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Tishomingo Saturday night
Burnsville Monday night
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IMS' Ella Fair (7th grade) taking it to the hoop against Corinth.

IMS Girls get wins against Corinth

by Jerry Charbauski

The Iuka Middle School Chieftains played host to the visiting Corinth Warriors on Monday November 28th. The evening started out with the 7th grade girls getting the win 18-5, Ashlyn Butler led the Lady Chieftains scoring with 8 points, while Mary Katherine Davis added 6 points.

The 7th grade boys did not fair as well losing to Corinth 7-26, Angel Salig led the 7th grade Chieftains with 4 points and Spencer Kirk added 3 in the loss.

The 8th grade Lady

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8th grader Brooks Marlar going up for two of his team leading eight points.

Christmas events all weekend!

The City of Iuka holds its tree lighting tonight, and its parade Friday night to kick off the Christmas season.

Tree lighting Thursday

Thursday evening, December 1st, Iuka will hold their second annual tree lighting in Jaybird Park where crews from the city and Pine Mountain Tree Farm planted a live Arizona Blue Ice Christmas tree last week.

The official lighting will happen during a 6:30 p.m. ceremony.

Anna Reese Henderson, an Iuka Middle School 5th grader, will light the tree following an invocation by Mack Wilemon.

After the tree lighting there will be an outdoor movie (Jim Carrey's The Grinch) shown in front of O'Claire's, along with food trucks and shopping at the businesses that choose to stay open late.

Anna Reese, 12, is the youngest daughter of Daniel and Melissa Henderson. As a heart transplant recipient, she is delighted to be enjoying life outside the hospital this year. Liza and Audrey are her older sisters, and they like playing Monopoly or making crafts together. Her favorite thing about Christmas, besides the gifts, is the music—all the Christmas carols, the singing Christmas tree at First Baptist Church in Corinth, and the Christmas songs on the radio.

Mack Wilemon is a member of Iuka Baptist Church, husband to Nelda Wilemon and the Tishomingo County Coroner. In his years with Cutshall Funeral Home, Mack has become like part of the family to many families in Tishomingo County. He and Nelda have a daughter, Lydia, who is married to Collin Mills. They live in Oxford.

Parade Friday night



Anna Reese and mom Melissa Henderson - Anna Reese will light the Iuka Christmas Tree Thursday night.

Friday night, December 2nd, the Iuka Christmas Parade will begin at 6:30 p.m.

This year's Grand Marshal for the Iuka Christmas Parade is Mrs. Wanda Evans. Wanda moved to Iuka in 1970 with her husband, Charles, and sons, Chris and John. She served as a 4th grade teacher and her husband served as principal of Iuka Elementary School until their retirement in 2000.

During those years she served in numerous civic and community groups.

After retirement, Wanda was involved in volunteer work including the Iuka Food Pantry and the Iuka Baptist Church Clothes Closet. Wanda is a member of Iuka Baptist Church and loves her church family.

Wanda is the mother of the late Christian (Chris) Evans and of John Evans, and his wife Jennie of Iuka. Of all her roles, being "Nene" to Jake, Annie, and Luke Evans is now her favorite role. Mrs. Evans is so thankful to the town of Iuka to be named this year's Grand Marshal and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas!

Tishomingo

Tishomingo's parade will



Wanda Evans will be the Iuka Christmas Parade Grand Marshal for 2022.

be Saturday night starting at 6 p.m. right through downtown Tishomingo, which looks so pretty since the Christmas lights have gone up! Be sure to look for grand marshal Doyle Hopkins, who was announced as Citizen of the Year last week.

You can meet Santa afterwards at the Tishomingo Community Center!

Burnsville

Monday night head to Burnsville for their parade and tree lighting. The parade is at 6 p.m. and you can meet Santa, and all your friends afterwards for the tree lighting at Burnsville City Hall. Grand marshal is Brent Bonds. Be sure to see the story on him inside.

Belmont

Belmont will also have a tree lighting this year on the Square downtown as part of their Christmas on The Square event which is from 2-6 p.m. The Perry family will light the tree when it gets about 6 p.m.

Tuesday night, at 6:30 Belmont will have their annual parade.

Mississippi Electronic Court System (MEC) implemented for circuit court records

The Mississippi Electronic Court System or MEC is now in use for Tishomingo County Circuit Court. MEC for short, the Mississippi Electronic Court system is a statewide plan to move the court filing system and records to a digital format accessible online. The internet-based document filing and case management system allow courts to maintain electronic case files and offers electronic filing. Court personnel, attorneys, media, and the public will have the capability to access information, download documents, access case data, and obtain information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A public access point is available at the circuit clerk's office and individuals may sign up for their own MEC account.

"MEC was mandated for use by the Mississippi legislature in 2022, however, we have been waiting for the implementation of MEC since 2020," said Tishomingo County Circuit Clerk Josh McNatt. The goal of MEC is to allow the public and court personnel easier access to records, while moving toward paper elimination and improved efficiency. As we work through the initial implementation changes future updates will be provided.

"The execution of MEC is another step toward modernizing operations for the office while

continuing to deliver results as part of the goals set in 2019 to make positive improvements," said McNatt.



Iuka Police Department integrates with central reporting system

Dispatcher Jean Atkins has updated the reporting system IPD uses for their reports to work with the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation's system so that Iuka will be coordinated with the state and national reporting systems. Iuka Police Department received affirmation from MBI after test submissions were successful.

"It's taken months to do all the necessary work, and we are thankful to Jean for her expertise," said IPD Chief Randy Stringer.

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IMS wins, continued from front

Chieftains came out strong in the first half, but had a slow third period allowing the Lady Warriors to climb back in the game, but picked it back up in the fourth period, to take the win 32-26. Meg Moore led the way with 16 points while Ainsley Estes finished the game scoring 13.

The 8th grade boys couldn't seem to get it going losing 21-40 to the Corinth Warriors, Brooks Marlar led the Chieftains in scoring with 8 points while Braxton Brown and Connor Nunley added 6 points each.

Happenings

Midway VFD Christmas Dinner - The Midway Volunteer Fire Department and the Community of Midway will be hosting their annual Christmas dinner Thursday, Dec 1st, 2022, at 6 pm at the Old Midway School building. Meat will be provided so just bring your favorite sides and join in for fellowship and fun to help support our community.

6 p.m. Call 279-3534 for information.

Belmont Christmas Parade - Tuesday, December 6th, 6:30 p.m.

Retired Teachers Meeting - The Tishomingo County Retired Education Personnel will meet December 9, at Sparks Restaurant in Belmont. Registration will begin at 9:30 and the meeting will begin at 10. Guest speaker will be Randy McCoy, a PERS board member. He is going to give a financial update on PERS.

Dickens Christmas - December 16th

First Day Hike - January 1st, 2 p.m. at Tishomingo State Park. Meet at the Nature Center to hike with the group, if you like. Free event, and free entry to the Park.

Iuka Tree Lighting & Movie Night - Remember Thursday night to come to the tree lighting in Jaybird Park, followed by The Grinch outdoor movie in front of O'Claire's.

Christmas parades:
Iuka-December 2nd

Tishomingo Christmas Parade - December 3rd. Line up at 5 p.m. Parade at

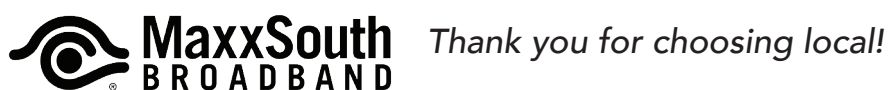
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This week the Pet of the Week is Jolene Vaughn. She is the 6 month old Silver Lab of Logan and Tiffanie Vaughn of Iuka. Jolene likes to play with her toys and really enjoys playing fetch. She has a ton of energy which makes her alot of fun to be around. She has the best personality and makes friends easily. Jolene is very smart and loves to learn new things. Her favorite treats are Blue Buffalo Nudges Grillers which she gets often for being such a good girl. She loves going to see Dr. Perkins and his staff. They all love to see her coming because of her wonderful personality.



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Brent Bonds is Burnsville Citizen of the Year

The Burnsville Chamber of Commerce announced this week that the Citizen of the Year is Brent Bonds.

Brent H Bonds is an equipment operator, writer, and artist from the Burnsville area who is likely best known locally for his work with wildlife rehabilitation and his efforts reinvigorating the Tishomingo Arts Council.

Brent attended the University of Mississippi, where he majored in English and Classics. A Taylor Medalist, Sommerville Prize recipient, Marshall Finalist, and Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Brent received his first master's degree in writing from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. He lived abroad in scattered stretches, going to school, working archaeological excavations in Greece, working with farmers in Palestine, and serving the homeless mentally and physically disabled at the Prem Dam ministry of the Mother Theresa House in Calcutta.

While working on his second master's in Egyptology at the University of Memphis, Brent questioned the usefulness of that field and applied to the Mississippi Teacher Corps, where he spent eight years working at North Panola School District as an English, writing, and mythology instructor as well as an instructional coach and curriculum designer for the ELA, social studies, and science departments -- a position that allowed him to bring Latin, aerospace, and community leadership classes (as well as dual enrollment, early release, and cooperative education programs with Ole Miss and the University of Memphis) to the once "failing" school. He also worked at that time as an adjunct professor for Northwest Community College and completed his master's degree in curriculum and instruction through Ole Miss.

Brent took up portraiture while teaching, drawing students, and giving the portraits to them as incentives. He looked at it as a way to encourage students to take up drawing and the arts in general as the school at that time had no arts program.

Brent's desire to see arts opportunities afforded

to youth and adults who may not otherwise have the ability to explore those interests and talents was a primary reason for his work reestablishing the Tishomingo Arts Council in 2020.

The rebirth of TAC at that time led to the situation of Tishomingo County's being one of very few arts councils being active during COVID-19 lockdown. Under the leadership of Bonds, TAC has in the last two years become a well-known arts entity across the state and beyond, moving into its third year of consistent and sustainable programs including themed monthly digital programs; an annual juried art competition that fields entries from across Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee; a yearly arts and letters magazine; annual writing competition; poetry programming that draws participation from notable poets across the U.S.; annual art scholarship and arts education awards; and a large number of free monthly arts-based opportunities targeting youth and the otherwise underserved across the entirety of the county and beyond.

Seeking to increase the visibility of Tishomingo County across the state, the organization has also taken an active role in helping to spread awareness of



talented creators from the area, working this past year to exhibit and publicize the visual art of Lila Ham and to aid in the establishment of a state country music marker for Pete Pyle. Most recently, TAC is responsible for bringing theatre to the area through its very successful production with the Jacinto Foundation of "Steel Magnolias."

Being thankful, watching soccer and other things Americans do irregularly

I spent my Thanksgiving holidays like I do most years: watching a soccer game being played in a small Middle Eastern country. That's a joke. I don't watch soccer ... ever. I prefer to watch contact sports around Turkey Day.

That's why I always find a seat as close to the door as possible at Walmart on Black Friday. There are more shin kicks and elbow jabs at a southern Walmart on Black Friday than in a year of WWE wrestling. After all, what's a world championship belt compared to a 70-



Town Cryin's
Nate Clark

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This year's World Cup I have more or less vowed to watch. I kind of figured the World Cup is kind of like 2019 Game of Thrones - I might as well watch it so I can understand what everyone is talking about. Watching soccer games does allow me the fun of playing my favorite fantasy game: "what if America's best athletes actually played soccer?" I imagine if we threw out the University of Georgia football team on the pitch, a lot of those countries would just forfeit. I mean, they're used to playing 165-pound boys from Wales. Can you imagine them staring down a 280-pound monster from Valdosta that runs a 4.6 forty-yard dash? It would be so bad the Europeans would be flopping before the games started.

Back to Thanksgiving, while beautiful, crime-free Iuka suffered record low temperatures, the Clark family spent the week at the in-laws'

place in Florida. Let me tell you something friends: nothing makes you set aside petty family squabbles like seventy-degree weather in late November. We traded our turkey and Ugg boots for shrimp and flip-flops. I've never been happier walking off Thanksgiving dinner than when I did it last week in shorts. All of the Floridians were super nice, too. They all said they had never seen such white legs on someone that wasn't medically homebound before.

Of course, I've never had mosquito bites a month after Halloween, either. So, maybe I just traded pneumonia for the West Nile Virus.

Driving from Northeast Mississippi to just south of Jacksonville, Florida with two children is a journey not for the weak of heart. I'll just say this: if General Sherman would have had his kids with him on the campaign, he never would have made it to Atlanta. He would have pulled the entire Union Army over to the side of the road and everybody would have got a whuppin' whether they needed it or not. He probably then would have given up on the whole venture and opened up a vape store somewhere on the outskirts of Chattanooga. The drive to the Atlantic Ocean side of Florida is so long that I think I went through a midlife crisis somewhere between hours six and eight. Of course, the four of us plus our luggage wouldn't fit in a Corvette, so I just made everybody miserable by listening to every obscure SEC football podcast my iPhone could find.

Thanksgiving in Florida is like a holiday anywhere, except for the part where you all gather around a palm

tree and sing Jimmy Buffet songs. But whether you gathered with your family to watch the Egg Bowl or Germany versus Japan, or whether your uncles argued over parking, or one of your in-law's family members kicked an alligator to win a bet, I hope you took a moment to be thankful. For family. For

friends. For friends who are like family. For all the ones who drive us crazy, but make us who we are.

And, while we're all in a familial mood, let's get behind our skinny boys playing soccer for us. USA! USA! And, somebody, get those little boys some mashed potatoes and gravy.



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Joseph Leon Bain Sr., age 60 passed away Saturday, November 19, 2022. He enjoyed talking to his buddies on the CB and picking and teasing his nephews, which were MSU and Ole Miss fans about Alabama. He was a true Alabama fan. He is survived by his son, Joseph Leon Bain Jr.; daughter, Jessica Bain; sister, Joyce McKee (Ray); grandchildren, Gavin Smith, Landyn Smith, and Colton Seago; a very special thanks to his friend "speedy" Angie Huggins. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Farris Bain and Alma Bray Bain; brother, Alonzo Bain. Visitation will be Wednesday, November 23, 2022, at Ludlam Funeral Home, Iuka, MS beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with funeral services following at 11:00 a.m. in Ludlam Funeral Home Chapel. Bro. James Voyles and Bro. William Lambert will be officiating. Interment will be in Love Joy Cemetery, Burnsville, MS. Pallbearers include Jimmy Stevens, Johnathan Bonds, Bro. James Voyles, Larry Freeman, Jason Grisham, Bro. Ryan Williamson. There will be no graveside services. Ludlam Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Joseph Leon Bain Sr. You may leave online condolences to the family at www.ludlamfuneralhome.com



Steve Jackson

Harold Stephen "Steve" Jackson, 80, of Iuka, Mississippi, died Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at the North Mississippi Medical Center in Iuka. Steve was a local attorney and practiced law in Iuka for 51 years. He was a Mississippi National Guard veteran and was a former judge for the Cities of Iuka and Belmont. Steve loved boating and was a U. S. Coast Guard Licensed Captain. He enjoyed spending time on the water and was a certified scuba diver. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Jackson; one son, Steve Jackson (Jennifer); and two grandchildren, Stephen Nash and Joshua Cole. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Jena Leigh Jackson, and his parents, Harold and Louise Davis Jackson. Cutshall Funeral Home of Iuka, MS is entrusted with arrangements. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, November 25, at Cutshall Funeral Home Chapel in Iuka, officiated by Rev. Hannah Shempert. Visitation is scheduled for 1:00 until 3:00 p.m., Friday, November 25, at Cutshall Funeral Home in Iuka. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to LeBonheur Children's Medical Center by calling (901) 287-6308; or online at www.lebonheur.org. An online guestbook can be accessed at www.cutshallfuneralhome.com.



Phyllis Pettyjohn

Phyllis May Ross Pettyjohn, 78, died November 12, 2022 at North Mississippi Medical Center Iuka of complications from COPD. She lived 25 years in Iuka and was enjoying retirement from the banking industry. She was born in San Bernardino, California and spent most of her first 40 years in Colorado. She worked in numerous banks and even the Denver Mint for a short time. She loved to watch car racing at local tracks, go bargain hunting at garage sales, and being a full time Grandma to her grandchildren. She moved to Iuka, 25 years ago to be closer to her beloved mother and brother who also lived in the area. Always a huge fan of Elvis, she and her daughter collected countless memories and quite a few collectors pieces over the years. She was an angel sent to Earth to make our lives rich with love and compassion. She will be greatly missed by all of her friends and family.

She is survived by her son, Kenneth Boring; daughter Marlena Pettyjohn; and grandchildren Kaytlin and Aaron Pettyjohn, Sydney Boring, Savanna Armstrong and Tiffany Pizio, and cousins in the Kansas City area are Ellen Wentz, Ruthann Weinzerl, and Bill Sigler

She was preceded in death by her parents Fred and Ellen Ross, of Iuka.

A memorial service will be arranged at a later date. Cutshall Funeral Home of Iuka assisted the family. In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to Iuka Public Library.



Donnie Williams

Donnie Rudolph Williams, 78, of Iuka, MS, died on Saturday, November 26, 2022, at The Hospitality House. He enjoyed hunting. As the Veterans Administration Officer, he enjoyed cooking for everyone at the courthouse. He is survived by his daughters, Vickie Wimberly and Kim Borden (Galeus); his brothers, Frank Williams (Gayle) and Isaac Williams (Kathy); his sisters, Jane Robinson (Sidney), Star Hy (Ron), and Mae Garland (James); his grandchildren, Megan Holt (Nate), Kyle Wimberly, Zac Bullard, Keifer Wimberly (Chelsea), Madison Greaves (Jeana), Molly Lindsey (Bryce), and Isaiah Wimberly; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dora Williams; his parents, Frank and Star Mae Williams; his daughter, Tina Bullard; his sister, Sarah Walker; and his son-in-law, Keith Wimberly. Cutshall Funeral Home of Iuka, MS is entrusted with the arrangements. Visitation is scheduled for Sunday, November 27, 2022, from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., at Cutshall Funeral Home in Iuka. Services are scheduled for Monday, November 28, 2022, at 11:00 A.M., at Cutshall Funeral Home Chapel in Iuka, officiated by Bro. Michael Lambert. Burial will follow in Mt. Evergreen Cemetery. Pallbearers will be John Williams, Tony Williams, Todd Williams, Heath Robinson, Clint Robinson, Luke Robinson, and Stephen Williams. Honorary pallbearers will be Mike Brown, Philip Moore, Todd Kogut, Matthew Hudson, Chuck Bullard, and Justin Provins. Donations may be made in Donnie's honor to the Mt. Evergreen Cemetery Fund or to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. An online guestbook may be accessed at www.cutshallfuneralhome.com.



James Morris

James H. Morris, 90, of Iuka, Mississippi, died on Monday, November 21, 2022, in his home. For most of his life, he was a truck driver. He was an excellent provider for his family. Every visit from family and friends concluded with an offering of garden vegetables, eggs, fruit, jellies, or any other thing he knew would be useful. His gifts were plentiful, though he would always say, "Ye can't grow nothin' on that rocky ground." He loved being outdoors—whether hunting, fishing, or gardening. In the last 67 years, "Rerun" had not missed a single opening-day of deer season, including this year. He was a member



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- Connie Hawthorne, 63 died November 18, 2022, Ludlam
- James Morris, 90, died November 21, 2022, Cutshall
- Phyllis Pettyjohn, 78, died November 12, 2022, Cutshall
- Joseph Bain, Sr., 60, died November 19, 2022, Ludlam

of the Pineflat Sportsmans Club and was also a 50-year member of Burnsville Lodge #233 F&AM. He enjoyed watching Atlanta Braves Baseball, and he enjoyed spending time with his family and countless friends laughing and telling stories. James is survived by his children, Jeanette (Dexter Stanfield), Jackie Morris (Glenda Belue), and Lora Greene (Ronnie); his grandchildren, Robin Glover, Jay Glover (Jessica), Sally Rester (Corey), Jill Roberts (Josh), and Holly Van Meter; his great-grandchildren, Brody, Maryn, and Annika; his brother, Bobby R. Morris (Charlotte); and a host of other friends and family members. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Virginia Daniel Morris; his parents, Millard and Lue Morris; his brother, Milford Morris; his sister, Ruby Bowling; his son-in-law, Bob Glover; and his very close friends, Norman "Jam Up" Kennedy, Tearl White, and Bobby Bullard. Cutshall Funeral Home in Iuka, MS, is entrusted with the arrangements. Visitation is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., on Friday, November 25, 2022, at Cutshall Funeral Home in Iuka. Funeral services will be at 12:00 p.m., on Friday, November 25, 2022, at Cutshall Funeral Home in Iuka, officiated by Bro. Ronnie Goodwin. Interment will follow in Harmony Cemetery. Pallbearers include Carl Morris, Tommy Morris, Steve Morris, Eddie Morris, David Daniel, and Tristan Daniel. Honorary pallbearers will be the members of the Pineflat Sportsmans Club and his friends from the Crossroads One Stop. Donations may be made in James' honor to the Harmony Cemetery Fund (Sara Hayes – 396 County Road 231 Iuka, MS 38852) or to the Fairview Cemetery Fund (Rose Spencer – 446 Hwy 350 Corinth, MS 38834). An online guestbook may be accessed at www.cutshallfuneralhome.com.

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Auditions for Red Bay production of A Bad Year for Tomatoes

The Bay Tree Council for the Performing Arts in Red Bay, AL announces auditions for its second production of the 2022-2023 season A Bad Year For Tomatoes, by John Patrick and directed by Mark Richardson. Auditions will be held at the Weatherford Center in Red Bay on Sunday December 11, 2022 at 2:00 PM and Monday December 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script with 3 adult men and 4 adult women, with older teens considered for parts. The performance will take place February 9-12, 2023 with dinner available for all performances. Tickets will go on sale January 30, 2023. For information on groups who would like to attend please contact Beth Hammock at 256-668-0045. This is a favorite that has been brought back and was last performed in 2007.

Gracious, glamorous Myra Marlowe, fed up with fame after a very long career as a television actress, retreats to the small town of Beaver Haven, Vermont, planning to live quietly and anonymously, write her juicy autobiography, and grow her own tomatoes. The complaints of her faithful agent and less faithful lover, Tom

Lamont, that she is throwing herself away on a backwards backwater of a town, fall on deaf ears, until she gets to know her neighbors: Reba and Cora, the Hospitality Ladies, full of rapid fire gossip and rapid fire questions; woodcutter Piney, impressively bearded and smelling of the great outdoors, who terrifies his victims with the force of his sales pitch, and Willa Mae Wilcox, the widow woman with the purple shutters on her house, who put a voodoo curse on her husband. With these colorful characters inviting themselves over at every hour of the day, Myra gets no time to write, and in frustration, invents a dangerous, mentally disturbed sister -- based on her first, best-known TV role, Sis Sadie -- to frighten away her neighbors and give her some peace and quiet. However, the upstanding citizens of Beaver Haven react in unexpected ways to Sadie's shrill, childlike charms and sad plight, and before her charade is over, Myra finds herself accused of murder! A Bad Year for Tomatoes, John Patrick's ridiculously clever comedy, with brisk and uproarious dialogue and sharply comedic characters, is a delight for actors and audiences alike.



Thank you Tishomingo County!

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Tishomingo Connect Construction Completion Celebration December 2nd

While we still are in the process of connecting homes and businesses, Tishomingo Connect would like to take time to celebrate the completion of main line fiber construction throughout all its parent company Tishomingo County Electric Power Association's service territory. We are thankful for all our subscribers and those who are future subscribers. We also want to express our appreciation to everyone for being patient with us while we navigated building through the pandemic and dealing with continuing supply chain issues.

To celebrate, we will have an open house from 7:30-4:30 at our Iuka

office at 205 Constitution Drive, on Friday, December 2, 2022. Please stop by for refreshments and to register for our giveaways.

Also to celebrate, we will have a drawing for a prize every business day from December 5th through December 16th. All current subscribers and those who are pre-registered will be entered to win. If you stop by our office on December 2nd, you can register to have your name entered twice in the drawings. Winners will be contacted directly and announced via Facebook.

Thank you again for your support!

Prize Schedule:

- December 5 Amazon Firestick
- December 6 Kanga Cooler
- December 7 Travel Duffle Bag
- December 8 Yeti Utility Bucket
- December 9 Roku Ultra
- December 12 Bose Bluetooth Speaker
- December 13 Beats Studio Buds
- December 14 1 Month Free Service
- December 15 3 Months Free Service
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On behalf of the 2022 Heritage Day Committee, we would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who voted!

This festival is planned for months in advance and could not be successful without the help of our wonderful sponsors and volunteers. This year the festival went back to its roots. Iuka welcomed thousands of guests to the Mineral Springs Park to shop, eat, and visit with one another. The Cherokee Deer Clan all the way from North Carolina made a appearance and was a show stopper for the day!

The planning Committee is making plans for the next Festival and what new and old things we can bring back. We are always needing extra help and volunteers to help make this event a success. We would love to see you at our next planning meeting scheduled for Jan 31st, 2023. (Location to be announced)

Thank you Tishomingo County for always being so supportive! Please feel free to reach out to us with any new ideas, donations or questions at iukaheritagefestival@gmail.com

- Thank you,
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Drama competition Friday!

Drama competition is this Friday! The TCHS Bravada Club will be traveling to the happiest place on earth (also known as Starkville MS) this Friday to compete on late Saturday! They have been working hard on the competition piece "Ashes Ashes". This play deals with loss and grief but also gives hope to those who need it. Here is a short summary :



TCHS News
Paden Strickland

What if our imaginary friends were not really imaginary? What if they are meant to help us get through a difficult time? What if history repeats itself for a reason? What if we relive the past and never even notice? Tilly and Henri are children with incurable diseases. Tilly is a modern-day teen with DIP-G and Henri is a teen in the 1600's with the plague. On their way to their eternal rest, they find comfort in each other's friendship.

We would like to wish them the best of luck! Break a leg actors/actresses!

We took a long rest from the thanksgiving break, but the Braves are back in full swing with sports, fundraising, clubs, and different activities!

- Christmas Parades:
- Iuka- Friday December 2nd
 - Tishomingo- Saturday December 3rd
 - Burnsville- Monday December 5th



Announcements:

Foreign Language Club and Beta Club are sponsoring a Pet Drive to benefit local shelters. If you are in one of these clubs or are interested in helping then please stop by Mrs. Riley's room to see her for more information.

Yearbook proofs are in! Juniors - Freshman you can pick those up in the office, library, or cafeteria during your lunch. Those forms are due back by December 9th!

The TCHS Bravettes

compete next Friday December 9th at the Jackson Coliseum. They have been working very hard in preparing for the competition season! Good luck TC Bravettes!

Service Hours Opportunity:

Anchor needs help providing to the nursing home residents. Some of the options include: buying a gift of \$10 or more, decorating their doors for Christmas, and even reading to them! This is a great way to earn some hours and get a chance to spread kindness!



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Esports team headed to playoffs

This week, TCHS is getting back into action after a well-deserved Thanksgiving break.

Congratulations to Reese Moore for making the Daily Corinthian's All-Area First Team for volleyball as well as Zareli Ozuna for making it on the honorable mention list.

During the break, boys basketball played in a couple of games in the New Albany Classic, losing 70-52 versus Wheeler and 72-32 against New Albany.

As for some more good news, TC ESports has had one team make the playoffs in Super Smash Brothers. The squad takes on MSMS on December 2nd at 4 p.m. What a great accomplishment to have a team in the playoffs during the first year in program history! Originally, the

basketball girls and boys were in action Tuesday against Heritage Academy at home, but the game was postponed due to weather.

They are back in action at home on Thursday against Kossuth. The teams will also see action in the South Pontotoc Classic on Saturday. There is a freshman/JV game Monday at home versus Hardin County.

For soccer, the girls and the boys only game of the week will take place Monday against Pontotoc.

Bowling also will see action Wednesday against Kossuth.



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OF PICKENS COUNTY,
ALABAMA
ASHLEY VONDELL,
CARVER, PLAINTIFF VS
WILLIAM AUSTIN
JULEN, DEFENDANT
CIVIL ACTION NO: DR-
2-22-57
ORDER**

The Plaintiff's Motion for Service by Publication having been granted, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that the following notice shall be published by the Tishomingo County News: William Austin Julen, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Ashley Vondell Carver's Complaint for Divorce by January 2, 2023, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case No. DR-2022-57, Circuit Court of Pickens County, Alabama. Keith Cox, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pickens County, Alabama. Additionally, this case is set for final hearing on January 18, 2023, at 9 a.m. Entered this the 7th day of November, 2022.
/s/ Honorable Lance Bailey
Pickens County Domestic Relations Judge
CHG-N10-17-24-D1

**SUBSTITUTED
TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF
SALE**

WHEREAS, on July 28, 1999, Gene Gober and Angelia Gober executed a certain deed of trust to J. R. Garner, Trustee for the benefit of Blazer Mortgage Services, Inc. which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Tishomingo County, State of Mississippi in Book 253 at Page 222; and
WHEREAS, LLG MS LLC has heretofore been substituted as Trustee by instrument dated October 19, 2022 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Instrument No. 2022003788; 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, FirstKey Master Funding 2021-A Collateral Trust, 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 December 8, 2022 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 East Door of the County Courthouse of Tishomingo County, located at 1008 Battleground Drive, Iuka, MS 38852, to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds the following described property situated in Tishomingo County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

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**IN THE CHANCERY
COURT OF
TISHOMINGO COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE
OF DOROTHY NEIL
WRIGHT, DECEASED,
WILLIAM J. HOLLOWAY,
PETITIONER CAUSE
NO:CV2022-000234-
MM
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 15 of November, 2022, by the Chancery Court of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, upon the Estate of DOROTHY NEIL WRIGHT, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration, according to law, within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.
This the 15 day of November, 2022.
/s/ WILLIAM J. HOLLOWAY,
ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE ESTATE OF
DOROTHY NEIL WRIGHT,
DECEASED
JOEY M. COBB, ATTORNEY
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CHG-N17-24-D1

**IN THE CHANCERY
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MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE
OF STANLEY WAYNE
HUBBARD, DECEASED,
ANTHONY W.
HUBBARD AND
STEPHEN K. HUBBARD,
PETITIONER CAUSE
NO: CV2022-297-71-M
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 24 of October 2022, by the Chancery Court of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, upon the

Estate of STANLEY WAYNE HUBBARD, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration, according to law, within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.
This the 24 day of October, 2022.
/s/ ANTHONY W. HUBBARD
/s/STEPHEN K. HUBBARD
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**IN THE CHANCERY
COURT OF
TISHOMINGO COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE
LAST WILL
AND TESTAMENT OF
DOROTHY DAILEY,
DECEASED
CAUSE NO. CV2022-
000311
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The undersigned having been appointed Executrix of the Estate of DOROTHY DAILEY, deceased, by the Chancery Court of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in Cause No. CV2022-000311 on the docket of said Court, on the 10th day of November 2022, hereby gives notice to all persons having any claims against the said estate to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days, and failure to probate and register for this period will bar the said claim.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE,
on this the 9th day of November 2022.
/s/BRENDA HINTON
Executrix
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**IN THE CHANCERY
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OF TISHOMINGO
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
ESTATE OF ELAINE M.
DOLAN, DECEASED
NO. CV 2022-000323-
71MM
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 18th day of November, 2022, by the Chancery Court of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Elaine M. Dolan, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.
THIS the 18th day of November, 2022.
Glenn M. Dolan
Executor of the Estate of Elaine M. Dolan, Deceased
Nicholas B. Phillips
Phillips and Phillips, PA
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P. O. Box 566
Iuka, Mississippi 38852
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CHG-N24-D1-8

**IN THE CHANCERY
COURT OF
TISHOMINGO COUNTY,
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TINA FRANKS,
PLAINTIFF
V. DON WAYNE
FRANKS, DEFENDANT
CAUSE NO.: CV2020-
000100-71-T
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TO: Don Wayne Franks
You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Tina Franks, Plaintiff, seeking contempt. You are the only Defendant in this action. Don Wayne

Frank's address is unknown and is not to be found herein after diligent search and inquiry, and the post office address of said Don Wayne Franks is not known. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition for Contempt at 9:00 a.m. on the 20th day of January, 2023, in the courtroom of the Prentiss County Government Annex at Booneville, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an Answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 16 day of November, 2022.
Peyton Cummings, Chancery Court Clerk
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Happy Holidays

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 - The Brady Bunch, e.g.
 - Mourner's wish
 - Mature, as in fruit
 - *Santa's entryway
 - *Holiday plum treat
 - Foot the bill
 - Hot alcoholic beverage
 - Not transgender
 - *Frosty's corn cob
 - Attract
 - Bad luck prediction
 - Indian cuisine staple
 - The whole amount
 - "Keep this information" button
 - *Coveted letter on a dreidel
 - Dry as dust
 - Opposite of digest
 - Inconclusive
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 - Courtroom excuse
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 - Drink for John Glenn
 - Fervent
 - Giving the once-over
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 - strings
 - More sordid
 - Trig function
 - Insect in adult stage
 - *Number of candles in Kwanzaa's kinara
 - Sacrifice for gain
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 - List components
 - *Holiday song offering
 - Lament for the dead
 - Scotland's famous loch
 - Eagle's aerie
 - Lid or lip embellishment
 - Go to bed (2 words)
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 - Pirate's "Yes!"
 - Savory jelly dish
 - English county
 - London art museum
 - Hipbones
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SPECIAL SECTION

Readers elect Beth Davis Best Citizen



Beth Davis and Pearl at the now iconic Jaybird Park Gazebo, which she was instrumental in having built during her term as alderman.

Congratulations to Mrs. Beth Davis for the well-deserved honor of being voted Best Citizen by our readers!

A former teacher, Beth is active in Iuka Pilot Club, where she is currently serving as president, and served as its first-ever president in 1982! She served a term as Iuka alderman, serves with IDEA, Iuka Boys & Girls Club, and CREATE Foundation, participates with her family in the St. Jude Trail Ride annually, and was a huge part of the Battle of Iuka Sesquicentennial Committee. Whether it's handing out snacks

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Thank you so much Tishomingo County News readers for your

outstanding participation in our first ever Readers' Choice Awards!

More than 600 ballots were submitted from readers all over the county, which was many more than we expected! Our sincere thanks for a team of dedicated counters who helped with the tallying of all those votes while we continued to produce the regular editions!

We learned so much about Tishomingo County, and the vast number of small businesses,

restaurants, and service providers from Golden to Pickwick! Even if your name or business is not on this final list of winners, know that you were probably named and voted on in the process. People really showed a lot of loyalty and commitment working through the ballot to name all their favorites!

Congratulations to all our winners. Thanks for being a part of what makes Tishomingo County so special!



Rodney Windham, Shana Hollon and Brian Grissom accepted the Best Event certificate on behalf of the many Iuka Heritage Day committee members.

Iuka Heritage Day committee recognized for Best Festival/Event

Putting on a festival that attracts thousands to Iuka every Labor Day weekend is a complicated job requiring the cooperation and hard work of many volunteers, and in 2022, the Iuka Heritage Committee knocked it out of

the park! Actual attendance numbers were unavailable, but festival attendees parked all over town to come to the town-wide party in Mineral Springs

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- Monogramming/Embroidery . 3-Sisters
- Pet Groomer Heidi at Iuka Animal
Clinic
- Realtor Joyce Park
- Real Estate Agency Tapp Realty
- Screen printer/t-shirts ... Lori Wahlstrom

INDIVIDUALS

- Teller Libby Lambert
- Receptionist Melissa
Henderson

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Iuka Heritage Festival, continued from front

Park September 3rd. There were a record number of vendors, and a huge car show in conjunction, making it about the largest gathering in the county.

Many people think that the City of Iuka does Heritage Day, but the committee actually does all the planning, fundraising, and organization themselves, with the city cooperating on law enforcement, crowd control, and making sure the town

infrastructure is ready for the crowds.

Starting right after the 2021 event, committee members started planning for the September 3rd event. Fundraisers, invitations to hundreds of vendors, dozens of performers, and all the infrastructure and inter-agency cooperation requires folks with a common goal of producing a top-notch event.

It must have worked - organizer

Shana Hollon said, "This was the first year we literally had to move people along to go home! They were having such a good time they wanted to stay at the Park long after all our planned activities!"

The committee starts planning the 2023 event in January and invites everyone to come on board the Heritage Day committee!

Davis, continued from front

or soup during a downtown Iuka event, or dressing in full period costume for events like Dickens Christmas, Beth is always an enthusiastic and graceful participant in whatever is going on to make Iuka a better place to live and work.

She and her husband Neil are members at Iuka United Methodist and live in one of Iuka's many historic antebellum homes, which she often opens for entertaining during special events. They have two daughters, Amanda Ryan and grandson Nate of Louisville, Kentucky, and Jennifer Wallin and husband Jim, and grandchildren Davis and Leslie Elizabeth Wallin of Clarksville, Tennessee.

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Roofing Heavener's Roofing
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RECREATION

Event Venue Cedar Creek Ridge
Music Group..... Unity 4
Library..... Iuka Library
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Community Festival/Event Iuka Heritage Day
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Emily Bell recognized as Best Volunteer by readers

by Pamela McRae

Congratulations to Emily Bell, who was one of many nominated by our readers for their volunteer spirit. She won by several votes, and it was inspiring to see the dozens of individuals people took the time to remember and name as a great volunteer!

When I think of all the places I have seen Emily working, volunteering, participating, governing or even just hanging out, its hard to believe she's not originally from Tishomingo County (she's from Pontotoc). She knows everyone I've ever asked her about, probably from all the organizations she's been involved with the last 22 years she's lived in Iuka.

She's active with her daughter Madi's sports as a booster for Madi's current softball team, the Lady Braves, but for many, many years, she's been the energy behind softball teams from Iuka Girls' Softball, through Iuka Middle School teams. I seem to recall one of the first times I met her she was juggling concession stand supervision with supporting her daughter's team and directing team portrait day.

Just another softball mom? Well, it takes a lot of people like that volunteering to make any of our youth sports leagues work, and we are lucky when someone like Emily comes along willing to be an effective leader.

What a good example for all the little girls who have watched her through the years - even if they don't realize it yet.

In her life now, she is an Iuka Alderman with a passion for getting Iuka cleaned up yard by yard, lot by lot. Toward this end, she has organized Keep Iuka Beautiful, and guided it through the requirements of being affiliated with Keep America Beautiful, which will hopefully mean grants and support from the well-known non-profit to help clean up Iuka. She's rounded up some additional volunteers who got the official training and in the future we will see this organization grow - thanks to Emily pushing it along early on.

Additionally, she helps the city with everything



Emily Bell

from parades to planting Christmas trees. She's open-minded and eager to take action to help Iuka grow but also sensitive to conservative citizens; she manages a balance as a small town politician.

An active runner, she has run in St. Jude Hero runs and helps with associated St. Jude fundraisers with her running friends. Keen on fitness, she runs North Mississippi Medical's Wellness Center gym, teaching classes and managing the place efficiently for years. She's got degrees in exercise physiology and wellness promotion that help with that.

I particularly like the way she never cracks a smile all the times I've signed up for that January 3-month New Year's special membership at the Wellness Center... and only gone for a week.

Emily served on the school board for a term, which involves a lot more than most people realize.

I asked her for some of her volunteer history for this story and she humbly mentioned just the things she's probably done this actual month.

That's what is called a servant's heart, in my opinion, and we are lucky to have Emily, and many others who didn't actually win this time, working for a better Tishomingo County!



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We would like to thank all those who voted Riverhills Bingo "Best Bingo" in Tishomingo County! We are so honored to receive this award. We love being able to give back to our community through the Tri-State Educational Foundation, which has awarded over \$14 million in local scholarships and educational grants since 1999. We appreciate your support!



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Young winners give us hope for the future

by Pamela McRae

This is the first-ever "best of" contest we have held, and it has surprised us in so many ways. We have learned about businesses, boutiques, restaurants, and more all over the county, thanks to readers filling out their ballots! There are a lot of great things going on here, and people are passionate enough about that to fill in (an admittedly way too long), ballot with their own suggestions for all these awards!

One interesting thing to note is that several of our top vote-getters are young professionals and business people. Under 30 years old, many of them, and they are doing well enough as entrepreneurs or self-employed workers to make a living in Tishomingo County, contributing to the place that "built them."

And, most importantly, they are doing well enough that their community recognizes how well they are doing.

Best Photographer

Alexia Curtis, a 2012 TCHS graduate, and voted Best Photographer, is doing well enough with a professional photography business to quit her day job and go full-time with photography. That's a big commitment on her and her family's part but her work shows skill and talent, and she's willing to grow her business knowledge to make her dreams happen with something she loves.

Best Plumber/Electrician

Kyle Wood, a 2013 TCHS grad was the run-away winner in the readers' choices for Best Plumbing and Best Electrician work. He worked under local contractors for a while, and now he is on his own and doing good work, and - most importantly for this kind of work - showing up and getting the jobs done right. His biggest problem is finding help to stick with him, but he feels good about his work, and is inspired, no doubt, by a baby and wife at home, and building a home for them.

Best Lawn Service

Lance Heavener, voted Best Lawn Care Service, has run his own lawn service since high school, and now has 375 customers and 10 employees. He also works with Ludlam Funeral Home and

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has plans to run for county office. He's 25 years old and has an inspiring work ethic.

Best Stylist

At only 20 and nearly the youngest winner is "Best Stylist" Kaylee Shea Brown, a stylist at Sippi Life salon out on Airport Road in Iuka. Stylists are numerous, and clearly several have devoted followings indicated by our vote counting. Kaylee has been doing hair since 2019 and specializes in color. She has about 70-80 regular clients.

Best Clinic/Nurse

They are a bit older, but several of the doctors at the "Best Clinic" Iuka Medical Clinic are barely past 30, and they thankfully chose to come home to practice. Dr. Cameron Bonds, Dr. Kaycee Burcham, and Dr. Jessica Jensen are just a few of the young professionals making Iuka Medical Clinic work. The Best Nurse winner, Andee Robertson, works there, too, and is not yet 21!

This isn't to say there aren't young people all over our county doing great and inspiring work, but these individuals are working hard, and well enough for other people to have noticed and publicly commend them, and that's saying something!

The future looks bright!



Lance Heavener



Kaylee Shea Brown



Kyle Wood



Alexia Curtis



Erin Greene, FNP-BC, Dr. Kaycee Burcham, Dr. Cameron Bonds, Jamie Frick, NP-C and Dr. Jessica Jensen



Andee Robertson



I'd like to thank the people who took the time to vote for me for Best Supervisor. It was been a pleasure serving the people of the Third District and Tishomingo County. I look forward to continuing to serve you in the future.



Best Supervisor
Michael Busby

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Michael Busby



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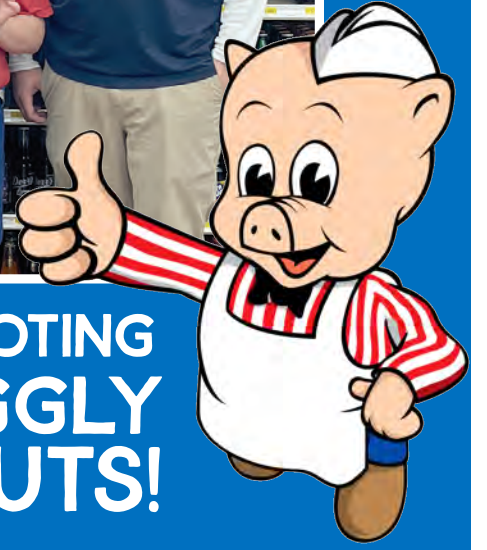
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