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## *It's Dickens Christmas, Ya'll!*

# IDEA turns back time in Downtown luka Friday night



**Getting into the Dickens spirit** - above, Jessica Seaton, Shana Hollon and Jessica Jeter at a past Dickens. Victorian costumes not required, but lots of folks have fun with it each year.



**Free Community  
Event Friday,  
December 16th  
6-8 p.m.**

Travel back in time to the era of Charles Dickens and enjoy a fun filled night among the lights and falling snow in historic Downtown Iuka, Friday, December 16th from 6 to 8 p.m. Come dressed in Dickens period clothing or Christmas character costumes, or simply enjoy seeing others' attire as you stroll about and enjoy the many activities the Dickens's Christmas Celebration has to offer. Downtown merchants will be open during the event and will have special offerings during the celebration.

## Victorian worship with handbells 5:15

Prior to the Dickens activities, begin the evening with a performance by the Iuka Methodist Church Handbell Choir at 5:15 p.m., followed by a Victorian era service at The Church of Our Saviour ("The Little Church") on Eastport Street beginning at 5:30 p.m. Join in singing songs of the season and participate in a liturgy from the Dickens period. The service will last approximately 20 minutes followed by a brief history of The Little Church. The Little Church and the Handbell Choir will provide alternating performances and service throughout the evening.

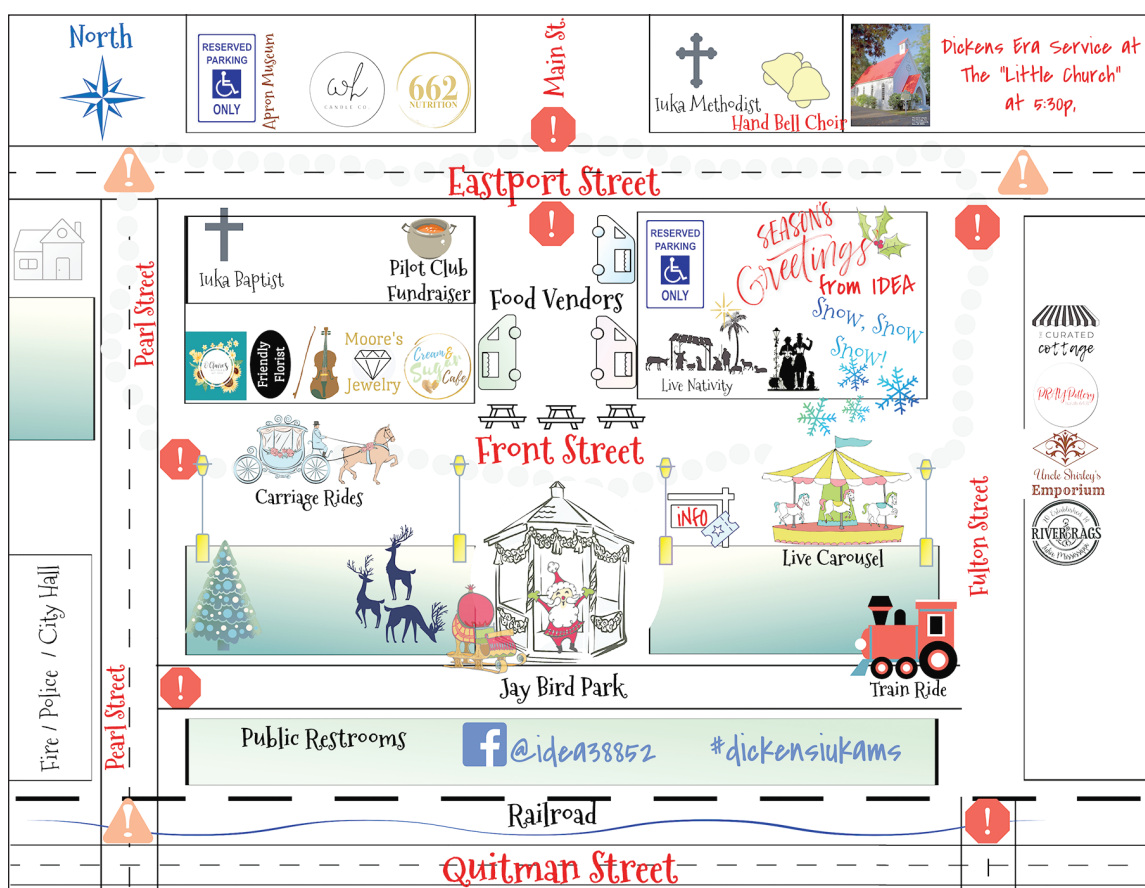
Activities on the Downtown Square begin at 6 p.m., including carriage and pony

## Drawing for five \$100 bills

Must be present at the 8 p.m. drawing to win. Get your winning ticket at participating IDEA merchants with a purchase at their shops, or at the Tishomingo County News office.

cart rides, a live nativity, a live carousel, children's crafts and train rides. Be sure and stop off for a quick visit with Olde St. Nicholas himself! Have dinner at a Downtown eatery or grab a meal or hot beverage at one of several food trucks! The Iuka Pilot Club will be

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# Qualifying begins soon for 2023 county elections

by Pamela McRae

Qualifying for county and state elected offices will begin on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at 8 a.m. and ends on February 1st at 5 p.m. The 2023 primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 8th with a runoff, if necessary, on August 29. The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Though a few candidates have announced they will be running, Tishomingo County Circuit Clerk Josh McNatt affirmed that no one had yet submitted qualifying papers, or been qualified.

McNatt said the circuit clerk's office will have the qualifying paper work available for county-level offices. Candidates for statewide office and the legislature will go through their respective state party executive committees or with the secretary of state. The circuit clerk's office will receive the qualifying papers and fees for the local Republican and Democrat

Party candidates as well as independent candidates. Each party's executive committee will determine candidates to be qualified, and the independent candidates will be reviewed by the county election commission.

Although independent candidates won't have an election until the November general election, they also have to meet the February 1st deadline to qualify. Along with the qualifying fee, independent candidates are required to collect petitions signed by registered voters who live within the district or county from which they are seeking election. The number of signatures varies based on the office.

Based on conversations with local candidates, all seem to be running as Republicans this time, except for one running as independent. Historically in Tishomingo County, everyone ran on the same ticket in the county, which was Democrat, which saved county money by not having two primaries and then

potential party runoffs. Whoever won in August was usually the winner and the November election was just a technicality, as no one ran as Republican, or Independent, or presumably any other party. If this turns out to be the case in 2023, the situation will be similar in all but one race.

In addition to the qualifying paperwork, candidates must fill out a statement of economic interest online within 15 days of qualifying. The candidates also have deadlines to file campaign finance reports. If the campaign finance reports are not filed on time candidates can be fined and cannot be declared the winner. In order to qualify, candidates must meet the general qualifications and the qualifications specific to the office as set by state law. If you have questions about seeking office or the process to qualify, please contact the Circuit Clerk's Office at 662 423-7026.

## Elected Officials Salaries Per Year

These are per Mississippi code.

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Circuit Clerk . . . . .	CAP is \$97,000
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# Buc-ees: A Survival Guide

We are basically one week until Christmas here in Northeast Mississippi. For those of you who don't regularly work in the local criminal courts, it's the time of year where the lyrics to I'll Be Home for Christmas mean you get your bond lowered for anything less than an aggravated assault charge.

Y'all are having your work Christmas parties that pretend to be fun by doing Dirty Santa, when an actual appropriate gift would be to spend less time with the weirdos you work with. It would especially be nice to not have them harbor resentment for you into the new year for you stealing their Armor All Complete Car Detailing Bucket Set, leaving them to pick Charlene's candle she makes at home that's supposed to smell like distasteful fir but smells more like distasteful foot.

It's only a few days before your church's youth Christmas program and, believe me, whoever is in charge of that is one missed cue away from an absolute nervous breakdown. In the hopes of avoiding more mental health episodes, I thought I'd offer some advice to make the Christmas season a little

less stressed. If you're going on a road trip to see family, whatever you do, fight your Tishomingo Countian instinct and avoid losing two hours of your trip stopping at a Buc-ee's.

For those of you who haven't done a lot of interstate traveling throughout the South and Southwest over the last few years, Buc-ee's is a giant convenience store chain, although I use the word "convenience" in it's most liberal sense.

It's really more of a roadside Disney World for retired travelers with loose itineraries. It is famous for having hundreds of gas pumps, massive food options and more bathroom space than a New Orleans street (a New Orleans street being the only comparison for large bathroom because in New Orleans any spot on a public street can and has been used as a toilet before and will again next Mardi Gras).

You can basically fit two Piggly Wigglys in a Buc-ees, which is a lot of



**Town Cryin's Nate Clark**

wiggling piggies. A Buc-ee's in Texas has the world's longest car wash. The previous world's longest car wash being, of course, rain. Because that's the only time my sainted wife "washes" her car is when it rains - she calls it nature's car wash. You may be saying, well, Nate, a good husband might wash his wife's car for her. But, a good husband also eschews traditional gender roles and I would hate to insult her womanhood by running errands for her during my weekend nap time.

But I digress. Returning from my sister-in-law's home in Florida over Thanksgiving, the Clark family stopped at our first Buc-ees. It was ... chaotic.

The parking lot had the calm and organization of a European soccer riot. Walking into - I don't want to say 'store' - walking into the complex, it was like walking into a WalMart the minute the doors opened on Black Friday. And Black Friday happened every day of the year.

And if everybody in line for Walmart Black Friday was a badger hopped up on amphetamines.

My 10 year-old was excited for the advertised a "Wall of Beef Jerky" but I think was a little disappointed that it was a wall with packaged jerky hanging as opposed to an actual wall made of dried meat. I had to tell him a structure with a meat wall would never pass code, whether it would be building inspection or health department.

In the middle of this monstrosity there is always a carving station that makes Buc-ee's famous brisket sandwiches. They must sell thousands of these sandwiches a day - with no seating! People just drive in through the Thunderdome of a parking lot, get their brisket sandwich, and drive onto destinations trying not get sauce on their shirts.

If this is truly the way to get thousands of customers in your business, after the New Year the Clark Law Firm will have a meat carving station in the lobby where the copy machine used to be.

The neckties lost to barbecue sauce will be a small price to pay.

## Braves & Lady Braves get wins over Mooreville Tuesday

The Braves got a 53-52 division win over Mooreville Tuesday night in a thrilling, down-to-the-wire game.

Several points ahead, the Braves played the conservative game trying to burn time in the fourth period, then Mooreville finally got possession to score and get ahead by one, stimulating TC to take action. The Braves passed the ball, burning time with less than a minute left. Connor Bullen put it up under the goal with 2.1 seconds on the clock to put the Braves up 53 to 52. After 2 time outs, Troopers threw the ball in, attempting to score at the buzzer but came up short.

Leading scorer for the night was Connor Bullen with 17 points. Chase Booker and Kayson McNutt had 9 points each. The Braves are 1-1 in District and 4-7 overall.

"It was a hard-fought game. Coach did a great job preparing us and I'm proud of the guys for coming together and competing for a big division win!" said Connor Bullen.

"Our senior Connor Bullen has come up big our last two games. He's learning how to be a big man, finishing down low and rebounding for us," said Coach Justin Parsons.

### Lady Braves 47, Mooreville 31

After a slow start in the first quarter, the Lady Braves rallied, holding the Lady Troopers to only six points through the second and third periods.

"We did a great job of overcoming a slow start showed a lot of heart and resiliency," said Coach Brian Middleton. "I am proud of those girls."

"It was a hard-fought defensive game, and it took a minute for our offense to get rolling, but once our shots started to fall, we ended on top!" said Margaret Claire Riley.

Leading scorers were Reese Moore, with a double-double: 24 points and 10 rebounds, and Zareli Ozuna with 10 points

"The game tonight was very physical, and I think we adjusted well after the 1st quarter to the pace of the game," said Reese Moore.

### TC JV 57, Mooreville 8

The Lady Braves are 12-1 overall and 2-0 in district play.

The junior varsity Lady Braves are just as impressive with an 11-0 record. They beat Mooreville's JV 57-8.

Baylon Middleton had a double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds.

Abbi Reed had 11 points.

### Mooreville 41, TC JV men 36

Thomas Barnes and Ashton Johnson had 8 points each in the JV boys' contest and their overall record is 4-4. They fell to the Troopers 41-36.

### Next games

Thursday, TC hosts Baldwin for JV girls', and varsity boys' and girls' games. JV girls start at 5 p.m.

Monday night, December 19th, everyone heads to Belmont for varsity and JV games that start at 4 p.m.

## TC sweeps Walnut

December 8th, the Lady Braves and Braves brought home wins from Walnut.

### Lady Braves 86, Walnut 51

In the first minute of the girls' game TC had two 3-pointers and back to back steals, setting the tone for the evening. By the end of three minutes of play, the Lady Braves were up 15-2 over the Lady Wildcats. In the first quarter, TC had five 3-pointers.

Leading scorers were Reese Moore with 19 points, Lila Sanderson with 18 points, and Ansley Ray with 16 points

"We've been waiting to shoot it like

that, and we shot it like that tonight," said Coach Brian Middleton.

### Braves 61, Walnut 59

The boys' game was close up to the very end and they got the win. Connor Bullen led scoring with 19, and Kayson McNutt and Levi Dawson each had 16.

### JV teams victorious

In JV action, the girls beat Walnut 42-37. Baylon Middleton had 15 and Katie Jourdan had 10 points.

The JV boys also won, 38-35.

## Dr. Kate Stewart at Lunch Lecture Series

As part of the Old Courthouse Museum's Lunch Lecture Series, Dr. Kate Stewart will be speaking on Faulkner's Intruder in the Dust and the first two Nancy Drew novels on Thursday, December 15th from 12-1.

Dr. Stewart holds the Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi and serves as Professor of English and Director of the MA in English program at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, where she teaches courses in American literature, grammar, linguistics, and composition. She has served as an officer of the UAM governance body

and has been an advisor for Alpha Chi Honor Society for over 20 years.

In 2017, she received the Hornaday Outstanding Faculty Award. Dr. Stewart has presented at the annual meeting of the American Literature Association in Boston and San Francisco and has published on Edgar Allan Poe, Transcendentalism, William Faulkner, and contributed to several volumes of the Dictionary of Literary Biography. Her primary research interests involve 19th century American fiction.

Dr. Stewart's "coffee-table" book, Parchman



**Dr. Kate Stewart**

Farm: Mississippi's State Penitentiary in the 1930s, was released officially on March 11, 2019.

## Holiday Deadlines/ Schedule

### Christmas Greetings Edition

December 22nd

Office closed December 23rd



## Happenings

**Dickens' Christmas** - December 16th. 6-8 p.m. Downtown Iuka. See story on front.

**New Years Concert**- 4th Annual Billy Whitaker Singing at Fifth Street Baptist Church, 610 W fifth Street, Iuka. Sunday January 1 2023. Singing starts at 10:30 am and 11 am Music. Guests are Fifth Street Choir, Sons of Thunder, and more. Special feature guest Bro. Chuck Clark. Old

Fashion Meal to follow. Everyone Welcome

**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.

**TCDF Annual Meeting** - Make plans to come to Crow's Neck January 12th for the annual meeting of the Tishomingo County Development Foundation.

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## IUKA ANIMAL CLINIC

*Where pets are family, too!*

The Pet of the Week this week is Max Vanbibber Dean. He is a 12 week old Great Dane. Max is the fur baby of Jada Dean. He loves to play outside and chase the leaves. His favorite past time is chewing on tennis balls and his favorite rope toy. Max has a wonderful personality and is the sweetest puppy to anyone he meets. He loves to sniff around and explore new things. Watching him explore with puppy curiosity is very entertaining. Max loves to get special treats and his favorite is peanut butter.

All large breed puppies like Max require special care to grow up healthy. Vitamins and a quality large breed puppy food diet is the best to ensure healthy growth. The most important is great veterinary care with all vaccinations and parasite prevention. Dr. Jim Perkins is available to take care of your furry family member. Call the office today for an appointment.



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## Eyes on the Pies

My mother was known for her homemade baked goods. Neighborhood kids always came straight from the bus to our house to see what the latest batch consisted of. Could be pies or cakes or various pastries, but her most popular creation was her chocolate chip cookies. People still ask me to this day for the recipe. Spoiler alert: they came from the side of a Crisco Shortening can. And while delicious, I rarely make them. We don't have a bunch of kids running around in our neighborhood in Collierville, so I find myself eating too many of them rather than giving them away.

And while no one can replace my mom's bakery, Brook's Grocery comes super close. That "Made Right Here" sticker is synonymous with amazing. For a mere \$4, you can get a batch of cookies and make someone's day. Whenever I am making a trip from Memphis, my administrative assistant will ask "are you heading to the lake or Iuka?" The answer is "yes" to both since Iuka is on the lake, but what she's really asking is if I'm going into town

to stop at Brooks Grocery. She knows if there's a visit in town, cookies will be delivered upon my return.

For Thanksgiving each year, I allow my real estate clients to select a pie from Brooks Grocery and you should see the excitement it generates. Favorite selections include the Butterfinger pie, Oreo pie, and any of the Turtle, Blueberry, or Strawberry cheesecakes. Surprisingly, hardly anybody picks the pecan pie because its such a common choice to make yourself during Thanksgiving (but, yes, their pecan pies are better than one you'd make at home). Since the pies are actually made by someone else, I at least give them a handwritten note on each one saying why I'm thankful for them, so my mother won't be entirely



**The Local Tourist**  
**Mary Beard Grodsky**

embarrassed of me not making each one.

My husband graciously picked up all of these pies this year on my behalf. The store employee opened a separate lane for him to get through with the pies so they could be loaded properly and not hold up other shoppers in the store. My husband commented on how all the employees are always trained to give the highest level of service to the customer, a rarity these days. Even more surprising, these employees are youngsters. That's right, I'm officially at an age where these employees seem incredibly young while likely being high school and college age. But as parents trying to raise young boys to be respectful of others, I know whoever is training these employees is doing an exceptional job.

A friendly shopping experience, homemade goods, exceptional customer service, and discount days for Veterans and the elderly are just a few of the reasons to shop at Brooks Grocery. Want to make someone feel extra special during the holiday season?



Bring them a pie or some cookies for no good reason and spread some additional cheer.

You never know what kind of day someone is having and it's guaranteed to make them smile.

## Nothing like a small town Christmas parade!

I just walked into the house from attending the Tishomingo 2022 Christmas parade. It was a great parade for a small town and brought back so many memories from when I was teaching at Tishomingo High School. I helped build floats for Beta Club, 4-H Club, the elected class officers, beauty queens, and of course band and sports.

Our son, Kim, an eighth grader was a charter member of the THS Band and then a charter member of Northeast. He received a scholarship to University of Memphis State playing trombone. So of course, I love bands and parades.

Later along came Angie who joined the band at THS and was an active member in music and cheerleading. Now, I have a grandson and his wife both band directors at different schools in south Mississippi. They are graduates of Ole Miss and are both working on their doctorates. I used to carry Angie to music lessons from Mrs. Lambert at Belmont until she could drive herself. I sat in the car and graded papers. I wanted them to learn music and today I get an inkling to get in a class of Kirby McRae's and learn how to play the guitar. Wishful thinking. Maybe.

Tonight, I stood outside my car, along with others, and I watched a great parade. I believe someone said over 100 units all decorated with sirens, whistles, yells, and I stood, waved and clapped. My heart was full of what "has been." Here were the children of my students, grand and great-grands performing to entertain us and help us get into the Christmas spirit.

Surprise! I wasn't watching my son. He stepped out in front of me and you'll

never guess who came and gave me a hug? The Grinch! Our pictures were made and away he went. Children don't be too hard on the Grinch. He has a heart for "us oldies." I'm sure this "98" year (as my four-year old called me "an old woman.") I was probably the oldest person at the parade. I remember as the Grand Marshal passed in review, I was so honored as Grand Marshal of 2012 Parade. I felt so special that I was chosen. Made me proud.

We were showered with candy. What they didn't know was I couldn't stoop over and pick it up but my good friend picked it up, handed it to me and I came home with three pieces. Two of the candy canes had possibly the most quoted New Testament scriptures John 3:16, on one side, and an invitation to come to the 'Way of Life Kids' presentation of the real reason for Christmas Story, December 18th. This was a unique, wonderful way to advertise why we Celebrate Christmas.

Thank you, parade walkers, for sharing and inviting us to your program.

There was a feeling of unity, love, and enjoyment among the crowd that blessed my heart. I know from past experience the hard work and cooperation it took for a small town to produce a parade that goes so smoothly.

Thank you to our Mayor, Chamber of Commerce, our Board of Aldermen (women) for all your hard work. Thank you, parents, of all these children and their teachers, volunteers the TMS staff, county officials, beautiful fire trucks, firemen... it took cooperation and love for one's community to make everything work so smoothly.

It showed love unspeakable and full of His Glory on display among His people.

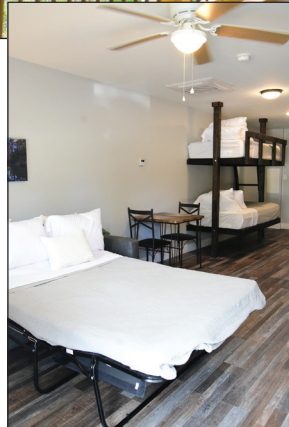
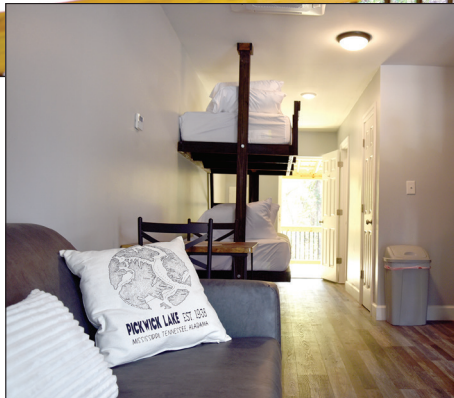
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers. Tell someone "I love you," today and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ by showing Love to our fellow man, and may it remain throughout the coming year. God Is So Good! He's so good to me!



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David “Bootie” Curtis

David “Bootie” Curtis, 80, of Iuka, Mississippi, died on Friday, December 9, 2022, at North Mississippi Medica Center – Iuka. When he was younger, David spent seven years in the National Guard. He worked with the Sprinkler Fitters Local Union 669, and he absolutely loved his job. It allowed him to travel, which was one of his favorite things to do. He was a member of First Freewill Baptist Church and a 50-year member of the Iuka Lodge #94 F&AM. He liked antique cars and enjoyed listening to country music. Most of all though, he enjoyed spending time with his family. His children and grandchildren were the light of his life. David is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Pearl Curtis; his daughters, Sharon Wimbish (Jon), Karen Borden (Steve), and Kimberly Pruitt (Jamie); his grandchildren, Lauryn Harris (Logan), John Wimbish, Jason Wimbish, Lydia Wimbish, David Borden, Wyatt Borden, Elizabeth Pruitt, Cooper Pruitt, and Riley Pruitt; his sister, Martha Gist (Gene), his brother-in-law, Harold Gist; his nieces, Tracey Wimbish (Robert) and Stephanie Barnett (Tommy); his nephews, David Gist (Stacey), Bo Gist, and Mark Akers (Amy); and a host of other family members. He was preceded in death by his parents, Terry and Elsie Brown Curtis; his sisters, Emma Frances Akers (Bobby) and Barbara Gist; and his nieces and nephews, Terrie Booker (Carl), Buddy Akers, and Stanley Akers. Cutshall Funeral Home in Iuka, Mississippi, is entrusted with the arrangements. Visitation was Sunday, December 11, 2022, at Cutshall Funeral Home in Iuka. Funeral services were on Monday, December 12, 2022, at Cutshall Funeral Home in Iuka, officiated by Bro. John Gwatney. Pallbearers include Mark Akers, Bo Gist, Steven Borden, Jamie Pruitt, Jon Wimbish, and Logan Harris. Honorary pallbearers include David’s grandchildren and the members of the Sprinkler Fitters Local Union 669. Interment is in Oak Grove Cemetery. An online guestbook may be accessed at [www.cutshallfuneralhome.com](http://www.cutshallfuneralhome.com).



Helen Marie Butler

Helen Marie Butler, 65, passed away Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo, Mississippi. She was born January 25, 1957, to S.L. and Bobbie Nell Edge. She was a devout Christian. Helen enjoyed spending her time reading, watching movies, and listening to music. She is survived by one daughter, Wanda Hutcheson (Michael); one brother, Billy Joe Edge (Rachael); two sisters, Joanne Strickland (Len) and Wendy Wood; two grandchildren, Shelby Hutcheson and Tara Hutcheson; her nieces, Kayla Newcomb (Matthew), Georgia Edge, Katie Strickland, Jennifer Parker (Andrew), and Joni Wood; her nephews, Jeremy Wood (Erin), Joshua Wood (Ellie), Joseph Wood, Matthew Strickland (Regina), Scotty Strickland, and Daniel Strickland; and a host of great-nieces and one great-nephew. She is preceded in death by her parents and two nieces, Tiffany Edge and Jojo Edge. A private service will be held at a later date.

**DEATHS**

Rines, Billy, 31, died December 7, 2022. Ludlam.

Betty Campbell, 91, died November 30, 2022. Deaton

Scott Conwill, 49, died November 28, 2022. Deaton

Wanda Sue Dooley

Wanda Sue Dooley, 73, of Iuka, Mississippi, died on Friday, December 9, 2022, at Tishomingo Manor Nursing Home. She was a member of Airport Missionary Baptist Church and enjoyed being able to go worship the Lord. She liked to listen to music, fish, garden, and cook for the whole family when she was able. Mostly, however, she loved to spend time with her family. Mrs. Wanda is survived by her children, Dennis (Debbie), Rickey, Wonda K, Teddy Joe, and Lawrence Matthew Dooley; her grandchildren, Michael Ray Dooley (Mary), Jennifer Rose Clark (Freddie), Linda Mae Dooley, Kecia Marie Allred, Teddy Joe Dooley Jr., Kayla Nicole Dooley, and Savannah Layne Murphy; her great grandchildren, Elijah Russell Osborn, Jazalyn Faith Dooley, Jeremiah Thomas Parisi, Kynslie Nichole Stults, Kason Heath Stults, Avari Rose Clark, Charley Emma Dooley, Audrey Ray Dooley, Joseph Fletcher Dooley, and David Axel-Ray Dooley; her siblings, Johnny Hollingsworth and Patsy Waldrop; and her good friend, Dorothy Wright. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Jerry Ray Dooley; her second husband, Edward Wilson; her mother, Rosie May; her father, John D Hollingsworth; her stepfather, Raymond Barrett; her siblings, Barbara, Nancy, Judy, and Danny; and her good family friend, JB Lambert. Cutshall Funeral Home in Iuka, Mississippi, is entrusted with the arrangements. Visitation was Monday, December 12, 2022, at Cutshall Funeral Home in Iuka. Funeral services were on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at Cutshall Funeral Home in Iuka. Pallbearers were Michael Dooley, Teddy Joe Dooley Jr., Freddie Clark, Robert Price, Andy Aday, and John Boy Hollingsworth. Honorary pallbearers include Mrs. Wanda’s sons, Dennis, Rickey, Teddy Joe, and Lawrence Dooley. Interment is in Harmony Cemetery. Donations may be made in Mrs. Wanda’s honor to Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital. An online guestbook may be accessed at [www.cutshallfuneralhome.com](http://www.cutshallfuneralhome.com).



Thank you

The family of David “Bootie” Curtis would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers, prayers and visits during our time of sorrow. There are not enough words to fully express the heartfelt thanks for the sympathy, love and support extended to our family during this time of loss. The kindness and love that was shown will always be remembered.

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# Make this Cinnamon Star Bread for Christmas guests

by Pamela McRae

First of all, my thanks for the support for these little recipes I include as often as possible in the paper. Since we changed ownership in February, I’ve received more complements and comments about the recipe pages than any other feature or news items in the new Vidette!

Now, I don’t want to step on toes, but we do real food, for the most part in our family. My kids were raised learning to make real biscuits, from scratch, and peeling real potatoes, often from their daddy’s garden to make mashed potatoes. I know it’s easier sometimes to use things like canned biscuits, or potato flakes, and I’m not trying to throw shade, but we just try to do “real” food as often as possible in my kitchen, and I’ve apparently passed that down to my kids.

So, imagine my daughter’s face when at her first Thanksgiving ever with her fiancé’s family she completed preparation of a whole turkey with turkey gravy (she’s long been the turkey cooker for our thanksgivings) and asked what else she could make next. His mama said how about the potatoes? And handed her a box. Of potato

flakes. I imagine her looking like a calf at a new gate. She said she wasn’t even aware of such things.

Fortunately for her, her Army captain fiancé jumped into action, grabbed the box and made the mashed potatoes for their Thanksgiving dinner. She reports they were tasty!

When she called, disillusioned with life, and a bit hurt I had failed to educate her about potato flakes, I assured her I had possessed some in my pantry in 2018 when I made the bread recipe below. After using the half cup for the recipe, they remained until they were out of date.

She has a lot to learn about married life, and blending cultures, and keeping the peace, and hopefully, she will be able to teach him a little about gardening. And growing potatoes, thanks to the foundations we provided.

He’s got a potato peeler in his stocking as we speak.

The bread below was easier to make than it looks, and was pretty tasty. Give it a try and impress your guests

Especially the ones who buy potatoes in boxes.

Merry Christmas.



**Impress your guests** - this star shaping technique can be used with other bread recipes, too.

## Cinnamon Star Bread

2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup instant mashed potato flakes  
1/4 cup Baker’s Special Dry Milk or nonfat dry milk  
3/4 cup + 2 to 4 tablespoons lukewarm water, enough to make a soft, smooth dough  
1/4 cup (4 tablespoons) unsalted butter, at room temperature  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
2 teaspoons instant yeast  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
**FILLING**  
1 large egg, beaten  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 tablespoon cinnamon

First, measure the flour by gently spooning it into a cup, then sweeping off any excess. Next, sift the flour, potato flour, and dry milk through a strainer; this is an important step to prevent lumps in the dough. (If you’re using instant mashed potatoes rather than potato flour you can skip this sifting step.)



To make the dough: Combine all of the dough ingredients and mix and knead — by hand, mixer, or bread machine — to make a soft, smooth dough.

Place the dough in a lightly greased bowl, cover, and let it rise for 60 minutes, until it’s nearly doubled in bulk.

Divide the dough into four equal pieces. Shape each piece into a ball, cover the balls, and allow them to rest for 15 minutes.

On a lightly greased or floured work surface, roll one piece of dough into a 10” circle. Place the circle on a piece of parchment, brush a thin coat of beaten egg on the surface, then evenly

sprinkle with 1/3 of the cinnamon-sugar, leaving 1/4” of bare dough around the perimeter.

Roll out a second circle the same size as the first, and place it on top of the filling-covered circle. Repeat the layering process — egg, cinnamon sugar, dough circle — leaving the top circle bare.

Place a 2 1/2” to 3” round cutter in the center of the dough circle as a guide. With a bench knife or sharp knife, cut the circle into 16 equal strips, from the cutter to the edge, through all the layers.

Using two hands, pick up two adjacent strips and twist them away from each other twice so that the top side is facing up again. Repeat with the remaining strips of dough so that you end up with eight pairs of strips.

Pinch the pairs of strips together to create a star-like shape with eight points. Remove the cutter.

Transfer the star on the parchment to

a baking sheet. Cover the star and let it rise until it becomes noticeably puffy, about 45 minutes.

While the star is rising, preheat the oven to 400°F.

Brush the star with a thin coat of the beaten egg. Bake it for 12 to 15 minutes, until it’s nicely golden with dark brown cinnamon streaks; the center should

register 200°F on a digital thermometer.

Remove the loaf from the oven and allow it to cool for about 10 minutes before serving. Dust with confectioners’ sugar and serve warm or at room temperature.

Store any leftover bread, well wrapped in plastic, at room temperature for several days. Freeze for longer storage.

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There are just a few reasons that you would need to file or re-file:

- Change in marital status
- If your spouse has died
- If you turned 65 in the last year
- Been declared disabled/100% disabled veteran
- Moved to new home, from an old one
- Built a new home in the last year
- If you have purchased/ inherited additional acreage that may be added to your Homestead

It is important to remember that you do not have to file every year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 662-423-7059.

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Photo opportunities abound -- share your photos on social media and the IDEA Facebook page @IDEA38852 with hashtag #dickensiukams. Bring your letters to Santa and drop them in the Santa Mailbox located at The Curated Cottage or take a moment to write your letter on the spot and drop it in the Santa Mailbox.

Parking limited

Parking will be limited-to-non-existent in the downtown area during the Dickens Christmas Celebration. Some parking can be found alongside side streets and areas adjacent to downtown (Mineral Springs Park, Iuka Library, etc.). There is no shuttle service this year. Handicapped Parking ONLY next to The Apron Museum and the Iuka Methodist Church Offices.

Limited Access and Street Closures

The following downtown street sections will be closed to through traffic: Fulton Street from the railroad tracks to Eastport Street (north),



## Downtown Iuka Dickens Christmas

Friday, December 16, 2022




### The Church of our Saviour

Designed by Architect James B. Cook and built in 1873, the "little church" was purchased by citizens of Iuka in 1985 to prevent it's removal. Attend a Victorian era service at 5:30p and hear the litte chuch history!



### Visit Santa

Meet Santa at the gazebo in Jaybird Park, make reindeer food (provided by Sherry White), and play reindeer games (sponsored by Third Base Liquor & Wines). Gazebo decor provided by The Friendly Florist.



### Music, Caroling, and Readings

The Bridge Church, dressed in period attire, will provide caroling as they walk along Downtown Iuka streets - feel free sing along Zoe Dawson will provide seasonal selections on the violin. The Iuka Methodist Church hand bell choir will perform at intervals (listen for those Christmas bells). The TCHS Bravada Drama Team will provide dramatic readings on Front Street.

Front Street from Pearl Street to Fulton Street (East and West), Main Street from Eastport Street to Jay Bird Park (south). Vehicles are asked to USE CAUTION and AVOID Pearl Street and Eastport Street which will have limited access due to horse drawn carriage rides and pedestrian foot traffic.

A big thank you to our Sponsors and Donors:

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  - Merry Christmas & Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!
  - Iuka Development & Economic Association (IDEA)



### Carriage & Pony Rides

Take an olde fashion ride around the square of historic Downtown Iuka as you enjoy the sites and lights from a horse drawn carriage. Carriage rides are free, but you must have a complimentary ticket (Info Table by JayBird sign ) each turn. Carousel tent compliments of Ludlam Funeral Home with decor provided by Just A Kind Word Florist.



### Live Nativity

Nativity enactors are portrayed by members of New Salem Baptist Church. Live animals are sponsored by New Salem Baptist Church and by McWright Insurance.



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Downtown Iuka Merchants (see map) will be open during Dickens Celebration. Be sure to stop by each for specials, discounts, and refreshments!

Beaver Control Program

The Tishomingo County Board of Supervisors and The Tishomingo County Soil and Water Conservation District will be sponsoring the Beaver Control Program for landowners of Tishomingo County. To take part in the program as a landowner or trapper you must sign up for the program. To sign up please call the Tishomingo County Soil and Water Conservation District at 662-423-6272 or mail in the form included in this article to TCSWCD 240 Kaki Street Iuka, MS 38852.

As a landowner or trapper, you must sign up to take part in the program. The program will begin the first Tuesday of January and will continue through the first Tuesday of April. You must bring a FROZEN beaver tail to our office located at 240 Kaki Street Iuka, MS. The bounty for each beaver tail will be \$15.

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# Sherron Belk Receives Mississippi Arts Commission Grant

Sherron Belk of Burnsville has been awarded a \$500 grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission. This grant is a portion of the more than \$1.6 million in grants MAC awarded in the Fiscal Year 2023 and will be used to attend the Portrait Society of America’s annual conference in Washington, DC. The grants are made possible by continued funding from the Mississippi State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

“The state’s arts community has displayed such resiliency during tumultuous times, and we are very pleased to provide grants to these worthy artists,” said Larry Morrisey, interim executive director of MAC. “Mississippi’s artistic legacy was built through the talents of its exceptionally creative citizens. These funds help support the next generation of amazing artists and ensure that the story of artistic excellence in our state lives on.”

Sherron does artwork in various mediums from her studio in Burnsville.

Growing up in Iuka then studying art in Texas, DC, and throughout Europe, she brings wide-ranging experience to our local area. She has an undergraduate degree in art having completed field study coursework with the University of Maryland in Paris, Nice, Amsterdam, Florence and Egypt.

The Mississippi Arts Commission is a state agency serving more than two million people through grants and special initiatives that enhance communities, assist artists and arts organizations, promote arts education, and celebrate Mississippi’s cultural heritage. MAC is funded by the Mississippi Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Mississippi Endowment for the Arts at the Community Foundation for Mississippi, and other private sources. For more information, visit [www.arts.ms.gov](http://www.arts.ms.gov).

For information about the Mississippi Arts Commission, please contact Ellie Banks, Communications Director, 601-359-6546 or [ebanks@arts.ms.gov](mailto:ebanks@arts.ms.gov).



Email your letters to Santa to [contact@tishco.news](mailto:contact@tishco.news), or bring by our downtown Iuka office and leave them in the box. Santa will get them from here and read them in the paper!

### Mrs. Beth Bray’s Kindergarten Class at Tishomingo

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a toy set, squishmallow, and baby Yoda.  
Love,  
Paisley Whitworth  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a big boat and a RC truck.  
Love,  
Clayton White

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Paw Patrol Halloween book. I want a microphone too. I would like a radio also. I would be happy with just toys!  
Love you Santa!  
Love,  
Dalen Rogers

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a squishmallow, a make up set and a nail set.  
Thank you!  
Love,  
Aria Allred  
Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. Please bring Fortnite cards and plushies. And a bike. Thanks.  
Love,  
Cohen Lambert

Dear Santa,  
I want a play watch, toy car with three seats for me and my 3 sisters, and an Elsa play house. I also want a cooking set and a Santa Claus toy.  
Love,  
Taelynn Randolph

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy and some clothes, a doll, to be on the nice list, toy cat, and activity book, squishy, Minecraft. Thank you.  
Love,  
Katie Russell

Dear Santa,  
I’m doing good this year. I want some magnet shapes, a dinosaur trap and a VR set. I love you Santa, hope you have a safe trip. I can’t wait for you to get here.  
Love,  
Bobby Broome

Dear Santa,  
I loved eating food with you. Thank you!  
Love,  
Journey Carroll

Dear Santa,  
I want a new puppy, a new lady bug and cat lockers, Secret Life of Pets movie, Paw Patrol firetruck, a new real crown, Barbies and Santa clothes.  
Love,  
Lexi Seratt

Dear Santa,  
My name is Bella. I am 5 years old. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would really love a baby doll. Thank you.  
Love,  
Bella Zafico

Dear Santa,  
My name is Mason. I am 5 years old. I would like rainbow friend plushies, blue slime, spiderman toys, and coloring pencils.  
Love,  
Mason Marlar

Dear Santa,  
I want video games, NFL football, gloves, a flashlight. Thank you.  
Love,  
Clark Payne

Dear Santa,  
I want planes, rockets, trucks, trampoline, books, and more toys.  
Love,  
Jacob

### Mrs. Hayley’s Kindergarten, Burnsville Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year! I would like to have two hoverboards; one for me and one for my brother. I would like a remote-control car, dino, and a four-wheeler. I will leave you milk and cookies with carrots for the reindeer.  
Love, Bentley

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year! I would like to have a baby Yoda, a toy dinosaur, and a hoverboard. I will leave you some milk and cookies, I will also leave you some carrots for the reindeer.  
Love, Tanner

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year! I would like to have a big Barbie house, my very own Christmas tree, some toys, puzzles, and pencils. I will leave you out some milk and cookies. I will also leave the reindeer some yummy carrots.  
Love, Allie

Dear Santa,  
I have been kinda good! I would like to have a Barbie dreamhouse, LOL toy, and a Peppa Pig toy. I will leave you some milk and cookies I will also leave carrots out for your reindeer.  
Love, Estella

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year! I really want a Barbie doll, a table to play school, and some new shoes. I am going to leave you cookies and milk. I will also leave you cookies to feed the reindeer.  
Love, Oaklyn

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year! I would really like to have a four-wheeler and a dirt bike. I also really need some hunting stuff to go hunting. I will leave cookies and milk for you and carrots to feed the reindeer.  
Love, Dixie

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good! I would like to have a BIG LOL playhouse. I would also like to have a Jeep for me to drive and a puppy playhouse for my dog. I will leave you some milk and cookies, and carrots for the reindeer.  
Love, Harleigh

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year! I really want a real car to drive. I would also like to have a Barbie dreamhouse with lots of Barbies. I am leaving chocolate milk and carrots for you and the reindeer.  
Love, Alivia

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year! I would really like to have a hoverboard, a baby doll, and a real four-wheeler for Christmas. I am going to leave you some milk and cookies, and reindeer food for the reindeer.  
Love, Chelsie

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year! I really want a North pole toy with you inside it. I also want a dirt bike with training wheels and a real skateboard. I am going to leave you some cookies and milk, and carrots for the reindeer.  
Love, Aysen

Dear Santa,  
I have been working very hard to be good! I want some rainbow tape, paint, and a black toy truck with car keys. I also want a real phone. I am going to leave some tree cookies out for you and chocolate milk with cookies for the reindeer.  
Love, Eden

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year! I would love to have some mini-brands, LOL dolls, a Barbie dreamhouse, and a real baby doll that can walk and crawl by itself. I am going to leave you brownies, Christmas tree cookies, milk, and only carrots for the reindeer.  
Love, Lexxie

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl! I would love to have a make-up and hairstyle studio. I want a rotary phone, Barbie with changeable hair, and some blue, pink, and purple hair for me too. I will leave you milk and cookies with chocolate sprinkles. I will also leave 10 carrots foer the reindeer.  
Love, River

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good! I would like to have a Super

## Worley event raises record amount for Foundation

The Darryl Worley Foundation raised more than \$250,000 at its November 18th 6th Annual Boots, Boats, and Ballads Songwriters in the Round event at Marine Sales.

This was the largest amount ever raised at any writers event yet, according to the foundation. All proceeds benefit The Darryl Worley Foundation and the Darryl Worley Cancer Treatment Center.

The Darryl Worley Foundation offers grants to organizations and individuals who meet the objectives of three program areas and who live or do business in West Tennessee, Northern Alabama, or Northern Mississippi.



Mario toy, a Dragon-ball Z playhouse, and the Plants vs. Zombies video game. I will leave out gingerbread cookies, milk, and reindeer fod for the reindeer.  
Love, Roman

Dear Santa,  
I have been very sweet this year! I would love to have a baby doll, some LOL’s, and a really cute Guinea pig! I am going to leave you milk and cookies. I will leave carrots for your reindeer.  
Love, Adelynn

Dear Santa,  
I have been working extra hard to be a good girl. I would love to have a new gingerbread dress, snowman dress, and a lot of surprises! I am so excited! I am leaving you gingerbread cookies, milk, and yummy treats for your reindeer.  
Love, Addalynn

Dear Santa,  
I have been such a good girl this year! I would love to have a magibx piggy bank and a kid’s makeup kit. I would also like princess dresses, shoes, and jewelry. I am going to leave you some pizza to eat and carrots for your reindeer.  
Love, Ava

### Mrs. Michelle’s class, IES

Dear Santa,  
My name is Adyson. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me  
1. a big L.O.L. doll egg  
2. baby doll  
3. big stuffed animal lion  
I’ll set out cookies!!  
From, A dyson Akers

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jessie. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me  
1. Barbie dolls  
2. a baby doll swing  
3. L.O.L. dolls  
I’ll set out cookies!!  
From, Jessie Benedyk

Dear Santa,  
My name is Gemma. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me  
1. L.O.L. doll  
2. a coloring book  
3. Peppa Pig  
I’ll set out cookies!!  
From, Gemma Benefield

Dear Santa,  
My name is Alex. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me  
1. a camera  
2. an Anna doll (from Frozen)  
3. a chameleon doll from the movie Rapunzel  
I’ll set out cookies!!  
From, Alex Burns

Dear Santa,  
My name is Willow. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me  
1. blue camera  
2. an American Girl doll  
3. Barbie doll dream camper  
I’ll set out cookies!!  
From, Willow Caston

Dear Santa,  
My name is River. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me  
1. Roblox  
2. Nintendo switch  
3. toy dinosaur  
I’ll set out cookies!!  
From, River Davis

Dear Santa,  
My name is McKinlee. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me  
1. an Ariel toy  
2. a sticker book  
3. a toy castle  
I’ll set out cookies!!  
From, McKinlee Drinkard

Dear Santa,  
My name is Noah. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me  
1. a camera  
2. binoculars  
3. stuffed animal dinosaurs  
I’ll set out cookies!!  
From, Noah Hale

Dear Santa,  
My name is Annabelle. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me  
1. a unicorn toy  
2. a dinosaur toy  
3. a Santa Clause toy  
I’ll set out cookies!!  
From, Annabelle Hall

Dear Santa,  
My name is Stella. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me  
1. gumball machine  
2. Candy Gummies in my stocking please  
3. a mini-fridge  
I’ll set out cookies!!  
From, Stella Mauney

Dear Santa,  
My name is Adi Grace. I

have been very good this year. I hope you bring me  
1. L.O.L. dolls  
2. unicorn toy  
3. a kid tablet (like an Ipad)  
I’ll set out cookies!!  
From, Adi Grace Mercer

Dear Santa,  
My name is Rose. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me  
1. an Anna and Elsa doll  
2. L.O.L. doll  
3. rainbow toy  
I’ll set out cookies!!  
From, Rose Russell

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kye. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me  
1. dart gun  
2. motorcycle  
3. shotgun  
I’ll set out cookies!!  
From, Kye Stevens

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kason. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me  
1. video games  
2. toy robot  
3. an elf stuffed animal  
I’ll set out cookies!!  
From, Kason Stults

Dear Santa,  
My name is Shane. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me  
1. a Sonic toy  
2. a cat toy that I can play with  
3. a toy sun  
I’ll set out cookies!!  
From, Shane Ward

Dear Santa,  
My name is Alec. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me  
1. a bucket of toy dinosaurs  
2. Lego dinosaurs  
3. a craft set  
I’ll set out cookies!!  
From, Alec Wolfgang

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tucker. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me  
1. nerf gun  
2. Ironman toy  
3. Fortnite pick-ax  
I’ll set out cookies!!  
From, Tucker Adams



# 2022 4-H Awards Banquet

The 2022 Tishomingo County 4-H Awards Banquet was held on Tuesday, December 6 at the Tishomingo County Fairgrounds. Several 4-H members were in attendance and

received recognition for their involvement over the past year. Parents and volunteers were also recognized for their dedication to the 4-H program. 4-H offers endless opportunities to youth ages 5-18

and is open to everyone. For more information about 4-H, please contact the Extension Office at 423-7016.



4-H Cloverbud members (ages 5-7) present were Anna Kate McGee, Milleigh Hayes McGee, Allen Cauffman, Blake Allred, and Winter Cauffman.



Junior 4-H members (ages 8-13) present were Hunter Broadway, R.J. Cauffman, Jackson Reyes, Hayden Taylor, Noah Sheffield, Charli Beth Sheffield, Erica Allred, Ava Gurley, and Anna Reyes (not pictured).



Senior 4-H members (ages 14-18) present were Hayley Cauffman, Logan Allred, Presley McMillian, Maggie-Clare Pruitt, Sara Cauffman (not pictured), and Connor Grissom (not pictured).



Volunteers present were Michael Vestal, Alicia Hester, Stephanie McMillian, Brent McMillian, and Brian Grissom.



The Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award recipients were Alicia Hester and Brian Grissom.



The Standard of Excellence Award recognizes 4-H members who have been actively involved in 4-H programs and activities and have volunteered their time to help others throughout the year. The Standard of Excellence winners were Charli Beth Sheffield and Noah Sheffield.



The Rookie Award recognizes an individual who has been involved in 4-H for two years or less and has shown enthusiasm, a desire to learn and to be involved, and an interest in helping others. The 4-H Rookie Award winner was Ava Gurley.

## Puzzles

### Sudoku

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

### Winter Fun

- ACROSS  
1. Make change  
6. Used in combination to denote the middle  
9. \*Ammo material  
13. Star \_\_\_\_  
14. The "place with the helpful hardware folks"  
15. Neutral shade  
16. Orderly arrangement  
17. Roman monetary unit  
18. Button on electrical outlet  
19. \*Frosty's nose  
21. \*Gingerbread Man, e.g.  
23. Drench  
24. What a willow did?  
25. Famous song by The Jackson 5  
28. Cone-shaped quarters  
30. \*Snow mover  
35. A bit of water
37. Pakistani language  
39. Measured in knots  
40. Tatted fabric  
41. \*"A Visit from St. Nicholas" poet  
43. Tropical edible root  
44. Paintings in Orthodox church  
46. Not swim or swum  
47. Frozen puddle accident  
48. Small skullcap  
50. Dresden's river  
52. Captain's turf  
53. Drop of sorrow  
55. "Slippery" tree  
57. \*Frozen spike  
60. \*Three-horse sleigh ride  
63. Words to live by  
64. Caviar alternative  
66. On D'Artagnan's hat  
68. Group of wives  
69. Boiling emotion
70. Furnish with a fund  
71. Travelers' stops  
72. Poetic "even"  
73. Buy second-hand
- DOWN  
1. Agha, alt. sp.  
2. Artist Chagall's first name  
3. Poet Pound's first name  
4. Draws close  
5. Fungus damage (2 words)  
6. Shake's cousin?  
7. \* \_\_\_\_ fishing  
8. Two, in cards  
9. Station finder button  
10. Not final  
11. Curved molding  
12. Kind of nurse  
15. Bouillons  
20. Laudanum ingredient  
22. Saturn's wife
24. As opposed to widow  
25. Impromptu  
26. Emergency pedal  
27. \*Hot treat  
29. Major-leaguers  
31. Prefers  
32. Butcher shop offering, pl.  
33. Ghostlike  
34. Parkinson's drug  
36. Philadelphia's Ivy League member  
38. Russian mountain chain  
42. \*Fireplace glob  
45. TV offering  
49. Reef fish  
51. Kind of bride  
54. Eagle's home  
56. Hundred Acre Wood creator  
57. A Flock of Seagulls' 1982 hit (2 words)  
58. European Council for Nuclear Research, acr.  
59. Bad day for Caesar  
60. Not quite an adult  
61. Spiral-horned African antelope  
62. Singer-songwriter Tori  
63. Tai's partner  
65. Miner's bounty  
67. Female sheep

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# Cindy Bonds named Teacher of the Year at TCHS

The teacher of the year award goes to Mrs. Cindy Bonds! Mrs. Bonds is most deserving of this! Not only does she teach geometry, but she also runs student council and class officers! She has put on the Veterans' program, organized the Christmas decorations, and even helped with operation stocking stuffers for the nursing home! She is doing a lot for her students! Congratulations Mrs. Cindy Bonds!



Cindy Bonds

Christmas break is almost upon us! Monday is a 60% day for students and teachers! Before the Braves can have a relaxing break we must get through exams first! That schedule is:

Wednesday 12/14- 2nd and 4th Block Exams

Thursday 12/15- 3rd Block Exam

Friday 12/16- 1st Block Exam

Monday is the makeup day for anyone who may miss the initial day of the exam.



TCHS News  
Paden Strickland

### Spring Sports

Spring sports are fixing to kick off which means spring football! The TC football players always start early with tryouts and practices to get ready for the coming season! Now the date for that general interest meeting was 12/13 but anyone who is still interested needs to contact Coach Cory Quinn.

Anyone interested in joining the TC Track Team they need to see Coach Amanda Taylor any day during break.

If you are taking AP World History next semester then you need to stop by his room to pick up an envelope. It is very important that this gets done before we change classes!



Meta Armstrong, Kristy Hutcheson and Kayla Wilson at the St. Jude marathon.

## Tishomingo teachers complete St. Jude Marathon

Tishomingo School would like to recognize and congratulate three of our teachers for their participation in the recent St. Jude Marathon in Memphis. Meta Armstrong and Kayla Wilson successfully ran the full marathon, and Kristy Hutcheson ran the 5K. We are so proud of them for their outstanding accomplishment and for caring about the precious children at St. Jude.



# TC cheer and dance complete state competition

### Cheer wins 9<sup>th</sup> in new category

This past weekend the cheer and dance teams had their state competitions. The cheer team finished 9th out of 20 in their class.

"In recent years, TC Cheer has established its name and reputation in the competition scene," said senior Audrey Williams. "It has been my honor to be a small part of it! I pray that cheer is a program at TCHS that continues to flourish and be successful at State. Considering everything that the squad has overcome this year, 9th out of 20 teams is something to be proud of!"

"We stepped up to create a routine in a division that was new to all of us, put in the work to make it clean, and performed it to the best of our abilities," said Williams. "I am so proud of the 2022-23 TCHS Cheer squad and I am immensely grateful for the leadership our coaches, Laura Beth Lambert and Monica Barnes, have displayed this year. TC Cheer has so much to look forward to in the future." As Audrey stated, the team was under first year coaches Laura Beth Lambert and Monica Barnes.



TCHS Sports  
Caleb Castile

So it was impressive for the team to place in the top ten.

### Dance excels at competition

On the dance side of things, they finished 4th in hip hop and 11th in pom. I asked senior dancer and team captain Eliza Cavness about her thoughts on the whole season.

"With all the nerves and jitters aside, I feel like we did a very, very good job at the state competition this year," said Cavness. "We've been through a lot, with a brand new coaching staff and the task of competing in two brand new categories for our team. Our team went above and beyond and worked so hard to achieve what we did. Our divisions were tough and we held our own within them to get a good finish in both pom and hip-hop. I can't wait to see what this team does; and I truly feel that a state championship title will come home with the Braves in years to come. It's been a true joy and pleasure to dance with this team for my last year, and I couldn't have asked for anything better."

The dancers were also under new coaching for this season. Keeley Moore was in her first season as head coach, and the future of the

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Burnsville's 8th grade girls with their 7th grade county champs banner from last year.

## Iuka v. Burnsville matchups make for exciting basketball Monday

Monday night, in 8th grade girls action, Burnsville beat Iuka in a nail-biter, 36-30. Iuka boys beat the Mustangs the next game 51-36.

It was 8th grade recognition for Burnsville.

The Burnsville 7th grade girls got their first defeat of the season; Iuka won by 2, 15-13.

-from staff reports



Tishomingo School Positive Paws Winners for 2nd 9wks Progress Report: Kaybria Bennett, Lukas Edwards and Aria Allred.

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TC Sports, continued from front

dance team has never looked better.

**Lady Braves continue streak**

The Lady Braves’ hot streak continued last week, as they had two games. The first one was the division opener on the road at Corinth. The Lady Braves won the game by a score of 61-25. Then on Thursday they took on Walnut at home, and the game resulted in a TC victory by a score of 86-51. They have two more games next week, with a big one against Mooreville at home on Tuesday, and then they will play Baldwin at home on Friday.

The Braves men’s team had a very exciting week of games. On the road against Corinth on Tuesday, they fought the whole way through, and even held the lead going into the fourth. However, Corinth got hot from beyond the arc, and the Warriors ended up winning the game 38-35. The Braves looked to avenge the loss on Thursday against Walnut, and the game went down to the wire. Both teams went back and forth, and

in the end the Braves took home a 61-59 victory. The boys match the girls schedule this week.

Mark your calendars because the TC-Heritage Academy game that was recently canceled has been rescheduled for January 7. It is a home game, so make sure to come out to support both teams.

**Men’s soccer gets a win**

Only one game occurred last week, with soccer traveling to Corinth on Tuesday. The girls ended up losing 7-0, and the boys lost 5-0. Soccer teams often struggle to play around this time of year due to the weather, and this team is no different. The game that was supposed to happen December 8th at home against New Albany got postponed, with no new date announced yet.

However, Monday against Senatobia the Braves boys’ team was able to get their first win of the season, winning 4-3. The girls team lost 5-1.

Modern Woodmen fundraiser for TCHS Bowling Team a success

Modern Woodmen of America members in Iuka recently helped raise money for TCHS Bowling Team with a special fund-raising event on November 30th.

The event included the sale of sponsorships and a bowl-a-thon. Players received donations based on their score and raised \$2,750. This includes \$1,000 matched by Modern Woodmen through the organization’s Matching Fund Program. The funds will be used to help buy uniforms, equipment and supplies for the bowling team.

The Matching Fund Program offers Modern Woodmen members nationwide the chance to show their support for a community cause, organization or individual in need through fundraisers. These fundraising projects contribute more than \$10 million to community needs across the country each year.

“The community truly came together to support a local need,” says Shawn Phelps, local Modern Woodmen volunteer leader. “That support is what it’s all about.”

Coordinated by local Modern Woodmen members, the fraternal financial services organization’s Summit chapters, chapters and youth service clubs provide opportunities for members to take part in social and educational



activities and volunteer projects to meet local needs.

For more information or to get involved, contact Shawn Phelps at (662) 660-6700 or email Shawn.R.Phelps@mwarep.org.

As a tax-exempt fraternal benefit society, Modern Woodmen sells life insurance, annuity and investment\* products not to benefit

stockholders but to improve quality of life for its members, their families and their communities. This is accomplished through social, charitable and volunteer activities. Annually, Modern Woodmen and its members provide nearly \$20 million and over 400,000 volunteer hours for community projects nationwide.



Email your letters to Santa to [contact@tishco.news](mailto:contact@tishco.news), or bring by our downtown Iuka office and leave them in the box. Santa will get them from here and read them in the paper!

**Santa Letters from Kesha Nash’s Kindergarten Class**  
**Burnsville Elementary School 2022**

Dear Santa,  
I have been really good this year. Please bring me a frozen dress to wear and a toy horse. I would like a baby doll with clothes and a bottle. I will leave you milk and cookies.  
Sara Grace

Dear Santa,  
I am trying to be good! Please bring me a REAL kitten. I would also like some Ryan toys, Legos, and some toy dinosaurs. I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
Logan

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. Please bring me Sonic Boom Action toys, Godzilla Buzz Lightyear, and dinosaur stuff. I will leave you milk and cookies. I will leave carrots for the reindeer.  
Lincoln

Dear Santa,  
I have been super good! Please bring me a Nintendo Switch and a Mario game. I would like a science kit to do experiments and some surprises. I will leave you milk and cookies.  
Jon Isaac

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Please bring me a bike, a car for my big doll, and a doll bed. I would like a new backpack and one for my doll too. I will leave you some cookies and reindeer food.  
Izzy

Dear Santa,  
I have been 200% good this year. Please bring me a Big Batman with a car. I want a Power Batman car for me to sit in. I also want an electric cannon toy. I will leave new red boots for you. I love you, Santa!  
Anson

Dear Santa,  
I have been a little bit good this year. Please bring me a baby doll with a swimming pool. I also want a Barbie Camper and some rainbow balloons and other surprises. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Chloe

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like some little cars to play with. I would like to have an I-Pad and some new clothes. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and white milk.  
Lincoln

Dear Santa,  
I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me some Barbie dolls and a Baby Alive doll. I would like some puzzles and new Nike shoes. I will leave you chocolate cookies and white milk. I will leave carrots for the reindeer.  
Stella

Dear Santa,  
I have been super good! Please bring me a sparkling backpack and a bike that sparkles. I would like a stuffed puppy and some playdough for Sailer and me to play with. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Madi

Dear Santa,  
I have been super good. Please bring me a new backpack, a baby doll with clothes, and a toy airplane. I would also like colored sand to play with. I will leave you some new socks and carrots for your reindeer.  
Sailer

Dear Santa,  
I have been super good! Please bring me a basketball goal, some new pink boots-a size 2 I think. I would like some colored pencils, colored pens, and a notebook to write in. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and seeds for your reindeer.  
Milleigh Hayes

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. Please bring me a train set with a track. I would like a toy tractor and a blue toy truck with a trailer; like the one I saw on TV I will leave you chocolate chip cookies.  
Paden

Dear Santa,  
I have been really nice this year. Please bring me a Minnie Mouse bike, a LOL doll, and some purple and pink slime. I would also like a big car for me to drive for little kids. I will leave you a candy cane.  
Lilly

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good this year. Please bring me a Nerf gun, a Nintendo Switch, and other special surprises. I will leave you some chocolate cookies and milk.  
Jase

Dear Santa,  
I have been super good. Please bring me a baby doll, some Barbies, a toy turtle, a music box, and a toy sewing machine. I will leave you some cookies and some carrots for the reindeer.  
Kami

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. Please bring me JoJo hairbows, JoJo shoes, JoJo socks, JoJo shirts, and JoJo pants. I like JoJo! I would like a baby doll with clothes too. I will leave you chocolate cookies and milk and treats for the reindeer.  
Addlee

Dear Santa,  
I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a LOL doll, some clip-on earrings for me, and some for my momma. My daddy needs some new pants too. I also need white high-heels and some make-up. I will leave Santa some white boots and new bells for the reindeer.  
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**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**TINA FRANKS, PLAINTIFF**  
**V. DON WAYNE FRANKS, DEFENDANT**  
**CAUSE NO.: CV2020-000100-71-T**  
**RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

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  
Tishomingo County  
CHG-D1-8-15

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
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**NOTICE OF BIDS FOR PAVING COUNTY ROADS**

Hot Mix Asphalt F.O.B. and In Place for the purpose of paving, improving, building or upgrading County Roads for the 6-month period beginning January 18, 2023 and ending July 18, 2023. The Board of Supervisors of Tishomingo County, Mississippi will on January 3, 2023 at 9:00 AM at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in the City of Iuka, Mississippi receive bids for paving, improving, building or

upgrading county roads for all Five Districts: F.O.B. County Furnish Hot Mix, Contractor Haul and Place Contractor Furnish Hot Mix, Haul and Place For the use and benefit of Tishomingo County Board of Supervisors Road Departments. The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Board reserves the right to negotiate with the successful bidder to extend the bid not to exceed 60 months. This the 5th day of December, 2022. CHG-D8-15-22

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**NOTICE TO VENDORS TO FURNISH TISHOMINGO COUNTY AND THE ROAD DISTRICTS THEREOF**

THE FOLLOWING SUPPLIES FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 3, 2023 AND ENDING JANUARY 2, 2024 Notice is hereby given by the Board of Supervisors of Tishomingo County, Mississippi that it will until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 receive bids for the following supplies for Tishomingo County for a period which

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF TISHOMINGO**

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2006, John M. Wells, Jr., executed a deed of trust to L. Bradley Dillard, Trustee for the benefit of Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc., which deed of trust was recorded March 27, 2006 in Book 354 at Page 186 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Tishomingo County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., the holder of said deed of trust and the note secured thereby, substituted Lori M. Creel as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument dated March 15, 2016, and recorded March 22, 2016 in the Office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk as Instrument #2016000860; 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, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said 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; NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lori C. Baird, Substitute Trustee in said deed of trust will, on the 11th day of January, 2023, offer for sale at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front steps of the Courthouse at Iuka, Tishomingo County, Mississippi, the following described property situated in the County of Tishomingo, State of Mississippi, to-wit: TRACT 1: Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 4, Range 9 East, described as beginning at the Southeast corner of said quarter section and run thence West with the South boundary line of said quarter section to a steel stake and the West side of a paved road for the point of beginning; thence run North 32 degrees 10 minutes East with the West side of road 211.5 ft. to a steel stake; thence leaving road run thence West 206 ft. to a steel stake; thence South 32 degrees 10 minutes West 211.5 ft. to a steel stake and the South boundary line of quarter section; thence East with the South boundary line and a old wire fence and parcels of old wire fence 206 ft. to the point of beginning. TRACT 2: Part of the Northwest quarter of Section 3, Township 4, Range 9 East, described as beginning at the Southeast corner of said quarter section and run thence West with the South boundary line of said quarter section to a steel stake and West side of a paved road; thence continue West with the South boundary line of quarter section and old wire fence and parcels of old wire fence 206 feet to a steel stake for the point of beginning; Thence run West with the South

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**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, PLAINTIFF**  
**VS.**

**UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF KENNETH M. MCNEIL; ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT PROPERTY BEARING THE MUNICIPAL ADDRESS OF 162 FRONT STREET, BURNSVILLE, MS 38833, DEFENDANTS**  
**CAUSE NO.: CV2022-000330-71M**  
**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

TO: Defendants the Unknown Heirs-at-Law of Kenneth M. McNeil, and Any and All Persons having an interest in the subject property bearing the municipal address of 162 Front Street, Burnsville, MS 38833 whose identity and current post office address and street address are unknown to the Plaintiff after diligent search and inquiry to ascertain same. The Complaint against you, which is on file at the Chancery Clerk's office of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in the above numbered cause, is important and you must take immediate action to protect your rights. You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Kimberly D. Putnam, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 855 S Pear Orchard, Ste 404, Bldg 400, Ridgeland, MS 39157. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 15TH DAY OF December, 2022 WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids will be received in the office of the Tishomingo County School District, 1620 Paul Edmondson Drive, Iuka, Mississippi 38852, until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2023, for: **Re-Bid Tishomingo County School District Tishomingo County High School Concessions and Restroom Building Iuka, Mississippi** PryorMorrow Project Number: 2021521 Bid documents will be available in original paper copy or in electronic format. Planholders are required to log in and register for an account at [www.pryormorrowplans.com](http://www.pryormorrowplans.com) to view and order bid documents. All planholders are required to have a valid e-mail address for registration. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. Any questions regarding website registration, online orders, or electronic bidding should be directed to Plan House Printing at (662) 407-0193. BID SUBMISSION: Bidders may submit a sealed bid as indicated above or may submit an electronic bid in lieu of a sealed bid. Submission of an electronic bid in lieu of a sealed bid shall be submitted at [www.pryormorrowplans.com](http://www.pryormorrowplans.com). Electronic bids are not required but are an option. BID PREPARATION: Bid preparation will be in accordance with Section 00 21 13 – Instructions to Bidders, bound in the Project Manual. BID GUARANTEE:

Proposals shall be submitted with Proposal Security in the form of Certified Check or acceptable Bid Bond in an amount equal to at least five percent (5%) of the base bid; such security is to be forfeited as liquidated damages, not penalty, by any bidder who fails to carry out the terms of the proposal. The Bid Bond, if used, shall be payable to the Owner. Bonds on the project must be received on or before the period scheduled for the project and no bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the project. Bids must be firm for a period of forty-five (45) days after the scheduled time of opening. PERFORMANCE- PAYMENT BOND: A one hundred percent (100%) Performance-Payment Bond issued by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Mississippi will be required within ten (10) days after the successful bidder has been notified of the award of the contract to him. CERTIFICATE OF RESPONSIBILITY: All bids submitted by a prime or subcontractor for public works or public projects where said bid is in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to perform contracts enumerated in Section 31-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall contain on the outside or exterior of the envelope or container of such bid the contractor's current certificate number. No bid shall be opened or considered unless such contractor's current certificate number appears on the outside or exterior of said envelope or container or unless there appears a statement on the outside or exterior of such envelope or container to the effect that the bid enclosed therewith does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00). NOTE: When bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including on the exterior of the bid envelope the contractor's current certificate of responsibility number or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be deemed fulfilled and the bid in compliance by including the same information as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities. CHG-D15-22



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# Local writer wins TAC 2022 Fall Writing Competition

Local writer Lauren Long vied with writers across several states to take home the Emory D. Jones Award for Poetry in Tishomingo Arts Council’s 2022 Fall Writing Competition.

Long’s work "Matchpoint" was deemed an exemplary piece of writing -- well deserving of the award named for Tishomingo County’s celebrated poet and educator Dr. Emory D. Jones -- from a body of submitted writing that represents the largest by far in the three years of the competition’s existence.

Other placements in the poetry category included Second Place for Laurel Pilgrim of Tuscumbia, Alabama, for her work "Actias Luna" and Third Place for Alecia Gabrielle of Brandon, Mississippi, for her work "Humbled by a Maternal Birdsong." Honorable Mention in this category

was extended to Toni L. Gray of Belmont, MS, for her work "A Mother's Day."

The Emory D. Jones Award for Narrative is awarded to B. N. Simmons of Guntown, Mississippi, for her work "Waiting" with Second Place also to Simmons for her work "Mama". Third Place is awarded to Billy Don Loper of Prentiss, Mississippi, for his work "Anatomy of a Waterfall."

Due to the great quality of entries in the narrative category, Honorable Mentions were extended to the following: Patrik Barnes of Counce, Tennessee, for her work, "Pineapple Sandwiches"; Lisha Hinton Hopper of Corinth, Mississippi, for her work, "The Truth about the Sad Irons"; Lindsey Parker of Rienzi, Mississippi, for her



Lauren Long

work, "The Shadow Tamer"; Patricia Nichols of Iuka, Mississippi, for her work, "Hunger"; and Gerald O'Dom of Waynesboro, Mississippi, for his work, "Nathaniel"

In the Student Poetry division, the Emory D. Jones Award goes to Kellie Rawlings of Preston, Idaho, for her work "Humanity's Flowers," while the Emory D. Jones Award for Narrative goes to Kaybree Juhasz, also of Preston, Idaho, for her work "Fading Future".

Long and other winners will see their works published in the 2023 literary magazine The View from Woodall along with winners of TAC’s annual visual arts competition which is currently open for submissions in painting, drawing, photography, and digital art categories.

# Baby's First Christmas

We were overwhelmed with the complete adorableness of all the baby photos we received from local folks for our Baby's First Christmas! There were so many, we decided to go ahead and brighten the week of all our

readers by publishing some of them early! More next week in our Christmas edition! Our best wishes for a glorious Christmas season for all the families represented!



**Knox Paden Mathis** is son of Cory and Molly Mathis. Knox has an older brother, Owen, and they are all of Iuka. Knox was named after his great grandfather Bobby Paden and was born May 11, 2022.



**Hudson Durham** is son of Cody and Tess Durham of Tishomingo. Photo by Images by Tallie.



**Finley Woodruff** is the son of Colton and Paige Woodruff of Iuka. Photo by Alexia Curtis Photography.



**Darby Leigh Long** is daughter of Ashleigh Wilson and Ethan Long of Tishomingo. Grandparents are Craig and Heather Wilson, Tyler and Ashleigh Long, and Natalie McGuff.



**Avery Marie McAdams** is daughter of Matthew Connor McAdams of Tishomingo, and Elizabeth Nicole McAdams of Midway. Grandmothers are Marissa Blackwell and Regina Jourdan. Baby Ava will be 10 months old just before Christmas.



**Ella Wooten** is daughter of Cory and Tiffany Wooten.



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