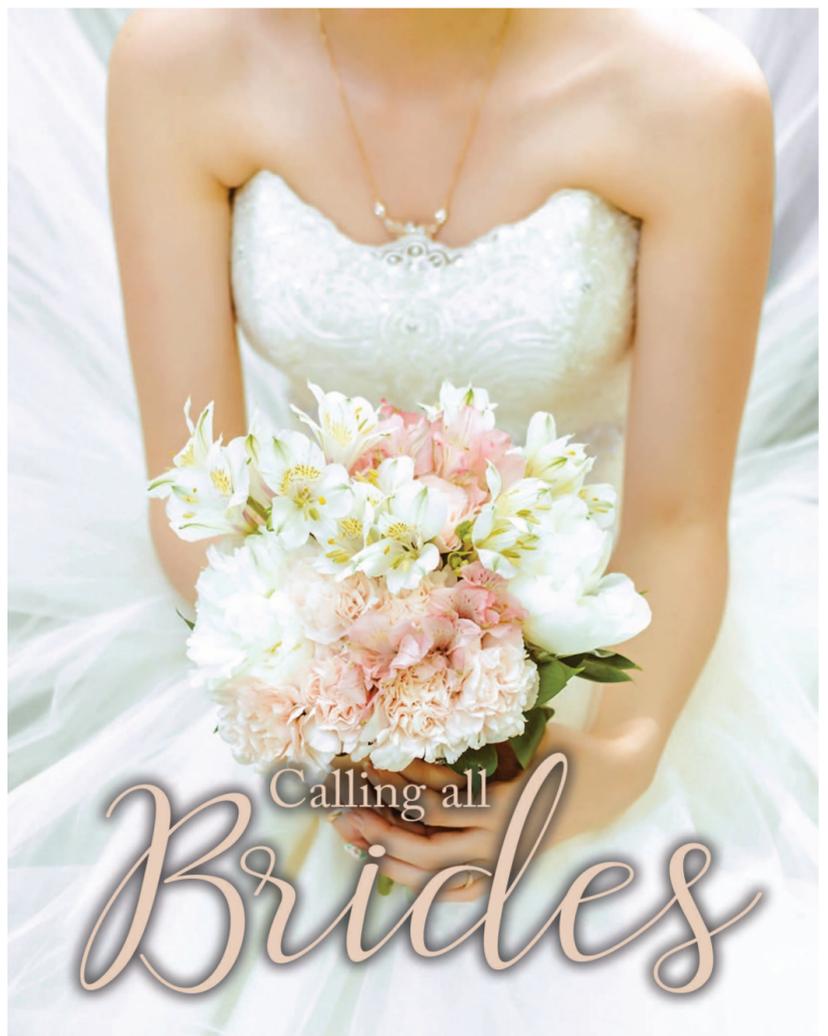
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1 arrested in drive-by

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Police have a suspect in a drive-by shooting on Lewis Avenue Monday afternoon. The shooting was reported near Adkins Street at about 3:30 p.m. and was the second in town Monday afternoon. No injuries were reported in the Lewis Avenue shoot-

ing. The driver of a white four-door car shot at a grey SUV traveling north on Lewis striking three times near the driver's door. Philadelphia Police Chief Eric Lyons said a possible suspect has been identified and they hope to make an arrest soon. Earlier in the day officers responded to a shooting on

Valley View Drive that injured a man. "Both shootings were unrelated," Lyons said. Any information on this incident or others can be shared with East Mississippi Crimestoppers at (855) 485-TIPS or the Philadelphia Police Department at (601) 656-2131.

Boler named Volunteer of the Year

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Jacob Boler

Jacob Boler, an 11-year forklift driver at Weyerhaeuser, has recently been awarded the company's Volunteer of the Year due to his exceptional work with children in Neshoba County. He is one of only five employees selected company-wide and the sole recipient from the Southeast region. He was selected based on his volunteer activities throughout the year, his dedication to education and youth development, as well as by nominations from co-workers and six different community members. "He rescues people by loving them," wrote Philip Prince in his nomination. "They know he sees them. They know he cares. They see him work. He challenges people because Jacob isn't satisfied with the status quo. He provides hope and is a role model. Jacob doesn't take it easy on people. He challenges them to strive for excellence." Boler has gone above and beyond over the years. He founded the nonprofit Kids Over Everything (KOE) in 2009, organizing annual school supply drives, toy drives, and various events for local children. Boler said his motivation for founding KOE began after noticing a lack of events going on in the area for local kids. He said he wanted to be involved

and start with something small, which ended up being a little dance during Christmas Break at the Neshoba Sportsmans Club in Philadelphia. "I had no idea the school supply drives would get as big as it did when I first started," Boler said. "It started off with 50 kids, the next year it was 100, then 300, then it got to a point where I was getting 2,500 kids, and we had to start doing the events at the Coliseum." Most recently, KOE held its second annual Christmas Toy Drive in December. Boler said the event was an even greater success than the ones before and he plans to have the drive again this year. "I want to be a positive force for change however I can, whether by making sure kids have gifts to open on Christmas or helping them gain basic life skills," he said. "For many of them, even just knowing there's an adult out there who cares about them is impactful."

Boler said his commitment is not driven by recognition, but it makes him feel good when he has positive interactions with kids who recognize him as the person who generously provides them with school supplies and toys. "Weyerhaeuser has been a big help," he said. "My coworkers have been magnificent. They will go out to Walmart themselves to buy school supplies and toys, and they let me put flyers up so people will donate. When they put the word out, it goes a long way so others will know to help." Beyond working for Weyerhaeuser and running KOE, Boler is also an assistant basketball coach for the Philadelphia High School boys' team and offers free basketball training at the Church of the Arc at 138 Lakeside Drive. "When you come to my camp we are going to work hard, we are going to say 'yes sir' and no sir", and be respectful," he said. "We are going to do all the intangible things that people don't do nowadays. I teach kids when they shake hands to look a man in the eye and give a firm handshake. Simple things like that can take them a long way in life." Despite the sense of accomplishment and success, he feels this award brings to him, Boler continues to remain focused on making a profound impact on the lives of children and being a positive role model in his community.



Stuart visits Legislature

Philadelphia native and country music star Marty Stuart addressed the Mississippi Senate on Thursday, February 8, at the invitation of Senator Jenifer Branning, who is standing behind him. Other senators shown are Bart Williams, Derrick T. Simmons, and John Polk.

Handgun stolen from pickup truck

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Leads are being sought in an early morning auto burglary last month at a residence on Highway 15 North where a handgun was stolen out of a pickup. The homeowner was awak-

ened at about 2:45 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21, when his camera alerted him to trespassing on his property. "He later realized they burglarized his Ford F450 and stole a Sig 365x1 handgun," said Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark. "Any information should

be relayed to East Mississippi Crimestoppers." Anyone with information can call East Mississippi Crimestoppers at (855) 485-TIPS or the NCSO at (601) 656-1414.

Man arrested for theft at chicken farm

By DUNCAN DENT
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A Forest man has been arrested and charged in connection with taking materials from a Neshoba County chicken farm at Hope. The man, Bill Hayes, 45, 4506 Langs Mill Road, Forest, was arrested and charged with grand larceny, according to Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark. Clark said investigators are working to identify an accomplice and expect more arrests. More than 1,500 feet of copper wire was taken from a set of four chicken houses off Highway 488 on Feb. 6, Clark said. Clark said Hayes had been

identified as someone who had recently worked for the farmer. He was brought in for questioning on Friday, Feb. 16. "The local farmer had allowed Hayes to remove scraps from a chicken house that had recently burned," Clark said. According to Clark, Hayes allegedly returned to the farm and removed over \$7,000 worth of copper wiring. "The farmer was devastated when he went to use an electric pump in one of the remaining chicken houses," Clark said. "The loss of power led him to the discovery of the theft." Specifically, Clark said Hayes and anyone else charged in this case could face charges

related to property or equipment that was damaged when they stole the wiring. Clark said there is a market for materials and equipment from chicken farms. Last week Clark reported an unrelated theft in which Jerry Lee Higgins, 47, of Walnut Grove, was charged with three counts of grand larceny in connection with at least three reported incidents in Neshoba County where tin roofing for chicken houses and other materials and equipment were stolen. Contact East Mississippi Crime Stoppers at (855) 485-TIPS or the NCSO at (601) 656-1414 if you have information about a crime.

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EDITORIALS

Biden's boxes of influence

If special counsel Robert Hur's report on mishandled boxes of classified documents embarrassed President Biden, whistleblower Tony Bobulinski's congressional testimony must have mortified him.

Mr. Bobulinski, who served as an officer in the U.S. Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, claimed in an opening statement before a joint House hearing Tuesday that "Joe Biden was 'the brand' being sold by the Biden family. His family's foreign influence-peddling operation — from China to Ukraine and elsewhere — sold out to foreign actors who were seeking to gain influence and access to Joe Biden and the United States government."

A former Hunter Biden business partner, Mr. Bobulinski said Chinese energy firm CEFC infiltrated the Obama White House in 2015 and compromised then-Vice President Biden. Son Hunter was instrumental as "the Biden family's weakest link," he said, drawn in "with the promise of tens of millions of dollars, initially."

Present at several business meetings with the elder Biden in 2017, Mr. Bobulinski asserted that Mr. Biden wasn't simply "a participant" in the influence-peddling scheme, "he was an enabler," and his denials of involvement are lies. As an ongoing congressional impeachment inquiry uncovers the facts, the president enjoys the presumption of innocence.

Meanwhile, the White House is still reeling from Mr. Hur's characterization last week of Mr. Biden as "an elderly man with a poor memory" in explaining his handling of documents — even while the special counsel's conclusion spared the president from prosecution.

Subsequently, Republican lawmakers, led by Committee on Oversight and Accountability Chairman James Comer, sent a letter to Attorney General Merrick

Garland on Monday requesting access to documents special counsel investigators found in cardboard boxes scattered among the detritus in Mr. Biden's Delaware garage.

Therein, lawmakers suspect, lies validation that the Bidens profited from their patriarch's proximity to the levers of power. The committee members also requested a transcript of the special counsel's interview with Mr. Biden, seeking to ascertain whether uncomfortable questions were disallowed.

Among the recovered records is a four-page document dated March 2013 and addressed to Mr. Biden titled, "China Engagement in the Second Term." It was in December 2013, during President Barack Obama's tenure, that Hunter accompanied his father on Air Force Two to Beijing. Days later, he was awarded a director's role in an investment firm funded with Chinese government money, The Wall Street Journal has reported.

Also among the shoddily stored Biden records is a five-page memo titled "U.S. Energy Assistance to Ukraine" from September 2014. The date coincides with Hunter's tenure on the board of Burisma, a Ukrainian energy company that reportedly paid him \$1 million a year. It also coincides with actions the elder Biden took to halt an investigation into allegations of corruption at Burisma. According to House investigators, Hunter raked in as much as \$20 million from China, Ukraine and elsewhere, with few credentials beyond his Biden name.

Embarrassment for President Biden notwithstanding, allegations raised in Mr. Bobulinski's testimony and Mr. Hur's investigation must be resolved for the good of the nation.

— *The Washington Times*

FLASHBACKS

February 25, 1944

Visions of a new County Court House with ample space for all the needs of the county government and various Federal Government agencies with a modern jail comprising the top story were presented to the members of the Rotary Club Monday by T.A. Webb, chairman of Philadelphia's Post War Planning Committee.

It really isn't news - not to Neshoba County farmers - but many county roads are impassable due to continued rains and thousands upon thousands of pounds of milk being produced by the farmers is going to waste, to say nothing of other economic losses entailed by present road conditions.

February 25, 1954

One of Neshoba County's R.C. Peebles, disaster chairman of the Neshoba County Chapter, American Red Cross, reports a survey has been made of the damage done by recent tornadoes in the county.

The streamlined "Little Rebels" of the Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railroad were removed from service in Mississippi last night after almost 20 years of continuous service. The preference of passengers for highway travel and a mounting deficit in operating the two trains last year were the principal reasons for withdrawing them.

February 27, 1964

A major American furni-

ture manufacturer is considering locating in Neshoba County. That was the announcement this week by the Industrial committee of the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Chamber of Commerce, with Vernon Gamblin as chairman.

A Community Development Club has been organized in the House community and the next meeting of the group will be held tomorrow in the fellowship department of the Bethel Church of God.

February 28, 1974

Glen Stribling, a junior at Philadelphia High School, rated superior in the State Platform Contest, oratory division, held at Mississippi College recently. Glen rated superior at the District IV Platform Contest in Louisville, which enabled him to participate in the North Half Contest held at Ole Miss.

A \$97,898 expansion of telephone service for the Highway 16 west area of Neshoba County served from South Central Bell's Philadelphia exchange was announced today by manager John McCormick.

February 29, 1984

The L.B. Foster Company of Pittsburgh, PA Monday outlined its plans to manage and operate 713 miles of east Mississippi railroad lines being acquired from the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad for \$22 million.

February 23, 1994

The Leake Academy Rebelettes captured their seventh Academy AA state championship Saturday by whipping East Holmes, 73-75, in Jackson.

Former United States Representative Arthur Winstead will be honored with a special tribute on Saturday, March 5.

February 25, 2004

Betsy Irons was named Neshoba County's Junior Miss Saturday night. Other winners were Celeste Burt, Dana Apperson, and Jerica Williamson.

Eleven people were arrested in a street level drug operation Wednesday after undercover personnel purchased "all sorts of controlled substances" in the city and county, the authorities said. More arrests are expected.

February 26, 2014

Taking the helm at Neshoba General is an exciting opportunity for Lee McCall, given that it's such a dynamic and progressive healthcare organization, he said. The newest chief officer at Neshoba County General Hospital and Nursing Home was announced publicly on Monday by the Board of Trustees.

City residents and some small business owners could see a decrease in their monthly sanitation fee after one bid for the twice-a-week service for the next six years came in lower than expected.

CAL THOMAS

Willis vs. Wade vs. euphemisms

During questioning of Fulton County, Georgia prosecutor Nathan Wade about his "relationship" with District Attorney Fani Willis there was a moment that cut through all the euphemisms we have become accustomed to when it comes to human behavior.

Scott Sadow, an attorney for Donald Trump, who is trying to get an indictment against Trump dismissed for Trump's alleged interference in the 2020 presidential election, received an answer to a question that appeared to surprise him. Asked about his "relationship" with Willis, Wade said "do you mean intercourse?" Sadow said he wasn't going to use that word, but since Wade brought it up, then yes, that's what he meant.

It was a classic example of how euphemisms are increasingly used to soften the meaning of questionable behavior.

A forceful Willis tried to obfuscate her relationship with Wade, even calling him at one point a "Southern gentleman." But in an earlier court filing, she admitted to an affair (meaning sex) with Wade, who she put on the payroll as part of her Trump prosecution team.

Radio host Dr. Laura Schlessinger receives calls from women who speak of living with their boyfriends.

"In other words," she said, "you're shacking up."

One woman replied, "I wouldn't put it that way."

Schlessinger then asked, "How would you put it?"

The woman had no answer.

That was once called telling the truth.

RICH LOWRY

Russia is a civilizational adversary

The poet Robert Frost once said that a liberal is someone too broad-minded to take his own side in a fight.

What would he say about those on the right who seem to be confused about the same question?

Over the last few days, Donald Trump told a rally about how he'd supposedly warned the leader of a NATO nation that he'd encourage the Russians "to do whatever the hell they want" against countries that weren't spending enough on defense, while the former Fox News personality Tucker Carlson broadcast videos from Moscow praising its grocery stores and subways as superior to those in the United States.

For its part, the Republican-controlled House of Representatives is refusing to approve another tranche of aid to Ukraine as it runs short of artillery shells in a defensive war against Russia.

What's notable about all of this is that people who, in other contexts, are fierce about the need to defend Western civilization are unenthusiastic about a core institution of the modern West — namely, NATO — and feel little urgency about checking the aggression of a Russia that is an avowed and long-time civilizational adversary of the West.

There are legitimate policy disagreements about NATO and the Ukraine war, but there shouldn't be any doubt about the larger significance of Vladimir Putin's challenge to the West's interests, values and resolve.

In his classic book "The Clash of Civilizations," the late social scientist Samuel Huntington wrote of an

Lying doesn't always bring the consequences it once did, even when witnesses take an oath to tell the truth. It is more than fishy that Wade and Willis exchanged cash and have no receipts.

So many descriptions of human behavior have been modified or changed to gloss over their real meaning. In part, I think, it is to avoid judgment which can lead to a change in behavior that benefits individuals and the wider culture. Failing to identify certain behavior for what it is can have the effect of legitimizing that behavior in the eyes of people who are engaging in it and in the wider culture that refuses to accept a standard defining right and wrong.

How many speak of cheating on one's spouse, as Wade is alleged to have done, as "adultery"? Today's preferred description is "a romantic relationship." Going on "vacation" with a woman not your wife or a man not your husband is now considered as legitimate as a married couple enjoying a similar experience.

Could we also stop saying "boyfriend" and "girlfriend" when speaking of adults? These are not dating teenagers. They are mature people who have presumably been exposed to what used to be called the right way to live, but who have chosen another way.

Lying doesn't always

bring the consequences it once did, even when witnesses take an oath to tell the truth. It is more than fishy that Wade and Willis exchanged cash and have no receipts or other records to back up their claims of legal behavior and propriety. Wade refused to say where he keeps his cash, but suggested some of it might be under his pillow. Willis said she once paid Wade \$2,500 in cash that came from her pocketbook. Who carries around that kind of money? Wade even obfuscated on whether he used a credit card and how he was reimbursed for part of his expenditures when he and Willis traveled together. Who doesn't keep receipts, especially for tax purposes? Will the IRS investigate?

Two of the Ten Commandments prohibit adultery and bearing false witness. Those two forms of behavior are increasingly allowed in our "non-judgmental" culture. We see daily the corrosion violating these commands have caused.

Using words that accurately describe behavior, instead of euphemisms, can have the effect of limiting that behavior. It once seemed to. Approving, or at least failing to reject such behavior, contributes to more of it. As one translation of Proverbs 29:18 puts it, "If a nation is not guided by God, the people will lose self-control (ERV)."

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Russia's traditional resentments and insecurities, to a determinedly anti-Western view that draws on Slavophile thought.

Putin believes in authoritarianism, in a strong Russian state, in the rehabilitation of the country's Soviet past, and in a Russian civilization that is superior to a West corrupted by secularism and individualism.

He seeks to reunite "the Russian world," a concept, according to Figes, he got from the patriarch of the Orthodox Church. He wants to protect the "family" of Slavs and the "tens of millions of our citizens" lost to the Russian state after the supposed disaster of the fall of the Soviet Union.

It's the misfortune of Ukraine, which straddles the line of Western and Orthodox civilization, to use Huntington's terms, to be in the firing line of these grandiose ambitions. Ukraine's desire to be a sovereign state of its own and, in particular, to align itself with the hated West is intolerable for Putin. He's explained at great length why he believes Ukraine has no legitimacy as an independent nation, and his model of a neo-tsarism where elections are fake and opposition leaders die in Arctic prisons would be threatened by a Ukraine that successfully embraced a version of the Western model.

Give Putin this — at least he's defending what he considers his civilizational birthright of despotism and illiberalism. Any true friend of our own should be appalled.

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Refuge Roundup raising money for ministry

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The Refuge of MS ministry for adults with special needs is gearing up for its annual Refuge Roundup reflecting its welcoming and inclusive nature.

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This event is designed for individuals who are intellectually and/or physically disabled and promises a day filled with unique experiences, with a primary highlight being horse riding.

Participants from the Refuge, local schools, as well as nearby friends and families will have the chance to engage in a horse riding experience, complemented by a petting zoo, face painting, and other hands-on educational activities like the MS Children’s Science Museum.

The petting zoo will feature an array of animals such as goats, sheep, miniature horses, a big horse, a miniature zebu cow, a miniature donkey, pigs, chickens, and rabbits.

“We want our friends to experience riding a horse with no pressure and at their own pace,” Crenshaw said. “If they are not comfortable riding a horse, we will have some off to the side they can pet.”

The event will also host a mounted patrol unit and volunteers who are generously bringing their horses, providing the

opportunity for participants to ride either solo or with assistance, using adaptive saddles for a safe and enjoyable experience.

For those in wheelchairs, the Coliseum ensures accessibility with an elevator to the packed dirt floor, and a specially designed wheelchair ramp, courtesy of East Central’s carpentry program. Will help aid in getting individuals on and off horses.

“We will also utilize the arena’s first aid station as a room that individuals can use

for privacy, especially if they need some care, and we will have a hoist lift on site to allow individuals in a wheelchair to have that accessibility,” Crenshaw said. “Families and teachers are asked to bring their own hoist lift sling.”

To register participants or volunteer, email therefugems@gmail.com, call Brooke Crenshaw at 601-389-8059, or visit https://raceroster.com/events/2024/84710/the-refuge-roundup.

COUNTY JAIL DOCKET

Neshoba County Jail Docket from 2/12-2/20

• Joseph Beard, 28, of 821 Chestnut St; failure to appear, indictment
• Casey Martina Bell, 23, of 58 Hugh Mitchell Cove, Conehatta; contempt of court
• Linda C Bell, 33, of 10151 Rd 149; disorderly conduct, public drunk, resisting arrest
• Matthew T Bell, 35, of 349 S Oswald Rd; hold for investigations
• Rusty Burnham, 44, of 10961 Rd 616; contempt of court X2

• Johnathan Cabrera, 35, of 181 Bates Rd; failure to appear, possession of marijuana-1st offense, possession of paraphernalia
• Sam Addison Callahan, 25, of 11372 Hwy 485; hold for investigations
• Dewayne Cotton, 22, of 137 Chitto Cove, Carthage; contempt of court
• Frederica Cotton, 31, of 10169 Rd 773; failure to appear
• Miah R Farve, 28, of 116 Duplex Dr; probation violation
• Brittany Ferris, 32, of 2396 Conehatta Prospect Rd, Cone-

hatta; contempt of court
• Kevin Shane Fowler, 39, of 9905 Red Oak, Semmes, AL; driving under the influence/refusal to take test
• Walter Lorodrick Graham, 33, of 1700 Pendleton Sq Apt 51; contempt of court, careless driving, driving under the influence-1st offense, suspended driver’s license
• Bill Hayes, 45, of 4506 Langs Mill Rd, Forest; hold for investigations, grand larceny-more than \$1000
• Cami Hickman, 33, of 101 Cedar Hill Dr; driving under the

influence-1st offense
• Gretchen R Hickman, 37, of 138 Bates Rd; possession of paraphernalia
• Jeremy Hickman, 42, of 166 Bates Rd; contempt of court X2
• Alethia Hitt, 44, of 10100 Rd 109, Union; possession of paraphernalia
• Sammy O’Neil Jefferson, 36, of 527 West Tucker Cir; contempt of court
• Anthony Deunta Lewis, 22, of 10460 Rd 410, Union; hold for investigations, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct
• Michael L Lewis, 50, of

102200 1321, Union; driving under the influence-3rd offense-felony
• Steven Lashun Lewis, 43, of 355 Hudson St; disturbing the peace
• John Mask, 29, of 675 Pearson Rd, Louisville; failure to appear
• Byron McMillian, 30, of 114 Tucker Cut Off Rd; hold for investigations
• Curtis Moore Jr, 33, of 10131 Rd 2641; contempt of court
• William Patten, 41, of 1109 Tank St; failure to appear

• Kyle A Prince of Pendleton Sq Apt 27; public drunk
• Stephanie Reeves, 40, of 371 Henry Mack Smith Rd, Union; hold for other agency
• Joshua Lane Vaughn, 24, of 741 Chesney Town Rd, Little Rock; possession of controlled substance
• Casey L Warren, 43, of 564 Holland Ave; failure to appear
• Shania A Willis, 27, of 426 Black Jack Rd; hold for investigations
• Tammy Sue Windham, 58, of 1700 Pendleton Sq Apt A-7; contempt of court

OBITUARIES

Mattie Cumberland

Memorial services for Mattie Cumberland were held Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 6 p.m. at McClain-Hays Chapel with Pastor Roger Burke officiating. Visitation was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. until service time.

Mattie Cumberland lived in Auburn, AL early in life. She moved to Chunky, MS after graduating high school and then she attended and graduated from Meridian Community College as an X-Ray Technician. She was a resident of Neshoba County for the past 26 years.

Survivors include her husband of 26 years, Terry Cumberland; sons, Marshall Cumberland (Ashley) and Charles Cumberland; grandchildren, Creed Cumberland and Raelynn Hagan; brother, Luke Rogers (Rose).

William "Bill" Roberson

Graveside Services for William "Bill" Roberson were held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at Coy Community Cemetery with Bishop Chuck Overby officiating. Visitation was held on Monday, February 19, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at McClain-Hays Funeral Home.

William "Bill" Roberson was a native of the Spring Creek Community of Neshoba County. He was a resident of Meridian since 1973. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching westerns and wrestling and liked to do wood-working when he was able.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Bobbie Roberson; daughter, Kimberly Walker; son, Jason Roberson (Kristina); one granddaughter; one great-granddaughter; brothers Jerry Roberson and Larry McCullough (Elaine); and a host of nieces and nephews

Mr. Roberson was preceded in death by Parents, G.W. and Jimmie Roberson; and sister, Shirley Goodin.

Roy G. Watkins

Funeral services for Roy G. Watkins were held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. from McClain-Hays Chapel with Bro. Carl Roberts Officiating. Burial followed in High Hill Cemetery. Visitation was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until service time at McClain-Hays Funeral Home.

Roy was a native and long-time resident of Union, MS. Roy enjoyed fishing along with collecting and watching movies. He was full of life and loved to laugh.

Survivors include his sister, Judy Coats; one sister-in-law; five nephews; two nieces.

Mr. Watkins was preceded in death by wife, Georgia Watkins; mother, Nocy Mae Watkins; father, Fred Watkins; brother, Gary Watkins.

Master Kyverson Arron Simmons

Funeral services for Master Kyverson Arron Simmons were held at 2 PM Monday, February 19, 2024 at the Bogue Chitto Gym with Bro. Mark Patrick and

Max Anderson officiating. Interment was in the Bogue Chitto Community Cemetery. Visitation was at 10 AM Saturday, February 17, 2024 at the family home, 122 Big Spring Creek Road. John E. Stephens Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Master Simmons, 4, passed away on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at Neshoba General Hospital. He enjoyed playing with friends, going to grandma April’s house, dancing and singing.

He is preceded in death by a sibling, Baby Simmons; grandfathers, James Cotton, Otis Windham, Paul Simmons.

Survivors include parents, Timmothy Arron Simmons and Makeishia Amos; sisters, Kylianne Simmons, Kaybri Dixon; brothers, Kyrrie Simmons, Kamri Dixon, Brian Dixon; grandparents, April and Sebastian Lewis, Camisha Windham, Andris Simmons; god-parents, Joey Benamon and Sarah Billy.

Pallbearers are Kel Prince, Kyle Prince, Cody Amos, BJ Boler, Matthew Allen, Money McGee. Honorary pallbearers are Sebastian Lewis and Orlando Dixon.

Harriet Elizabeth Harbour Jackson

Dr. Harriet Elizabeth Harbour Jackson of Preston, passed away peacefully February 12, 2024, at St. Dominic’s Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi. Visitation was held on February 14, 2024, from 5:00-8:00 pm at McClain-Hays Funeral Home. Funeral Services were held on February 15, 2024, at 1:00 pm in the chapel at McClain-Hays Funeral Home with interment at Hailey-Richey Cemetery.

Beth, 71, was born June 15, 1952, in Meridian, MS, to R.A. and Edna Harbour. She attended Scooba Elementary and graduated from Dekalb High School in 1970. She earned bachelor’s, masters’, specialist’s and doctoral degrees from Mississippi State University all in the field of education.

Dr. Jackson’s love for early childhood development, particularly reading, has inspired countless students and teachers over the past five decades. Victor Hugo once said, “To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark.” Beth loved to ignite that spark. Watching and helping children read was her calling.

She started her career in 1974, teaching first grade in Shannon, MS. In 1977, she was chosen by Mr. George McLean, the owner/editor of the Tupelo Daily Journal, to pilot a new program that sought to put teachers’ aides

in first grade classes in Lee County. This was soon introduced to Former Governor William Winter and the Mississippi Legislature. The program eventually included kindergarten and second grade and would strengthen school achievement at the earliest grade. This assistant teacher program was the model from which the Education Reform Act of 1982 was created. Dr. Jackson piloted this influential program and this allowed her to fall in love with teaching. That love continued to spread through many private and public schools, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, and tens of thousands of children over the next 50 years.

Beth taught in Lee County public schools as well as Kemper County, Kemper Academy, West Lauderdale, and the MBCI. After teaching in elementary and junior high, she then found her way into administration, where she became Elementary Principal of West Lauderdale and Neshoba Central. She was also appointed Assistant Superintendent for Neshoba County. She ended her career at Mississippi State University, where she was Senior consultant of PREPS and Director of the Writing and Thinking Institute. Throughout her career, she wrote countless grants that helped expand possibilities for Mississippi’s children.

Beth was also very active at Coy Community Church, where she has been a member for over 40 years. She was a choir member, director, organist and a leader of children’s church. She was a long time member of Delta Kappa Gamma as well as many other civic organizations. Beth loved people and interacting with people of all walks of life. She enjoyed Broadway plays, music, and the symphony orchestra, especially the cello and piano. She could attend a Broadway play one night and could help Tommy feed the cows or pull a calf out of the ditch the next morning and be just as happy.

She married the love of her life, Tommy, in 1971, in the chapel at Mississippi State University. As they were both graduates from there, it was only appropriate. They had no idea over the next 52 years, how much love and time they would spend rooting on the Bulldogs. She and Tommy were season ticket holders to baseball, football and basketball and rarely missed a home game. The two of them loved to travel and even attended the Final Four, College World Series, and every bowl game supporting the college they love.

Beth is survived by her husband, Tommy Jackson, daughters Jennifer (Chad) Bond and Leigh (Jesse) Yates, grandchildren Thomas, Katherine, and Henry

Yates, sister Olivia Reese, and sister in law Jane (Gene) Livingston.

Beth is preceded in death by her father R.A. Harbour, mother Edna Brown Harbour Holloway Ford.

Pallbearers: Chad Bond, Jesse Yates, Tim Livingston, Bowen Flowers, Jefferson Gilder, Rhett Hailey, and Gene Cliburn

Memorials may be made to the Hailey-Richey Cemetery Fund or to the charity of your choice.

Gwen Palmer Hunter

Graveside services for Mary Graveside services for Ms. Gwen Palmer Hunter were at 1:30 PM Saturday, February 17, 2024, at White Oak Baptist Church Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Gwendola (Palmer) Hunter, 74, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at her home in Philadelphia, MS surrounded by her beloved family. Gwen was known for being a talented singer, a gifted chef, a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother. She was a member of White Oak Baptist Church and a faithful, devoted member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Wayne Hunter; mother, Lillie Mae (Holder) Bexley; father, Virgil Palmer; step-father, Simon Thomas Bexley; sister, May Joyce Lott; great-grandson, Bentley Bozeman.

Survivors: sister, Alma Byrd; son, Floyd Hunter, daughter, Patricia Pendergrass (Brian); son, Sheldon Hunter; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Carrie Ann Alford

Funeral services for Ms. Carrie Ann Alford were 11 AM Monday, February 19, 2024, at John E. Stephens Chapel with Dr. Dan Howard officiating. Interment in Henry’s Chapel Cemetery. at John E. Stephens Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Alford, 80, passed away Saturday, February 17, 2024, at her home in Neshoba County where she lived most of her life. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Philadelphia. Her

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

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

SUMMONS

[By Publication]

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 8 day of February, 2024.

GIDGET STOVALL TATE, CLERK
NESHOPA COUNTY CHANCERY COURT
401 E. BEACON STREET, STE. 107
PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350

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

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS, on April 8, 2023, Maxine York, Surviving joint tenant executed a deed of trust for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Mr. Cooper, its successors and assigns, which deed of trust was recorded on April 17, 2023, in Book 2023, Page 2361 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and Said Deed of Trust was last sold, assigned and transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment recorded Book 2023, Page 7270 in the office of the Chancery Clerk, Neshoba County, Mississippi. WHEREAS, the holder of the deed of trust at the time of the substitution substituted McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC as Trustee, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded on February 1, 2024, and spread at large upon the records in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2024, Page 664, prior to the posting and publication of this notice; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of the deed of trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, Nationstar Mortgage LLC has requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land, property and improvements in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustee's fees and expenses of sale; THEREFORE, on March 13, 2024, the undersigned Substitute Trustee in the deed of trust, will offer for sale at public outcry and sell to the highest bidder for cash, within legal hours (between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the North door of the Neshoba County Courthouse in Philadelphia, Mississippi, the following described land, property and improvements lying and being situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to-wit: All that certain lot, piece or parcel of ground situate, lying and being in the County of Neshoba, State of Mississippi and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the NW Corner of NW1/4 of SW1/4, Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi; and run thence East to the East right of way line of the public road; thence run South along the East right of way line of said public road for a distance of 114 feet to and for the point of beginning; said point of beginning being the SW Corner of a 1 acre parcel previously deeded to Grantees herein by Deed recorded in Book A-116 at Page 75 from said point of beginning run thence South along the East right of way line of the public road for a distance of 105 feet; thence run East for a distance of 210 feet; thence run North for a distance of 105 Feet or to the SE Corner of the lot previously conveyed to Grantees herein; thence run West for a distance of 210 feet to the point of beginning being a parcel of land containing one-half acre situated in the NW1/4 of SW1/4 of Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, Neshoba County, Mississippi. Being that parcel of land conveyed to James York and Maxine York, WIFE, Joint Tenants with Right of Survivorship from Bernice Withers and Ursula B. Withers, WIFE by that deed dated 06/23/1989 and recorded 06/23/1989 in Book A-180, Page 236, of the Neshoba County, MS public registry. According to the public records, there has been no conveyance of the land within a period of twenty-four months prior to the date of this report, except as follows: None Parcel ID(s):0610-0-35-017.001 I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in the Substitute Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 9th day of February, 2024 /s-/ Robert M. Peebles, III McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Substitute Trustee 1022 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 304 Ridgeland, MS 39157-2049 (662) 388-5464 Foreclosurehotline.net File No.: 23-02579MS

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

BY PETITIONERS HELEN MCCULLOUGH AND LARRY MCCULLOUGH

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THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2016, Joshua Parks Sansing and Jhaun Sparneck Sansing executed a Deed of Trust to Robert C. Richardson, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for Origin Bank, its successors and assigns, which is recorded in Book 2016 at Page 6062 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2023 at Page 4857; and WHEREAS, Underwood Law Firm PLLC has been substituted as Trustee under the Deed of Trust; and WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby has been declared due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust, and the legal holder of the indebtedness secured thereby, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, has requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell the property in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder together with attorney's fees, Substituted Trustee's fees, and expenses of sale. NOW, THEREFORE, Underwood Law Firm PLLC, as Substituted Trustee under the Deed of Trust, will on March 13, 2024, offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash within legal hours (between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the main door of the Neshoba County Courthouse in Philadelphia, Mississippi, the following described property together with all improvements thereon situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi: The South 1/2 of Block 224 and the South 1/2 of Block 225 West of Crockett Avenue situated in the Northeast Division of the City of Philadelphia. Also included is a strip of land 30 feet wide situated between Block 224 and 225 more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the SE corner of Block 224, thence North to the North line of the South 1/2 of Block, thence East along said North line for a distance of 30 feet, thence South to the SE corner of Block 225, thence West for a distance of 30 feet to the point of beginning. UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM PLLC will convey only such title as is vested in it as Substituted Trustee. WITNESS OUR SIGNATURE, this the 5th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Andrew R. Wilson

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

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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

Letters of Testamentary having been granted on the 6 th day of February, 2024, by the Court Clerk of the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to the undersigned upon Charlene York, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date or they will be forever barred.

/s/ Rowena York
ROWENA YORK,
ADMINISTRATRIX

Prepared By:
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CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The heirs at law of **LOUISE CHAPMAN**, deceased, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of **LOUISE CHAPMAN**, deceased, whose post office and street addresses are unknown to the Administrator/Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law. You have been made a Respondent

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in a Petition for Determination of Heirship filed in this court by the Administrator/Petitioner of the Estate of **LOUISE CHAPMAN**, deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at **9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 16th day of April, 2024**, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court at Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 5th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Kenyetta Barojas
CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT CLERK

2003 Infi G35
VIN:JNKCV51E13M312944
Owner: Andrea Setchfield
10226 Williford Dr
Olive Branch, MS 38654
Lienholder: First Metropolitan Financial
62298 Hwy 305 N
Olive Branch, MS 38654
POS: Boyd Automotive
Sale Date:3-16-24 @8am

2004 Infi QX56
VIN:5N3AA08A04N809640
Owner: Sheri Lynn Davis
624 Cameron Landing Dr
Stockbridge, GA 30281
Lienholder: First American Title Lending of Georgia LLC
2009 Jonesboro Rd
McDonough, GA 30253
POS: Boyd Automotive
Sale Date: 3-16-24 @8am

2002 Infi I3X
VIN:JNKDA31AX2T013474
Owner: Jaylen Barton
501 Martin Luther King Jr Dr
Newton, MS 39345
POS: Boyd Automotive
Sale Date: 3-16-2024 @8am

1997 BMW 528
VIN:WBADD6324VBW18596
Owner: Lathana Yates
16063 Hwy 16E
DeKalb, MS 39328

2006 Mercedes-Benz E50
VIN:WDBUF70JX6A948814
Owner: Kathy Wilkins
935 Deena Dr
Columbus, MS 39702
POS: Boyd Automotive
Sale Date: 3-16-2024 @8am

2017 Buick Verano
VIN:1G4PRS5K9H4106575
Owner: Sienna Willis
137 Thompson Rd
Philadelphia, MS 39350
Lienholder: Credit Acceptance Corp
P.O. Box 513
Southfield, MI 48037
POS: Boyd Automotive
Sale Date: 03-16-24 @8am

2014 Chevrolet Cruz
VIN: 1G1PC55B737178853
Owner: Linda Boler
404 Barham Street
Philadelphia, MS 39350
Lienholder: Credit Acceptance
25505 W 12 Mile Rd
Southfield, MI 48034
POS: Boyd Automotive
Sale Date:3-16-24 @ 8am

2006 STRN ION level 2
VIN:1G8AJ55F762181513
Owner: Priscilla Taite
4727 Russwood Ave
Stone Mountain, GA 30083
POS: Boyd Automotive
DOS: 03-16-24 @ 8am

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

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

[By Publication]

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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

You have been made a Respondent in the matter filed in this Court by Summer Fulton Cumberland, as Petitioner and natural mother of Ronnie Blake Fulton, deceased, to determine the heirs-at-law of Ronnie Blake Fulton, deceased. Respondents other than you are unknown. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 2024, in the Chancery Courtroom at Neshoba County, in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 8th day of February, 2024.

GIDGET STOVALL TATE, CLERK
NESHOPA COUNTY CHANCERY COURT
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PHILADELPHIA, MS 39350

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

IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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

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

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

SUMMONS

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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TO: ANY UNKNOWN FATHERS, whether resident/ non resident of the state of Mississippi, claiming to be the father of the minor child, J. D.I. M., whose mother is Lakendria King.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT(S)

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

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint, petition or motion at 9:00 a.m., on the 2nd day of April, 2024, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Court in the Smith John Justice Complex located on the Pearl River Reservation, Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint, petition or motion.

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

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

/s/ Kenyetta Barojas
TRIBAL COURT CLERK

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:

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

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

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

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

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA ANN MARSH, DECEASED
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 23-358-JK

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters of Administration upon the estate of the above named Martha Ann Marsh, Deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 14 th day of February, 2024 by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, Civil Action File No. 23-358-JK on the Chancery Docket, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have said claims probated and registered by the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
EXECUTED THIS , the 14 th day of February, 2024.

/s/ James Kevin Marsh
JAMES KEVIN MARSH, ADMINISTRATOR

JAMES M. CREWS, III, MSB #9344 HERRING, LONG & CREWS, P.C. ATTORNEYS AT LAW
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

DEBRA ROLLINS PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, on the Clen Rollins Jr., Deceased, on the 29th day of January, 2024, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said Estate to have their claims pro-

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bated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Neshoba County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, and that failure to probate and register their claims with the Clerk within that time will forever bar the claim. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the 8th day of February, 2024.

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

Prepared by:
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NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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

2020 CAT 307.5 Mini-Excavator
Property No. 160-263
Serial No. CAT03075AGW01739

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The heirs at law of **COMEAL POLK**, deceased, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of **COMEAL POLK**, deceased, whose post office and street addresses are unknown to the Administrator/Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law. You have been made a Respondent in a Petition for Determination of Heirship filed in this court by the Administrator/Petitioner of the Estate of **COMEAL POLK**, deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at **9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 16th day of April, 2024**, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Civil Court at Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 5th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Kenyetta Barojas
CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT CLERK

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE

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OF SALE

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

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

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

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

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

TRACT I:

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

TRACT II:

From the Northeast corner of the James Proctor property which is the intersection of the South side of Rhea Street and the West side of Fox Avenue in Block 195 of the Stribling Addition to the City



Flagpole, flags donated to church

On Feb. 6, Jerry Hemphill and James Kirkland, representatives of the Woodmen of The World Insurance Company, presented a new flagpole, an American flag, and a Christan flag to the congregation of McClain Chapel Pentecostal Church on Road 462 in the East Neshoba community. The flagpole was installed earlier and the flags are now proudly being flown over the church and cemetery grounds. Pictured, from left, are: Pastor J.W. Jenkins, Ray Crocker, Jerry Hemphill, Larry Eakes, James Kirkland and Shelby Anthony.

OF LOCAL INTEREST

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

COMMON GROUND
Holy Cross Catholic Church will present Common Ground:

What Catholics and Protestants Can Learn from Each Other in the parish hall located at 406 Wilson Street in Philadelphia, MS. The five-week program will be held from 4:00-5:00 PM each Sunday beginning on February 18th and all adults are invited to attend. Please bring your bible for reference, the church will provide refreshments and additional study materials.

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

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

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

Happy Valentine's Day



Vivienne Fleming
Parent: Jarred & Abby Fleming
Grandparents: Bob & Lisa Posey, Scotty & Carla Fleming;
Great-grandparents: Maxine Posey, Edgar & Martha Thompson



Easton Wedgeworth
Parents: Ethan Wedgeworth & Katie Smith
Grandparents: Christopher & Jennifer Dean & Tawanna Smith

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IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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

VS. CAUSE OF ACTION:2023-1087252

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

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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

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

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Motion to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 16 TH day of April, 2024, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Court in the Smith John Justice Complex located on the Pearl River Reservation, Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

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

/s/ Kenyetta Barojas
TRIBAL COURT CLERK
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IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF LARIN THOMAS, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 2023-588
GABRIEL SCOTT THOMAS PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters of Administration having been granted on the 15th day of December, 2023, by the Tribal Court Clerk, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Larin Thomas, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date or they will be forever barred. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the 23rd day of January, 2024.
/s/ Gabriel Scott Thomas
GABRIELSCOTTTHOMAS ADMINISTRATOR

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IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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

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

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Motion to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 3rd day of April, 2024, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Court in the Smith John Justice Complex located on the Pearl River Reservation, Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

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

/s/ Kenyetta Barojas
TRIBAL COURT CLERK

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF NAOMI FULTON, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23-251

TAMMY JIM PETITIONER

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

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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

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

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

GIDGET STOVALL TATE
CHANCERY CLERK
NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY:/s/A. Duran
DEPUTY CLERK
SEAL

Submitted by:
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CHOCTAW TRIBAL CIVIL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 13th day of February, 2024, by the Choctaw Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the undersigned upon the Estate of Kevin David Briscoe, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to probate and register the same, as provided by law, with the clerk of the court, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice. Failure to probate and register any such claim within said ninety (90) day period will forever bar the claim.

WITNESS THE SIGNATURE of the Administrator, this 13th day of February, 2024.

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

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

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

CAUSE NO. 23-294
TIFFANY TRIPLETT PETITIONER

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

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

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

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

You are summoned to appear in this action on the 21st day of March, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard before the Honorable D. Joseph Kilgore, Chancellor,

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at the Neshoba County Chancery Courthouse, 401 E. Beacon Street, Philadelphia, MS 39350, and in the case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered for the things demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of this Court, on the 18th day of January, 2024.

GIDGET STOVALL TATE
CHANCERY CLERK
NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: /S/ A.DURAN D.C.
DEPUTY CLERK
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF NAOMI FULTON, DECEASED

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

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

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

You have been made a respondent in a Petition to Determine Heirs at Law and Wrongful Death Beneficiaries filed in this Court by Tammy Jim, seeking a determination of heirs at law and wrongful death beneficiaries of Naomi Fulton, Deceased. You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Petition against you in this action to Victoria M. McKinney, Esquire, Attorney for Progressive Insurance Company, whose address is 713 S. Pear Orchard Road, Suite 102, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION. You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the 18TH day of JANUARY, 2024.

GIDGET STOVALL TATE
CHANCERY COURT CLERK
NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: /S/ A. DURAN
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IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURT MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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

VS. CAUSE OF ACTION:2023-1087252

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

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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

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

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Motion to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 16 TH day of April, 2024, in the courtroom of the Choctaw Tribal Court in the Smith John Justice Complex located on the Pearl River Reservation, Choctaw, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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/s/Kenyetta Barojas
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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

God's gracious gift of grace

In Revelation 1:4, we see that the book of Revelation is a letter to seven churches in Asia. Seven is the favorite symbolic number in the book which is full of symbolic language. It signifies the idea of completeness or perfection. So, the seven churches, though they literally existed in the first century, represent the church in all ages. The letter, then, is meant for us, for all Christians.

John begins the letter with the salutation, “grace and peace to you.” This is not a perfunctory or superficial greeting. The Christian life is lived hand to mouth from fresh infusions of grace from God. A Christian is converted by grace and continues to live by grace. All we have is by God's gracious gift of grace.

Grace is the unmerited favor of God. The book of Revelation shows us two entirely different scenes. The scenes of heaven show us a realm where all there glorify God and delight in being in the presence of God. The scenes of earth show us a realm where God is not glorified by men. Redemption is the power of God to turn sinful, rebellious man back to the praise and glory of God.

Peace flows from God's grace. We receive peace with God through the blood of Christ cleansing us from all sin. We have the inward peace of God through walking with God, knowing that Christ has made us children of God.

What we see in the beginning of this letter is how willing God is to pour out grace and peace to his people. The book of Revelation will show the tribulations Christians should expect to encounter in this world. But right at the beginning, God wants his people to know that they are blessed and that he will supply all their needs in Christ Jesus.

There is a trinitarian promise of grace and peace that John pronounces in verses 4 and 5. He begins with, “Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come.” This represents God the Father's promise as the all-sufficient God to bless his redeemed people.

God appeared to Moses in the burning bush and pronounced his name as “I am,” meaning he exists in and of himself eternally. A fire needs something to consume or it will die out. But the burning bush was not consumed. As such it represents God, who is dependent on noth-

ing or no one. He has always been and always will be the eternal, unchangeable, infinite God.

Grace and peace come from our Father in heaven. It also comes from “the seven spirits which are before his throne.” Again, the number seven is completeness, so the seven spirits aren't created things, but represent the perfection of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the gift of God, who is poured out from the throne of God after Christ ascended into heaven.

The New Testament makes clear that the difference in men is essentially those who have the Spirit of God and those who do not. The Spirit makes us alive in Christ. We are taught as Christians to live in step with the Spirit of God. Jesus says, “Blessed are those who have ears to hear what the Spirit says to the church.” This means we must apply the words of Scripture to our lives.

In verse 5, grace and peace are from “Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.” Christ is the faithful prophet of God. We can trust what he says. He came to bring us to God. The Father says, “Listen to him.”

He is the firstborn from the dead. Christ, as the eternal Son, had no beginning, but his resurrection begins the new creation, reconciling all things in heaven and earth to God. His resurrection promises life with God for all who are united to him. All our hope is in Him. That he is the ruler of all kings is good news. His kingdom prevails over the power of Satan. Whatever his people must endure in their short lives now on earth, they have a place in the kingdom of God.

We learn in these verses how willing God is to give us the grace we need. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit promise to sustain souls who believe. From the first to last, we are in need of God's aid. Pray continually for his grace and peace. God commands us to pray and promises to hear us in Christ. Grace and peace are rich treasures God is pleased to give to needy souls.

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Stewart inspired by Gordon Ramsey

By JACE HENDERSON
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Kelsey Stewart's cooking journey started in the heart of family traditions along with a dash of inspiration from Gordon Ramsey's TV shows.

She began cooking with her grandmother, Jacquita Copeland, who taught her to make chicken stew and also learned a lot from her mother Kimberly Copeland.

"Everybody loves my grandma's chicken stew, but she is the world's worst about not measuring anything," Stewart said with a laugh. "I actually took up on that."

She also learned the art of canning and food preservation from her grandmother and often combines cherished family recipes with techniques learned from Ramsey's shows, showcasing some versatility.

While Stewart excels in dishes like ribs and Thanksgiving dinners, she considers potato soup as her best. Her Thanksgiving feasts feature a spread of chicken and cornbread dressing, baked beans, mashed potatoes, and deviled eggs.

"My husband loves my baked beans," Stewart said. "My mom loves me to make my homemade mac and cheese, and my grandma likes it when I recreate her chicken stew. Every time I do it, I have to take her some."

She is married to Cole Stewart, both Mississippi State graduates, and they've built a life together with two German shorthaired pointer dogs that are treated as their children. By day, Stewart works as an engineer in training at MDOT, and on Sundays, she assists at Sandtown Church's daycare.

Stewart says she finds joy in sharing her cooking with colleagues. Whether it's her renowned chicken and cornbread dressing or a strawberry cake, the happiness her food brings is her ultimate reward.

"I love seeing the joy it brings people when they eat my food," she said. "Cooking is a stress relief for me, but I love making other people happy."

Stewart's kitchen essentials include onions, bell peppers, and a collection of nonstick and cast-iron skillets, and her advice to fellow cooks is to take your time learning, especially when it involves moments shared with loved ones.

"When you do get it, have fun with it," she said. "Always strive to make something new or make something better. That's what I do. I'm constantly looking for new stuff to cook."



Cole and Kelsey Stewart

POTATO SOUP
8 slices of thick cut bacon, chopped into pieces. 1 can of cream of celery (optional)
1 sweet onion, diced.
1 stick of butter
4-6 Russet Potatoes, peeled & cubed.
6 cups of milk
1 cup of sour cream

2 tbsp of flour
Salt/Pepper
Tony's (optional)
Natures Seasoning Blend
Garlic Powder

Fry bacon in soup pot until done (I use a Dutch oven). Take bacon out & leave

bacon grease in the pot. Sauté onion in bacon grease for 2 minutes & add cream of celery. Cook for another minute. Add potatoes, butter, & milk. Add seasonings. Season to taste. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low. Cook for 30 - 40 minutes or until potatoes are

fork tender. In a small bowl, mix sour cream and flour. Add sour cream mixture to

the soup & cook for 5 minutes or until desired consistency.

COOK OF THE WEEK

SQUASH CASSEROLE
2 yellow squash, sliced thinly
Squash Casserole
1/4 cup chopped sweet onion
1 large egg
1 cup of Colby Jack cheese, shredded. 1/2 cup blue plate mayo
2 tsp sugar
Salt/Pepper
Tony's
Minced Garlic
1 stick of butter
Ritz Crackers

Preheat oven to 350. In a skillet, combine squash, minced garlic, onion, & 1/4 tsp salt.

Sauté until squash is tender. In a bowl, mix egg, mayo, sugar, pepper, 1/4 tsp salt, cheese, & sprinkle some Tony's. Stir in squash mixture. Grease a baking dish (I use a medium size corning ware dish). Add mixture to dish. In a separate bowl, melt butter & add a sleeve of crushed ritz crackers. Spread buttered crackers on top of squash mixture. Bake 20 - 30 minutes or until golden and bubbly.

Note: you can add the cheese in the dish, or you can wait to layer the cheese on top with ritz crackers.

STRAWBERRY CAKE
1 pkg plain white cake mix
Strawberry Cake
1 pkg strawberry gelatin
1 cup of mashed strawberries with juice 1 cup of vegetable oil
1/2 cup milk
4 large eggs
Frosting Ingredients
2 pkg cream cheese, softened
1 stick butter, softened.
3 1/2 cups powdered sugar.
1/4 tsp vanilla extract
3/4 cup strawberries with no juice

For cake:
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine cake mix, gelatin, mashed strawberries, oil, milk, & eggs in a mixing bowl. Mix on low with mixer for 1 minute. Grease 9x13 baking pan, pour in batter. Bake for 30 minutes or until done.

For icing
In a bowl, use mixer to cream the cream cheese. Add butter, vanilla, & strawberries. Mix well. Gradually mix in powdered sugar until desired thickness.

Send Cook of the Week suggestions to jace@neshobademocrat.com.

Just Among Friends

By MARIANNE ENOCHS
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Congratulations to Steve and Linda Murray who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a party for family, extended family, and neighbors.

Their 12-year-old grandson, Charlie, said a beautiful prayer, Grandson Bo provided the music with songs Steve and Linda had chosen, and Grandson Bud made a video of photos of Maw and Pawpaw throughout their marriage. It was a perfect evening for the couple to share memories as well as happy tears. Their youngest grands were party crashers (Kaya and Jameson) who provided more entertainment!

The bride and groom's cakes which were served were replicas of those from the reception 50 years ago and were made by a friend. They were perfect. Congratulations and best wishes for many more happy years together!

February Students of the Month were presented during last Monday's meeting of the Philadelphia Rotary Club are: Chesney Amos, Choctaw Central High School; Jaci Willis, Neshoba Central High School; Kalendra Roberson, Philadelphia High School. Rance Dewitt, Rotary Club President, introduced the students. He extended a special thank you to the parents, school counselors, principals, and superintendents

who helped make this program successful! Congratulations to each of these students!

Congratulations to Neshoba Central Middle School's Teacher of the Month for February, Mrs. Corey Byars! Her selection is well deserved.

Philadelphia Tornado basketball player Jayden Jackson was chosen as the 2023-2024 Region 4-2A Most Valuable Player Of The Year. This is a very distinguished honor and reflects not only his basketball talent but also his character. Congratulations!

The gym at Neshoba Central was once again transformed into a magic fairyland where princes, princesses, knights, and other fairy tale characters enjoyed the annual Fairy Tale Ball for kindergarten students.

It was a fun event that had many parents attending as well as some grandparents. There was a grand entrance led by a Princess (Shannon Harrison Posey) in a yellow gown, gloves, and crown who entered through a door decorated with balloons followed by the children in their costumes.

The children had many activities from which to choose such as dancing in groups, making frames, and other inviting projects. There was a white wicker loveseat with a gleaming backdrop for taking pictures to remember the event. Refresh-

ments were served and eaten with pleasure. The teachers, aides, and volunteers worked very hard to make this a successful "Once Upon a Time" for their students.

Congratulations to Sam Huffman for being selected as Student of the Month for January! Sam is a freshman at Neshoba Central High School.

Brian and Lydia Whitaker Berry had an excellent reason for visiting Las Vegas last Friday. Their son, Ross, graduated from Airman Leadership School. He was in the top 10% of his class of 79 in academics.

His class won Honor Flight which indicates that they exceeded in everything as a class compared to the other classes. He was voted by his classmates for the Commandant Award which is presented to the student who, in their Commandant's judgment, made the most significant contribution to the overall success of the class. It was an honor to be nominated for this award although he did not win it. Congratulations!

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Neshoba, Choctaw continue playoff runs

By STAFF REPORTS
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The Neshoba Central Lady Rockets are prepping for their second-round matchup against Olive Branch in the 6A state tournament at 5:30 p.m. on

Thursday. The Lady Rockets are coming off a first-round dominating win over Center Hill, 75-49.

Center Hill kept it close in the first half, only trailing 30-26 by halftime. The Lady Rockets came out to outscore Center Hill

26-10 in the third quarter before running away with the game.

Olive Branch narrowly defeated Vicksburg 58-54 in their first-round matchup.

Also still competing for a state championship are the Choctaw Central Warriors and

Choctaw Central Lady Warriors in the 4A bracket.

The Lady Warriors will face South Pontotoc in the quarterfinals at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday after a dominating second-round win over Itawamba Agricultural, 72-33. This comes after the Lady

Warriors destroyed New Albany 87-5 in the first round.

The Warriors bested Itawamba Agricultural 59-46 in second-round action and will face New Albany Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the quarterfinals.

The Philadelphia Tornadoes'

season ended in the second round after falling to East Union 50-45. The Lady Tornadoes met a similar fate against East Union in the second round, losing 74-52.

Leake Academy squads lose in opening round of tourney

By ROBBIE ROBERTSON
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In a rare event, neither Leake Academy basketball teams made it to the weekend of the state tournament.

Both teams lost in the opening round of the Class 5A state tournament as the Lady Rebels lost 59-56 to Parklane while the Rebels lost to Oak Forest 35-34.

The Leake girls finish the season with a 28-8 record while the Leake boys finish with a record of 26-12.

Parklane girls 59, Leake 56

The Rebelettes, playing without leading scorer and rebounder Katy Jones, trailed for the majority of the game and had a chance to send the game into overtime late but fell short in the first round of the Class 5A state tournament, ending their season.

Parklane led 18-17 at the end of the first and outscored Leake 15-13 in the second to lead 33-30 at the half. Parklane then outscored Leake 16-12 in the third to extend the lead to 49-42

going to the fourth. Leake then rallied and outscored Parklane 14-10 in the fourth but could never get the lead as the Lady Pioneers held on to take the win.

"One thing I have loved about coaching this particular team is the incredible effort they gave in practices and games all season long," coach Amanda Hatch said. "Our game against Parklane was no exception. We were just unable to recover from being down our only returning starter, our leading scorer and rebounder,

who was always a great presence on defense."

Sophomore Jenna Allen led Leake with 25 points and eight rebounds while Anna Morgan Young had 14 points and three rebounds. Sarah Prince had eight points, three rebounds and three assists while Marleigh Myers had six points and five rebounds.

Oak Forest boys 35, Leake 34

In a back and forth contest, the Yellowjackets took a tight one-

point win to end the Rebels' season on Wednesday.

Oak Forest led 6-4 at the end of the first period while Leake outscored the Yellowjackets 14-13 in the second to cut the lead to 19-18 at the half. Leake outscored Oak Forest 10-9 in the third to tie the game at 28-28 going to the fourth. Oak Forest took the fourth period 7-6 and held off the Rebels to take the one-point win.

"It was a fantastic second year with the guys," Leake coach Jason Morgan said. "I had three

goals at the beginning of the year: win 20 or more games again, have a chance to win our district again, and get back to the state tournament. We went 3-for-3 on those. And more than a few folks who beat us by 20 or 30 last year we either beat this year or lost to by only one or two possessions. We are improving as a program, and we bring back most of the roster next year."

Samuel Prince led Leake with 18 points while Lucas Thomas had six points.

Yellowjackets' seasons come to an end after losses in 2A bracket

By ROBBIE ROBERTSON
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The Union basketball teams saw their seasons come to an end last week.

The Lady Yellowjackets won their first-round game, hammering Bruce 63-22 but then lost to traditional 2A power New Site 64-34 on Friday night.

The Union boys lost 78-57 to Calhoun City in their opening-

round game of the Class 2A playoffs.

Union girls 63, Bruce 22

The Lady Yellowjackets outscored the Lady Trojans in every period and cruised to a 41-point win in the opening round of the Class 2A Tournament.

Union jumped out to a 21-4 lead in the first period and then outscored Bruce 16-7 in the sec-

ond to lead 37-11 at the half. Union continued to extend the lead in the second half, outscoring Bruce 20-10 in the third and 6-1 in the fourth to take the win.

Kylee Madden led a balanced scoring attack with 12 points while Rymia Craft had 11 points. Gracyn Tillman and Sydnee Coward each had 10 points apiece while Destiny Campbell had nine points and Elle Killen added eight points.

New Site girls 64, Union 34

The Lady Cardinals dominated the first three periods and took a 30-point win to end the Lady Yellowjackets season.

New Site led 18-11 in the first period and then outscored Union 22-8 in the second period to lead 40-19 at the half. New Site then outscored Union 20-8 in the third and led 60-27 going to the fourth. Union took the fourth period 7-4

for the final margin.

Kylee Madden led Union with 23 points while Elle Killen had four points.

Calhoun City boys 78, Union 57

The Wildcats opened up an early lead and held on to take a 21-point win over the Yellowjackets in first-round action on Tuesday.

Calhoun City outscored Union

21-13 in the first and 17-9 in the second to lead 38-22 at the half. Calhoun then outscored Union 27-21 in the third to lead 65-43 going to the fourth. Union took the fourth period 14-13 for the final margin.

Keon Hutchins led Union with 18 points while U'Darrian Hickman and Kamarion Rushing each had 10 points apiece.

Rebels baseball squad loses to Tri-County, ties Jackson Academy

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The Leake Academy baseball team got in two games this past week, losing one and tying the other.

The Rebels lost 10-1 to Tri-County Academy and then tied Jackson Academy 4-4 in a doubleheader at Trustmark Park in Pearl.

Leake will return to action next week with three scheduled games as they host Winston Academy on Tuesday and play at Jackson

Academy on Thursday. The Rebels will finish the week at home against Newton County Academy.

Tri-County 10, Leake Academy 1

Leake took an early lead only to allow Tri-County to score eight runs in the middle innings to take a nine-run win on Thursday in the first game of a doubleheader.

Leake led 1-0 after the first while Tri-County scored three in

the third and five in the fifth to lead 8-1 after four innings. Tri-County added single runs in the fifth and sixth to take the win.

Leake actually outhit Tri-County 6-5 in the contest. Rhett Stovall was 2-for-3 and scored the team's only run. Charlie Brantley was 2-for-3 while Tyler Winstead doubled. Rece Atkinson had Leake's other hit.

Atkinson started the game on the mound and pitched three innings, giving up three runs on

one hit and three walks while striking out two. Winstead came in next and gave up five runs on one hit and four walks without getting an out. Caden Stovall pitched the next 1 2/3 innings and gave up one unearned run on two hits and three walks while striking out two.

Tanner Walsworth picked the last 2/3 of an inning and gave up one run on one hit and one walk.

Leake Academy 4, Jackson Academy 4

The team teams tied after eight

innings in a time-limit game in the second game of a doubleheader on Thursday.

Lake scored two in the second to take an early lead while JA scored three in the top of the fourth to go ahead 3-2. Leake tied the game at 3-3 with a run in the fifth. Both teams scored runs in the eighth inning for the final score.

Leake had six hits in the contest. Rhett Stovall singled and scored a run while Tyler Winstead singled and drove in a run. Grayson McDonald singled and

scored twice. Easton Page singled and drove in a run while John Donovan also singled.

Rhett Stovall started on the mound and pitched four innings, giving up three runs won four hits while striking out three. Donovan pitched the next inning and gave up one hit while Coby Kemp came in and pitched the next three innings, giving up one unearned run on one hit and one walk while striking out seven.

Rockets win first game of season

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The Neshoba Central Rockets defeated the Newton County Cougars 12-5 last Tuesday to begin their 2024 season.

Ryder White started on the mound for the Rockets giving up five runs through four hard-fought innings.

The game was tied up at five each through the bottom of the 5th inning. J.P. Hancock came on in relief in the top of the 5th inning and held the Cougars scoreless to finish the game.

Neshoba's bats came alive in the top of the 7th, producing seven big runs. Hancock singled scoring one run. Cooper Lewis induced Caleb Thames to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored. Ryder White singled, scoring one run. Logan Collins singled, scoring one run. Sanders Griffis drew a walk, scoring one run. Colt Smith induced RB

Hardin to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored.

The Rockets produced 12 runs on 10 hits while the Cougars came up with five runs on 10 hits.

Big plays for the game came from Jordan Davis on a homerun in the top of the 2nd inning. Demarquez West doubled, helping the Rockets tie the game in the top of the 5th inning.

A solo homerun to right field by Haden Amis gave the Cougars the lead 5-4 in the bottom of the 3rd, but that didn't last long. Amis and Cooper Johnson each collected two hits to lead the Cougars.

The Rockets weren't as successful in their second game of the season.

Kosciusko defeated the Rockets 7-1 on home ground Thursday thanks to a five-run fourth inning. The Rockets scored first when Jordan Davis went for three bases then scored on a ground out by Sanders Griffis on the next play.

Kosciusko picked up the lead in the bottom of the first when Bennie Powell homered and Jon Roscoe singled to score another run to take the lead for good. The Whippets scored five runs on four hits in the bottom of the fifth with big plays from Braydon Rigby, Holden McGee and Barrett Kuhn.

Braxton Smith got the win for Kosciusko, giving up four hits and one run over three innings. Aidan Howard earned the save for the Whippets.

Will Williams took the loss for the Rockets, giving up four runs on four hits, striking out four and walking two in three innings. Sam Killens went three innings on the mound, giving up three runs on four hits. Sanders Griffis finished the game throwing for no hits and no runs.

Next up for the Rockets was a trip to West Lauderdale for a JV game at a five and the varsity at seven o'clock Tuesday.

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Ben signs with Mississippi College

On Friday, Neshoba Central's Brodie Ben signed a letter of intent to continue his education and football career at Mississippi College. Ben will be a 2024 graduate of Neshoba Central where he was a member of the Rocket's varsity football team. Brodie is the son of Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben and Tarita. Pictured are, seated from left, his sister Selah Ben, his mother Tarita, Brodie Ben, his father Cyrus, and sister Eden Ben (Back) Coach David Huffman, Coach Curtis Blackburn, Coach Jacob Johnson, Coach Shannon Ruffin, Coach Daryl Carter, and Coach Adam Shumaker.