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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

2022: Growth, expansions, and the challenges of managing growth and change in the county

Compiled by staff

The theme of 2022 in Tishomingo County has been GROWTH.

From Northrop Grumman in Tri-State Commerce Park to an explosion of renovations in Downtown Iuka, the county has been on a growing/building spree all year, and local government bodies have been working hard to keep up with managing it all.

For more information on any of the stories, be sure to check out our website, where you can find all the back e-editions.

January

The Tishomingo County News moved to a temporary office on 109 West Quitman Street. Their historic Front Street office is being renovated by new owners Joiner & Raynard.

County leading citizen Martha Segars died on January 19, 2022.

Iuka Middle School 7th and 8th-grade boys won the County Basketball tournament, and the Iuka 8th-grade girls won the County tournament. Burnsville 7th grade girls won the county tournament.

TCHS Lady Braves win the 2022 Division 1-4A Regular Season Championship.

February

The Tishomingo County Development Foundation elected new officers and recognized outgoing president Eric Daniel. New chairman is Don Hall, of Belmont; and Fred Truesdale is vice chair.

The Tishomingo County Historical and Genealogical Society (TCHGS) formed a Historic Preservation Committee and asked the community to provide information and photographs of homes and buildings in the county.

The state held the Governor's Job Fair on February 3rd.

A threat made towards an unspecified school in North Mississippi led to an increased police presence at all schools in the area on Monday, February 7th.

TCHS recognized David and Shelia Thorne, Fred Counce and Michael Puckett, and the 1995-96 women's basketball team by inducting them to the TCHS Hall of Fame. TC Senior Spence Coffman was recognized for scoring more than 1,000 points during his high school basketball career.

Belmont and TCHS women's teams were both division basketball champions in their respective divisions.

Mississippi Department of Transportation began more than \$5.7 million in improvements on state roads in the county, including several

turn lanes along Highway 25, and a historic second and third traffic lights on Highway 25 in Iuka.

The city of Iuka announced a new policy requiring residents to carry their own landfill items to the county dump. This was part of an ongoing effort throughout the year to clean up eyesore properties in Iuka.

The *Tishomingo County News* changed ownership in mid-February after 55 years with the Biggs/McVay family.

The County board of supervisors revealed in regular meetings that Northrop Grumman, one of the largest industries in the county was rumored to get some new work that would result in as many as 400 more local jobs. In early December, Northrop Grumman announced a new generation of fighter jet at its California facility, and there are reports that part of that project will be made here in Iuka.

Investors/building company Joiner & Raynard, of Florida, formally announced plans to completely renovate the two long-closed hotels in Iuka. Demolition work started in February with local contractors and management handling day-to-day work. Joiner & Raynard established a local office in Iuka, bought the building that housed the *Tishomingo County News* with plans to renovate it, and purchased other land parcels in and around Iuka. By August, the *News* was back in its completely renovated building, and the company, along with local management made many improvements and changes to the historic media outlet, with a new online ad social media presence, special editions, and increased ad revenue.

The county bought new voting machines and re-established hand-marked ballots for the machines to read. They were demonstrated throughout the county and passed the test of mid-term elections in the fall.

March

Both Belmont and TCHS girls' basketball teams played in the state finals for their divisions, both narrowly losing, and coming home state runner-up, but with lots of promise of returning players for the 2022-23 season.

Tishomingo Connect was busy all year connecting many of Tishomingo County Electric Power Association's 13,700 power customers to high-speed internet. They announced the success of the project in December with a special reception.

New Tent Campsites at Tishomingo, J.P. Coleman part of Mississippi State Park's Partnership with Tentrr. Tishomingo Co. FFA

member takes top honor in State Competition.

County accepts bids for new fire station in Golden.

Brooks Davis, owner of the successful Brooks Grocery in Iuka, announced the purchase of the former Elm Shopping Center, across the road from his Iuka store. Plans are to demolish the dilapidated shopping center and build a state-of-the-art Brooks store similar to the Tupelo location, with gas pumps out front. In December, Davis indicated plans to start the work in early 2023.

Counties and cities throughout the state considered the recently enacted medical marijuana law passed by the state legislature. Iuka and Tishomingo initially opted out, but Iuka opted into the process in May, and the county never voted to opt out.

April

Population shifts in Tishomingo County push redistricting decisions.

Belmont Powerlifting is 2A state runner up.

Film shot in Tishomingo County to premier in Iowa Film Festival. Mysterious Circumstance: The Death of Meriwether Lewis.

Giant NASA Barge uses Tri-State Port. Tri-State Commerce Park played host to a rocket transfer, from a regular barge to the Pegasus NASA barge.

TC Powerlifting brings home the gold, silver and bronze from State.

Iuka Fire Department was awarded a grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for Critical Lifesaving equipment.

IMS Teams win County Baseball/Softball tourneys.

Bicyclist killed on Highway 72.

Accident at Belmont mattress plant results in death of a worker.

B.J. Nunley is the TCSD Principal of the year.

Ashley Higginbottom is District Teacher of the year.

District Announces Teachers of the year: Monica Moss TCHS, Blake Thomas TCCTC, Brandon Romans TCHS, Brittany Osborn IMS, Carey S. Bohannon Belmont HS, Clint Johnson TES, Kristy Hutcheson TMS, Leahne Taylor BES, Morgan Morris IES, Sherry Barnes BES, Vicky Shea BMS.

May

Iuka opted into the state's framework for medical marijuana. The county never opted out, so is open to startups for medical marijuana in the county.

Senior Curt Carman brings state championship home; sets new state record, again. Ansley Ray ran the 3200m and finished



The TC, above, and Belmont girls basketball teams provided the county with lots of excitement early in the year. They both ended up as Runner-Up State Champions.

3rd in the state. Tag Hart finished 7th in the high jump.

Local Poet Lauren Long wins 2022 TAC Poetry Competition with "American Child."

First District Supervisor and longtime Iuka Firefighter Brandon Grisham was honored with a "final ride" parade through Iuka. Grissom lost a long battle with cancer.

Interim 1st District supervisor sworn in: Eric Booker.

Construction starts on new pavilions at Mineral Springs Park.

Crane Clothing Company opens boutique in Tishomingo.

The Iuka board adopted 3-2 a set of guidelines that would allow for open container events in the city. Related, they approved a fundraiser food truck festival to take place in June downtown that would raise funds for the Iuka Boys and Girls Club. Initially, in April, they had denied a request for the food truck event.

The Iuka Board reversed a decision to not allow commercial businesses to operate in a residential area by introducing a C-1 or Commercial-1 zone that would allow for some limited commercial activity in residential areas, like in-home businesses, or Airbnb operations.

June

91 pro fishermen competed in the Bassmaster Elite Series Event at Pickwick the weekend of June 3-5.

IDEA (Iuka Development and Economic Association) produced graphic maps highlighting local shops and venues.

Tishomingo County Career and Technical Center FFA (Future Farmers of America) members attended the 89th

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Job Fair January 19th at Fairgrounds

The 2023 Tishomingo County Job Fair will be Thursday, January 19th, 2023 from 9 a.m to 1 p.m. at the Tishomingo County Fairgrounds.

There are so many job opportunities in Tishomingo County businesses and industries, and it's the ideal time to learn about them all at this open event.

Be prepared for on-site interviews and dress for success. Bring plenty of resumes.

This is an event of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security's Governor's Job Fair Network of Mississippi.

Pre-register at jobfairs.ms.gov and bring printed confirmation to the job fair.

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Christmas Under the Stars third week winner is Mr. and Mrs. Jason James of 605 W Eastport Street. This family's holiday message is clear and simple for all to see - Merry Christmas. Iuka Twentieth Century Club presented the James family a poinsettia.

Homestead time approaches

The Tishomingo County Tax Assessor’s office reminds everyone that Homestead time is almost here once again. Our office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Homestead filings will begin January 3, 2022 through March 31, 2022.

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

- Change in marital status
- If your spouse has died
- If you turned 65 in the last year
- Been declared disabled/100% disabled veteran

- Moved to new home, from an old one
- Built a new home in the last year
- If you have purchased/inherited additional acreage that may be added to your Homestead

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

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

Thank you and God Bless

David Wayne Crum

Tishomingo County Assessor

North Mississippi Medical Clinics Honor Hone as Star of the Month

North Mississippi Medical Clinics recently named Belmont Family Medical Clinic technologist Stephanie Hone, RT(R)(CT) as the Star of the Month.

Hone joined the Belmont Family Medicine Clinic team in 2019, taking X-rays and performing lab tests for patients.

“She is the most honest, hardworking, dependable, selfless team member,” one of her colleagues wrote in nominating her.

Hone has been a team player for the clinic, taking on increased loads to cover for a coworker on maternity leave and assisting others to keep things moving smoothly for patients.

“Stephanie has filled many gaps in our clinic over the past year,” another colleague wrote in nominating her.

“When we are short-staffed, she helps the nurses triage patients without being asked.”

Hone graduated from Belmont High School and earned an associate degree in applied science in radiologic technology from Itawamba Community College in Fulton. She also holds a registration for computed tomography.

“The best part of my job is the connection I get to make with patients,” she said.

The entire clinic team is passionate about serving patients and supporting



each other, and Hone said she feels lucky to be a part of the clinic family.

“I’m just a small part of the great team at Belmont Family Medicine Clinic,” Hone said.

She and her husband, Dakota, have a son, Eli, and are expecting their second child in March 2023.

2022 Year in Review, continued from front

Mississippi FFA State Convention.

The Downtown Food Truck event raised more than \$7,000 for Iuka Boys and Girls Club, with live music and a fun, successful event downtown. Attendees paid for tickets to attend and got sample items from the food trucks, and a limited number of cold drinks.

25 new RV campsites were being renovated at Tishomingo State Park. The \$1.1 million project was completed later in the fall with the work by Cook and Sons. Design and project management was by Dean McRae Engineering.

Five were indicted in the death of a Belmont infant at a Red Bay childcare center.

Former state representative and TCDF director Mack Loyd Wadkins died June 14th.

The Bridge House in Burnsville is one of several local programs helping women recover from lives of addiction.

During the local production of “The Case of Pontius Pilate vs. Humanity” at the Old Tishomingo County Courthouse, a jury made up of audience members gave Pilate a pass for his role in the death of Jesus Christ.

The second traffic signal was installed at the Sonic intersection in Iuka.

The bridges on the road to Crow’s Neck are still closed after four years, but 4th District Supervisor Jeff Holt

was pushing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to do their part in approving easements and right-of-way issues so the work can finally be completed.

Tishomingo’s Sunflower was highlighted as one of the legacy businesses in the county.

The Bassmaster Clean-up Challenge resulted in nearly 4,500 pounds of garbage being picked up at Pickwick Lake June 18th.

Fairless Hardware was highlighted as a legacy business in a feature story.

Tishomingo held its annual street dance.

Thomas Hunter Hobbs was killed in a motorcycle collision on Highway 25.

July

The county tax roll was reported to be up \$52 million by Tishomingo County Tax Assessor Wayne Crum in the regular first Monday meeting of the Tishomingo County Board of Supervisors.

North Belmont and Dennis voting precincts in the county were consolidated.

The Iuka city board addressed concerns about the upkeep of Mineral Springs Park.

Tishomingo swore in a new alderman, John Savoy, who took the place of resigning alderman Anthony Stone.



TC standout Spence Coffman was drafted by the San Diego Padres.

Tishomingo got a \$25,000 grant to preserve large trees within the city limit.

Personnel changes were announced by the school board including Guy Gardner being the new principal at Belmont High School.

Organizers started a committee to have a big cross erected on Highway 72 outside Iuka.

Power was out for 8,000 TCEPA customers after a July 13th thunderstorm.

A special election for November 8th was announced to fill the unexpired term 1st District Supervisor Brandon Grissom.

New playground equipment was installed at Mineral Springs Park for young visitors.

The county was set to start notifying voters of changes due to redrawing of voting district boundaries.

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.

The Old Courthouse Museum hosted a variety of fun creatures for summer audiences.

Spence Coffman was the first player from Tishomingo County drafted by a Major League Baseball team when he was drafted by the Padres.

A Waterloo man, Ritchie Scott, 63, died while boating on Pickwick Lake.

Back from Covid, the Iuka Homecoming at the Johnson-Ford-Mitchell Community Center was well attended.

Also, the Tishomingo High School Alumni reunion over the July 4th weekend was a big success.

Tri-State Foundation co-founder Sylvia Ferguson died July 20th.

National award-winning quilter Dorothy Dailey died July 12th.

Tishomingo State Park, one of the best-known treasures of Tishomingo County has been recognized as one of the ten best state parks for camping in the entire country, according to a story in USA Today.

Before school started, the Tishomingo County School District announced that sick policies would return to pre-pandemic normal.

Local funeral director Bo Murphy earned his Certified Crematory Operator (CCO) designation from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA). Cutshall Funeral Home will operate the county’s crematorium.

August

The investigation continued into an incident when a dog was killed by an Iuka city employee while he was trying

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Happenings

Jones-Dennington Family Reunion

- Sunday, January 1st, New Year’s Day at the Historic Midway School the descendants of Andrew Martin Jones and Salina Medley Jones will meet at 11 a.m. for a reunion. Potluck dinner at 1 p.m.

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

First Day Hike - January 1st, 2 p.m. at

Tishomingo State Park. Meet at the Nature Center to hike with the group, if you like. Free event, and free entry to the Park.

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

Governor’s Job Fair - Thursday, January 19th, Tishomingo County Fairgrounds, 108 CR 187, Iuka. 9 a.m. -1 p.m. Many employment opportunities available. Be prepared for on-site interviews; dress for success and bring plenty of resumes. Pre-register at jobfairs.ms.gov and bring printed confirmation to the job fair.

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IUKA ANIMAL CLINIC

Where pets are family, too!

The Pet of the Week this week is Elsa Riddle. She is the fur baby of Zayta Riddle. Elsa is a very pretty kitty who will be 3 years old in February. Her favorite things to do are sleep, play on her scratching post, and keep the dogs in line. Her favorite human is her mom, Zayta and she enjoys loving and snuggling with her the most. Elsa is super picky when it comes to food, but she can meow “ham” when she wants a piece as a treat. Elsa has also become a master at opening doors. She will jump up and turn the handle with her paws to go wherever in the house she wants. She is also a great model and loves posing for pictures. Elsa is loved very much and is a great companion.

Cats are very amazing animals and make great pets. They are almost automatically litter box trained due to instinct. They also keep themselves very clean with constant grooming. Cats love to hunt and can keep your home free of rodents and other pest. If you are looking for a kitty as a new pet, check local animal clinics and shelters. There are many homeless cats & kittens that are looking for a forever home. A new year is upon us and adopting a new furry friend can be a great adventure. Dr. Jim Perkins, his family and staff wish everyone a Happy New Year.

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I’m Dreaming of White (Sandy Beach for Next) Christmas

Friends, we are 360 odd days from New Year’s Day 2022 and, I am sad to report, I still do not have six pack abs. To be honest, that always felt like more of a 2023 kind of resolution. New Year’s Day has always been a weird holiday for me - it’s a day to write down a list of things that will make me feel guilty in about a month and a half. That’s the emotional equivalent of making me eat a quart of Bluebell Ice Cream while I am forced to look at a picture of myself in a swimsuit taken the summer I graduated from high school. I cannot think of a single resolution I have actually kept in my life. So, I figured why not go big? My



Town Cryin’s
Nate Clark

New Year’s resolutions this year are to conquer the mystery of human flight, become bulletproof and fight crime in a tight suit that will show off my newly gained six pack abs. I mean, all of that is just as likely to happen as for me to make it through, I don’t know, maybe three days of intermittent fasting. Intermittent fasting sounds like something a rogue nation does to political prisoners, not something to be bragged about in an Instagram Story. I think we are all owed a pass on the stress that comes with New Year’s this year, because WE HAVE HAD A WEEK in beautiful, crime-free Iuka. I know Santa is supposed to fly down from the North Pole with presents for all the good little girls and boys, but this year I think Saint Nick forgot the toys and just brought the North Pole with him. One night over the weekend it was zero degrees outside. You read that right -

there were no degrees outside! Not a single one! It was so cold the sewer line at the Clark house froze. We were having to go to the bathroom outside while trying to not make eye contact with the neighborhood dogs. When the power company started the rolling blackouts, we were a household with no power or (essentially) running water. Basically, we were a consumption outbreak away from having a Victorian Christmas so authentic they’d have to call off next year’s Dickens Christmas. We finally abandoned the homestead and moved in with my parents which was extra humbling since I turned 44 the day after Christmas. It was a bleak birthday, sliding into your mid-forties back in your childhood bedroom, without even so much as six pack abs to show for your life. I have to say my parents have been troopers about the situation - especially since my oldest got a Playstation 5

which has been set up since the 25th in their den which must have cratered the ratings for all the various versions of NCIS. So, it’s up to New Year’s to salvage this holiday season. I plan on watching whatever college football players that haven’t opted out of their bowl game, eating whatever leftovers haven’t molded over and making sure my children stay just quiet enough not to cause my father to have a nervous breakdown. I don’t know if I’ll be so hard up that I will eat the traditional “good luck” New Year’s meal of hog jowl and black eyed peas. Personally, I think that’s considered good luck only because if you have to eat hog jowl your luck can only go up from there. Come to think of it, it sounds like the perfect meal for me this 2022 holiday season.

How is Mississippi responding to the threat of school shootings?

by Julia James
Mississippi Today

Armed teachers, keycard locks, and lockdown buttons — these are just a few of the ideas and facility updates school districts are exploring as a way to protect campuses from the rising threat of school shootings. School shootings have been on the rise nationally over the last decade, with 93 incidents in the 2020-2021 school year. Mississippi’s most notable school shooting occurred in 1997 at Pearl High School. More broadly, the Clarion Ledger reported there have been at least 25 incidents involving guns and students in Mississippi over the last 40 years. Government officials and school leaders interviewed by Mississippi Today agree that additional school resource officers are one of the best ways to respond to this threat, but acknowledge that without the funding to do so, arming educators could be a worthwhile secondary solution. At least nine states — Idaho, Florida, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Wyoming — have a provision or program for arming educators, a list that some in Mississippi hope to join. A recent survey by Mississippi Professional Educators showed 64% of its members supported having properly trained educators or school staff respond to active shooter situations, a proposal that was also suggested by the governor in his recent legislative budget recommendations. Gov. Tate Reeves proposed the creation of a “Mississippi School Safety Guardian Program” that would train and arm nominated school employees through the Department of Public Safety. The program was developed with recommendations and input from the newly formed School Safety Alliance. Borne of concerns regarding student mental health and the frequency of school shootings, Mississippi Department of Education officials convened a group, launched in July of this year, to review existing school safety law and make recommendations for updates. The group consists of representatives from the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Homeland Security, the State Attorney General’s office, local school district employees and several advocates. Earlier this year, the State Board of Education voted to update its weapons policy to conform with state law, which allows enhanced concealed carry permit holders to carry weapons on school campuses. Once the policy was



Vickie D. King/Mississippi Today
Ronald Barnes, School Violence Prevention Coordinator for Covington County Schools, shows the new fencing at Carver Middle School in Collins. School facilities also utilized keycards and video doorbell devices as added security measures.

adopted, MDE Director of Safe and Orderly Schools Brian McGairty said districts had concerns about the added liability of more guns on campuses and struggled to find an insurance carrier who would be willing to take it on, leading to discussions about creating a standardized guardian program. While the training required to receive that enhanced permit is “very credibly issued,” McGairty said it “... doesn’t take into account that you may have rounds being fired back at you when you’re forced to make those decisions.” “You may have moving targets that are not the offender coming towards you. When you have 25 kids running down a hallway, can you make that shot?” McGairty said. Erica Jones, president of the Mississippi Association of Educators, said teachers have voiced concerns about the training process and the possibility of the gun ending up in the wrong hands. “Many of our educators do not want this added responsibility,” she said. “They feel as if they have enough duties as it is.” For districts that opt-in to the potential guardian program, Public Safety Commissioner Sean Tindell is proposing a two-week training academy that specifically focuses on responding to active-shooter situations. The training will cover how to use firearms, self-defense, and communications training. The two-week academy would also include background checks and mental health assessments, and the certification

granted by this program would need to be reauthorized once a year. Tindell said in the legislation his office is drafting, the firearms would be issued to school employees by DPS and would be standardized across the state, and the “guardians” would receive a \$500 a month stipend. He added the department hopes the bill will have liability protections for districts and teachers in the case that an active shooter event does occur to help get buy-in from insurance companies. Officials from the Department of Education and the Department of Public Safety agreed that having a school resource officer on every campus would be the best solution, but that sometimes the funding or local personnel may not exist to make that happen. “I know some people are very wary of teachers carrying guns, but under the (policy) changes, they can do this anyway, and all we’re trying to do is provide an additional level of training ... to give (districts) more comfort in the choice their making,” Tindell said. Phillip Burchfield, Director of the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents, agreed that the guardian program could be a good

substitute measure in districts that can’t get a school resource officer on every campus, but he is still concerned about the additional liability and stress it places on teachers. Burchfield also said he is not convinced the program is more cost effective than just hiring school resource officers once supplies, training time, and increased liability costs are factored in. Some districts are also modifying their facilities to make them safer, should an active shooter event occur. Fred Butcher, superintendent of the Natchez-Adams School District, said the district placed keycard locks on the exterior fencing at the newly renovated high school. Buildings were also renovated so that students don’t have to go outside as often to move between classrooms. The district has also added more cameras and created a lockdown feature that will shut down the campus in sections at the push of a button. In Covington County, a federal grant allowed the district to install an access control system, which placed keycard locks on exterior doors, and cameras similar to Ring doorbells that secretaries can use to buzz in parents. Only staff have the keycards to open exterior doors from the outside, but a motion sensor on the inside of the door unlocks it for any person exiting. “You don’t want to ever have a situation where a school is not welcoming, so it’s a really fine line and a balancing act,” said Superintendent Babette Duty. Duty said she prefers school resource officers to the guardian program — she hired two more resource officers when she first became superintendent, and she would like to add more to ensure there’s one on every school campus. “If you fully fund (the Mississippi Adequate Education Program), I can make decisions to keep our kids safe without somebody having to have a pistol,” she said. “That person chose law enforcement. That is their field and that’s their skill set, and so that’s the person that I feel most confident about carrying a gun on campus rather than an educator.”

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Ida Ann Bean

Ida Ann Bean, age 81, the middle child of Dewey C. Lewis and Pet Dexter Lewis passed away on December 21, 2022, at her home. She was born on January 6, 1941.

Ida Ann Bean began school at age 4 at a one-teacher school, Walker Cutoff, near her home. She began 2nd grade at Central Consolidated School after the closure of the little school. After 8th grade, she attended Iuka High School and graduated in 1957, then went on to Northeast Community College for 2 years and then to Mississippi State University graduating in 1961.

Ida Ann met her future husband, DeWitt Bean, at MSU and they married in 1962. They had two children Dee Anna and Danny.

She went to work at the Tishomingo County Department of Human Services in 1962 and retired in 1998. Her hard work ethic was reflected in the family orchard where she picked and sold apples and peaches. She enjoyed stocking her pantry with homemade preserves and jars of vegetables from the garden she tended. One of the many ways she showed her love and kindness was through her cooking, she filled many plates through the years. She also enjoyed traveling the country and world with her husband and many close friends.

She was an active member of Iuka Baptist Church, loved her Sunday School class and church, and attended as long as the health of her husband and herself allowed.

Visitation is scheduled for Monday, December 26, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Cutshall Funeral Home in Iuka. Services will be held in the chapel at Cutshall Funeral Home in Iuka, on Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Reverend JB Burns and Dr. Johnny Hancock will be officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Iuka with Kevin Anderson officiating.

Ida Ann is preceded in death by her husband, DeWitt Bean; parents, Dewey C. Lewis and Pet Dexter Lewis; brother, Charles Lewis and his wife Billie; and brother-in-law Frank Crabtree.

Ida Ann Bean is survived by her daughter, Dee Anna Bean; son, Danny Bean; two granddaughters, Danielle Bean and Elizabeth Bean; sister, Elsie Crabtree; nieces, Sheila Hudson and Angela Gatlin; nephews, Jeff Lewis and Joel Lewis and their families; and sisters-in-law, Eula Anderson and Anne Bean.

Junior Estes, John Evans, Lance Gatlin, Barney Hudson, Jeff Lewis, Joel Lewis and Billy McKissick will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers include the Iuka High School Class of 1957.

The family expresses sincere thanks for prayers, visits, food, her home health care and expressions of love from family and friends.

Memorials in her honor can be made to Iuka Baptist Church, The Gideons, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



by Wyatt Emmerich
Northside Sun

In Ecclesiastes, an Old Testament book supposedly written by King Solomon 2,500 years ago: “Meaningless, meaningless. Utterly meaningless. Everything is meaningless,” mourns the king. This is a man who had everything: power, riches, palaces, hundreds of wives and concubines, the best wine and food. He ruled the world. Yet, in the end, he found everything meaningless.

“What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind. I have seen all the things done under the sun. All of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.”

Interestingly enough, the king never wavered in his belief in God, as many do today. He just didn't see how anything done by man could ever be significant.

It reminds me of the dozens of stories of lottery winners finding their new-found riches not only not bringing joy, but creating new miseries.

So what are we to make of Ecclesiastes? Is life really utterly meaningless? Not at all. Life is full of meaning. Incredibly important meaning. Meaning beyond our ability to comprehend. And that is the significance of Christmas.

King Solomon lived before the rest of the story came to fruition. When God became man on Christmas Day, everything changed. The meaninglessness vanished and man began to understand. That is the gift of Christmas, the greatest gift of all.

The Old Testament says little about the afterlife. Before Christ, the Jews were split on the topic. The Pharisees believed in an afterlife. The Sadducees did not.

Jesus Christ resolved that debate, not only speaking plainly about heaven, but then showing the world through his resurrection that death is not the end, but

Algie Quillen Harris

Algie Quillen Harris, 96, of Allsboro, Alabama, passed away Sunday, December 25, 2022, at her residence. Mrs. Harris was born in Maud, Alabama, to Forest and Maude Burns Quillen. She graduated from Cherokee Vocational High School in 1945 and attended Florence Teachers College. She taught elementary school for many years. She formed special relationships with her students and even attended one of her former student's 80th birthday party. Mrs. Harris was a faithful member of Maud Cumberland Presbyterian Church where she was song leader and Sunday school teacher for many years. She and her husband, John Sewell Harris, owned and operated Harris Grocery in Allsboro, for many years. She also loved to quilt with the Cherokee senior citizens and loved her quilting buddies. She is survived by three daughters, Carolyn Upton (John) of Florence, Donna Dodd (Bryan) of Muscle Shoals, and Gina Harris of Tusculumbia; her step-mother, Betty Quillen; four grandchildren, Johndra McNeely (Ben), Blake Deaton (Kasie), Jenna Farquhar (Charlie), and Brooke Morgan (Jason); and six great-grandchildren, London and Lincoln Kimbrough, Andrew and Henry Farquhar, and Mia Kate and Canna Leigh Morgan. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, John Sewell Harris; three sisters, Nedra Walker, Inez McNutt, and Mary Smallwood; and her parents, Forest and Maude Burns Quillen.

Cutshall Funeral Home of Iuka is entrusted with arrangements. Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m., Friday, December 30, at Cutshall Funeral Home Chapel in Iuka, officiated by Pastor Gary Cosby. Interment will follow in Allsboro Methodist Cemetery. Pallbearers include James Floyd Walker, Earl Walker, Forest Smallwood, Bennie Smallwood, Blake Deaton, Ben McNeely, Charlie Farquhar, and Donnie Dexter. Honorary pallbearers include John Upton, Bryan Dodd, Melanie Hayes, Douglas Deaton, and Jason Morgan. Visitation is scheduled for 1 p.m. until service time at the funeral home on Friday. Special thanks to Enhabit Hospice and nurse Kayla Hines and Mrs. Harris' extraordinary group of caregivers, Lyda Mitchell, Pam Patterson, Elaine Baugh, Anita Davis, Mary Jane Curtain, and Clezale Prince. Memorials may be made to the Allsboro Cemetery Fund, c/o Melanie Hayes, 5965 Allsboro Rd., Cherokee, AL 35616. An online guestbook may be accessed at www.cutshallfuneralhome.com.



the beginning. Life is not meaningless. It is a stepping stone to a whole new level, the magnitude of which our limited brains cannot grasp.

Being created in the image of God, we want answers. We want knowledge. How does it work? What is heaven really like?

Even if Jesus had given more details, we wouldn't have been able to comprehend. An ant cannot comprehend the life of a human. We do know this: We have nothing to fear. It's going to be more wonderful than we can ever imagine. Our bodies will be resurrected and perfected. We will be reunited with all those whom we have lost.

Death has no mercy and the Northside has suffered many over the past few months. I have been to far more funerals than I would prefer. Some were natural. Others profoundly tragic.

For the many non-Christians who may be reading this, my apologies. This is a Christmas column. I'm sure your beliefs and religions offer support that I do not understand. But I am so grateful that Christians have the words of Jesus to comfort them in their times of loss. I cannot imagine living without it.

Imagine choosing between two doors. Behind one door is a random meaningless existence. Behind another door is 3,000 years of history and faith, culminating in a loving God whose promises can wipe away the pain of death. Why choose the former?

Christianity is booming in the biggest country in the world, China. They have gone so long with the human ideology of communism, they are desperate for the word of God. Despite repression, hundreds of millions are turning to Christ.

Meanwhile, here in America, with churches on every corner, traditional denominations are losing members but house churches and independent churches are booming.

As a minister once preached, if Christians actually practiced what they preached, the whole world would be converted in a decade.

When Christianity falters, it is because churches are straying from the radical nature of Christianity and embracing a watered-down, social version. That won't do.

I started out as a social Christian, going to church basically to keep peace with my wife. It was only gradually that I realized the untenable nature of my humanistic worldview. I realized there was a God and it was not me. The first step was going to church.

Saddest of all is the use of science to debunk Christianity, as though man could dethrone God by learning more about His creation. Jesus spoke in parables because the details were beyond our imagination. We use the same technique when we speak to our children. The creation timeline in Genesis is a parable, one that is proving to match our scientific understanding. Dinosaurs do not disprove God.

Our universe is fine-tuned to a precision beyond our ability to measure. A trillion variables had to be perfectly aligned for the earth to exist. Not to even mention our physical bodies. To attribute this to random chance is not science or philosophy. It is denial.

Jesus is the way, the truth, the life. This is why we celebrate Christmas. What a gift!

Edward M. Thompson

Edward M Thompson, 87, of Iuka, Mississippi passed away on December 24, 2022, in Iuka. He was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico to Lorraine Thompson on December 13, 1935. Edward Thompson served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the Memphis Fire Department for 25 years.

Edward Thompson was preceded in death by his mother Lorraine Thompson and his son Marty Thompson.

Edward Thompson is survived by his wife Betty Thompson of Iuka, Mississippi; granddaughter Veronica Cooper, husband Tommy Cooper, and great-grandchildren Ian, Brandon, Georgia, and Anthony. Also, grandson Christopher Sawyer, wife Elizabeth Sawyer, and great-grandchildren Betty and Christopher Jr.

Services will be held on December 30, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Memphis Funeral Home at 5595 Poplar in Memphis, Tennessee with a visitation to begin at 1 p.m.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.MemphisFuneralPoplar.com for the Thompson family.



DEATHS

Altie Calley, 99, died December 17, 2022 at TCLC in Iuka. Deaton Funeral Home
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Johnny Wooten, 67, died December 23, 2022 in Dennis. Deaton Funerla Home.
Sarah McBee, 73, died December 20, 2022. Ludlam.
Betty Fay Phifer, 93, died December 23, 2022. Cutshall



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to subdue it after a traffic stop in Iuka early July 27th. North Mississippi Medical Center's Burnsville clinic opened. Social media education influencer Gerry Brooks spoke to Tishomingo County school staff at the opening session of staff development days for the 2022-23 school year. As of August 2nd, Tishomingo County/Iuka was a "3-stoplight town," as MDOT turned on two new stoplights as part of its improvements throughout the county. Former Tishomingo County Chancery Clerk Hayden Ables died July 30th. August 5th, Extra Mile Recovery opened in Midway in the historic Blissit home. Housing up to 15 women struggling with addiction with 30, 60, and 90 programs, they can meet the needs of court-ordered programs. Owners are Scott and Carrie Smith. The Tishomingo County Tax Collector opened an office in downtown Belmont to help

meet the needs of residents in the south part of the county. A Taco Bell opened in Iuka. TCHS has a new football coach, Cory Quinn, and new cheer coaches, Laura Beth Lambert with Monica Barnes. IBEW union-backed candidates won in the TCEPA board elections. Erik McDonald and Colton Sims won in a runoff August 20th, and Jeff Holt and Josh Clark won outright in the initial election. Iuka marked one year since the August 21, 2021 tornado. September Mississippi Silicon LLC, in Burnsville, a leading global producer of silicon metal, announced plans to work with REC Silicon to help establish a low-carbon and fully traceable U.S.-based solar supply chain. The companies have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) committing them to negotiate a raw material supply agreement. Fire destroyed First Free Will Baptist Church on Highway 72 on August 27th.



Back from Covid, the annual July Iuka Homecoming at the Johnson-Ford-Mitchell Community Center was well attended.

- The Edna Cook Senior Adult Day Care program moved from Tishomingo State Park to the Midway School Building. New businesses opened:
- Just a Kind Word florist on Battleground Drive in Iuka
- Train Up Learning Center, an early learning childcare and education center at 608 North Main in Iuka.
- 3 Sisters Discount Appliances in Iuka with great buys on

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Dollar General opens new DG Market in Golden

Dollar General is excited to announce its new DG Market at 28 Red Bay Road in Golden is now open! The new DG Market store format features an expanded selection of fresh meats, fruits and vegetables, as well as the same categories, brands and products customers trust Dollar General to carry. "We are excited to provide Golden residents with our new DG Market format and look forward to welcoming customers to our new location," said Matthew Simonsen, Dollar General's senior vice president of real estate and store development. "At Dollar General, we are committed to serving our customers with a pleasant shopping experience and strive to be a good corporate citizen.

The new DG Market format aims to provide the Golden community with closer access to fresh and healthier foods and a convenient location to purchase the items they want and need at everyday low prices. We hope our customers will enjoy the new store." To help commemorate the opening of DG's new Golden location, Dollar General plans to donate 100 new books to a nearby elementary school to benefit students ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade. In partnership with the Kellogg Company, the donation will be part of a planned donation of more than 60,000 books in fiscal 2022 across the country to celebrate new DG store openings. DG stores are proud

to provide area residents with an affordable and convenient store location to purchase household essentials including food, cleaning supplies, paper products, over-the-counter medicines, hygiene products, baby items and more through its mission of Serving Others. In addition to the national and private branded products customers trust Dollar General to carry, the new Golden location includes the Company's new stylish, on-trend home décor and an expanded party preparation selection. Dollar General plans to create new jobs in the Golden community as the store is expected to employ approximately 15-17 people, depending on the individual needs

of the store. Individuals interested in joining the DG team may review available positions and apply online at www.dollargeneral.com/careers. The Company provides employees with competitive wages, world-class and award-winning training and development programs and benefits including day-one telemedicine eligibility and Dollar General's Employee Assistance Foundation – as well as health insurance coverage options, 401K savings and retirement plans, tuition reimbursement, paid parental leave and adoption assistance to eligible employees. Furthermore, DG strives to be a good neighbor and is committed to the communities it proudly calls home, evidenced by unwaver-

ing support of literacy and education initiatives through the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The addition of the Golden store opens the opportunity for schools, nonprofit organizations and libraries within a 15-mile radius of the store to apply for Dollar General Literacy Foundation grants. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded

more than \$216 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 15.4 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education. For more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and its grant programs, visit www.dgliteracy.com. Normal hours of operation may be found through the Dollar General app.

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World Cuisine

- ACROSS
1. *Like popular Pad

5. Limit

8. Boozehound

11. Bring home the bacon

12. *Combine cuisines

13. Door holder

15. Between ports

16. *America's favorite cookie, according to some

17. Driver's 180

18. *Like poke bowl

20. Magician, in the olden days

21. Type of wrench

22. Campaigner, for short

23. Traditional sock pattern

26. *Southeast Asian spiky fruit, pl.

30. ____-di-dah

31. Unequivocally
- detestable

34. Same as ayah

35. "That is," Latin

37. Urge Spot to attack

38. Chilled (2 words)

39. Observation point's attraction

40. *Soft and soft type of tofu

42. Ship pronoun

43. Thrusts out or causes to protrude

45. One way to steal gas

47. Without professional help, acr.

48. Energy to motion converter

50. H.S. math class

52. *Wasabi is popular in this cuisine

55. *Type of soda bread

56. g in 10 g

57. Francis Coppola's
- middle name

59. End of tunnel

60. Casanova, e.g.

61. In the thick of

62. Saturn's wife

63. Human limb

64. *Russian borscht vegetable
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1. *Brew from China, originally

2. *American ____ browns

3. Acreage

4. Sort of (3 words)

5. Marie or Pierre, physicists

6. Southeast Asia org.

7. Lowly laborer

8. Like a bug in a rug

9. Princess Fiona, by night

10. Square root of 100

12. Thwarted

13. SNL's forté
14. *Nationality that gave us gelato
19. Administer
22. Wound fluid
23. Not dead
24. Radices, sing.
25. *Clarified butter of Indian origin, pl.
26. *Peking fowl
27. Mennonite's cousin
28. Jack Black's Libre
29. Martin of "Apocalypse Now"
32. Terrorist org.
33. Fat of olives
36. *Like certain meatballs
38. Tear-jerker
40. Hog heaven
41. Posthumous type of tax
44. Like 90 degree angle
46. Reassembled dwelling
48. Feudal dwelling
49. Poppy tears
50. Acid "journey"
51. Semis
52. France/Switzerland border mountain range
53. Not all
54. Canal in a song
55. U.N. workers' grp.
58. Banned insecticide, acr.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, PLAINTIFF
VS.
UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF KENNETH M. MCNEIL; ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT PROPERTY BEARING THE MUNICIPAL ADDRESS OF 162 FRONT STREET, BURNSVILLE, MS 38833, DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO.: CV2022-000330-71M
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: Defendants the Unknown Heirs-at-Law of Kenneth M. McNeil, and Any and All Persons having an interest in the subject property bearing the municipal address of 162 Front Street, Burnsville, MS 38833 whose identity and current post office address and street address are unknown to the Plaintiff after diligent search and inquiry to ascertain same. The Complaint against you, which is on file at the Chancery Clerk's office of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in the above numbered cause, is important and you must take immediate action to protect your rights. You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Kimberly D. Putnam, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 855 S Pear Orchard, Ste 404, Bldg 400, Ridgeland, MS 39157.
YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 15TH DAY OF December, 2022 WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF 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 the seal of said Court, this 30th day of November, 2022.
PEYTON CUMMINGS
TISHOMINGO COUNTY CHANCERY COURT CLERK
1008 BATTLEGROUND DR. IUKA, MS 38852 (SEAL)
KRISTEN HARN, D.C.
CHG-D15-22-29

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
NEAL HARRISON AND PHYLLIS HARRISON, PLAINTIFFS
V. KATIE THOMPSON, CHRIS PAYTON, MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, VITAL RECORDS AND ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO. CV2022-000321-71-T
RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: Katie Thompson You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Neal Harrison and Phyllis Harrison, Plaintiffs, seeking termination of parental rights and adoption of minor children. You and Chris Payton; Mississippi State Department of Health, Vital Records; and Alabama Department of Public Health, Vital Records are the only Defendants in this action. Katie Thompson's address is unknown and is not to be found herein after diligent search and inquiry, and the post office address of said Katie Thompson is not known. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition at 9:00 a.m. on the 27th day of February, 2023, in the courtroom of the Tishomingo County Courthouse at Iuka, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an Answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 8th day of December 2022.
/s/Peyton Cummings
Peyton Cummings, Chancery Court Clerk
Tishomingo County
CHG-D22-29-J5

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
CAUSE NO. CV202200032171T
NEAL HARRISON AND PHYLLIS HARRISON, PLAINTIFFS
V. KATIE THOMPSON, CHRIS PAYTON, MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, VITAL RECORDS AND ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, VITAL RECORDS, DEFENDANTS
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: Katie Thompson You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Neal Harrison and Phyllis Harrison, Plaintiffs, seeking termination of your parental rights and adoption of minor children or other relief demanded. Defendants other than you in this action are Chris Payton; Mississippi State Department of Health, Vital Records; and Alabama Department of Public Health, Vital Records. Katie Thompson is a non-resident of this State and not to be found herein after diligent search and inquiry, and the post office address of said Defendant is not known, and whose last known address is unknown. You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Amended Petition for Emergency Relief, Termination of Parental Rights and Adoption of Minor Children filed against you in this action to Lisa A. Koon, the attorney for the Plaintiffs, whose post office address is Post Office Drawer 1109, Iuka, Mississippi 38852, and whose street address is 1231 First American Drive, Iuka, Mississippi 38852.
YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE ____ DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 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 the seal of said Court, this 8th day of December, 2022.
Peyton Cummings, Chancery Court Clerk
Tishomingo County, Mississippi
CHG-D22-29-J5

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SHUNDIA I. BROCK, DECEASED
Cause No. CV2022-00339-71B
UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND DEVEISEES OF SHUNDIA I. BROCK, DECEASED, DEFENDANTS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: The Unknown Heirs at Law and Devises of Shundia I. Brock, deceased. You have been named as Defendants in a civil action filed in this Court by the Administratrix, Mary Brock, seeking judicial determination of heirship of Shundia I. Brock, deceased. YOU ARE COMMANDED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND THIS ACTION AT 9:00 A.M. ON THE 25th DAY OF JANUARY AT THE PRENTISS COUNTY GOVERNMENT ANNEX, 200 BRIDGE STREET BOONEVILLE, 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, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box, Tishomingo, MS 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 25th day of January, 2023.
/s/ Peyton Cummings
Chancery Clerk
CHG-D22-29-J5-12

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SHUNDIA I. BROCK, DECEASED

No. CV2022-00339-71B
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters of Administration having been granted on the 16th day of December, 2022, by the Chancery Court of Tishomingo County, Mississippi to the undersigned Administratrix for the Estate of Shundia I. Brock deceased; notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. This the 16th day of December, 2022.
/s/ Mary Brock, _____
Mary Brock, Administratrix of the Estate of Shundia I. Brock, deceased
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CHG-D22-29-J5-12

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO DEALERS TO FURNISH THE CITY OF IUKA THE FOLLOWING SUPPLY FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 3, 2023 AND ENDING JANUARY 2, 2024. Notice is hereby given by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Iuka Mississippi, that until 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 will receive sealed bids for a period beginning January 3, 2023 and ending January 2, 2024. The sealed bids must state on the front of the envelope the item being bid and the name of the company bidding.

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FOB Iuka Water Plant
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Bid forms may be obtained at Iuka City Hall or by calling 423-3781. Said bids will be filed with the City Clerks office of said city at City Hall until the aforesaid time and date. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen reserve the right to reject any and all bids. This the 20th day of December 2022.
City Clerk
Kelsey Smith
CHG-D22-29

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF TISHOMINGO
WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 24, 2018, executed by JACKIE ROGERS and PAMELA WATSON-ROGERS conveying certain real property therein described to COBB AND ASSOCIATES PLLC, as Trustee, for MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE NEW DAY FINANCIAL, LLC, Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Tishomingo County, Mississippi filed and recorded September 26, 2018, at Instrument Number 2018003128; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION;

and WHEREAS, Ruben Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee; and NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on January 25, 2023 within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the front steps of the Courthouse proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Tishomingo County, Mississippi, to wit: LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR A TRACT OF LAND IN BLOCK 11 OF CITY OF IUKA, AND IN SECTION 13-3-10 OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; COMMENCING AT THE NE CORNER OF BLOCK 11 OF THE CITY OF IUKA AND THE NE CORNER OF DEED 2012001875 TO CHARLES STAFFORD, A THE NE CORNER OF SAID BLOCK; THENCE SOUTH 11 DEGREES 00' 33" W ALONG THE WEST ROW OF N MILL STREET A DISTANCE OF 112.00' TO A 1" IRON PIN FOUND AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S 12 DEGREES 23' 11" W A DISTANCE OF 138.00' TO A 1/2" REBAR FOUND ON THE NORTH ROW OF W EASTPORT STREET; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH ROW OF W. EASTPORT STREET N 77 DEGREES 35' 55" W A DISTANCE OF 75.00' TO A 4" CONCRETE POST AT A FENCE CORNER, AND THE SE CORNER OF MR. SWINNEY LOT; THENCE N 12 DEGREES 23' 11" E A DISTANCE 138.00 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON PIPE FOUND 1.0' EAST OF FENCE AT THE SW CORNER OF MR. STAFFORD LOT; THENCE S 77 DEGREES 35' 55" E ALONG SAID LINE A DISTANCE OF 75.07' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING 0.24 ACRES. THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED LOT IS SUBJECT TO ALL RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS AND MINERAL RESERVATIONS OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY. PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 400 W EASTPORT ST, IUKA, MS 38852. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control. Title to the above-described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Ruben Lublin, LLC 428 North Lamar Blvd, Suite 107 Oxford, MS 38655 rlselaw.com/property-listing Tel: (877) 813-0992 Fax: (470) 508-9401 CHG: D29-J5-12-19

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for the benefit of Cendant Mortgage Corporation D/B/A Century 21 Mortgage which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Tishomingo County, State of Mississippi in Book 277 at Page 565; and WHEREAS, LLG MS LLC has heretofore been substituted as Trustee by instrument dated December 20, 2022 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office; 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, PHH Mortgage Corporation, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale. NOW, THEREFORE, I, LLG MS LLC, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on January 26, 2023 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the East Door of the County Courthouse of Tishomingo County, located at 1008 Battleground Drive, Iuka, MS 38852, to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds the following described property situated in Tishomingo County, State of Mississippi, to-wit: Lying and being in Lake Park Estates Subdivision in the County of Tishomingo,

State of Mississippi, more particularly described as follows: Lot No. 13, Lake Park Estates Subdivision, situated in Tishomingo County, State of Mississippi, according to the map and plat of said subdivision on file in Plat Book 2, Page 74, of the land records of said State and County said subdivision being located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 2 South, Range 10 East, and more particularly described as follows: Part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 2 South, Range 10 East, beginning at the intersection of the south boundary line of said Southwest Quarter with the westerly right-of-way line of Mississippi State Highway No. 25; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 12 seconds West 1204.97 feet to the point of beginning hereof; thence continue South 89 degrees 29 minutes 12 seconds West 205 feet; thence North 0 degrees 25 minutes 06 seconds West 134.47 feet; thence North 68 degrees 25 minutes 50 seconds East 171.68 feet; thence by a curve of radius of 50 feet southeasterly 54.45 feet; thence South 0 degrees 38 minutes 02 seconds East 169.10 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.8 acre, more or less. LLG MS LLC SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE LOGS Legal Group LLP 1080 River Oaks Drive, Suite B-202 Flowood, MS 39232 (601) 981-9299 47A CR 333 Iuka, MS 38852 17-018862 CHG-D29-J5-12-19

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The name, title and address of the owners of the above-named business are:
Roger Sean and Anna Helton, 201 Graham Road, Iuka, MS 38852.

If any person wishes to request a hearing to object to the issuance of this permit a request for a hearing must be made in writing and received by the Department of Revenue within (15) fifteen days from the first date this notice was published. Requests shall be sent to:
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Beaver Control Program

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

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Diseases of Deer

by James L. Cummins

In this article, we will look at some of the diseases found among deer.

Hemorrhagic Disease (HD). This disease is caused by two different, related viruses (Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease virus [EHDV] and Bluetongue virus [BTV]), but the symptoms are indistinguishable regardless of the cause.

Considered one of the largest threats to deer in North America, HD tends to occur in late summer and early fall when the transmitting, biting midges (of the genus Culicoides) are most abundant. Although the disease may go unnoticed in the wild, infected deer can begin displaying symptoms of infection within 7 days. Typical symptoms include loss of appetite; weakness; excessive drooling; reduced activity; fever; fluid accumulation below the jaw and in body cavities; and, eventually, fatal hemorrhages. Because of the fever and fluid loss caused by the HD viruses, infected deer are often found around bodies of water.

Deer that survive the acute form of HD may develop symptoms of the disease including ulcerations in the mouth and interruptions in hoof wall growth that can lead to secondary foot infections. Hoof wall abnormalities are seen most frequently in hunter-harvested deer that are otherwise normal.

Brain Abscesses. Bacterial infections in the skull and brain most often occur in bucks. This is mostly a seasonal occurrence, primarily due to the stages of antler development and fighting. Brain abscesses result from antler casting or fighting with other

bucks when infections can develop on the skull near the pedicle. Infection symptoms include circling movements, blindness, poor coordination, emaciation, and lethargy. The meat of these deer is not suitable for human consumption.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). This disease belongs to a group of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies. CWD causes brain degeneration.

Because of the lack of a vaccine, no known cure, and other unknowns associated with this disease, it is the most feared of all. Once established, CWD can spread through animal-to-animal contact or soil-to-animal contact, and once contracted is always fatal—even though symptoms can take months or even years to appear.

CWD has no specific distinguishable outward indicators, but a live deer with CWD will display signs of excessive drooling, lethargy, emaciation, drooping posture, tremors, stumbling and will also become oblivious to the presence of predators. Unfortunately, diagnosis can only be confirmed by laboratory examination of brain or lymph node tissue after death. Public health officials advise against consuming the meat of a CWD-infected deer.

These diseases typically affect a small percentage of white-tailed deer; however, landowners and hunters should make themselves familiar with the possible symptoms. Due to the possible risks involved, if you find a sick or dead deer and the cause of death is not apparent, report it to your local conservation officer as soon as possible.

Ongoing copper thefts in state

JACKSON --- The Mississippi Department of Transportation has been repeatedly hit by copper thieves in the Jackson metro area. The latest heist, the theft of 2,500 feet of copper wires to the interstate lights at Pearl street and I-55.

Brad White, MDOT Executive Director said “We’ve had 18 different locations where this has happened that left us with interchanges and roadways in the dark. The value of this specific location at Pearl Street is about \$13 thousand dollars.”

Brian Ratliff, MDOT Chief Engineer said, “We went up there and looked at the structure mounted pull box. They’re busting those apart. They’re either hooking to a vehicle with a rope tied to our copper wire that’s inside the conduit mounted to the bridges and they’re pulling it out, rolling it up and getting

away.”

A previous theft of copper of wires to the lights at Waterworks curve was valued at \$30 thousand dollars. The cost to taxpayers to replace the wires, even greater. The thieves putting themselves and motorists at risk.

“The roadway lighting increases the safety for the traveling public,” said Ratliff.

MDOT is working closely with law enforcement to develop measures to stop the wire thieves before they strike again.

“Were looking at cameras that can maybe help us help the law enforcement agencies locally identify who is doing this. We’ve talked frankly about leaving the lights on all the time and putting up warning signs and other things that we’ve got live wire there,” said Brad White.

MDOT will likely

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- The Painted Lady started a new life as an event venue/bed and breakfast.

Iuka’s Heritage Day was touted as one of the biggest and best yet, thanks to the hard work of organizers.

Mysterious Circumstance: The death of Meriwether Lewis premiered. Much of the filming was done in Tishomingo County, with two local actors – Rider Mayo and Keandre Wicks.

In one of the two biggest events of the year in Tishomingo County, TC defeated Belmont football 61-28.

Pete Pyle, a native of Burnsville who passed away on March 11, 1995, was honored during the 30th Annual Waterway Festival with the unveiling of a Mississippi Country Music Marker.

Downtown Iuka’s renaissance continued with the September re-opening of the *Tishomingo County News* at 120 Front Street.

127 South Fulton Street will soon be the home of Table 127, operated by Roger and Anna Helton. They hope for a January opening.

Pleas were heard during a September term of Circuit Court.

NEMCC elects Iuka’s Brianna Lowrey 2022 Homecoming Queen. Freshmen maids included Iuka’s Avery Tapp and Tishomingo’s Madison Bennett.

The supervisors announced preliminary plans to replace the courthouse roof with funds paid by other counties to house their prisoners. Funding from the Mississippi Dept of Archives will be used to make improvements to the Old Tishomingo County Courthouse.

Makallie E. Durham, 23, of Thomas Street, Iuka, was charged with capital murder on Thursday and also with felony child abuse said Sheriff Ben Caldwell of Alcorn County.

An Alabama dog owner is facing a second manslaughter indictment after the death of a Red Bay woman following a dog attack. Brandy Lee Dowdy, 39, was indicted by a Franklin County Grand Jury for manslaughter in connection to the death of Michelle Sheeks.

Supervisors approved the equal allocation to each district of funds received from the county property tax collection. Before this, each district received what it took in based on property values, which benefited districts with high property values, but meant that others received less, even if they were larger in area, or had more roads, for instance. This allocation method has alternated over the years,

explained Cummings. The last time of equal allocation was in September 2015.

Tishomingo County schools honored the memory of Michael Walker with Love Like Mike Day on September 20th.

The Tishomingo County School District earned an “A” rating for its performance in the 2021-22 school year for the first post-pandemic grade.

Two once-in-a-lifetime events marked the best-ever Waterway Festival on September 24th: the placing of the Pete Pyle Country Music Trail marker, and the exhibit of all the Lila Ham Tenn-Tombigbee Waterway art.

High Point Bingo opened in Iuka as a way to raise funds to help local counseling and treatment programs.

October

The second completed project of Joiner & Raynard opened: Coleman Park Studios are short-term stay units near Coleman Park and the Tri-State Commerce Park. There was a grand opening on October 28th.

Joseph Scott, Jr. from Dyersburg, Tennessee, and Jeff Lovelace from Iuka, Mississippi teamed up to earn the first-place check with a bag weighing 93 pounds at the World Championship of Catfishing in Savannah, Tennessee.

A new fire department building was completed for Golden Fire Department.

Ava Henry was crowned Homecoming Queen at Tishomingo County High School’s homecoming. Madi Wadkins was Football Sweetheart. At Belmont, Olivia Oaks was Homecoming Queen and Isabella Ragan was Football Queen.

Tishomingo County authorities charged two men with first-degree murder, arson, and tampering with physical evidence following an investigation of a burning residence in Tishomingo where human remains were found.

Belmont volleyball won their second consecutive state title on October 21st with a win over Sacred Heart.

The *Tishomingo County News* initiated the first-ever Best in Tishomingo Readers’ Choice contest.

Jack Ramsey died from complications resulting from a pedestrian accident outside Iuka Baptist Church on October 26th.

City officials and volunteers completed the training in October to be an official affiliate of Keep Iuka Beautiful, tying them to the national organization which will help them acquire grants, helps with organizing, and lots of national support.



A new Mississippi Country Music Trail marker was placed in honor of Burnsville’s Pete Pyle during the annual Burnsville Waterway Festival in September. Members of the Pyle family attended.

November

Eric Booker, for 1st District Supervisor, and Jessica Seaton for Tishomingo County School Board were the local winners in the November 8th general election. Turnout was low across the state, and in the county, only 37 percent of registered voters participated.

Golden’s Thurman Epps was the grand marshal for IDEA’s annual Veterans’ Day Parade. There was a good turnout for the November 12th event, despite chilly temperatures.

The Tri-State Cross for Christ group announced they have raised more than \$30,000 as of mid-November to erect a large cross on Highway 72.

Tishomingo State Park’s new RV campground was completed.

Authorities were investigating the 7th or 8th fentanyl-related death in the area this year. Caleb Wayne Michael, 20, of Corinth died. During the investigation, a juvenile suspect was taken into custody and suspected fentanyl

was found at the Ash Street home.

On November 13th, the executive committee of the twenty-six churches of Tishomingo County Baptist Association voted to call Ray Burks as the new mission strategist. Ray has been pastor of the First Baptist Church in Belmont, Mississippi since August of 2009.

December

The winners of the first-ever Best of Tishomingo Readers’ Choice Awards were announced in a special section on December 1st.

The Mississippi Electronic Court System or MEC is now in use for Tishomingo County Circuit Court. MEC for short, the Mississippi Electronic Court system is a statewide plan to move the court filing system and records to a digital format accessible online.

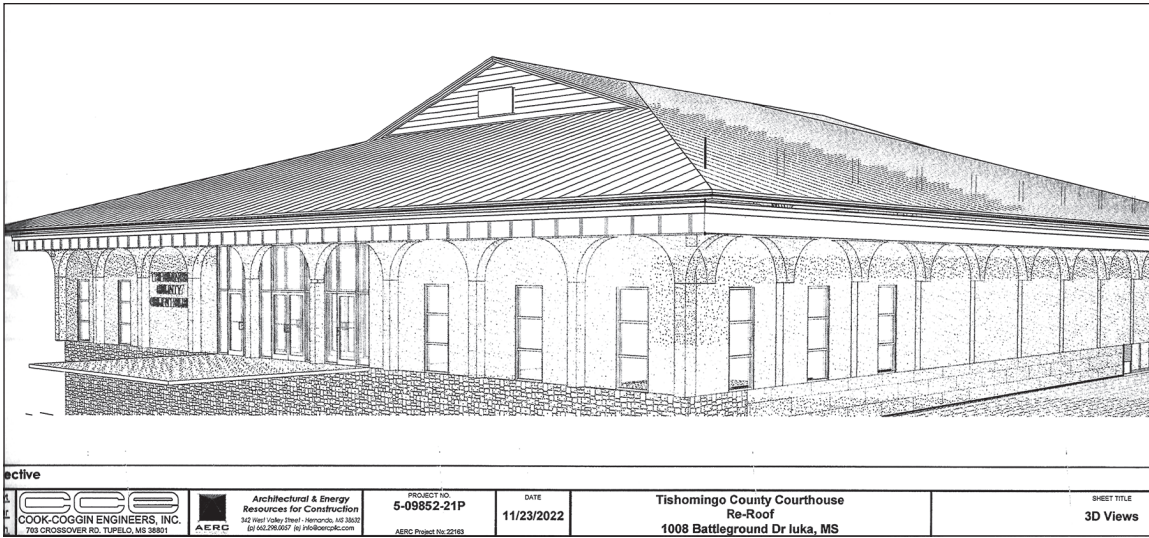
Brent Bonds was named Burnsville’s Citizen of the year. Brent is an equipment operator, writer, and artist from the

Burnsville area who is likely best known locally for his work with wildlife rehabilitation and his efforts reinvigorating the Tishomingo Arts Council.

At the regular first Monday meeting of the Tishomingo County Board of Supervisors, the board directed engineers to go ahead with the bid package preparation to replace the roof of the courthouse. The cost is estimated to be about \$620 to \$700 thousand.

Tishomingo Connect celebrated construction completion with an open house on December 2nd. While Connect still has future customers waiting to be installed, they have the main fiber distribution lines built throughout the County.

Landowners win in a first-ever suit about trespassing deer dogs; According to a recent Prentiss County chancery judge decision, deer dog hunters in Mississippi can no longer allow their dogs to trespass on other people’s property.



The new proposed roof for the Tishomingo County Courthouse should go out for bids after the first of the year. It was approved by the board of supervisors in December.

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