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### Power out during early Wednesday thunderstorm

by Pamela McRae

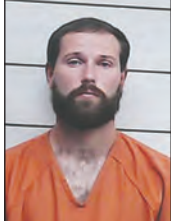
As many as 8,000 TCEPA customers were without power early Wednesday morning due to thunderstorms that rolled through the region, bringing much needed rain.

According to Tishomingo County Electric Power Association foreman Jerry White, a TVA line lost feed, resulting in power outages to homes and businesses fed by the Burnsville, Holcut and Iuka substations. Power was restored to normal by Wednesday 8 a.m.

### Corinth man charged with murder in case of burned car at Sharp's Bottom

On Friday, July 8th 2022, an arrest

was made in connection with the burned vehicle with human remains found inside on April, 28th 2022, on Cr 388 in Sharps Bottom. During the investigation, the body that was found inside, and was later identified to be Jerry Wayne Thrasher of Ripley, who had been previously reported missing. Charges have been filed for first degree murder, and third degree arson on 24-year-old Gavin Cole Stanton of Corinth. Stanton was arrested and his bond was set at \$500,000.



Stanton

### Funding help for our state parks?

#### Lt. Governor Hosemann Names Outdoor Stewardship Board Appointees

JACKSON-Projects improving state parks, increasing access to public waters, and enhancing conservation of fish and wildlife resources will soon see a boost with the formation of the legislatively-created Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund.

Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann named his three appointments to the seven-member board today: Denny Terrell of Kosciusko (1st

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photo P. McRae

**Ready to make music** - Almost two-year-old Jude Fortune waits for Chad Lawrence of Creative Play Solutions to release mallets so he can play on the new "lily pad cymbals" toy at Mineral Springs Park Tuesday morning. Jude is the son of Josh and Katie Fortune of Burnsville and was at the park playing when he got the chance to test out the new toys installed thanks to local donors and the Pilot Club.

### New playground equipment installed at Mineral Springs Park

by Pamela McRae

New play equipment installed at Mineral Springs Park will offer a safe space for preschool and autistic children to play, thanks to a project headed up by Iuka Pilot Club.

\$10.5 thousand in grants from Iuka Pilot Club, Pilot Club International, Tri-State Education Foundation, and local and anonymous donors purchased the equipment which was installed Tuesday morning. The City of Iuka will install a 30 x 30-foot fence around the area, to allow little ones to play in a controlled area, and protect the equipment, too, according to Iuka Alderwoman Emily Bell, who was on site Tuesday.

The area includes a merry-go-cycle, an art board, a mini-ski ball board, a large drum set and a cymbal set, and is near the regular playgrounds and adjacent to the new pavilion in the center of the park that is now under construction. The equipment is produced in Cullman, Alabama by Creative Play Solutions, who have playground equipment throughout the country in all the contiguous 48 states. They develop quality products to stimulate learning and creative development, and install play equipment in day-



Parker



care, church, school and park playgrounds.

"We are so thankful for our donors and that we can do this for our local children," said Katrina Parker, recent president of Iuka Pilot Club. "This will meet the needs of many kids we have in Tishomingo County who may be on the autism spectrum as well as preschoolers, and help parents with a safe, secure place for them to enjoy in our beautiful Mineral Springs Park."

Parker said they appreciate all the donors who worked alongside Iuka Pilot to make this happen, including: Pilot International - \$5,000, Tri-State Educational Foundation-\$2,500, Iuka Pilot club - \$1,900, Josh, Kirby and Kamryn Barnes \$300, April Shea - \$300, and an anonymous donor - \$500.

Before the permanent fence is installed, the area will be roped off to help park visitors remember that the new equipment is for little kids.

### County to begin notifying voters of changes due to redrawing of voting district boundaries

The Tishomingo County Circuit Clerk's office will soon start mailing letters and new voter registration cards to citizens who are affected by the 2022 redistricting.

Detailed in the letter will be any changes made to the voter's registration and the new registration card will reflect those changes. Several voters will not receive a letter as they are unaffected by redistricting, so there would be no change to their registration.

However, many voters could see multiple changes such as, a new

supervisor district, a new voting precinct location, and a new State of Mississippi House of Representatives District. The redistricting changes will be in place for the General Election on November 8th, as we have local races on the ballot at that time. Those races are 1st District Supervisor Special Election, and 2nd District School Board Representative, for which qualifying will start August 10th.

The redistricting or redrawing of the Tishomingo County Supervisor voting district boundary lines was completed by the board of supervisors, utilizing census

data, and working with the Northeast Mississippi Planning & Development District (NEMPDD). The redistricting process is required to be completed by law every 10 years, with the intent of making each voting district equal in number of people, within ten percent.


The supervisors are responsible for making any changes to the local district lines/map, and the State of Mississippi legislature has redrawn the State House and State Senate voting districts as part

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## Liberty and the Lady Muleskinner

Mules are known for being notoriously stubborn. They are also highly intelligent and sure-footed making them one of the best work animals. A muleskinner is the nickname given to one who has a special skill for sweet-talking a mule into working at his highest level.

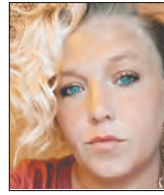
It was early in our marriage that I became a lady muleskinner. My husband was born into a logging family. I'd swear he cut his first tooth gnawing on the handle of an old Skil chainsaw. We had come into a small amount of money that we wanted to funnel into a business of sorts. A small logging operation using work horses seemed a natural fit. We bought an old International Side-Loader truck, a new chainsaw and a young work horse aptly named Money.

Now I know there are those who claim there is "man's work" and "woman's work" but my husband has

always been a progressive thinker. Work is just a task waiting for willing hands. We have always been partners in adventure.

Early one morning, we set to work on a large tract of trees. My new pair of denim Liberty Overalls made me feel like a real lady logger even if I had to roll the hem up several times.

Money, our half-Belgium, half-quarter horse, was huge. Her back was taller than head high for me. I'm sure we made quite a scene. Money with her massive hooves clomping along the trail. A short, blonde girl clad in baggy overalls and heavy work boots dragging log tongs in one hand, reins in the other. Money seemed to know exactly where to go and



**That's All She Wrote**  
Brandy Nunley

what to do, so I just followed her lead.

Though it's been two decades ago, I can still feel Lee's hands over mine on Money's reins. He is mummering gently as he shows me the way to lead Money with the cut logs. "You say, Gee for right, Haw for left," he tells me. "She knows the difference." I am wide-eyed, breathless, terrified of horses.

"You can do this," he says.

He leaves me to lead Money out of the woods with the logs while he goes nearby to work on a different set of trees. I hook Money's tongs to a log about 10 feet long. "Look ahead," he calls over. "Always anticipate the next few steps." Money backs up too far and the tongs fall off. I huff in frustration and re-hook the heavy metal tongs. Once again, Money backs up and the tongs fall off. Obviously, I am doing something wrong here. Ordinarily when Money feels the weight of the log attached, she'll

just head out on her own for the truck. Counting on the third time being the charm, I re-hook the tongs. She backs up. Before I throw a good old-fashioned hissy fit right there in the Mississippi springtime, my eye catches the slightest movement to our left. A tiny baby fawn is curled up in the brush behind the log. I didn't even see her. If Money had taken off in a hurry, she would have crushed the baby deer. A doe will often leave her baby in a safe place to go out to forage for food and come back. Some instinct had warned Money not to listen to the naïve girl tugging at her reins. I often think of the baby fawn nestled in the woods that morning. I think of how stubborn I was when my own best laid plans weren't working out. I think of how sometimes the universe has a better plan waiting in the bush when you are patient enough to notice. This was my first life lesson as a lady muleskinner.

## Dry days recall memories of the Dust Bowl

Yesterday, I was so sure it was going to rain that I decided I'd take a good nap. I always like to sleep when it's raining and hear the soothing patter of the tin roof. Today, I don't hear the rain. Metal roofs are insulated or something. They just don't sound like they did when I was growing up.

I woke up in a couple hours; no rain, but it was much cooler. Many of my friends had gotten rain. I was so happy for them, and I'll just keep watering with the hose.

All this dry weather and high temperatures reminded me of a drought we experienced here. I was about eight years old; it was in the early 1930s. The weather was so dry that cotton, our only money crop, didn't even get knee-high. Dad tried to work the cotton, corn, and other crops but without rain, nothing grew and matured as usual.

What I remember most about drought was picking the cotton. The squares on the cotton didn't open up like

cotton does and make big bolls. They tried to open but just dried up about halfway. Daddy took us kids to the field with short sacks and we'd pull these dried-up bolls until we got a sack full. Then to the house, empty our sacks on the porch, and head back out to the field again.

Then we'd sit and try to open the hard, dried-up bolls and pull the locks from the boll. Many were too hard and dry. This was hard work and the stickers hurt your fingers. I don't recall if from all the cotton we had if there was enough to make a bale. The staple of the cotton would not be good - that's how far the lint would stretch. This determined the price per pound. Dad carried this cotton to the gin in pick sacks. Times were hard and the Great



**Sweet Memories**  
Ruth Dawson

Depression was in full swing. Farmers wanted about 1,200 pounds of cotton to make a 500-pound bale. The locks we retrieved were of very poor quality.

During this time, there was a great Dust Bowl in Texas. Poor farming practices, months of drought and wind caused everything to dry up. The ground became dry; shallow roots and the wind played havoc with the soil. It carried red soil from Texas into the Atlantic Ocean. My great uncle and aunt had moved from their farm to Texas. When this happened, she kept mama informed through her letters. The dust in places piled up six feet around the house up to the windows. She said they used towels under the doors and windows to try to keep the dust out. They wore masks when they'd go outside. Wells went dry and new wells had to be drilled. Several families used water from the same well. Later, the government came to the rescue and introduced a new kind of

grass that had a deep root system and helped save the soil from wind and rain.

During these years, there was a baby at our house, in 1932, and much diaper washing was needed. When we took them down from the clothesline, they were covered with red dust from the Texas Dust Bowl.

Animals died from lack of grazing, too. My great aunt and her family weathered the storm, but many people migrated to California. Today California experiences lots of wildfires. It takes several years to restore these areas where it will be habitable again.

It is so very dry here now, so we must not burn our garbage or anything outside. The wind is the enemy when a fire is started. We need to adhere to the "do not burn" warnings, and follow safety rules. A fire outside is like gossip. The farther it goes the bigger it gets and much harm results from both.

## Happenings

**Harmony Hill Baptist Church Senior Adult Day**, July 14th beginning at 10:30. Special singing by Ciji (Timbes) Marlin and Scott Horton. Come bring a friend, we are expecting you!

**Pride of the Tribe Fundraiser - July 15th**, 2-6 p.m. Come meet 2022 band members and boosters and get moon pies and RC colas! In front of Iuka Walmart. Accepting donations for band camp water, snacks & supplies.

**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.

**VBS at Southwest Baptist** - July 17-21, 6:30-8:30 p.m. kids ages 3 through 6th grade are invited to come experience Spark Studios VBS! Contact Debbie Pickett 279-2717 for more information.

**Bethel MBC VBS** - VBS at Bethel Missionary Baptist July 18-22. 6-8:30 each evening. 366 CR 175, Iuka. Call 662-660-0193.

**Benefit Concert Event August 6th for Justin Maxwell Family** - Plan now to come hear live music, eat supper and participate in raffles for big items. All proceeds

go to support the family as he goes through chemotherapy in Texas. Contact Kathy Helton to contribute - 279-9388.

**Linton Reunion** - Annual Linton reunion will be August 13th, 10:30 a.m. at Mt. Moriah Church on Hwy 172. Bring a dish or two to share!

### REGULAR EVENTS

**Farmers' Market** - Jaybird Park. Every Wednesday and Saturday, 6 a.m. until noon

**City Board Meetings:** First Tuesday of each month. City Halls throughout the county.

**County Board Meetings:** 1st and 3rd Mondays, County Courthouse Board Room.

## Trash Talk

**Kids these days don't know about the fun of weekly trips to the dumpster at the end of the road**

About 10 minutes ago I gave the 10 year old permission to go into the tool shed. Do not move any of my tools without putting them back where you found them, I said. I am not exactly known around town for tidiness, but I do like to keep my tools in order. So, you know it pains me to say tomorrow you'll have a better chance of finding my clawhammer in your refrigerator than where it was before the preteen got his hands on it. Five minutes later I heard him call out, "Mom!"

"Yes?"

"Can I play with the sledgehammer?"

"No!"

A beat. Then, "What about the ax?" Shoot your shot, young man.

Speaking of messes and things kids today will never understand, there was one trip that the children of Tishomingo County in the 1970s, 80s and 90s always looked forward to. No, it wasn't to the Magic Kingdom at Disney World. Or to the soft sands of Orange Beach. Or even to Point Mallard for sunburn and vertigo. The trip most kids of that era, whether you had a perm or a mullet, mostly looked forward to was when daddy loaded up the pickup, threw the kids in the back and headed out on the weekly family run to the dump.

When I say "the dump", I'm not talking about the Taj Mahal of Trash the county has out at Midway now. "The dump" used to mean big ol' rusty green commercial garbage cans that were at the end of every "major" road of the county. This was also back when our roads had names - great road



**Town Cryings**  
Nate Clark

names like Snowdown, Pleasant Hill and Chicken Run. They weren't just soulless numbers. I can't for the life of me understand how it's easier for emergency services to remember which road is County Road 957 when they can remember the much more epicly named Rock Crusher Road. I feel like it's time we acknowledged that this is America and the county road numbers should go the way of the metric system.

Back to the dump, these righteous receptacles were always open, accessible and smelly. Once a week, the fathers of Tishomingo County would toss the weekly trash in the back of the family "dump truck" - usually a single cab, rusted-out Datsun. This was not work for the fancy F series Fords or C Series Chevys (and seriously, F and C series? With that kind of crackerjack marketing one wonders how the Japanese passed us in the 80s). No, that trash went into the bed of a dump truck. And, the back of that dump truck was exclusive for family rubbish and barefoot children only. These little trucks would puffer down the street with their weedeater motors to the big cans. And you think littering is a problem now? If you lived in Tishomingo County in 1980 and had a ditch deeper than three feet, if you didn't watch it like a hawk it would become an illegal dump site. Heaven forbid you drive the extra hundred yards to the county dump cans ... easy for you to say, says the folks who had to haul their garbage in the hatchback of a Ford Pinto.

Now we just push our cans to the end of the driveway and forget it. No family outing; no adventure - somebody just comes and picks up your trash for you. Call me an old romantic, but to me that's like Harry Potter's kids missing Hogwarts and going to the Mississippi School for Math and Science. Kids today are missing something - maybe not the mullets, the perms or certainly the smell. Maybe it's just the blessing of being easily entertained.

Speaking of which, I gotta go. I think I hear the 10 year old cranking something...

## Appointees, continued from front

Supreme Court District), Joe Cloyd of Ocean Springs (2nd Supreme Court District), and Mat Lipscomb of DeSoto County (3rd Supreme Court District).

"These individuals bring a keen business sense, strong work ethic, and a love of Mississippi's outdoors and natural spaces to the table. There is much work to do, especially in our state and local parks, which have the potential to be premier tourism spots for Mississippians," Hosemann said. "I look forward to seeing how this board's decisions will positively impact one of our state's most important assets—our outdoor spaces."

The board is charged with providing grants to counties, municipalities, state agencies, and nongovernmental entities related to outdoor stewardship and conservation. Senate Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks Chairman Neil Whaley shepherded the bill through the 2022 Session, with the Legislature appropriating \$10 million to the effort. Projects improving public places; leveraging federal or other matching dollars; promoting recreation; contributing to water quality; and conserving soil, water, fish, and wildlife resources shall receive priority.

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# Cool creatures for full house at Old Courthouse Museum

The historic old courtroom was full of kids of all ages last week when Bob, from Animalogy brought several animals for them to meet.

Be sure to catch the next program on owls this Thursday, July 14th, at 2 p.m. when the owls and their handlers from Mississippi Wildlife Rehabilitation come to town! Admission is free thanks to a grant from Tri-State Educational Foundation. Be early, and be prepared for the old-timey atmosphere of the historic courtroom (it may be warm!)

photos by Jan Anglin



## District boundaries, continued from front

of the process. It's the responsibility of the circuit clerk's office to ensure voter records are updated in the Statewide Election Management System by placing each voter in the correct voting district and precinct, based on the new district lines. It's also the responsibility of the Circuit Clerk to notify voters of any changes to their voter registration.

You can stay updated about redistricting by looking for information we will share in our local papers and on our Facebook page. If you have questions about these changes or how redistricting will impact your voter registration, please reach out to this office anytime.

Josh McNatt, Circuit Clerk



*alexia curtis*  
**PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Lucy Kathryn Gann*

Welcome Lucy Kathryn Gann, born January 21st, 2022 to Keith and Kristen Gann, of Iuka. She was 7 lbs, 13 oz, 22 inches long. Proud grandparents are Greg Woodruff and Pam Woodruff, and Jeff and Kathy Gann.

Lucy is always the happiest baby with the sweetest personality. Our beautiful, blue-eyed girl has been a perfect addition to our family, and we love her more than we could ever express.

**FOOD GIVEAWAY**

**IUKA CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Saturday July 16th**

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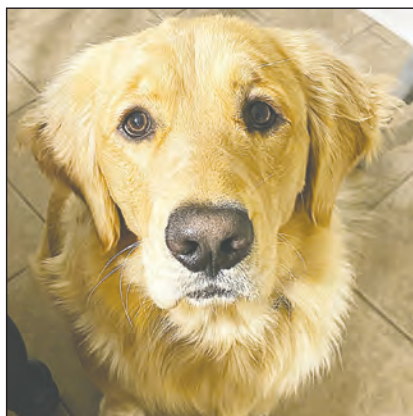
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## IUKA ANIMAL CLINIC

*Where pets are family, too!*

This week our Pet of the Week is Beau Pruitt and he would like to tell you about himself. Hi, my name is Beau. I am a one-year-old golden retriever who enjoys playing in the water, eating pineapples, & meeting new people. My mommy, Madison Pruitt had wanted a Golden Retriever her entire life, so when I was about two weeks old, she came and picked me out of my litter. We have been best friends ever since. Some of our favorite things to do together include going on walks, sharing food, going bye-bye, and cuddling. Not to brag, but I'm also the best at brightening the lives of those around me and everyone I come into contact with. I love everyone, but a few of my favorite people besides my mommy are my Fur dad Jake & my grandmothers Ashley and Sandy.



It is great to have a furry best friend in your life. We all know our pets deserve the best veterinary care. Dr. Jim Perkins is available to help keep your fur baby in the best of health. Call the office for an appointment today to be sure your pet is current on their vaccinations and parasite prevention. Help your furry friend live a long healthy life with you.

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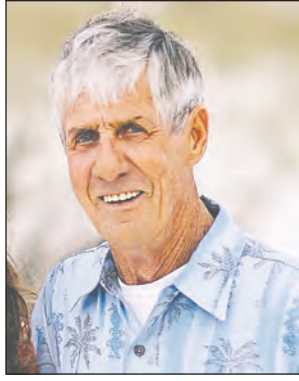
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## Jerry E. Wadkins, Sr.

Jerry Edward Wadkins, Sr., 74, of Iuka, Mississippi, died Friday, July 8, 2022, at his residence. Mr. Wadkins was a retired owner/operator in the trucking industry. He was a Christian of the Baptist faith and enjoyed fishing and working on automobiles. He loved his family and his dog, Bella. He is survived



by his wife, Sherry Wadkins; three sons, Jerry E. Wadkins, Jr. (Sherra), Jeremy Wadkins (Kristy), and Michael McAnally (Halie); two brothers, Jeff Wadkins (Tammie) and John Wadkins (Librista); two sisters, Judy Gail Merrill and Joyce Caughron (David); five grandchildren, Justin Clark, Ashlee Cook, Shelbi Wadkins, Gage Wadkins, and Addy Wadkins; four great-grandchildren, Maddi Bartlett, Lily Cook, Easton Cook, and Nolee Clark; and his dog, Bella. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Antoinette Clark; his parents, Donald and Lou Jean Parsons Wadkins; a sister, Barbara Young; and a brother-in-law, Billy Merrill. Cutshall Funeral Home of Iuka, MS is entrusted with arrangements. Funeral services are scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Friday, July 15, at Cutshall Funeral Home Chapel in Iuka, officiated by Bro. Dwight South and Bro. Chuck Clark. Visitation is scheduled for 6:00 until 9:00 p.m., Thursday, July 14, at Cutshall Funeral Home in Iuka. Honorary pallbearers include Donnie Young, Mark Hunt, Dwight Wadkins, Shawn Merrill, Shane Kennedy, and Daniel Irick. Memorials may be made to LeBonheur Children's Medical Center by calling (901) 287-6308; or online at [www.lebonheur.org](http://www.lebonheur.org). An online guestbook can be accessed at [www.cutshallfuneralhome.com](http://www.cutshallfuneralhome.com).



## Becky Smith

Rebecca "Becky" Smith, 78, of Pickwick, Tennessee, died on Sunday, July 10, 2022, at Parkrest Nursing Home in Savannah, Tennessee. She enjoyed sitting at her kitchen table reading cookbooks, cooking, and visiting with friends and family. She was a member of Pickwick Church of Christ. She is survived by her sons, Joe Carmack (Krystal) of Counce, Tennessee, Tim Carmack of Dallas, TX, and Thomas Smith (Ginger) of Pickwick, Tennessee; her daughters, Sherry Gammill (Phillip) and Carolyn Gant (Sam); her grandchildren, Alex Barnhill (Andrew), Camron Gant, Jacob Carmack, Seth Gant, Landon Smith, and Dillon Carmack; her sisters, Delores Rast of Iuka, Mississippi and Donna Bullock of Russellville, Alabama; her brothers, Tommy Hurley of Counce, Tennessee and Mike Hurley of Counce, Tennessee; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Jack Smith; her parents, Thomas Joseph and Reba June Kean Hurley; and her sister, Joyce Smith. Cutshall Funeral Home of Iuka, Mississippi is entrusted with the arrangements.

Visitation is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 2022, from 5 pm until 8 pm, at Cutshall Funeral Home in Iuka. Graveside services are scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 2022, for 1 pm, at White Sulphur Cemetery in Pickwick Dam, officiated by Aaron Patterson. Burial will be in White Sulphur Cemetery. Donations may be made in Becky's honor to the White Sulphur Cemetery Fund. An online guestbook may be accessed at [www.cutshallfuneralhome.com](http://www.cutshallfuneralhome.com).



## Mary Joyce Littlejohn

Mary Joyce Miles Littlejohn died July 11, 2022 in Iuka, Mississippi, age 74 years, four months and eighteen days. She was born February 23, 1948 in Booneville, Mississippi the daughter of the late Roy Miles and Verda Ardine Knight Miles. She was united in marriage to Johnny Wayne Littlejohn on December 2, 2006. Mr. Littlejohn preceded her in death on September 13, 2018.



She was a member of Jumpertown Apostolic Church. She enjoyed cooking, cleaning, sewing, raising Pomeranian puppies, and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by two sons, Jimmy Brown (Carrie) of Burnsville, Mississippi; stepson, Corey Littlejohn (Regina) of Bethel Springs, Tennessee; six grandchildren: Joey Brown (Arirel), Ashley McCully (Mikie), Jimmy Dwayne Brown, Joey Littlejohn (Leigha), Kayla Littlejohn (Brandon), Jacob Littlejohn; nine great grandchildren: Aden Cox, Kaylee Brown, Paisley Cox, Avalea Parker, Emily Brown, Jase Brown, Alexander Littlejohn, Dakota Littlejohn, Skylar Garland; two sisters, Faye Thomas (James) of New Site, Mississippi, Ilene Russell (Jimmy) of Booneville, Mississippi; and a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, Mrs. Littlejohn was preceded in death by a sister, Elaine Roach and husband JT; and a brother, Jimmy Miles. Visitation was Tuesday, July 12, 2022 from 6 - 9 pm and on Wednesday from 11 am until services at 1 pm all held at Shackelford Funeral Directors in Selmer, Tennessee, with Buddy Durham officiating. Burial will follow in the Littlejohn Family Cemetery in Corinth, Mississippi.



## Tamra Cyree

Tamra Shemen Cyree, 50, of Hanceville Alabama, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 10, 2022, at UAB Hospital surrounded by her husband and family. She was born in Iuka, Mississippi on 12/3/1971 to Don and Linda Boggs.



She was preceded in death by Linda Boggs, mother, and her grandparents, James and Beatrice Adcock.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her husband, Jayson Cyree; daughter, Isabella Cyree; son, Cannon Cyree; step son, Forrest Heinrich; father, Don Boggs; sister, Delana Pickle (Joey), and a host of nieces and nephews.

Tamra lived in Hanceville, Alabama where she had been in banking most of her career. She was a bank manager and loved her job. She enjoyed calligraphy and had gotten into wood working and loved it. She was a friend to all, a loving mother and wife, the best sister and listener, and a great daughter. She loved her kids like she loved life. She was a Christian and loved all her family.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday July 16, 2022 at 1 pm in at the Hanceville Civic Center, located at 902 Commercial Street, NE, Hanceville Alabama, 35077. Light refreshments at the service. Casual dress attire.

## William Merle Smith

William Merle Smith, age 73, passed away peacefully on July 9th 2022 in Birmingham, Alabama. Merle was born on January 22, 1949 to John Rankin and Lucy Marie Sartain Smith in Booneville, MS. Merle graduated from high school in Iuka, MS. in 1967, where he played football and served as the team captain during his senior season. Merle married his high school sweetheart, Carolyn Ann Hall in 1968 and had two children. They were married forty three years until her death in 2011. Merle served four years



in the U.S. Air Force as a Staff Sargent from 1969 to 1973, which included a tour of duty in South Korea. In December 1975, Merle graduated from Mississippi State University with a degree in Electrical Engineering. In 1984, he earned an MBA from the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

Merle began his engineering career with Alabama Power Company in 1976. He retired in April 2015, as a supervising engineer in the Power Delivery Distribution Department. In October 2014, Merle married Della Kathryn Fancher and the two of them began a quest to travel the world. His bucket list was long, and he loved to plan vacations to America's National Parks and places like Italy, Alaska, China, the Holy Land and almost all of the countries in Europe.

In his free time, Merle enjoyed gardening at the farm and attending sporting events at Mississippi State University. Merle had a passion for baseball. He attended games at 28 of the 30 Major League Baseball stadiums and had plans to attend games in Washington and Baltimore that were cancelled twice due to the Covid pandemic. Attending the College World Series at Omaha, NE in 2021 to see Mississippi State earn its first National Championship in any sport was the culmination of a dream that he wasn't sure would happen in his lifetime. Merle served as the volunteer coordinator for the Alabama Veterans Memorial Foundation beginning in 2016 and then as a board member from 2018 to his death. Merle was an active member of First Baptist Church Trussville beginning in 1977, where he served in numerous positions of leadership including multiple terms as a Deacon. In 2018, he and Della moved their church membership to Mountain Brook Baptist Church.

Merle was completely devoted to the things he cared about most: his Lord, his family, his country, and attending sporting events at Mississippi State University. Because of his love of country and the University, Merle endowed a scholarship beginning in 2019 for military veterans from Tishomingo County attending Mississippi State. A second scholarship for Tishomingo County High School students who attend Mississippi State will be endowed from his estate.

Merle is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Della Kathryn Fancher; his two children; John Franklin Smith (Tricia) of Trussville, AL, and Amy Smith Waites (Nate) of Moody, AL; three grandchildren: Patrick and Reagan Smith, Peyton Nicastro, and three step-grandchildren: Micah, Bethany, and Joy Waites. Merle is also survived by his two brothers; Kenneth (Shelby) of Memphis, TN and Jerry (Jane) of Campbellsville, KY and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

A Memorial service celebrating Merle's life will be held at Rideout's Funeral Home in Trussville, Alabama. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. and the service at 11:00 AM with interment in Jefferson Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alabama Veterans Memorial Foundation or the American Diabetes Association would be greatly appreciated.

## Earl Garner

Earl Garner, Jr., 89, of Iuka, Mississippi, died on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at Tishomingo Manor Nursing Home. Earl was born on September 15, 1932, in Greenwood, West Virginia. He was a member of the Tishomingo Baptist Church. He retired from the Department of Defense, was in the Navy and he served in the Korean Conflict. He enjoyed raising goats, riding his motorcycle, gardening, and traveling. He was a member of the Gideons for 20 years and a Shriner. He was a member of the Christian Motorcycle Club. The apple of his eye was his granddaughter, Bailee Frazier. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Hattie Garner; two sisters, Mary Hornbeck and Helen Hornbeck; one brother, David Garner; one son, Alan Garner; three daughters, Debbie Dew, Donna Prieto, and Nancy Wood; and one granddaughter, Farrah Frazier O'Toole. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Karen; two step-sons, Scott Frazier of Iuka, MS and Rodney Frazier (Chrystal) of Iuka, MS; one brother, Benny Garner (Connie) of Pastaskala, Ohio; and one granddaughter, Bailee Frazier of Cullman, Alabama. Cutshall Funeral Home of Iuka, is entrusted with the arrangements. Visitation is scheduled for Saturday, July 16th, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., at Cutshall Funeral Home in Iuka. Services are scheduled for 1pm, Saturday, July 16, 2022, at Cutshall Funeral Home Chapel, officiated by Bro. Robbie Crane and Bro. Rusty Fair. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery. Donations may be made in Mr. Earl's honor to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. An online guestbook may be accessed at [www.cutshallfuneralhome.com](http://www.cutshallfuneralhome.com).



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**Summer Adventure Series!**

## Fun summer memories made at Pickwick Landing State Park and Iuka Drive-in

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

### Iuka Drive-In Theater

Another treasure we have in our area is the state's only drive-in movie theater. When we saw that a kid-friendly movie was playing, we knew it was the perfect way to spend a Friday night.

We arrived early to get settled with lawn chairs and blankets and had enough time to even play in the grassy area in front of the big screen. The concession stand had a large selection of snacks and drinks and of course popcorn. We loved sitting outside to watch the movie. Luckily, it cooled off a little bit when the sun went down and we didn't even get bit by any bugs during the movie.

### Pickwick Landing State Park, Island Loop Trail

Just over the Mississippi state line in Tennessee is another state park that we love to visit, Pickwick Landing State Park. When we found out our friends were in town and had never been to the hiking trail there, we knew we had to take them.

The Island Loop Trail is 2.8 miles long, with nice views of the lake on the side trails you can take. It is an out and back trail with many interesting things to see, including great views of Pickwick Dam across the way. There is plenty



Colin Grodsky learns why Pickwick is Pickwick!

of shade on the trail and we saw lots of frogs hopping along the well-maintained path. The walk was easy and suitable for every skill level, even dogs, but was very tiring in the heat. We got to see and read about an abandoned cistern. We even learned where the name "Pickwick" came from, but you'll have to check out the trail yourself to find out!



At the trailhead: Mary Ellis and Evelyn Gray with Carter and Collin Grodsky, children of Randy and Mary (formerly Mary Beard, of Iuka) Grodsky of Collierville.



### SUMMER FUN!

**The Nunleys Out West!** Thanks to the Dr. Brad and LaShea Nunley family for sharing this gorgeous pic of them on vacation out west! What is your family doing for fun this summer? Submit your pics to us at [contact@tishco.news](mailto:contact@tishco.news).



Mary Ellis and Evelyn at the historic Iuka Drive-In.



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## Area Quilters honored by Mississippi Quilt Association

The Mississippi Quilt Association has a program whereby outstanding quilters nominated by their local quilt guild can be recognized as Legacy Quilters. At the recent MQA summer gathering in Jackson, MS three area quilters received this honor.

During a reception held at the MS Agricultural Museum on Friday afternoon Gail Stables of Corinth, Sharon Beene of Glen and Barbara Patterson of Iuka were introduced as Legacy Quilters of 2022 along with five others from across the State. Each received a certificate and a copy of Martha Skelton Master Quilter of Mississippi by Mary Elizabeth Johnson. A quilt made by each honoree is hanging in the AG Museum until October.

On Friday evening at the opening meeting of MQA the Legacy Quilters were introduced to the state

membership. Each quilter showed three of her quilts and spoke briefly about her quilting journey. In total these three have enjoyed over 70 years of quilt making.

These quilters have been members of the Tishomingo County Needle Chasers for 20 years or more and also members of the Cross City Piece Makers in Corinth since that group organized in 2005. They have served in numerous board positions and as project chairwomen. Each of these quilters has shown their quilts in many local, regional and national quilt shows gaining recognition for their quilting skills.

As with most quilters the majority of their quilts now reside with family members across many states where they are loved and treasured.



**Legacy Quilters** - Gail Stables of Corinth, Sharon Beene of Glen, and Barbara Patterson of Iuka at the MS Agricultural Museum reception

## Cross City Piece Makers Quilt Guild Annual Show July 21st

The Cross City Piece Makers Quilt Guild of Corinth invites the community to join them for their upcoming Trunk Show on Thursday, July 21, to be held at the MSU Alcorn County Extension Building located at 2200 Levee Road, next door to the Crossroads Arena.

This year our Trunk Show will feature two innovative quilters from east Tennessee: Debbie Best of Maryville and Teresa "Terri" Zagger from Greenback.

Debbie and Terri became fast friends and quilt fanatics 17 years ago when Terri, then a nurse, was caring for Debbie's hospitalized husband and discovered they were both taking the same beginning quilt class as a stress reliever. As the years have passed, the friendship has grown along with their quilting skills, now collaborating on clever and originally



Debbie Best, of Maryville, Tennessee is one of two guest quilters showing their quilts at the Corinth show.

designed quilts that they will display at the Trunk Show.

While the Trunk Show is the headliner of the guild's annual community event, we will also offer a Silent Auction featuring new and pre-loved items, Door Prizes, a Bake Sale, and a Bargains Booth selling quilt books, quilt and sewing patterns, scrap bags, novels and other items for rock

bottom prices. Quilters, sewing enthusiasts, crafters and artists are sure to find deals on unique items and notions for future projects.

The doors at the Extension Center will open at 11:00a for the Silent Auction bidding; the Program will start promptly at 1:00p. Light refreshments along with a Meet & Greet with Debbie and Terri will round out



Terri Zagger, of Greenville, Tennessee is one of two guest quilters showing their quilts at the Corinth show.

the program.

The quilt guild will also be selling chances to win one of two whimsical raffle quilts made as group projects featuring Jenny Doan's Tiny House pattern. Tickets are only \$2 each/3 for \$5. We will draw the two lucky winners the day of the event.

The Cross City Piece Makers Quilt Guild is dedicated to promoting the art of quilt making through monthly programs, hands-on classes and

demonstrations. Making quilts and quilted items for local charities and non-profit groups is an important element of our activities. We welcome quilters of all levels of experience to come join us for our regular

meetings. We meet at 1 p.m. the third Thursday of every month at the Alcorn County Extension Building.

Admission is free. Always a fun event.

For more information, call Kathleen 731-610-4825.

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Date	Time	Students	Location
Monday, July 25	3:00-6:00 PM	Grades 11 & 12	Cafeteria
Tuesday, July 26	3:00-6:00 PM	Grades 9 & 10	Cafeteria
	6:00 PM	9th Grade Student Orientation	Auditorium
Wednesday, July 27	9:00-11:00 AM, 1:00-3:00 PM	New Students	Counselors' Office
Thursday, July 28	2:00-4:00 PM	Any Grade (returning students)	Library

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# Friends unite to support young couple dealing with a decade of cancer

**A fundraiser event August 6th will raise money to pay for young family to survive on during cancer treatment in Houston**

by Pamela McRae

Friends and family of Tishomingo's Justin Maxwell, 29, have organized a benefit concert and dinner event to help Justin and his wife, Selena, pay expenses while he undergoes extensive cancer treatment in Houston beginning this week.

The benefit will be August 6th at the county fairgrounds beginning at 2 p.m. There will be a silent auction, a live auction, hamburger and fish plates and live music from 4-8 p.m. with Sam Evans

and the River Rats.

The couple and their 9-month old baby headed to Houston Wednesday morning where Justin will undergo chemotherapy for cancer that has spread to his lungs.

"After chemo takes him down," described family friend Kathy Helton, "they will do stem cell treatment."

This is the fourth bout with cancer Justin has dealt with since he was 21, said Helton. The other cancer was in his abdomen and was brought under control with previous treatments, but now it's in his lungs, she said.

They have to stay there on or near the campus for three months, and he has to have a full-time caretaker.

"Maxwell has not been able to work for a few months, and who knows when he will be able to work again after this round of treatment," said Helton. "We are just trying to help them out during the hardest time they have ever gone

through."

In addition to the benefit, there are items like a taxidermy mount and a pistol being raffled, and there's a GoFund Me page people can contribute to. As of Wednesday, \$3,270 had been contributed to help the Maxwells.

Donors can also donate at any First American National Bank location, said Helton.

For raffle tickets, or more information, contact Shara Page 662.424.2908 or Kathy Helton 662.279.9388.



Justin Maxwell, 29, of Tishomingo and his wife, Selena (formerly Page) with their baby. He is fighting through his fourth bout with cancer and they must live in Houston during treatments for the next couple months.



## Heritage Day Committee selling prime rib sandwiches to raise funds

Buy your ticket for incredible prime rib sandwich for July 25th. Last day to buy tickets is July 20th.

Prime rib sandwiches that reportedly had committee members exclaiming about their taste will be sold to raise funds to pay for Heritage Day activities.

"How is this so incredible?!" said Heritage Day organizer Rodney Windham during the tasting Tuesday night at Farmhouse Restaurant where the committee meets.

You can get your sandwich by buying a ticket ahead

of time from any First American National Bank teller in Iuka, or coming by the Tishomingo County News/ Joiner & Raynard Construction office at 109 Quitman Street.

Tickets are a donation of \$15, and the sandwich will come with a drink,

chips, and *au jus* and will be picked up at Farmhouse Restaurant from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 25th. Last day to buy a ticket is July 20th.

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The Pride of the Tribe - TCHS band marches during the 2021 Veterans' Day parade in Iuka.

courtesy photos

## TC Band gearing up for 2022 season

**Band Boosters will have fund raiser event at Walmart this Friday from 2-6 p.m.**

by Pamela McRae

The Pride of the Tribe starts band camp next week and will be at Iuka Walmart this Friday afternoon collecting donations of camp supplies, funds, and some members will even be performing. They will be handing out moon pies and RC colas, too!

According to 2022-23 band booster president April Labbee, director Bradley Strom and the kids will have band camp July 18th-22nd, and July 25-29th. It's the hottest possible time, but they have a lot of work to do to live up to recent years of excellence.

Labbee says they expect 90 kids and staff to attend, and are thankful for the donations of meals, snacks and water they have already received. Friday, folks can donate cash or checks to support these hard-working kids, or they can buy cases of water and place them right in the TCHS Band trailer, which will be parked on site at Walmart.

Be sure to come out and support the Pride of the Tribe, and start getting in the "Friday Night Lights" spirit!

The band is headed up by Director Bradley Strom, assisted by Mary Phillips and the color guard is directed by Ann

Marie Blake.

Band Booster board members are Labbee as president; Diane

Kennedy, vice-president; Alison Parker, secretary; Heather Wicks, treasurer, and Becky Wilburn,

reporter. You can contact any of these if you want to donate.



Band camp 2021 - band kids learn all their fall routines during two weeks of camp in the summer.

courtesy photo



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## New Drum Majors Announced

Congratulations to the 2022-23 Pride of the Tribe Drum Majors Cole Richardson and Jacob Kiddy.



courtesy photo

## Behel Awarded Lucas Russo Scholarship

Tyson Lee Behel of Corinth High School was named the 2021-2022 Lucas Russo Memorial Scholarship Winner. His award is a one-time scholarship to Freed-Hardeman University. Pictured with Behel are Lucas' parents and Scholarship Committee Members Beverly Russo and Richard Russo, Senior. The Scholarship has mottos #LiveLikeLucas and #LoveWithoutReason. Behel was awarded a certificate at CHS Awards Day.

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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;

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;

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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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE: LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MAURICE L. SNOW CIVIL ACTION NUMBER: CV2022-000173

I, Lynn Marie Miller, have been appointed as Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Maurice L. Snow by order of the Chancery Court of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, dated June 24, 2022, do hereby give notice to all persons having claim against the person or estate of Maurice L. Snow, to present said claim to the Chancery Clerk of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, for probate and registration within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 24 th day of June, 2022.

/s/Lynn Marie Miller  
Lynn Marie Miller, Executrix  
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Attorney for the Estate  
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Telephone 662-438-7244  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE TAXPAYERS OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI:

You are hereby notified that the real and personal property assessment rolls of the above-named county, for the year 2022 have been equalized according to law, and that said rolls are ready for inspection and examination and that any objections to said rolls or any assessment therein contained, shall be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the Board of Supervisors of said County, on or before the 25th of July, 2022, at his office in the Courthouse of said County, and that all assessments to which objection is made, and which may be corrected and properly determined by this Board, will be made final by this Board of Supervisors, and that said rolls and the assessments contained therein will be approved by this Board of Supervisors; and that,

1. This Board will be in session, for the purpose of hearing objections to the said assessments which may be filed, at the courthouse in the City of Iuka, said County and State on the 25th day July, 2022, and,

2. This Board of Supervisors will remain in session from day to day until all objections, lawfully filed, shall have been disposed of and all proper corrections made in the said rolls.

Witness the signature and seal of the said Board of Supervisors this the 5th day of July, 2022.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY  
By Michael Busby  
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CHG-J7-14

## IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

## TISHOMINGO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, AND JULIETTE JEAN FINCHER, A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HER NEXT FRIEND, MARCUS D. DAVENPORT PETITIONERS VS. VICTORIA ELIZABETH HARRISON, JOHN WESLEY FINCHER, TAYLOR JEFFRIES, AND UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER RESPONDENTS CIVIL ACTION NO. 2022-0113-71-M CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: Victoria Elizabeth Harrison and John Wesley Fincher, who are not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose last known post office address is 83 County Road 431, Iuka, MS 38852.

TO: Taylor Jeffries and Unknown Putative Father, who are not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose post office addresses are not known to the Petitioners after diligent inquiry.

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

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION 9:00 AM ON THE 8TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2022, IN THE COURTROOM OF THE PRENTISS COUNTY GOVERNMENT ANNEX, LOCATED AT 200 BRIDGE ST. IN 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 seal of said Court, this the 24 day of June, 2022.

PEYTON CUMMINGS, CHANCERY CLERK  
TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IUKA, MISSISSIPPI 38852  
BY: Paige Woodruff  
Deputy Clerk  
Lindsey E. Lazinsky, MSB #103856  
Special Assistant Attorney General  
72 F.D. Buddy East Pkwy, Ste 300  
Oxford, Mississippi 38655  
Telephone No. (662) 232-2461

CHG-J7-14-21

## IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS L. WEST, DECEASED CAUSE NO. CV2022-000182-71 ELIZABETH J. WEST PETITIONER NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 30th day of June, 2022, by the Chancery Court of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executrix of the Estate of THOMAS L. WEST, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred. This the 30th day of June, 2022.

/s/Elizabeth J. West  
Elizabeth J. West, Executrix of the Estate of THOMAS WEST, deceased  
CHG-J7-14-21

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE: LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MARY FRANCIS CUMMINGS CIVIL ACTION NUMBER: CV2022-000172

I, Ronnie Dallas Garrett, have been appointed as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Mary Francis Cummings by order of the Chancery Court of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, dated June 22, 2022, do hereby give notice to all persons having claim against the person or estate of Mary Francis Cummings, to present said claim to the Chancery Clerk of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, for probate and registration within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 11th day of July, 2022.

/s/Ronnie Dallas Garrett  
Ronnie Dallas Garrett, Executor  
James T. Belue  
Attorney for the Estate  
belue@frontiernet.net  
Telephone 662-438-7244  
P.O. Box 553  
Tishomingo, MS 38873  
CHG-J14-21-28

## SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FIRST AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK PLAINTIFF VS. ANTHONY JOSEPH OCONNELL, DEFENDANT

## CAUSE NO. CV22-0043KMT

TO: ANTHONY JOSEPH OCONNELL a resident of the State of Mississippi and not to be found therein after diligent search and inquiry personally made by the Plaintiff, and whose present place of residence, street address and post office box are unknown to Plaintiff, after a diligent search and inquiry personally made by the Plaintiff to ascertain the same and whose last known local address was 367 County Road 16, Belmont, Mississippi (38827).

You have been made a Defendant in the Court by First American National Bank, Plaintiff, seeking collection of an indebtedness for default on a promissory note. You are required to mail or hand-deliver a written response to the complaint filed against you in this action to Amy S. Harris, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is Post Office Box 71, Tupelo, Mississippi 38802-0071.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 14th DAY OF JULY, 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 MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

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

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this 27th day of June, 2022.

(SEAL)  
/s/ Josh McNatt  
CIRCUIT CLERK OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
1008 Battleground Drive  
Iuka, MS 38852  
662-423-7026  
CHG-J14-21-28-A4

## SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

## STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF TISHOMINGO

WHEREAS, on the 22nd day of October, 2007; and acknowledged on the 23rd day of October 2007, Barbara Russell, and Billy Orman Russell, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Recontrust Company NA, Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration

Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB, 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 Book 378 at Page 607; and WHEREAS, on the 29th day of October, 2020, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as beneficiary, as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB, assigned said Deed of Trust unto NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Instrument# 2020004127; and WHEREAS, on the 21st day of June, 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# 2022002337; 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 4th day of August, 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 Drive at Iuka, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Tishomingo County, Mississippi, to-wit:

The following real property located in Tishomingo County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

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I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 27th day of June, 2022.  
Dean Morris, LLC  
Substitute Trustee  
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# Tate Reeves' worst 2023 nightmare

## How Mississippi's decision to remove a Jim Crow provision from its constitution could unseat one of America's most unpopular governors.

by Adam Ganuchau  
Mississippi Today

Gov. Tate Reeves has faced a litany of unprecedented problems in his first term as Mississippi governor: a bitter fight for power with legislative leaders, turmoil and scandal within multiple state agencies, consistent staff turnover, costly natural disasters, and a life-disrupting pandemic.

But thanks to a racially progressive update to the state constitution, Reeves could soon face another unprecedented problem: a crashout of electoral politics in which the majority party incumbent is in real danger of losing the Governor's Mansion.

As the 2023 statewide election cycle revs up in coming days, here's the scenario that should keep Reeves — one of the most unpopular governors in America — up at night.

The governor's nightmare election scenario begins, of course, in the August 2023 Republican primary. Reeves' allies have stalked every move of Speaker of the House **Philip Gunn** for years. Gunn, the third-term Republican leader, has been transparent about both his disdain for Reeves and his consideration of running against him in 2023.

Gunn, who has plenty of conservative bona fides and is well-known by the GOP donor class, has a name ID problem outside the Jackson metro area that he'd need to start addressing in short order. Still, many prognosticators believe a Gunn primary challenge could stretch Reeves thin both financially and politically.

Besides Gunn, these prominent Republicans have heard from advisers about how a primary of Reeves could play out:

Attorney General **Lynn Fitch**, who is fresh off a high-profile takedown of *Roe v. Wade*. Fitch, a former state treasurer who has coasted into both statewide offices she's held, has spent tens of thousands of dollars to make sure voters know about her role in the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case.

Secretary of State **Michael Watson**, who hails from the Mississippi Gulf Coast, which has traditionally been Reeves' most reliable base of voters. Watson would certainly look to pick off voters to the right of Reeves who have been less than enamored, to say the least, with the incumbent's leadership.

Former state representative **Robert Foster**, who unsuccessfully ran against Reeves in the 2019 primary for governor. Foster, a far-right conservative who has been banned from Facebook and Twitter for his misinformation posts about the pandemic and the 2020 presidential election, garnered 18% of the 2019 primary vote.

If one of these four

candidates ran, Reeves would likely have to spend at least \$1 million to lock up the primary victory. If two or three of these candidates ran, the GOP primary could be considered a toss-up.

But winning the Republican primary is the very least of Reeves' concerns.

Next, of course, Reeves would need to size up the Democratic nominee for governor. The most notable Democrat considering a gubernatorial run is **Brandon Presley**, the longtime northern district public service commissioner.

Presley, who speaks with a deep country drawl and is an actual relative of Elvis, is a native of northeast Mississippi, the other region of the state where Reeves has performed well. Presley has established a long political career focused on common-sense, apolitical priorities like expanding broadband access across the state and keeping large corporations from jacking up utility bills.

A political moderate who self describes as pro-life and pro-Second Amendment, Presley also boasts a genuine, close relationship with the state's top Black Democratic leaders — something most white Democratic statewide candidates have never been able to say.

But Presley's advisers believe he has legitimate crossover appeal, especially with rural white Mississippians — people who have lately voted Republican. Among the Grand Ol' Party faithful who have recently written checks to Presley's campaign committee is Amory businessman Barry Wax, who served on Reeves' 2019 campaign finance committee but wrote his potential Democratic challenger a \$25,000 check in 2021.

But even a strong Democratic challenger in Presley wouldn't be Reeves' biggest 2023 problem.

His biggest problem was not a problem four years ago. It wouldn't have been a problem 132 years ago. That's because in 1890, Mississippi political leaders wrote the state constitution and added a provision that required candidates for statewide office do two things: 1) win a majority of the popular vote, and 2) win a majority of the state's House of Representatives districts.

If no candidate checked both boxes, the state House of Representatives would vote to seat a winner. This happened at least once in state history — in 1999, when the majority Democratic House seated Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ronnie Musgrove over Republican candidate Mike Parker.

The provision was written in the early days of the Jim Crow era as a way to keep Black Mississippians from being elected to statewide office. But in 2020, after the murder of George Floyd and as the Black Lives Matter

movement gripped the nation, an overwhelming 79% of Mississippi voters elected to remove this provision from the constitution.

Beginning in 2023, all statewide candidates must do to win is garner a majority of the popular vote. That's it. If no candidate garners 50% of the vote on Election Day, the top two vote-getters advance to a late November runoff.

This means that for the first time in 133 years, an independent candidate will have an absolutely real shot at winning statewide office. This is where the 2023 scenario really turns nightmarish for Reeves.

There are a number of political moderates with popularity and some name ID who, if they ran for governor in 2023, could make a splash:

**Bill Waller Jr.**, the former state Supreme Court chief justice who forced a runoff with Reeves in the 2019 Republican primary for governor. Waller, whose late father Bill Waller Sr. served as governor in the 1970s, considered running as an independent in 2019, but opted to run as a Republican because of the now-defunct constitutional provision. Despite an eleventh-hour entry into the 2019 primary and little time to raise money or garner much momentum, Waller came within 8 points of defeating Reeves.

**Toby Barker**, mayor of Hattiesburg and former Republican state representative. Barker, a millennial, is an impressively popular figure among Hattiesburg's Republicans and Democrats alike. Here's how Barker spoke of his independent political label in 2021: "I think it started with my generation — people identifying more with causes or people rather than a set, rigid partisan ideology. I think people understand that there's a lot of gray out there... If you care about your community and seek to take care of needs and lead everyone equitably, I think being an independent is the best way to do that."

**George Flaggs**, mayor of Vicksburg and former Democratic state representative. Flaggs, who is close with Reeves and served on his 2019 campaign finance committee, told Mississippi Today last year he was praying about running for governor in 2023. Flaggs, who is Black, said this of a possible 2023 bid: "People are looking for people that represent people. I believe (changing the constitution) creates an opportunity to where an independent candidate — particularly an African American candidate — can be elected at the statewide level."

**Robyn Tannehill**, mayor of Oxford and newly-declared independent. Tannehill, who has gotten plenty of statewide press during the pandemic, has developed a close relationship

with Gunn and other statewide political brokers. Here's what she said when she announced she would run for reelection as Oxford mayor as an independent: "I believe with all of my heart that at the local level we need to be as bipartisan as possible to be able to achieve our greatest potential. I'm not representing the Republican Party or the Democratic Party as mayor. I'm representing Oxford, Mississippi."

Mississippi Today spoke with several political data analysts who have worked dozens of election cycles for both Republicans and Democrats. No analyst could definitively say who would win in a hypothetical three-way race between Republican nominee Tate Reeves, Democratic nominee Brandon Presley, and a strong independent candidate.

Without exception, though, the analysts all predicted no candidate would garner 50% of the vote on Election Day. As for guesses on who the top two vote-getters would be, no one could confidently predict that Reeves would even land in the top two.

The lowest percentage any modern Democrat has pulled in a governor's race was Robert Gray in 2015, who garnered 33% despite no political experience and virtually no name ID. Presley, theoretically, would earn at least that 33% floor and could lead the field of three candidates on Election Day.

That leaves 67% of the remaining vote for Reeves, whose unfavorability in recent polls has been in the mid-30s. It's difficult to envision that a decent independent candidate wouldn't pull at least 17% of the remaining vote from the incumbent governor. Waller, if he performed similarly to 2019, would earn closer to half of that remaining vote, putting both Reeves and Waller in the high 20s or low 30s.

Even if Reeves ran first or second on Election Day, a runoff with the other top vote-getter would be far from a guaranteed victory for the incumbent. The unsuccessful third candidate's supporters would undoubtedly flock to Reeves' opponent in a runoff.

Had Reeves had his way in 2020, this nightmare scenario would be a distant pipe dream for his political opponents.

Before voters decided in 2020 to get rid of the constitutional provision, Mississippi lawmakers first had to place the issue on the ballot. The issue was, of course, blessed by Gunn, the leader of the House, and Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann, the leader of the Senate.

But at the time, Reeves refused to endorse the idea, saying it was designed "to help elect Democrats" to statewide office.

The governor's stance then was certainly outside the mainstream and clearly not shared by a vast majority of Mississippians. Now, as we clearly see how the constitutional change could affect Reeves' political life, that stance is starting to make a lot more sense.

## County Tax Assessment Appeal Week July 18-22

### It is the taxpayer's responsibility to make sure their taxes are paid and their property is assessed correctly

The Tishomingo County Tax Assessor's Office will be conducting its annual Tax Assessment Appeal Week on July 18th – 22nd, 2022. This week is designated for the citizens of Tishomingo County to ask any questions regarding their tax assessment. This assessment is from which the 2022 tax bill will be generated.

These assessments include land, garages, houses, shops, or other structures that may be on your property. According to Miss. Code Ann. # 27-35-143, there are certain criteria that must be met in order for changes to be made after the State Tax Commission has approved the final roll -on August 1st, 2022. This is the reason that it is of utmost importance for you to come by or call if you have any questions about your 2022 tax bill. Although we have set aside this specific week, we encourage you to come by anytime between now and July 29th, 2022.

This is the final deadline by which changes can be made. As a reminder, it is the taxpayer's responsibility to make sure their taxes are paid and their property is assessed correctly. With this in mind, please take this opportunity to stop by our office or call us at 662-423-7059, to check your assessment or to answer any questions you may have.

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX EFFORT TISHOMINGO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Tishomingo County Special Municipal Separate School District will hold a public hearing on its proposed school district budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 on July 21, 2022, 6:00 p.m., at the Superintendent's office. At this meeting, a proposed ad valorem tax effort shall be considered.

The Tishomingo County Special Municipal Separate School District is now operating with a projected total budget revenue of \$34,063,596.22. Of that amount, 25% or \$8,550,069, of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$37,129,492.25. Of that amount, 23% or \$8,630,145 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For the next fiscal year, the proposed increase in ad valorem tax effort by Tishomingo County Special Municipal Separate School District may result in an increase in the ad valorem tax millage rate. Ad valorem taxes are paid on homes, automobile tags, business fixtures and equipment, and rental real property.

Any citizen of Tishomingo County Special Municipal Separate School District is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax effort, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.



# 4 tips to keeping your home clean with your furry friends in mind

Summer is a great time for you and your pets to get outdoors and enjoy the sunshine and fresh air. However, with people and pets coming in and out of your home more often, you'll find more dirt and mud tracked into your living space. Also, as the weather warms up, you may find that your four-legged family members are shedding more, making it challenging to keep your furniture and floors clean.

While it can seem difficult to keep your home clean, there are some simple ways to stay on top of it. Check out these four tips all pet owners should know to help maintain a clean home during the summer months.

### 1. Groom your pets

The best way to maintain a clean home with pets is to groom your furry friends regularly. Frequent brushing removes hair and fur that your dog or cat would normally shed onto your clothing, furniture and floors. You can pair this with weekly baths to wash out hair and dandruff, and keep dog fur off your couch and rug. As a bonus, grooming time can double as bonding time with your pets.

A forced air dryer can help remove more undercoat than just brushing if you have an outdoor place to use it!

### 2. Wipe down your pets after outdoor play

Playing and spending time outdoors keeps your pets active and happy, but your pet may track in dirt and mud. Wipe your dog's paws, belly and tail down before letting them inside. Keep towels or pet-safe wipes near the door to make this a habit for you and your furry friends.

### 3. Use microfiber cloths

Microfiber cloths are incredibly effective at picking up pet hair. Because microfiber is electrostatic, it easily picks up pet fur and dander, saving you time and effort. To quickly clean fabrics like couches and clothing, slightly dampen a microfiber cloth and wipe the clothing or furniture item.

For your floors, look for microfiber mops. Not only will you be able to clean your floors more effectively, but using machine washable and reusable microfiber cloths is also a sustainable way to clean your home.



### 4. Keep mealtime tidy

If your pets are messy eaters, you know how hard it can be to keep your home clean during meals. To keep water spills and kibble crumbs from getting all over your clean floors, buy a couple of silicone pet food placemats. Set food and water bowls on these mats so your messy eater can enjoy mealtime while

keeping spills and crumbs contained. Silicone mats are easy to clean, so when they get dirty, simply rinse and dry.

Keeping a clean home as a pet owner doesn't have to be complicated. Using these five tips, you'll easily maintain a clean home you and your furry friends can enjoy this summer.



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