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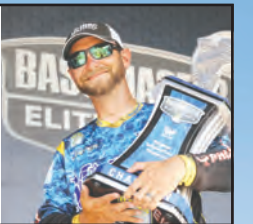


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Jaybird Park was the perfect setting for the fundraiser event, with music, food and drink, and lots of great company.

Food Truck Festival Raises \$7,000 for Boys' and Girls' Club

by Pamela McRae

Last Friday night gorgeous weather, a great crowd, and months of planning all worked together to produce a successful Food Truck Festival that raised thousands of dollars for the Iuka Boys' and Girls' Club.

Organizers limited the number of tickets to 100 for this first-of-its-kind event in Iuka's historic Jaybird Park, just to make sure enough food, drink and seating were available, and all that worked perfectly. The biggest problem was that there were dozens of would-be attendees who were turned away. The event's 100 tickets were all sold by early in the week! A few folks walked around downtown and were at least able to listen to the talented band lead by Matt Prather.

Attendees ranged in age from the required 21 to folks in their 70's and all enjoyed a variety of great food from the five vendors, and enjoyed visiting with friends and neighbors.



photo courtesy Jan Anglin

Five food trucks provided delicious food for the folks at the food truck festival, and Matt Prater and his band were fantastic to listen to.

"The feedback from everyone has been so wonderful! People said they wished they could have something like this more often," said organizer Liz Cummings. "We raised more than \$7,000 for this great community program, and everyone loved doing it!"

"We had great support from the city," said Cummings, addressing the Board of Aldermen at Tuesday night's meeting. The City provided guidelines for the private,

ticketed event held in the city park, which helped keep everything under control and enjoyable.

The Boys' and Girls' Club of Iuka serves hundreds of children all through the year, providing a positive place for them to spend time, and helping parents keep their kids safe and entertained. This fundraiser made much, much more than previous fundraisers. The City of Iuka also makes a regular contribution to the Boys' and Girls' Club.

Kelly Wins County, District in Republican Primary

Incumbent U.S. Rep. Trent Kelly and political newcomer Dianne Black have captured their respective party's nominations in their bids to represent Northeast Mississippi in the U.S. House of Representatives, according to projections from the Associated Press.

Kelly, who is running for a fifth term, won the Republican nomination by defeating DeSoto County resident Mark Strauss. Black, who is seeking her first term, won the Democratic nomination by defeating Tishomingo County resident Hunter Avery.

The two will now face one another in the general election on November 8.

According to unofficial results from Circuit Court Clerk Josh McNatt, Kelly won heavily Republican Tishomingo County

953-92 over Strauss.

Dianne Black won over Hunter Avery, of Belmont, 45-35, in the county.

According to her campaign website, Black is the first Black woman to be nominated by a major political party for the 1st Congressional seat.

Northeast Mississippi is a reliably conservative region in the Magnolia State, making a Democratic challenge an uphill battle.

Kelly has traditionally followed mainstream Republican policies during his tenure on Capitol Hill.

Black, according to her campaign website, supports President Joe Biden's domestic agenda, prison reform, voting rights expansion and legislation that would tackle climate change.

Five indicted in death of Belmont infant at Red Bay childcare center

by Jason Collum
The Red Bay News

RED BAY | The former owner, three former employees and the parent of a former employee of Tiny Tigers Pre-K in Red Bay were arrested last week after indictments were handed down by a Franklin County grand jury on charges related to the March 9 death of Autumn Rose Wells, an infant who was in the facility's care. Two of the former employees now face manslaughter charges.

Red Bay Police made arrests on the charges on Wednesday, June 1. Charges from the indictments include:

- Angelene Chamblee: Child Care Act Violation (six

counts); Forgery 2nd Degree;

Forgery 2nd Degree

- Payton Nicole Gann: Manslaughter; False Reporting to Law Enforcement

- Madison Jade McCalpin: Manslaughter; False Reporting to Law Enforcement

- Hannah Grace Letson: Tampering with Physical Evidence; Tampering with a Witness

- Teia Kay Gann: Tampering with a Witness

The News sought further information on the indictments from District Attorney Joey Rushing, but Rushing had not responded by press time

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Progress Good on New RV Campground Sites at Tishomingo State Park

by Pamela McRae

By September, Tishomingo State Park should have 25 of its RV campsites upgraded, when a \$1.1 million project is completed.

According to Tishomingo State Park Manager Robert Barske campsites number 38-62 are being refurbished to feature newly poured, larger concrete pads, upgraded power connections, and new picnic tables and grills at each site. The pads were 10 foot by 30 foot, and now are 10x45'. Additionally, the sites will be reggraded to be more level, and three are handicapped accessible.

Before the project, if you stepped off the camper pad, you

had to step down, often quite far, the surrounding ground had washed away so badly over the decades.

The renovated sites are the ones furthest down the campground road, to the west and north side of Haynes Lake, where campers fish, canoe, and watch local ducks and geese.

Pads 1-36 are still available to rent, ensured Barkse, throughout the construction period.

The campground renovations were designed by local engineering firm Dean McRae Engineering, and the contractor on the site is Cook and Sons.

The Park averages 73,000 visitors a year from all over North America and beyond.



New 10' x 45' camper parking pads, plus new picnic pads and tables for 25 sites in Tishomingo State Park are nearing completion.



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Tishomingo's Bruce McClung Wins Future Tour Championship Overall Title

By David W. Healy
Delta Democrat

Bruce McClung, a 16-year-old golfer from Tishomingo, had never won a tournament as big as the one he was playing Sunday, the Future Tour Championship at the Greenville Golf and Country Club.

After four holes in Sunday's final round, McClung was, in his own words, making a mess of things. He wasn't quite put of it, but he needed to sharpen things up quickly.

On the fifth hole, McClung did just that as he fired a wedge shot to one foot from the hole for a kick-in birdie.

"That really got me going and from there on out I played pretty well the rest of the way," McClung. "This is by far the biggest event I have won."

McClung, a student at Belmont School, took top prize in the overall division of the Future Tour Championship. McClung shot 1-under par in his first round on Saturday and 1-over par in his second round on Sunday. McClung called his entire experience in Greenville 'fantastic', and not just because he took home a trophy that was

a replica of the PGA Tour's World Golf Championship trophy.

"I love the atmosphere of this tournament," he said. "The best part about the tournament is that I get to meet so many friends. The banquet on Saturday is one of the things that separates this tournament from most of the others. I will definitely be coming back to Greenville in the future."

This year's tournament was the 27th Future Tour Championship has been held at the Greenville Golf and Country Club. More than 175 golfers from 11 states will be in town this weekend with their family members. Over the years, the tournament has had an economic impact of millions of dollars to the city of Greenville as golfers and their families stay at local hotels and eat at local restaurants.

Through the years, the tournament has earned its reputation as one of the best golf tournaments for young golfers in the country. At the PGA tournament in Fort Worth two weeks ago, both Scottie Scheffler and Sam Burns, who were locked in a playoff, were both past participants of the Future Tour Championship.



Two State Parks in the County Mean Lots of Summer Fun

by Madelyne Pruitt
News Intern

Tishomingo State Park located on 105 CR 90, Tishomingo, MS 38873. The park is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. during the summer and the office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tishomingo State Park offers hiking, camping, fishing, disc golf, and walking trails. To enter the park, it is \$2 per person or \$5 per car. Rates for the activities differ, it is \$5 per person to fish at the fishing pond. Disc golf, hiking, and the walking trails are included in the park entry fee. Camping is \$26.75 a night for lights and electricity, and primitive is \$18.19 per night.

And all trails are open for hiking, walking, and exploring. The park's pool will not be open this year, but there is no set schedule for the repair.

Tishomingo State Park also offers a Bear Creek Float Trip for the months May through October. It's \$42.80 per canoe and there are a two people max for each canoe. Around 9 a.m. floaters arrive to the park, then they are taken upstream six miles off the park by the rangers and park helpers. They then float down Bear Creek back to the park. The Bear Creek Float Trip usually takes three and a half to four hours. The park does take reservations to

reserve a spot for the float trip.

For more information on the park or to reserve a canoe for the float trip, call the office at 662-438-6914.

JP Coleman State Park is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. JP Coleman is on 613 CR 321 Iuka, MS 38852. It is \$2 per person to enter the park. The gate entry grants access to the boat dock. They also have a pool that is open Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is \$6 for adults and \$4 for each child to swim and enjoy the access to the pool. For more information contact the office at 662-423-6515.



Jonathan Martin and Cole Hairrell on the Outcroppings Trail at Tishomingo State Park.

Happenings

Senior Adult Day at Harmony Hill Baptist Church, Thursday June 9th at 10:30. Special singing by the Court House Pickers from Corinth. Food and good fellowship, come join us and bring a friend!

Cemetery Cleanup-Antioch FW Baptist Church June 9th. Any flowers blown off graves will be removed. To contribute to the mowing and maintenance of cemetery send to P.O. Box 224, Burnsville.

Eastport - Mill Creek VFD Community Meeting Thursday June 9th. For all people in EMC VFD district. CR 956 VFD building. For more information call Jordan Provins at 931-242-3177.

American Legion Post 15 quarterly Steak Dinner Thursday, June

23. Dinner includes: 12-oz rib-eye, salad, potato, Texas toast, dessert and drink for \$25. Orders must be turned in by Friday, June 18th. To order call Tom Whitaker at 662-279-2951. Serving will begin at 5 PM; eat-in or take-out.

Homecoming Antioch FW Baptist June 19th Homecoming celebration and worship. 10 a.m. Preaching with Bro. Russell Clouse. 11 a.m. singing featuring Lovelace Family & lunch at noon. Everyone invited 326 Eastport St. Burnsville.

Homecoming at Pleasant Grove Church of Christ, June 26, six miles north of Burnsville. Services begin at 9:45 for Sunday School and 10:45 for worship. Lunch will be served at noon and evening service starts at 1:30 p.m. A gospel meeting will also

begin on June 26. Services begin at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Brother Mike Eaton from Pineville Louisiana will be preaching each service. Everyone is invite to attend.

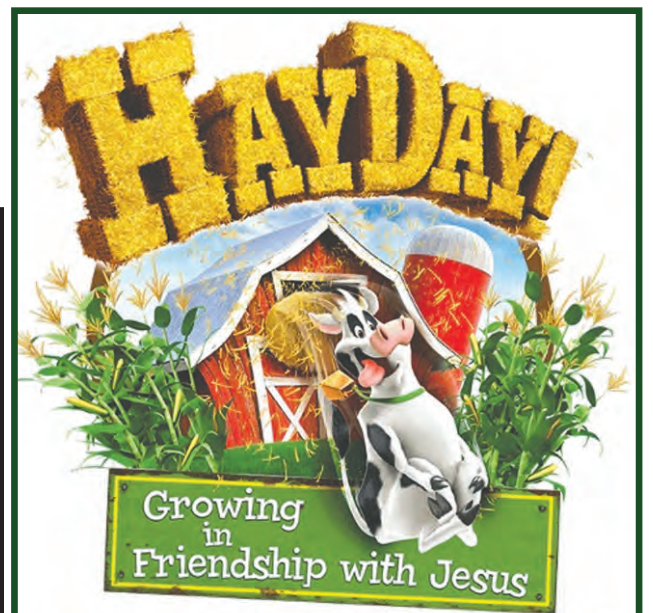
Homecoming at Snowdown United Methodist Church on Sunday, July 3rd Service at 11:15AM, potluck lunch to follow. Singing and fellowship the rest of the afternoon. Pastor Chris Borden and the congregation invite you to join us.

Wilson Reunion The HI Wilson 52nd year and Wilborn C. Watson 56th year joint family reunion will be held on July 9, 2022 at the Mineral Springs Park Youth Center from 9:00 AM until 4 p.m. Please bring a Sack Lunch and a drink. No Potluck.

Iuka Homecoming Celebration, July 15-17 - Mark your calendars for the annual Iuka Homecoming Celebration. If you have any questions contact Sabrina Cummings Mitchell at 256-394-1755, Cathy Mitchell Pritchard at 279-2955, or Chastin Mitchell at 256-856-2576.

Goat Island Campground Hours of Operation

Beginning Wednesday, June 1, 2022, Goat Island Campground's Gates will be closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. every day. This measure is necessary for the added safety and security of the Campers, visitors, and operators of the Camp. Thank you, Ed Noble



New Salem Baptist Church VBS July 22-24 6-8 pm

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IUKA ANIMAL CLINIC

Where pets are family, too!

Congratulations to Hallie Grace Davis!

This beautiful lady is this week's Pet of the Week. Her owners are Garrett and Erin Davis. Hallie Grace is a 9-year-old Siberian Husky. She loves to play outside, take naps, and go for car rides. Hallie loves to play with her human siblings; Raiden, Gabe, Trinity and Silas. Her favorite treats are pepperoni. Hallie's personality is very silly and playful. She can howl talk the words "I love you" which show her humans how much she loves them. She is very loved in return and is an important member of her family.



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Tishomingo is First Adventure of Summer for Local Adventure Team

Editor's Note: This week, we welcome rising 5th grader Mary Ellis Gray as our Summer Adventure Correspondent. Follow along as she and her friends and family, with the help of their chauffeurs/moms explore different places during their summer break.

by Mary Ellis Gray
(with help from mom, Rebecca)

The end of school and the beginning of summer break means one thing for us—checking off our summer adventure list! We love to explore our county and our neighboring counties (and states) with our friends, and we could not wait to get started on our big Summer 2022 Local Adventure List! Come along with us as we explore our local area.

1st adventure of the summer—Tishomingo State Park

This is our favorite local place for adventures, especially hiking. It is only a short trip from Iuka so we have been there many times. This time, we decided to put a twist on this visit. We packed a picnic lunch and decided to hike trails we have never done before. With over 13 miles of nature trails at the park, you can have a different trip every time you visit. After stopping at the gatehouse and paying the day-use entrance fee (\$2 per person), we followed the road to the log cabin.

1st stop: CCC Pond Trail, approximately ¾ mile

This short trail starts across from the parking lot by the log cabin. It loops around a pond, where we saw lots of beautiful lily pads and even fish enjoying a cool swim. We checked the weather forecast and thought the sky was clear all day, but it rained a little on us. Luckily, the tall canopy of trees and rock outcroppings were perfect to keep us dry



photo R. Gray

Tishomingo State Park Swinging Bridge is the entrance to many of the Park's great hiking trails. Pictured are Mary Ellis Gray, Evelyn Gray, Lila Kate Cutshall and Will Cutshall. Not pictured: their chauffeurs/Moms, Rebecca Gray and Brittney Cutshall.

along the way.

2nd stop: Trail behind Pavilion #1, approximately 1 mile

This trail is not a named trail in the

hiking brochure, but someone in our group had been there before and led the way. Our hike started with a steep descent down the outcroppings. We had to hold on to each other to make

it down the hill. We followed the trail that was next to Bear Creek and then it ended at the playground. We saw many centipedes crawling in the sand, heart-shaped leaves and rocks (our favorite nature finds), and even some men in a boat, paddling down the creek. We hope to canoe down Bear Creek one day, if our moms are brave enough to take us!

3rd stop: Lunch!

The playground has lots of slides, swings, and seesaws, but first we ate our packed lunch on the picnic tables. The weather was perfect after the rain shower. It is also shaded, which makes it a good place to rest from hiking. We played and explored around the playground, until someone saw the next stop.

4th stop: Swinging Bridge

No trip to Tishomingo State Park is complete without going over the Swinging Bridge! We are always a little scared to go over the bridge, but it's also very fun to get to the other side and look down at the creek below. The Outcroppings Trail begins here. It's a 2 mile loop that we have hiked many times. We were tired from hiking and our big lunch, so we just walked a short way up the trail, turned around, and then went back over the bridge.

5th stop: Martyville Gas Station & Convenience Store

To reward ourselves after hiking, we stopped at Martyville, which is at the corner of Highway 25 & 30. Martyville has a huge selection of every kid's favorite food groups: candy, drinks, snacks—even a do-it-yourself milkshake station! Martyville has so many choices that our family calls it the Buc-ee's of Tishomingo County (if you know, you know).

Water We Doing to Ourselves?

They say nothing makes time move faster than having children. I remember bringing my oldest home from the hospital after he was born like it was yesterday. I remember the face of each family member and friend waiting for us in the front yard when we arrived home. Now, somehow, it's ten years later and every other day I can't remember the child's name and call him the dog's. Time sure has flown.

Speaking of the inevitable passage of time, beautiful, crime-free Iuka, Mississippi has officially changed seasons. No, not from spring to summer - spring is a myth in Mississippi better known as "allergy season" and summer is the majority of the year from Memorial Day to, if we're being honest, on or around Halloween (and can you imagine that there are folks in parts of the country who don't know the pleasure of spraying their children with Off! before they go to Trunk or Treat?).

Our most recent seasonal change, at least for parents, is from "Little League sunburn" to "ear infections from the pool".

Swimming Pool Season is officially upon us! It's easy to have missed the signs: the most obvious is when you switch from telling yourself, "I've got to lose 20 pounds by Memorial Day" to "I've got to lose 20 pounds by the Fourth of July." As we all know, this season is followed by "I don't care what I look like by Labor Day" during the next season in Mississippi, known as *It's Been So Hot For So Long the Grass Is Dying and I Want to Join It* Season.

Swimming Pool Season has many other characteristics. There is the trying not to think about the number of CapriSuns your daughter has drank, yet she hasn't gotten out of the pool to go to the bathroom all afternoon. There is the accepting the fact that your blonde children's hair has been turned green by a

full day in a chlorine pool and now they look like they are in a punk rock band in their older cousin's wedding photos. And, of course, there is the ten coats of SPF 75,000 you put on the kid's nose before he first gets in the pool, followed by the inevitable sun poisoning because you forgot to reapply after two hours in the pool which makes you wonder if those stupid SPF numbers mean anything at all but that doesn't keep your wife from yelling at you when you get home so you consider putting concealer on the boy's face to cover the burn but you know he's not cool enough yet to keep a secret yet.

Swimming Pool Season really isn't that much more fun for the kids, either. Think about it - when was

the last time a day at the pool didn't end with the kids crying? And there's all these contradictory rules. You can climb up a rickety, 30-year-old water slide, do a backflip off the concrete or jump off a high dive - but don't you dare RUN near the pool! And, for Pete's sake, don't, after your parents yell at you for running, immediately shift into that weird run-but-in-walking-form that every kid tries to pull off that has never fooled anyone. We complain about kids not getting exercise. The next time you bristle at your child playing video games, tell them to run a few laps around the pool. He'll be ready for a 10K before he turns 10.

It doesn't matter if your pool is above ground or below, salt water or Pickwick Lake water, get out there and have fun. Just, while the kids are crying, try not to let them see you crying, too.



Town Cryings
Nate Clark

Our Town

In the northeast of Mississippi Is a famous Little Town; In the County Tish-o-min-go, There Iuka can be found.

In this Town are points of interest That are well known from the past; Unique to see, a joy to know Each is history that will last.

Mineral Springs, a local park That has claimed a special wealth; A sign beckoned at a World's Fair To come and drink to your health.

Unique is the Apron Museum A multi-colored display; It is a small, unusual place Will add pleasure to our day.

The Old Courthouse is a museum With past relics one can see; Where we came from, how we got here Shares Iuka's memory.

The Little Church with the bright roof Episcopal by name; Is still in use at special times Retains a notable fame.

The Wooden Bridge near the Spring Park Is a scenery of the past; The beauty of those old designs A joy in which one can bask.

In mid-August of Twenty-One A tornado hit our town; No life was lost, few injuries Great damage all around.

The officials of Iuka Did respond and take the lead; They worked that night and many days To assist all those in need.

Together as a working team Each neighbor became a friend; We all worked hard to help each one Iuka began to mend.

We so have our famous places Some others have a steeple; The greatest of our Treasure Trove Are our KIND, GENEROUS PEOPLE.

-unknown

Editor's Note: We have been blessed with all the people eager to contribute to the content of the Vidette this year! This sweet poem came in the mail with no return address.

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John Owen Curry

John Owen Curry, Sr., 52, of Iuka, Mississippi died Saturday, June 4, 2022, at North Mississippi Medical Center in Iuka. John was a very giving and loving person who cared about all of his family, extended family, friends, and his community. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America for the past 14 years, a past Scout Master, a member of The Order of the Arrow, and was a fully trained Triple Beaded Wood Badge Member. John strived to be a positive role model for the youth in his charge to follow.



He worked as an HVAC technician for many years and was also the custodian for the local school. John enjoyed being outside, fishing, camping, gardening, and his chickens. His greatest joys in life were his wife, children, and grandchildren whom he loved dearly.

He is survived by his wife, Trina Johnson Curry; his children, Kayla Curry Owens, Cadance Curry, and John Curry, Jr.; two grandchildren, Whitley Willis and Waylon Owens; his brother, Thomas Curry; his sisters, Becky Letchworth and Judy Melton Curry; and many nieces, nephews, family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leroy and Annie Lou Curry; and his sisters, Sara Curry Glasgow and Donna Kay Curry.

Cutshall Funeral Home of Iuka, was entrusted with the arrangements. Visitation was June 7, 2022, at Iuka Church of God. Visitation will continue Wednesday, June 8, 2022, from 11am until the time of service. Services were Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 1 pm, at Iuka Church of God, officiated by Bro. Rodney Windham and Bro. Ron Norvell. Burial was in Snowdown Cemetery. Pallbearers were Devin Smullins, Josh Johnson, Adam Tricky, Bobby Felker, Terrion Taylor, and Anthony Alred.

Honorary pallbearers include Alfred Yarber, Joe Spencer, Gary Bolton, Robert Borden, Dr. Al Flannery, Junior Bailey, and Montlee Brumley.

Donations may be made in John's honor to the Yocona-Pushmataha Council, BSA. An online guestbook may be accessed at www.cutshallfuneralhome.com.



James Salvo

James "Jim" Salvo, age 88 passed away Monday, May 30, 2022. Jim enjoyed gardening, watching old western movies, fishing, watching football, and listening to The Gaithers.

He is survived by his brothers-in-law, Dennis Biggs (Mona) and Jerry Biggs; sister-in-laws, Cheryl Marsh (Glen), Bonnie Underwood (Jumbo), Gloria Biggs, Karen Biggs, and Rose Procter; 125 nieces, nephews, including great and great great. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Salvo; father, Carl Salvo; mother, Alba Salvo; sisters, Richie Patterson; and Earlene Seymour (Mike); brothers-in-law, Fred Biggs, Gene Biggs, and Keith Biggs.

Funeral service was Friday, June 3, 2022, at First Free Will Baptist Church beginning at 11 a.m. with a visitation prior beginning at 10 a.m. Officiating will be Bro. Jamie Nanny. Interment was in First Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dennis Biggs II, Gregory Biggs, Earl Seymour, James Davis, Rily Parker, Joey Smith, and Gary Littlejohn. Honorary pallbearers were Jim Russell and Todd Smith. Ludlam Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of James "Jim" Salvo. You may leave online condolences to the family at www.ludlamfuneralhome.com.



Tishomingo Co. Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Review

The final draft of the MEMA District 2 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan which includes Tishomingo County and all of its incorporated municipalities, as well as several other neighboring counties is available for public review. This

plan is intended to help protect the citizens of the county and reduce risk to hazards.

The plan is available for public viewing and comment online at the following website: <http://trpdd.com/mema/>

Billy Wayne Daniel

Billy Wayne "Pop" Daniel, age 89, passed away on June 1, 2022, at the North Mississippi Medical Center – Iuka.

Born February 28, 1933, in Maud, Alabama, he was the son of Shelby H. and Effie Burns Daniel. He was a 1951 graduate of Cherokee High School where he was remembered for often hitting clutch shots in basketball games. In 1953, he graduated from Holmes Junior College in Goodman, Mississippi. He served his country in the United States Air Force from 1953 to 1957 in a communications squadron.

After serving in the military, he became an employee of Southern Bell Telephone Company in Birmingham, AL, where he worked for 37 years. After retiring from his managerial position in 1987 and moving to Iuka, he continued to work to some degree in communications. He always enjoyed helping friends and neighbors with needed repairs at their homes and businesses.

Visitation was Sunday, June 5, 2022, at Cutshall Funeral Home in Iuka followed by services at 2 p.m. with Bro. Art Gaines officiating. Burial was at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Iuka just after the services.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jackie Daniel; one son, David Lee Daniel of Birmingham, Alabama; one daughter-in-law Tiffany F. Daniel and one granddaughter Lauren Elizabeth Daniel, both of Birmingham.

He is preceded in death by his two brothers, Sam and Roy Daniel; two sisters, Montez Edmondson and Ruth Rutledge; and his parents.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of his family and friends.



Thank You, from Thomas Rolleigh Family

How do you say goodbye to your hero? My hero went by so many names, Dad, Doc, Papa. So much meaning behind those words. Growing up I had to privilege of learning from him. I always thought he was the smartest man in the world. There are so many things I do now because he did it.

When he first was diagnosed, I spent a lot of time with him in the car. Since some of the car rides were very long, he would tell stories of his childhood and of his time in the military. I wish I had taken the time to write everything down, but at the time I was just enjoying listening to him talk.

Years ago, when we would visit mom and dad for supper, dad would get busy talking and not grilling. Mom would get restless and would go to the door, "Tom, how much longer?" We would always laugh because she did it every time. Mom passed eight years ago. I figure she got tired of waiting on him. She went to the door one more time, "Tom, how much longer?" and he said, "I am coming, Darling."

I ask again, how do you say goodbye to your hero? The answer is I do not have to. I see him in my children, my husband, my siblings, his patients, and this community. He loved with his whole heart and it shows by the outpouring of love we have received back.

Hug your loved ones every day and tell them you love them. We do not determine our timeline so make sure they know. Thank you so much for all the calls, texts, visits, food, gifts, and love you have shown us at this very difficult time. Daddy-O would be so humbled by it all. Love you all and may God bless you.

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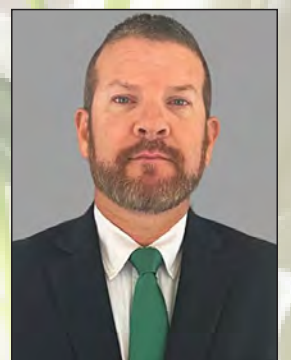
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Scott Woodruff

For 16 years, Scott Woodruff has embodied these traits with unwavering and committed service to those we serve.

A 1990 graduate of Iuka High School, Scott worked mostly in construction and law enforcement prior to his career at Cutshall Funeral Home. Scott is a graduate of Southern Regional Public Safety Institute and is a certified law enforcement officer. He served as a Tishomingo County deputy sheriff for six years prior to working at Cutshall Funeral Home. "I strive to go above and beyond to provide families with everything they have come to expect from Cutshall services, so families can feel our sympathy and respect while feeling a part of the service as well," says Scott regarding his work at the funeral home. Scott will soon be a certified crematory operator and will play a lead role in the operation and maintenance of our new crematory.



Scott's practical knowledge and heart for service were invaluable during the COVID restrictions when he developed and implemented a battery-powered system to provide music and allow funeral attendees to better hear the service at cemeteries while maintaining social distancing outdoors. His efforts were of great benefit to many people during a time when they were struggling to celebrate the lives of their loved ones.

Scott resides in the Hazard Switch community of Iuka with his wife of 25 years, Beth Whitaker Woodruff. They have 3 children, Caleb, Victoria, and Anna Belle. He is the son of Joe and the late Shirley Woodruff. Scott loves his family, second only to God, and also loves any and all kinds of music. He has played in local bands for over 30 years. Scott loves to serve the people of his community and says he wouldn't want to work anywhere else. We wouldn't want him to work anywhere else either.

Enjoy After-Lake Fun and Treats in Pickwick

by Madelyne Pruitt
News Intern

Looking for things to do in Pickwick after a long day of the lake? From ice cream milkshakes and games, to live bands and dining, T's Shake Shack, Freddy T's, and The Rooftop have everything you and your family are looking for.

T's Shake Shack offers so many ice cream and milkshake options there is something for everyone. After enjoying ice cream, head on outside to enjoy a few games with your friends and family. The perfect treat for a hot summer day!

The Shack is open Tuesday through Thursday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. They are closed on Mondays.

Before ice cream, you are hungry for real food!

Freddy T's restaurant is located over the Tennessee state line. Freddy T's offers a wide variety of food and drinks. It is open Monday through Saturday beginning at 5 p.m. They offer in house dining, carry-out dining, and catering. Although the restaurant is closed on Sunday, the downstairs event area houses the Grace Chapel Church at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Freddy T's has a game and event room that is open to kids birthday parties, class reunions, get togethers, bachelor and bachelorette parties, and anything else you can think of. The restaurant also hosts corporate businesses for lunch and dinner meetings and other events.

The Rooftop is upstairs from Freddy T's and is open seven days a week beginning at 11 a.m. The Rooftop has a smaller variety of food, but has a bar for all drinks. Both the Rooftop and Freddy T's have live

music every Friday and Saturday night starting at 7 p.m. during the summer months.



Camryn McGuff and Madelyn Long enjoy the Shake Shake in Pickwick.

TriState Rebel Club Rebel Road Trip Returns to Our Area

It's going to be a Hotty Toddy good time this month at the Crossroads Arena as the annual BancorpSouth Rebel Road Trip rolls into town for an evening of fun & fellowship.

The excitement begins at 5:30 p.m. on June 16 at the arena on Harper Road in Corinth hosted by the Tri-State Rebel Club.

Headlining the event is Ole Miss Head Football Coach Lane Kiffin who

has led the Rebels to back-to-back bowl appearances in his first two seasons in Oxford and delivered the first 10-win regular season in school history. Joining Kiffin will be a lengthy list of key Rebel leaders including Head Women's Basketball Coach Yollette McPhee-McCuin, Head Men's Basketball Coach Kermit Davis, Athletic Director Keith Carter and University Chancellor Glenn Boyce.

"This is so exciting.

It's really special to have all of these leaders visiting our area," said TriState Rebel Club President Tony Smith.

"It's a who's who for Rebel fans," said club board member Kenny Carson. "If you care about Ole Miss athletics, this is the place to be."

The evening will include time for autographs and pictures with the coaches as well as a silent auction featuring numerous unique items for the Rebel faithful. There will also be a catfish/chicken meal with all the trimmings catered by Ricky Prather of Booneville.



Ole Miss Football Head Coach, Lane Kiffin.

"It's going to be an awesome night. We're bringing a little bit of Oxford and Ole Miss to our area," said Smith.

New TriState Rebel Club "Party in the Sip t-shirts will also be available.

All funds raised during the event will go to the club's scholarship fund.

Smith said the club is dedicated to bringing the spirit and joy of Ole Miss athletics closer to home and bringing Rebel fans together to share their love of the University and work together to make a difference in the eight-county area they serve which includes Alcorn,

Prentiss and Tishomingo counties in Mississippi, Hardin and McNairy counties in Tennessee and Colbert, Franklin and Lauderdale counties in Alabama.

"It takes a Rebel to know a Rebel. Ole Miss sports are all about family and we want to help keep that spirit alive in our region," said Smith.

Tickets for the Rebel Road Trip are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. For advance tickets or more information contact Tony Smith 901-831-8669 or Tyler Wilson 662-210-5100 (Prentiss County); Kim Lyles 662-415-6308 or Logan Lyles 662-603-3664 (Alcorn County); Kenny Carson 662-212-3702 (Alcorn County/Tishomingo County); Ferrin Rainey 662-279-6738; Charles Carr 662-423-8920; Jeff Bonds; 662-424-0913, or Mike Kemp 662-279-6000 (Tishomingo County). Follow and like The Tristate Rebel Club on Facebook or @TriState_Rebel on Twitter



Edward Davis Jr.

Davis Family Legacy,

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When I was a teenager I made the trip with my parents, Daisy and Johnny Biggs, to Dawson, Texas to visit my daddy's Davis relatives. There is not much left in the little town, but the cemetery is full of folks that moved from Tishomingo County - Davis, Flynt, Moser, Broughton, Smith and Scruggs. Thank goodness my great-grandmother, Hattie Broughton would not leave Iuka, so my grandmother, Blanche, her brother Doan and her parents only visited their many relatives in Texas by train. They always lived in the Harmony Community where the Davis family settled so many years ago.

Maintenance Position Open

Iuka Housing Authority is currently recruiting an energetic and skilled Maintenance person. This position includes performing carpentry, electrical, plumbing repairs and a variety of other duties related to the property maintenance to ensure that properties are maintained according to HUD requirements. For applications or questions about applying contact IHA at 662 423 9232. IHA is an equal opportunity employer.

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Get Ready for Summer Squash Harvest: Squash Casserole

by Pamela McRae

Summer is nigh, and with it, summer gardens! If all goes according to plan, we will all have enough squash to feed an army, and all your neighbors, too!

Our squash casserole recipe was given to us by a dear friend, Charlotte Scott, who has since passed. She was a remarkable woman from my own hometown of Tulsa. She was a nurse and worked in the FBI. By the time we met her she had retired to our community and contributed to our church teaching kids, [like this 21-year-old pictured!] in Sunday school. She was a beloved grandmother figure to my kids and many more!

In our house, Emma (at right) makes the squash casserole. It was an easy recipe for her when she started cooking, and she loves squash. Since then, she's graduated to become quite the accomplished cook.

Preserving Squash

Squash is hard to preserve in the normal ways, for me at least. Kirby always gets a wild hair to make a bunch of squash pickles, and I can promise you, the evi-

dence of those whims is STILL in our pantry; because none of us eat squash pickles.

If I freeze squash, it turns to slime... unless I do some squash casserole prep packages. If I get a few of these made, we can have squash casserole at Thanksgiving and Christmas, long after squash season is a memory.

All I do is take the first few items in the casserole recipe below: squash, celery, and onion, and cut them up as directed, then bring them to a boil for a minute or two just covered with water, along with a chicken bouillon cube or two. Pack into freezer boxes, or freezer bags, allow to cool just a bit and put them in the freezer. Include some of the chicken broth in the boxes or bags.

When it comes time to make the casserole, thaw slightly and put it back into a pot and bring to a boil, making sure all the ice is gone, and the vegetables are completely warmed. Use them to make the casserole as directed! You can make a large batch of this mixture, just be sure to season it before you put together your casserole.



Squash Casserole

- 2 cups yellow squash, sliced 1/4" thick
- 1 medium onion, diced
- Salt
- 1 chicken bouillon cube
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 2 cups cracker crumbs
- 2/3 cup butter
- 1 cup shredded cheese
- 2 eggs

Place squash, onion, celery, and bouillon in a small saucepan and add water to about halfway up to the level of the ingredients. Bring to boil and simmer for 5 minutes.

Place contents of pan in a lightly greased casserole dish. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Bake at 350, uncovered, about 30-35 minutes, or until golden on top.

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Indictments, continued from front

Tuesday.

Chamblee was the owner of the daycare, which was ordered closed on March 16 following an inspection by the Alabama Department of Human Resources (ADHR). Chamblee surrendered the daycare's license after ADHR officials cited numerous deficiencies at the facility, including unsafe sleeping practices for young children, improper staffing of classrooms, and false statements given to ADHR officials regarding events surrounding the Wells, who was just four months old at the time of her death.

Wells was pronounced dead on March 9 after she was found unresponsive by workers at the daycare. According to the Red Bay Police Department, Chamblee and an employee took Wells to Red Bay Hospital, where she was pronounced dead. The hospital contacted the Red Bay Police Department and Wells' body was sent to the Department of Forensic Sciences in Huntsville for an autopsy. Gann was arrested on March 11 by Red Bay Police Department investigator Kyle Gober on the misdemeanor charge of false reporting to law enforcement.

The ADHR letter in March cited a "lack of supervision by the staff and an inappropriate sleeping environment" resulting in Wells' death. Additionally, the letter gave insight into the charges of false reporting to Law Enforcement when it detailed the lie that was first told to ADHR about how Wells was placed to sleep. A staff member initially said Wells was placed in a swing, but later told Red Bay Police Wells was, in fact, placed on her stomach to sleep - in violation of state standards.

State Performance Standards require a child to be placed on its back to sleep in a crib with a tight-fitted sheet and nothing else. The letter stated that

the sleeping position Wells was in and the blanket cover would have made it difficult for the only teacher in the classroom - another violation - to tell if the child was under duress, such as having difficulty breathing.

Evidence reviewed by the grand jury led to the additional charge of manslaughter against Gann. Wednesday's arrests are the first in the matter since Gann was initially charged by Red Bay Police. Franklin County District Attorney Joey Rushing was expected to provide more details on the case and the indictments later this week.

Joel Wells, Autumn's grandfather, speaking on behalf of the Wells family, told The Red Bay News the family struggles with Autumn's death and can only hope this doesn't happen to another family.

"Autumn Rose Wells was an incredible gift from God," Wells said in a statement to The News. "We miss her indescribably every day. We pray this never happens again and hopefully that through her life another mother will be spared the agony of burying a precious child. We also want to express our overwhelming gratitude for the dedicated efforts of the Red Bay Police department throughout this investigation."

Red Bay Police Chief Janna Jackson said everything surrounding the case has been difficult given Wells' age but commended her officers for how they have handled the case.

"It was a very tragic event but our investigator, Sgt. Kyle Gober, put a lot of effort and detail into the investigation and presented it to the grand jury. Now we have the indictments on that, and I commend him on a thorough investigation. And our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Autumn Wells' family."



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Forever Friends Daycare Pre-K Graduation

On Sunday May 22, 2022 members of the future Class of 2035 were recognized at Forever Friends Daycare Pre-K graduation ceremony. Congratulations to them and all their parents as they move into the elementary school years! Pictured are Gunner James

Bryant, Millard Andrew Clark, Rayleigh Ann Day, Charley Emma Dooley, Eady James Dotson, Zachary Alexander Fielding, Jordan Blake Nunley, Vivienne Rose Parsons, Shane Albert Ward and Nora Kathryn Williams.



Lil Rascals Daycare Pre-K Graduation

On Sunday May 22, 2022 members of the future Class of 2035 were recognized at Lil Rascals' Daycare Pre-K graduation ceremony. Congratulations to them and all their parents as they move into the elementary school years! Front, front left: Avalie Wells, Callie Clark,

Everly Maxcy. Middle: Rowan Barrett, Piper Barnes, Bentley Tucker, Bentley Arnold, Owen Hendrix, Bristol Cummings, Harper Wilson, Rose Russell. Back: Aysen McGill, Chaseton Cummings, Caroline Phifer, Jase Rollins, Eden McDuffy, Dean Weeks.

NEMCC Confers More Than 600 Degrees

BOONEVILLE - Northeast Mississippi Community College held its annual commencement exercises in the Bonner Arnold Coliseum on Thursday, May 12 and Friday, May 13 in front of capacity crowds of graduates, friends, family and fans.

In total, over 600 students received their degrees from Northeast Mississippi Community College between the Fall 2021 and the Spring 2022 semesters.

Included in the 623 graduates were 607 students from Mississippi. Eight students hailed from Tennessee, six came from Alabama and two graduates were from Georgia.

Approximately half of the 623 that received their degrees and certificates were members of the Iota Zeta chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

Northeast awarded 357 Associate of Arts degrees, 240 Associate of Applied Sciences degrees and 26 certificates between the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters.

Nearly three-fourths of the graduates (460) came from the college's five-county service area of Alcorn, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo and Union.

Some local graduates finished their time at Northeast with more than one degree.

Stephanie Harris of New Albany, Tiffany Mitchell of Corinth, Teresa Russell of Iuka, Kaitlyn Squier of Booneville and Chrystal Stevens of Booneville all received an Associate of

Applied Sciences degree in Business Management Technology and an Associate of Applied Sciences degree in Administrative Office Technology.

Tyler Coker of Rienzi and Ethan Young of Iuka, both received an Associate of Applied Sciences degree in Industrial Maintenance Technology and an Associate of Applied Sciences degree in Electrical Technology.

Graduates from Northeast Mississippi Community College for the fall 2021 and spring 2022 semesters included:

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Dennis

Gretchen Kate Carter, Raleigh Paige Enlow, Carrie Morris Fowler, Madison Brooke Harris, Lydia Ramae Liles, Mason Butler Thompson, Jaycee Claire Vick, Lane Miller Young

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Wheels Donates to Boys and Girls' Club

Johnny Woodruff, on behalf of Wheels of Northeast Mississippi, made a \$300 donation to the Iuka Boys and Girls' club. Pictured with Johnny are Chad Woodruff and Mark McCarley, workers with the Boys and Girls' Club.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on the June 17, 2016, Raymond Largent and Patricia Largent, executed a Deed of Trust to First American Title Insurance Company, Trustee for the use and benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust July 13, 2016, Document No. 2016002078 thereof;

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in February 1, 2022, Document No. 2022000351 thereof; and

WHEREAS, the legal holder of the said Deed of Trust and the note secured thereby, substituted Wilson & Associates, PLLC, as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in March 11, 2022, Document No. 2022000904 thereof; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust, and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust so to do, notice is hereby given that Wilson & Associates, PLLC f/k/a Adams & Edens, P.A., Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcry to the highest and best bidder for certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee, during the legal hours (between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.) at the Tishomingo County Courthouse, on July 21, 2022, the following described land and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Tishomingo County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

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WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the 17th day of May, 2022. Sincerely,

/s/ Jillian Wilson, WILSON & ASSOCIATES, PLLC, Substitute Trustee PREPARED BY: Wilson & Associates, PLLC 400 West Capitol Avenue Suite 1400 Little Rock, AR 72201 (501)219-9388 File # 351307 CHG-M26-J2-J9-J16-J23-J30-J7-J14

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BRENDA KAYE CRANE CAUSE NO. CV2022-000110

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BRENDA KAYE CRANE, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Robbie D. Crane, Administrator of the Estate of Brenda Kaye Crane, seeking to adjudicate heirs of Brenda Kaye Crane, deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 8th day of July 2022, in the courtroom of the Alcorn County Chancery Building, Corinth, Alcorn County, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said court, this 24th day of May 2022.

s/Peyton Cummings Chancery Clerk of Tishomingo County, Mississippi

By: PAIGE WOODRUFF Deputy Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL ALDERMAN VACANCY

THE TOWN OF TISHOMINGO MISSISSIPPI, pursuant to Section 23-15-857 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, shall hold a Special Election on July 12, 2022, to fill one Board of Alderman vacancy, with said person holding the elective office for the remaining unexpired term.

Each candidate shall qualify by petition, filed with the Municipal Clerk, at least twenty (20) days before the date of the election and such petition shall be signed by no less than fifteen (15) qualified

electors. Deadline to qualify is 5 p.m. on the 21st day of June, 2022.

Kim Daily, Town Clerk CHG-M26-J2-J9

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DENNIS WELLINGTON, DECEASED

Cause No. CV2020-000262-71

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND DEVEISEES OF DENNIS WELLINGTON, DECEASED

DEFENDANTS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The Unknown Heirs at Law and Devises of Dennis Wellington, deceased.

You have been named as Defendants in a civil action filed in this Court by the Administrator, Wesley Wellington, seeking judicial determination of heirship of Dennis Wellington, deceased.

YOU ARE COMMANDED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND THIS ACTION AT 9 A.M. ON THE 15th DAY OF JULY AT THE CHANCERY BUILDING OF THE ALCORN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 501 WALDRON STREET, CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI, and in the case of your failure to appear and defend, judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint.

You may mail or hand deliver a copy of a written answer either admitting or denying such allegations in the complaint to the attorney for the Estate at: Phillip M. Whitehead, P.O. Box 38, Tishomingo, Mississippi 38873.

You must also file the original of your answer with the clerk of this Court afterward, but not later than 9:00 a.m. on the 26th day of June 2022.

s/Peyton Cummings Chancery Clerk CHG-J2-9-16-23

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records are available to parents or students 18 years of age or older with proper identification.

If you were born on or before September 1, 1995, you have until June 30, 2022 to request copies of your records. Records may be acquired from the Superintendent's Office 1620 Paul Edmondson Drive Iuka, Mississippi 38852 Phone: (662) 423-3206 CHG-J2-9

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JERRELL BATES, DECEASED

Cause No. CV2021-000177-MM

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND DEVEISEES OF JERRELL BATES, DECEASED

DEFENDANTS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The Unknown Heirs at Law and Devises of Jerrell Bates, deceased.

You have been named as Defendants in a civil action filed in this Court by the Administrator, William Bates, seeking judicial determination of heirship of Jerrell Bates, deceased.

YOU ARE COMMANDED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND THIS ACTION AT 9:00

A.M. ON THE 15th DAY OF JULY AT THE CHANCERY BUILDING OF THE ALCORN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 501 WALDRON STREET, CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI, and in the case of your failure to appear and defend, judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint.

You may mail or hand deliver a copy of a written answer either admitting or denying such allegations in the complaint to the attorney for the Estate at: Phillip M. Whitehead, P.O. Box 38, Tishomingo, Mississippi 38873.

You must also file the original of your answer with the clerk of this Court afterward, but not later than 9:00 a.m. on the 26th day of June 2022.

s/ Peyton Cummings Chancery Clerk CHG-J2-9-16-23

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, on the 25th day of November 2009, Guadalupe Ara and Noemi Ara, executed a Deed of Trust to Fred Permenter, Jr. Trustee, for the benefit of Johnnie Coombs and Cindy

Coombs, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Instrument Number: 2009004045 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the County of Tishomingo, State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Johnnie Coombs and Cindy Coombs have heretofore substituted Melissa A. Harrison, as Trustee by instrument dated April 27, 2022, and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Docket Number: 2022001549; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said deeds of trust, which de-

fault continues, and Johnnie Coombs and Cindy Coombs, the legal holder of the Note secured by said deed of trust, having requested the undersigned to sell the property described hereinafter for the purpose of satisfying the indebtedness and costs of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned substitute trustee, will on the 28th day of June, 2022, at the front door of the Tishomingo County Courthouse in Iuka Mississippi, within legal hours, offer for sale, at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, the

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Song Aims to Prevent Suicide, Remind Fathers of the Value in Life, Love & Family

BYRAM, MISSISSIPPI - A young girl's poem in the wake of her dad's suicide touched a chord deep in Tommy Rice's heart. Now, this award-winning songwriter prays the song he spun from her words will reach other fathers.

His ultimate hope is to prevent suicide in men struggling with depression, addiction and other demons, direct them toward the support they need to heal, and lead them back to their families' loving embrace. He wants to remind them of the worth of their lives, the love of their children and the key place they hold in those young lives.

Suicide is among the leading causes of death in the United States and ranks even higher for men, who are more likely to use deadlier means.

Addi Giles was only 10 when her father's overdose robbed her of a future with him. Her poem "Daddy Come Home" concludes with, "My heart is a puzzle that has yet to be done/With one missing piece/My dad is gone." Stirred

by the ache and longing in Addi's words, her mom shared it with Rice, cousin of Addi's grandfather and a songwriter still new on the Christian country music scene. With Addi's permission, Rice built on her words for the recording "This Song Is for You, Daddy."

"We feel like this song would really touch people's hearts because suicide is so common now, especially in America," Rice said. "Playing that song would hopefully help a father who is thinking about suicide, and change his mind. I wrote it that way, for people to realize what they're missing out on, and what they're doing to their family."

"A lot of kids are facing this now. Their fathers leave and go into a depression and keep to themselves. They don't understand why they can't see them anymore. It's devastating to the family."

Rice understands the situation better than most. Following the death of his beloved wife Deborah of cancer



in early 2019, he became almost a recluse. "I was beyond lost, depressed, in a dark tunnel with no light in sight," he said. "I know how these people feel."

Suicide didn't enter his thoughts, but he felt a strong pull to be with loved ones he'd lost. His counselor in a grief recovery class urged him to channel the feelings into a story. Rice's story moved his class to tears. A

fellow class member suggested he make a song of it. So, he did.

Rice found a studio to handle details of the music, help find a singer and record "Miss Her More Today Than Yesterday." The experience launched a new path for the Raymond, Mississippi, real estate broker and auto dealership owner. Rice lined up an entertainment attorney, Loggins

Promotion and Mansell Media, and plunged into the newfound passion. "I prayed about it and God seemed put these people in my life, and it started happening," he said. "Songs started coming all the time." His current song count tops 200, with 84 recorded.

With less than two years in the business, Rice won the New Music Award for Country New Group of the Year 2022 with a song featuring Patricia Barrett (also the singer for "This Song Is for You, Daddy"). His new single "My Momma Loved Me" went to No. 1 on Independent Music Network's Country Top 30 Countdown this May.

"What saved me was the music," Rice said, recalling his own dark tunnel of grief. Now, he hopes this song can help save others, and prevent the heartache suicide leaves behind.

See the song and video "This Song Is for You, Daddy" on YouTube.

For suicide prevention resources, visit suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

NEMCC Graduates, continued from 1B

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LEGAL NOTICES, continued

following described property in Tishomingo County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 3 South, Range 9 East, described as beginning at the Southeast corner of said Quarter Section and run thence West with the South boundary line to a point on East boundary of right of way of the Burnsville-Leedy Road; thence run in a northerly direct on with the East right of way of said road 337 feet to a stake 4 feet beyond, or North of the M. L. Hatcher drive way to the point of beginning; thence run South 25 degrees 30 minutes East 22 feet; thence run South 53 degrees East 139 feet to an iron stake; thence run North 29 degrees West 276 feet to a steel stake; thence run 51 degrees West 165 feet to the East right of way boundary of the Burnsville-Leedy Road; thence run in a Southwesterly direction with the East right of way boundary of said road 276 feet to the point of beginning, containing one (1) acre, more or less.

This the 13th day of May 2022.

/s/ Melissa A. Harrison
MELISSA A. HARRISON,
SUBSTITUTE
TRUSTEE
CHG-J2-9-16-23

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2014, Dorothy J. Whitehead, joined by her spouse, Bertie Wayne Wood, executed a deed of trust to Lem Adams, III, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, acting solely as Nominee for SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns, which deed of trust is recorded as Instrument No. 2014002459 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of the County of Tishomingo, State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid deed of trust was assigned to Truist Bank by instrument dated January 12, 2021, and recorded in the Office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk as Instrument No. 2021000234; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid, Truist Bank, the holder of said deed of trust and the note secured thereby, substituted Underwood Law Firm PLLC, as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument dated May 4, 2022 and recorded in the Office of the aforesaid

Chancery Clerk as Instrument No. 2022001651; 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, Truist Bank, 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, for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substituted Trustee's fees and expense of sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Underwood Law Firm PLLC, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on the 29th day of June, 2022, offer for sale at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.) at the Main front door of the County Courthouse at luka, County of Tishomingo, State of Mississippi, the following described property situated in the County of Tishomingo, State of Mississippi, being the same property described in the deed of trust, to-wit:

Lots 3 and 4 in Block 21, according to the map of the Town of Belmont, Mississippi, filed in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, lying and being in the Town of Belmont, Tishomingo County, Mississippi.

A.P.N. 4-1307-10-35-099. The above described property shall be sold on an "As Is, Where Is" basis without warranty or recourse, express or implied, as to title, possession, use and/or enjoyment and further subject to the following: Any unpaid taxes against the property, any prior or superior easements, conditions, covenants, rights-of-way or subdivision plats affecting the property, any dedication of roads affecting the property and any governmental zoning and subdivision ordinances or regulations in effect and any prior or superior liens, judgments, deeds of trust or other interests of record regarding the property.

WE WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in Underwood Law Firm PLLC as Substituted Trustee. WITNESS OUR SIGNATURE, this the 25th day of May, 2022.

/s/UnderwoodLawFirmPLLC

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE Control# Whitehead, Dorothy/ST
CHG-J2-9-16-23

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF TISHOMINGO WHEREAS, on the 10th day of June, 2016, Julie Cottrell, unmarried woman, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Hugh M. Queener, Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Pinnacle Bank, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Tishomingo County, Mississippi in Instrument# 2016001761; and

WHEREAS, on the 10th day of August, 2021, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as beneficiary, as nominee for Pinnacle Bank, assigned said Deed of Trust unto PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Instrument# 2021003212; and

WHEREAS, on the 8th day of February, 2022 the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Dean Morris, LLC as Substitute Trustee by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Instrument# 2022001813; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 30th day of June, 2022, I will during the lawful hours of between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the east front door Tishomingo County Courthouse, 1008 Battleground Driveat luka, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Tishomingo County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 267, Pickwick Pines Resort, Phase V, as per map or plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Tishomingo County, Mississippi.

I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 31st day of May, 2022.

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Substitute Trustee

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CHG-J9-16-23

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LORENE HIGHLAND RHODES, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. CV2021-000358-71-MM
BILLY R. WHITE
PETITIONER
MARTHA MASHBURN ET AL
RESPONDENTS
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF RUBY WALKER BROWN, DECEASED

You have been made Respondents in the above-styled cause filed in this Court by William Harold Walker, seeking a determination of all unknown heirs at law of Ruby Walker Brown, deceased, who is an heir at law of Lorene Highland Rhodes, deceased.

Respondents other than you in this action are: Charles Larry Barrett; Christina Barrett; James Barrett; Michael Wayne Barrett; Samantha Jean Barrett Blair; Duane Blocker; Bobby Borden; Robert Borden; Shelenia Borden; Crystal Nichole Brown; Jenny Carter; Nicki Highland; Phyllis Highland; Ronnie Keller; Melanie Barrett Keller; Corbin Kilcrease; Tabitha King; Danielle Leatherwood; Richie Edward Leatherwood III; Billy Ray White; Nellie Lomenick; Will Long; Martha Mashburn; Jessica Ann Massie, Jr.; Jose Antonio Solis; Betty Joe Quillen; Annie Wiley; William Walker; Earnest Lee White, Jr.; James White; and Scott White.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 27th day of July 2022, in the courtroom of the Tishomingo County Courthouse in luka, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Petition filed against you in this action

to Lisa A. Koon, whose post office address is Post Office Box 1109, luka, MS 38852, and whose street address is 1231 First American Drive, luka, MS 38852.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 9TH DAY OF JUNE, 2022, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION.

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 2nd day of May 2022.

s/Peyton Cummings
Clerk of Tishomingo County, Mississippi
Chancery Court
CHG-J9-16-23

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANIEL RICHARD GORDON, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. CV2022-000152-71-MM
JOHN GORDON,
PETITIONER, JOHN GORDON, DYAN GORDON, AND RESPONDENTS
UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF DANIEL RICHARD GORDON, DECEASED

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF DANIEL RICHARD GORDON, DECEASED
You have been made Respondents in the above-styled cause filed in this Court by John Gordon, seeking to probate the estate of Daniel Richard Gordon, deceased, for a determination of all unknown heirs at law of Daniel Richard Gordon, deceased.

Respondents other than you in this action are: John Gordon and Dyan Gordon.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 27th day of July, 2022, in the courtroom of the Tishomingo County Courthouse in luka, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in

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Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 2nd day of June 2022.

s/Peyton Cummings
Clerk of Tishomingo County, Mississippi
Chancery Court
CHG-J9-16-23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WANDA GAYE PREWITT, DECEASED
TAMMY REEVES,
ADMINISTRATRIX
CAUSE

NO.CV2021-000261
The undersigned having been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Wanda Gaye Prewitt, deceased, by the Chancery Court of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in Cause No. CV2021-000261 on the docket of said Court, on the 28th day of August 2021, hereby given 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 HAND AND SIGNATURE, on this 20th day of August, 2021.

/s/Tammy Reeves
Tammy Reeves
Administratrix
CLARK LAW FIRM
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CHG-J9-16-23

Tennessee Angler Lester Wins Elite Series Tournament at Pickwick

COUNCE, Tenn. — At long last, Brandon Lester has his trophy.

A veteran pro at only 34 years old, the Tennessee angler slammed the door Sunday in the Whataburger Bassmaster Elite at Pickwick Lake, winning his first Elite Series tournament in nine seasons on tour.

Entering Championship Sunday with a 3 1/2-pound lead, Lester didn't let up, catching 22 pounds, 14 ounces, which was the VMC Monster Bag of the tournament. That gave him a four-day total of 20 bass for 86-1, almost 6 pounds more than any of the nine other pros who made the final-day cut.

Lester competed in more than 110 Bassmaster tournaments before he won his first one in February — the St. Croix Bassmaster Southern Open on Florida's Kissimmee Chain of Lakes presented by Mossy Oak Fishing. But as sweet as that win was, it wasn't a notch in his Elite Series belt like this week's big victory on Pickwick, only two hours from his home in Fayetteville, Tenn.

"This is unreal," he said. "That Open win, I was super proud of it. It's a stacked field in the Opens. But an Elite Series win is next level. I guess it's between

an Opens win and a Classic win. That's the only thing that can top it. These are the greatest bass fishermen in the world. I believe that. If they're not, they won't last long."

The \$100,000 first-place prize pushed Lester's career Bassmaster earnings past \$1 million — a sign of not only his longevity in the sport but his undeniable success.

He was head and shoulders above the 91-boat field this week, competing on a lake he's fished regularly the past few years, but never in an Elite event on Pickwick when ledges were dominant. He said being on familiar water narrowed his focus and raised his confidence.

"I would never tell anybody 'Hey, I'm on the fish to win,'" Lester said. "I've been in that position before and it didn't work out. But I knew if I made the right decisions and did my job this week that I could win this tournament."

Lester found a special spot during practice that replenished daily and provided the bulk of his catch.

"It was shellbed, and where the current rolled up on that bar, from 8 feet to 4 feet, there was a hard spot," he said. "The fish were sitting up on that spot. It was small, maybe three times the size of my boat. It was a typical Tennessee River feeding spot, right off the main river. There was a ton of bait in there — gizzard shad, threadfin shad.

"It was the perfect combination."

He found the spot pretty much by accident. Lester saw bass there on his side scanners while motoring through the area during practice. Had he gone over the top of the fish, they likely wouldn't have shown on his down scan in such shallow water.

Lester started strong on Sunday, catching 17 pounds in the first 20 to 30 minutes. He made a couple of culls later in the morning, but a 6-pounder just after 1 p.m. provided cushion. He caught the big bass on a secondary spot he found several years ago (a main-river ledge that dropped from 14 to 21 feet.)

"I've not caught a fish on a Scrounger all week, and I threw a 3/4-ounce Scrounger head (with a 5-inch Castaic Jerky J) out there and caught that 6-pounder," he said. "That's the most memorable fish of my life. I'll never forget that catch. I pretty much knew (I had won) at that point."

Most of Lester's Pickwick bass were caught on a Strike King 4.0 crankbait (chartreuse shad), though the 6-13 largemouth he hooked on Day 3 came on a football jig. He also used a Berkley MaxScent Magnum Hit Worm (plum apple) with a 1/8-ounce Mustad tungsten nail weight in the head.

The familiarity with the lake and knowing what to throw was a winning recipe. He's been waiting nine years for the feast.

"I can't even put this into words," he said. "It's just a lot of hard work coming to fruition. People don't realize how much work we put into this. I spent countless hours here from 2015 to 2020. I'd come over seven or eight times a year, and it's a two-hour drive from my house. I was getting up at 4 a.m., fishing all day and driving back home.



Brandon Lester of Fayetteville, Tennessee won the Elite Series Bassmaster Tournament last Weekend at Pickwick Lake.

"When I first started my career, I would have told you my weakness was ledge fishing," Lester said. "So, I knew it was a gap I needed to fill."

What started as only a modest 3 1/2-pound lead turned into a runaway as Lester defeated second-place angler Cody Huff of Ava, Missouri (80-5) by almost 6 pounds. Texas pro Chris Zaldain (77-15) finished third, followed by Tennessee rookie Jacob Foutz (77-3) and veteran Florida pro John Cox (70-0).

Lester won the Phoenix Boats Big Bass award with the 6-13 he caught Saturday.

Huff took home \$3,000 for being the highest-placing entrant in the Toyota Bonus Bucks program, and Zaldain earned \$2,000 for being the second-highest placing entrant.

As part of the Yamaha Power Pay program, Zaldain earned an additional \$2,500 as the highest-placing entrant and Idaho's Brandon Palaniuk claimed an additional \$1,500 for being the second-highest placing entrant.

Canada's Cory Johnston won the \$1,000 BassTrak Contingency award for the most accurate weight reporting.

With the solid finish, Cox stayed right on the heels of Palaniuk in the race for Progressive Insurance Bassmaster Angler of the Year. Palaniuk has 536 points, while Cox has 518. They are followed by Tennessee pro David Mullins with 486 and Lester with 477.

For Foutz, it was his second Top 5 finish in three events — and it moved him into second place in the Falcon Rods Bassmaster Rookie of the Year standings with 370 points, just three points behind leader Joseph Webster of Alabama.

The Whataburger Bassmaster Elite at Pickwick Lake was hosted by Tour Hardin County.



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