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County released from \$2.35M debt, pays \$150K more to LINK

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The Lowndes County Board of Supervisors ducked a \$2.35 million industrial development obligation during Monday morning's meeting but found themselves on the hook for an additional \$150,000 in professional services money to the Golden Triangle Development LINK.

told the supervisors approximately \$2.35 million in obligations to the Lowndes County Industrial Development Authority were no longer needed.

In 2021 the county entered an agreement with LCIDA that obligated it to issue \$2.35 million in bonds to support upgrades to water and sewer infrastructure at the industrial park, clearing and grubbing land at the Infinity Megasite and build-



Fisackerly



Higgins

ing a 50,000- to 100,000-square-foot speculative building.

LINK Chief Operations Offi-

cer Meryl Fisackerly explained the water and sewer improvements were funded via the economic development package passed to support Steel Dynamics' \$2 billion expansion project.

"Now that we've located the Aluminum Dynamics facility, the site cleaning and the building are no longer needed," she said.

The board voted unanimous-

ly to strike the expenditure from its agreement with LCIDA.

With the good news out of the way, LINK CEO Joe Max Higgins told the board it needed to pony up another \$150,000 or so in funding for professional services.

"Our contract allows us to be reimbursed for legal, surveys, environmental, engineer-

See **LINK**, 3A

COMMUNITY PROFILE

From pen on paper to needle on skin



Grant McLaughlin/Dispatch Staff

Alan Taylor tattoos an Alice in Wonderland image on Trisha Renee Lazarus' arm Wednesday evening at Taylors shop, Tatt2d Voodoo. Taylor has been a professional tattoo artist for more than three years and recently opened his shop at 115 13th St. S. in February. He developed his love for tattooing as a child while watching his mother, Lisa, draw and paint.

Alan Taylor's journey to owning his own tattoo shop in Columbus

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Alan Taylor opened his new tattoo business, Tatt2d Voodoo, at 115 13th St. S. on Valentine's Day. His goal? To take a childhood passion for art and a lifelong dream and turn it into a thriving business.

Taylor said he decided to open the shop, not necessarily because he wanted to be a business owner,

but because of a love for the art form, for which he has always held a soft spot.

"Owning my own business is just a perk of it," Taylor said. "The dream is just tattooing. That's my love. That's my passion."

With that love of tattooing, Taylor has turned a job he once held as an employee and created a thriving business that is booked through mid-May.

But the journey from working in tattoo parlors to owning his shop just isn't the whole picture, Taylor said.

Taylor said he would watch his mother draw and paint when he was growing up. He later pursued that passion after graduating high school in 2004. He said the colorful nature of his mother's art and the cartoons he watched as a kid laid

See **TAYLOR**, 6A

County gets keys for Ecolab building

Site will eventually house coroner's office

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Monday morning the Lowndes County Coroner's Office got one step closer to a new home.

Board of Supervisors President Trip Hairston signed the agreement closing the county's purchase of the old Ecolab building on Lehmburg Road in East Columbus. The approximately 20,000-square-foot building will eventually house the coroner's office, as well as an alternate command center for Lowndes County Emergency Management.

The coroner's office is currently in the old Maxxim Medical building, located off of Yorkville Park Square off of Highway 69 South. New Hope-based Apex Ammunition is in the process of buying that building.

"We're excited about closing," Hairston said. "We're going to start the process of moving the coroner over there."

In February the county made an initial offer of \$400,000 to Ecolab, and after negotiating settled on a price of \$500,000. Ecolab ceased operations there in mid-2022.

District 5 Supervisor Leroy Brooks urged the board to quickly come up with a plan as to how Coroner Greg Merchant's office will be shifted over to the new location.

"Now that we're moving forward we need to be expeditious trying to develop that plan of action," Brooks

See **ECOLAB**, 3A



Hairston

Fans use Super Bulldog Weekend as way to mark reunions, wedding showers, more

Thousands flood Starkville for 37th event

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STARKVILLE — This weekend, record breaking numbers of Mississippi State fans, alumni and visitors flocked to the city for the 37th Super Bulldog Weekend,

which was focused mostly on the Maroon and White spring football game and the Bulldogs' three-game baseball series against Ole Miss.

But for many, the sports were just an excuse to be together with the people they love, as they celebrated the

spring version of homecoming. On Saturday, walking from Davis Wade to Dudy Noble felt like stepping into reunion after reunion.

Jim White from Newton was tailgating in The Junction with old friends from Acacia fraternity before the Maroon and White football

See **SBW**, 3A



Abigail Sipe Rochester/Dispatch Staff

A crowd forms outside of Dudy Noble Field hours before the Mississippi State vs. Ole Miss baseball game on Saturday. Though sports dominated the weekend, many families used the game and other events as a way to bond during Super Bulldog Weekend.

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FIVE QUESTIONS

- 1 What iconic American rock band fronted by Micheal Stipe released the studio album, "Collapse into Now," in 2011?
- 2 In 2016 President Obama became the first sitting U.S. president in nearly 90 years to visit what Caribbean country?
- 3 Who is the subject of the book "See What I Have Done," released in 2017, and a film, "Lizzie," released in 2018?
- 4 Name one of the only two men's players to receive the FIFA Ballon d'Or during the six years it was awarded, from 2010 to 2015?
- 5 Which Finnes brother played Lord Voldemort in the "Harry Potter" movie series: Joseph or Ralph?

Answers, **6B**

CALENDAR

Today

■ **Concert:** Columbus Choral Society will hold its spring concert, "Why We Sing," at 7 p.m. at Artz Community Hall, First United Methodist Church (602 Main Street).

■ **Winemaker Dinner:** Harvey's Columbus will host a winemaker dinner with Jean Arnold at 6:30 p.m. The event will feature a five-course dinner and a sampling of Kate Arnold Wines from Washington, Oregon and California. Seating is limited and tickets are \$85 per person. To reserve tickets, call (662) 327-1639 or email colharv@eatwithus.com.

Wednesday

■ **Tales from the Crypt:** MSMS will host the annual Tales from the Crypt

program at 7 p.m. in Friendship Cemetery. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students K-university.

Thursday

■ **Community Event:** Amy Moe-Hoffman, curator for the MSU Dunn-Seiler Museum will give a presentation at the Oktibbeha County Heritage Museum (206 Fellowship St., Starkville) at 10 a.m. The presentation will be about fossils and the deep history of North Mississippi they represent. Moe-Hoffman will bring specimens. Free to attend.

■ **Lecture:** MSU will host the 2023 Carlton Owen Lecture presented by the series namesake, Carlton Owen, who will present "Life Lessons from The Environmental Edge," at 2 p.m. in Tully Auditorium, Thompson Hall. Free to attend.

LOCAL FOLKS



Sam Wansley, of Columbus, enjoys helping others in need.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Today:** Columbus City Council, 5 p.m., Municipal Complex
- April 19:** Mayor's press conference, 10:30 a.m., City Hall
- April 20:** City Utilities Commission, noon, Columbus Light and Water office
- April 27:** Columbus City Council work session, 10:30 a.m., City Hall

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Hosemann holds fundraiser at Trump's Mar-a-Lago

'Lt. Gov. Hosemann supports President Trump because his policies created higher wages, a growing economy, new jobs, low inflation, and a more secure border'

Casey Phillips, senior adviser to the Hosemann campaign

BY BOBBY HARRISON
Mississippi Today

Donald Trump has not offered an endorsement in Mississippi's Republican primary for lieutenant governor, but one of the candidates did have a recent fundraiser in what is essentially the former president's home.



Hosemann

Incumbent Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann, who is being accused of being a closet Democrat by opponent Chris McDaniel, held a fundraiser earlier this month at the Mar-a-Lago resort, which is one of Trump's more well-known properties and is also the property he now calls home.

In addition, Mar-a-Lago is the property raided by the FBI reportedly because of the former pres-

ident's alleged unwillingness to return classified documents.

In a statement to Mississippi Today, Casey Phillips, senior adviser to the Hosemann campaign, said, "Lt. Gov. Hosemann supports President Trump because his policies created higher wages, a growing economy, new jobs, low inflation, and a more secure border. We were happy to be invited to host a fundraiser at Mar-

a-Lago back in December and it turned out to be a great event."

An invitation circulated on social media for the April 5 Mar-a-Lago Club fundraiser at Palm Beach, Florida, lists all members of Mississippi's Republican congressional delegation on a host committee, though, sources say none actually attended the event. The invitation highlighted a photo of Hosemann and of the new state flag that in 2020 replaced the flag that contained the Confederate battle emblem in its design.

Hosemann supported the flag change. McDaniel opposed the change, say-

ing it should be decided by popular vote.

Hosemann was photographed at the event being endorsed by George Colella of the Born to Ride for 45, which is a pro Trump motorcycle group. A Confederate battle flag is displayed on Colella's biker vest.

On social media, Colella posted, "Born to Ride for 45 proudly endorses Lt. Gov. Hosemann. He has an amazing track record and (is) an asset to state of Mississippi."

McDaniel, a conservative state senator from Jones County, unsuccessfully sought Trump's endorsement in 2018 when

he challenged U.S. Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith, who the then-president did endorse.

A pre-president Trump did voice support for McDaniel in his 2014 U.S. Senate race against Thad Cochran.

"Chris McDaniel looks like he will win in Mississippi - great news and victory for Tea Party," Trump proclaimed on social media.

McDaniel, of course, did lead Cochran in the Republican primary in 2014, but did not garner the majority needed to avoid a runoff. In the runoff, Cochran defeated McDaniel.

Alabama town mourns after 4 killed at teen birthday party

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DADEVILLE, Ala. — Students in the tiny Alabama town of Dadeville wore their black and gold school colors Monday as they mourned two seniors were among four young people killed by gunfire at a Sweet 16 birthday party over the weekend.

Less than six weeks from graduation, faculty, staff and students filed past flags at half-staff to meet counselors waiting to talk about the shoot-

ing, which also injured 28 at the Mahogany Masterpiece dance studio off the courthouse square. The school, with its 485 students in grades 6-12, is central to community life in Dadeville, population 3,200, where "Home of the Tigers" is painted on the water tower and local businesses sport signs proclaiming "This is Tiger Country."

Investigators were still trying to piece together what happened at the party, where numerous

gunshots left the dance studio's windows pocked with bullet holes. While police sought clues, others said they were tending the community's heart.

"It's going to be a tough time for graduation and for these kids," said Heidi Smith, a spokesperson for the 46-bed Lake Martin Community Hospital, where a number of victims were treated. "We will be here for them and their families for the duration."

The weekend was marked by a series of

high-profile shootings in the U.S. One left two people dead and four wounded Saturday in Louisville, Missouri; another resulted in four men being shot — one fatally — in Los Angeles; and a third left two women wounded at Lincoln University in southeastern Pennsylvania.

Dadeville locals were quick to say that such violence was uncharacteristic of their community, but gun deaths are more common in Alabama than in most places.

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Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Lowndes Funeral Home. Lowndes Funeral Home of Columbus is in charge of arrangements.

Lester Schrock

MACON — Lester Tobias Schrock, 90, died April 15, 2023, at his residence.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, at Magnolia Mennonite Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on today, at the church. Cockrell Funeral Home of Macon is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Schrock was born on June 2, 1932, to the late Ezra and Clara Schrock. He was formerly employed at Star Tank Boat Company in Goshen, Indiana and was co-owner of Macon Ready Mix Concrete Company. He was a volunteer

for the Mennonite Disaster Service. He was a member of the Magnolia Conservative Mennonite Church of Macon.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Tressa Knepp, Treva Collins, Vernon Schrock, Glenn Schrock, Fred Shrock and David Schrock; and one grandchild.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Schrock; sons, Kenneth Schrock of Taylorsville, James Schrock of Starkville, Mark Schrock and Tom Schrock, both of Macon; brothers, Ivan Schrock of Goshen, Indiana, Calvin Schrock of Atmore, Alabama, Galen Schrock of Macon and Titus Schrock of Camilla, Georgia.

Gerry Murphy

COLUMBUS — Gerry Murphy, 70, died April 14, 2023, at Trinity Personal Care.

Arrangements are

incomplete and will be announced by Lowndes Funeral Home. Lowndes Funeral Home of Columbus is in charge of arrangements.

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Jimmy Knight
COLUMBUS — Jimmy Knight, 71, died April 16, 2023, at Windsor Place.



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RESPITE VOUCHER PROGRAM

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

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A CAREGIVER CAN BE REIMBURSED UP TO \$590 ONE-TIME REIMBURSEMENT.

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Caregivers are encouraged to choose care providers who have the skills necessary to manage the special care needs of family members. Each family is responsible for choosing a care provider. If you need assistance to locate a respite care provider in your area, please call toll-free to reach a MAC Center Specialist near you (1-844-822-4622).

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- Cannot receive payment before respite services are provided

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- The caregiver's home or approved site by caregiver (examples: parks, restaurants, movies)
- A licensed care center

Vouchers can only be used to pay for breaks (respite) for caregivers. They may NOT be used to:

- Pay the family caregiver directly for the care they are providing.
- Pay for care that occurred before the voucher was issued.
- Pay medical bills or purchase medical supplies.
- Offset the cost of paid care already in place.



To find your local MAC Center

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POSSUMHAW

For the love of spring

I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose, I would always greet it in a garden.
 — Ruth Stout, Queen of Mulch gardener (1884-1980)

If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles. — Doug Larsen, Newspaper Columnist (1926-2017)



Shannon Bardwell

Who couldn't love spring even with all its unpredictable weather? Rain comes in deluges for days followed by the most beautiful sunny days. One day the morning is in the mid-40's and by afternoon temperatures have eased ever so gracefully near 80s. These drastic changes can wreak havoc on your wardrobe: shorts and tees one day, sweaters and jackets the next; sweaters and jackets in the morning and shorts and tees in the afternoon. No boredom there. How good it feels to walk in the sunshine, dig in the dirt, watch the bluebirds go in and out of their birdhouses while butterflies discover wildflowers, cherry blossoms, or impatiens from last year. Dandelions spread like a blanket. Gardenias thought to have succumbed to the freeze have tiny leaves bursting out. There's hope after all. Hummingbirds started to feed at the feeders the moment the feeders went out.

If you're a fisherman it's time to ready the boat and gear while the weather is most desirable, not to mention fish that are spawning. A quote found in "Mississippi Sportsman" magazine says, "The movement to shallow water beginning about a month before the spawn is probably instinctive but fine tuned by water temperature. Regardless of what factors control winter distribution, the crappie are back in the shallow spawning areas when the water temperature starts approaching 60 degrees." Since we have an avid crappie fisherman in the household that's all we can say about that except fishing is another enjoyable spring event.

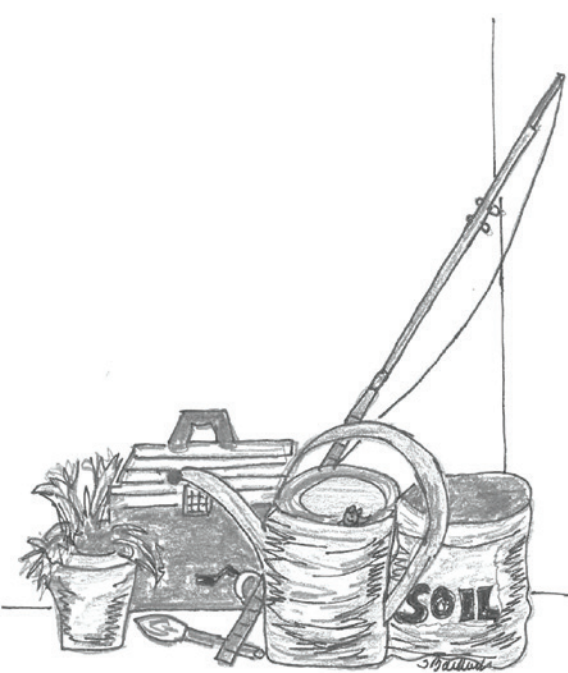
On the home front I've planted the tomato plants in pots embraced by wire cages, fresh potting soil and light fertilizer. Within days the height of the plants had tripled. Eggplant, squash, sweet peppers, are planted in the raised beds with half compost soil and half bagged soil. Like a new relationship we'll see where it goes, so far, so good.

Most of the new flowers from the garden center have not been planted yet as I decide where they should go. Placement depends on a couple of factors: sun or shade, visibility from the house or porches, and access to water sources.

The plants from the greenhouse that thrived throughout the winter were already in pots so those were moved out first, some in their old places and some in new places. Watering cans were also distributed. The next day there on the front porch inside the watering can was a little tiny tree frog, my first for the year. Last year I had half-a-dozen and they brought me so much joy. They are unafraid as you talk to them like you would any pet. They position themselves in the hollow of the handle of the watering can. About six feet above the watering can is the night lantern. The frogs will be waiting to feast on night bugs drawn to the light.

Another year, another season, another month, another day, much to be thankful for.

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FROM JACKSON

One last effort to explain MAEP to Speaker Gunn

Responding to questions from members of the media recently about funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program, House Speaker Philip Gunn, R-Clinton, asked for a show of hands of those who understood the school funding formula.



Bobby Harrison

"Nobody really understands it. (School) superintendents don't understand it," Gunn said, making it clear his question was rhetorical. "We had a plan five or six years ago that was incredibly understandable."

Gunn was referring to the plan put forward by him and then-Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves. That plan was rejected by the Senate despite both Gunn and Reeves putting on a full-court press to pass it.

The fact of the matter is that there are many similarities between his failed plan and the MAEP.

Both are vehicles to provide the state's share of funding to meet the needs of local school districts — needs like teacher salaries, utilities, custodial help, textbooks and other basic needs.

And both meet those needs by providing some amount of money on a per pupil basis.

The key difference is that the per pupil spending, known as the base student cost, was determined in the Gunn plan by the Legislature. Legislators could make that base student cost whatever they wanted it to be. The Legislature could lower or increase the base student cost each year based on their whim.

The ability of the Legislature to establish the base student cost is what makes the Gunn/Reeves plan so simple. Besides that simplicity, it also might appeal to Gunn and others because there is no way to

underfund a formula that is not based on any objective criteria, but simply based on the thinking of legislators.

If there is no way to objectively determine what full funding is because full funding is whatever legislators say it is, then there is no way for the public to hold politicians accountable for not fully funding education.

Gunn was the primary reason full funding of MAEP was blocked during the recently completed 2023 session. He refused to put additional funds in a formula he referred to as a "black hole" and as confusing.

The 2023 session will be Gunn's last regular session as he is not running for reelection. Taking him at his word that he does not understand MAEP after five terms in the House (three as speaker) and after serving as a local school board chair, here is one last effort to explain the formula to him.

First of all, based on the MAEP law, the state Department of Education determines the instructional, administrative, maintenance and ancillary costs for level 3 or adequate schools.

The MAEP base student cost is then ascertained by averaging the cost in each of those four areas — instructional, administrative, maintenance and ancillary — of educating a child in those adequate districts. But it is important to note those adequately performing districts that spend significantly more or less than other school systems are not used in developing the base student cost.

And in developing the all-important base student cost, the formula is weighted in favor of using school districts that spend less than in using school districts that spend more.

The formula also calls for every district to provide a portion of the MAEP base student cost. Districts are supposed to provide in local funds whichever is less of 28 mills (a mill is a taxing unit for property) or 27 percent of the base student cost. The state is supposed to provide the rest of the cost.

For whatever it is worth, nearly all school districts levy more than 28 mills.

The formula is calculated every four years. In the years between those recalculations, the formula is supposed to be adjusted based on a modest inflation factor.

When the Legislature enacted MAEP in 1997, the goal was to ensure that all districts have a base level of funding that theoretically would be enough to provide an adequate education. And here is perhaps the most important aspect of the formula: the state provides more funds for property poor districts than it does for affluent districts. But in helping those property poor districts, there was a commitment made in 1997 that those wealthier districts would not receive less funding under the new formula than under the old formula.

There is an argument that now, about 25 years after the formula was created, that the wealthier districts should be paying more of their own funds for the basic operation of their schools and thus freeing up more state funds for poor districts. The Senate wanted to have that debate in the 2023 session and then fully fund MAEP for the first time since 2007-2008.

Gunn prevented that debate from happening in the House. Apparently, he said, he did not understand the formula.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, April 18, the 108th day of 2023. There are 257 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 18, 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Massachusetts, warning colonists that British Regular troops were approaching.

On this date:

In 1865, Confederate Gen. Joseph E. Johnston surrendered to Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman near Durham Station in North Carolina.

In 1906, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires; estimates of the final death toll range between 3,000 and 6,000.

In 1923, the first game was played at the original Yankee Stadium in New York; the Yankees defeated the Boston Red Sox 4-1.

In 1954, Gamal Abdel Nasser seized power as he became prime minister of Egypt.

In 1955, physicist Albert Einstein died in Princeton, New Jersey, at age 76.

In 1966, Bill Russell was named player-coach of the Boston Celtics, becoming the NBA's first Black coach.

In 1978, the Senate approved

the Panama Canal Treaty, providing for the complete turnover of control of the waterway to Panama on the last day of 1999.

In 1983, 63 people, including 17 Americans, were killed at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, by a suicide bomber.

In 2002, police arrested actor Robert Blake in the shooting death of his wife, Bonny Lee Bakley, nearly a year earlier (Blake was acquitted at his criminal trial but found liable in a civil trial).

In 2015, a ship believed to be carrying more than 800 migrants from Africa sank in the Mediterranean off Libya; only about 30 people were rescued.

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Health



HEALTH TIP

■ **Brush your tongue:** Your tongue can harbor bacteria in your mouth, which can spread to your teeth, increasing your risk of decay. You can brush your tongue with your toothbrush, or even buy a special tongue brusher.
Source: www.goodhousekeeping.com

Health tips from Dr. Mike Roizen

Tick, tick, ick!

Around 59 million Americans participated in hiking activities in 2021, in part because fresh air, exercise, and beautiful scenery helped shake off COVID-19 angst.

But to truly enjoy the outdoors, you need to protect yourself from tick bites. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says that around 300,000 cases of Lyme disease are caused by tick bites annually, accounting for 86 percent of reported cases of tick-transmitted illness. Untreated, Lyme disease can lead to chronic fatigue and arthritis, neurological problems,



Dr. Mike Roizen

heart palpitations, and shooting pain. Another tick-borne illness is alpha-gal syndrome. The American Gastroenterological Association has just released clinical guidance to help doctors and patients figure out if unexplained digestive symptoms, such as abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting, come from this infection, which triggers an allergy to eating meat from mammals, as well as mammal-derived products such as dairy. A blood test can identify immunoglobulin E antibodies to alpha-gal. Relief comes from not eating those foods — which I advise

everybody to do anyway in order to live younger longer. There's also an alert out about the tick-borne illness babesiosis, caused by the same tick that transmits Lyme disease. Early symptoms include fever, chills, sweats, headache, body aches, loss of appetite, nausea and hemolytic anemia. For protection from tick bites, hike on cleared trails; wear socks, long pants and long sleeves; use tick-repellent DEET. When heading indoors, check your body for ticks and remove them with sharp tweezers. Save the critter in a pill bottle and if you develop symptoms, see a doctor (with your captured tick) for treatment pronto. Mike Roizen, M.D. is Chief Wellness Officer and Chair of Wellness Institute at Cleveland Clinic.

Taylor

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the foundations of his colorful neo-classic style of tattooing, complete with dark outlines and colorful shading techniques.

"She would come in the mornings when I was getting ready for school, and she had these little flowers that she would sit and draw," Taylor said. "She also did like sculpting clay figurines, and she would paint. I spent so much of my late elementary and middle school years watching her draw and everything."

Taylor at first struggled to find a place to take him as an apprentice, which is legally required to be a professional tattoo artist in Mississippi. Without the apprenticeship, he began tattooing illegally out of his home to make money.

In the tattoo industry, completing an apprenticeship takes at least nine months and can be costly.

For an artist to be taken under a shop's wing, a prospect must be well-known, or the student can pay for the education and equipment through the shop. Taylor first tried in Tupelo but was

quickly turned off by the price tag.

"They wanted \$5,000 upfront, and I had to buy all my needles, machines, inks and everything," he said. "I was 18, fresh out of high school. Where do you get \$5,000 at that point? I couldn't afford it."

Taylor stopped tattooing in 2007, after realizing how dangerous it was to be an artist without a license, which he said undercut the hard work of others who put in the time and effort to tattoo legally.

"I wanted to do it the right way," he said. "It really was thrown back in my face, just how wrong that was, and how dangerous something like that can be. It was enough that I didn't want to feel that way anymore."

Taylor waited 13 years before picking up a tattoo gun again. In 2020, he connected with artists at Dark Water Tattoo in downtown Columbus and finally had the means to start this apprenticeship, which he completed later that year.

"All those years later, I got the opportunity to do

it the right way," he said. "Having a mentor was huge for me in building that foundation."

Taylor worked at Dark Water for two years. In that time, he built up his skills with neo-classical tattoo styles, combining the classic rich, dark, pronounced lines of the American traditional tattoo technique with colorful reds, blues, greens and purple shadings of a more modern style.

Last fall, though, he left the chair in Columbus to join a team of artists at Pale Horse Tattoo in Pontotoc, learning the business side of his profession and developing his shop ideas.

Taylor returned to Columbus in February when he opened Tatt2d Voodoo near the Mississippi University for Women campus.

"There is nothing better than owning your own shop," he said. "There is a lot of responsibility, and you don't have managers to come in and fix things for you. There's a lot of responsibility that comes with it, but there's so much more freedom in

Two arrests made after gunfire at KFC

DISPATCH STAFF REPORT

STARKVILLE — Two teenagers were arrested after a gun went off at KFC on Highway 12.

Jordyn Barrett, 18, and a 16-year-old male were arrested on Saturday afternoon at 127A Highway 12 W.

Barrett and the other teen were physically fighting in the parking lot outside



Barrett

of the KFC when the 16-year-old allegedly drew a gun. The teenagers started fighting over the gun until it went off, a Starkville Police department press release said. There were only minor physical injuries from the fight, said Brandon Lovelady, public information officer with the police department.

Barrett has been charged with simple assault. The 16-year-old male, who is being referred to youth court, was charged with simple assault and possession of a firearm by a minor.

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OLE MISS BASEBALL

Ole Miss still looking for answers following series loss to Mississippi State

Rebels are now an SEC-worst 3-12

BY MICHAEL KATZ
Northeast Mississippi Daily
Journal

OXFORD — On Saturday night, Mississippi State had Dakota Jordan. On Sunday afternoon, Mississippi State had Hunter Hines.

While Ole Miss had players step up at various points in a series loss to the archrival Bulldogs this weekend, their heroic moments didn't happen at the games' most decisive junctures. Mississippi State's did.

And, because of that, the Rebels are still searching for their first SEC series win in 2023 as they start the second

half of conference play.

Ole Miss won the opener in Starkville 3-2 Friday night with stellar performances from junior starter Jack Dougherty and senior reliever Mitch Murrell, who combined to give up just three hits. The Rebels were walked off Saturday by Jordan, and on Sunday Hines broke a 3-3 tie in the seventh with a go-ahead two-run home run.

Ole Miss (20-16, 3-12 SEC) faces Arkansas State (12-20, 3-10 Sun Belt) in Jonesboro, Arkansas Tuesday at 6 p.m. before starting a three-game series at Swayze Field with No. 1 LSU Fri-

day. Tuesday's game will be broadcast on ESPN+. The Rebels defeated the Red Wolves 11-3 in their February meeting in Oxford.

"We competed so hard this weekend, but that doesn't win you the game, (it) just puts you sometimes in positions to win the game. We just didn't make the plays, make the pitches to win the game. At some point, somebody's got to be the star," Ole Miss coach Mike Bianco said. "... In these close games in the Southeastern Conference or a rivalry game, somebody's got to make the big play or get the big hit. And, in the last two days, they got more of those than we did."

In Saturday's game, the Rebels trailed in the ninth but scored two runs to take a 7-6 lead on a double from junior shortstop Jacob Gonzalez and a single from senior first baseman Anthony Calarco. Things spiraled in the bottom of the inning on the mound, however, as Rebels pitching loaded the bases via three walks. Jordan took advantage with a game-winning, two-run single.

The Rebels trailed 3-0 Sunday afternoon but tied the game in the top of the seventh. Hines then played the part of hero for the Bulldogs, and Ole Miss wasn't able to make any magic of its own in the eighth or

See **OLE MISS**, 2B



Kiana Dale/Ole Miss athletics

Ole Miss baseball is in a tough spot after losing two of three to Mississippi State over the weekend in Starkville. The Rebels are now 20-16 overall, but more importantly, 3-12 in Southeastern Conference play.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BASEBALL

The 'Father of SEC baseball' is emblazoned in bronze

Statue unveiled of longtime Bulldog head coach Polk

BY ALEX MURPHY
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STARKVILLE — It was a process that took nearly a year to finish, and an honor that seemed like it was years in the making, all for a reveal that took seconds.

On Friday afternoon, former teammates, coaches, current administration and hundreds of Mississippi State fans gathered outside Adkerson Plaza at Dudy Noble Field for the unveiling of a statue honoring former Bulldog head coach Ron Polk.

Known as the "Father of Southeastern Conference Baseball," Polk won more than 1,100 games with the Bulldogs, taking them to six College World Series in Omaha, and Friday ended the wait as he became the third person to have a statue erected outside of The Dude.

"When John Cohen told me about a year ago that people recommend that we do that, I said, 'Alright, if you feel like you want to do it, I'll be happy to accept,'" Polk said. "It's been a year in the making, taking measurements with Rusty Reid. It's been a long time. We had 111 of my former players, and probably 150 that called, texted or wrote. We had guys from West Virginia, California, Arizona, Colorado, New Jersey. That means more to me than the statue."

Bulldog legends were in attendance, including Will Clark and Rafael Palmeiro, "Thunder and Lightning" the recipients of the two statues that sit at the entrance to The Dude.

During his speech, Polk pulled out one-liners that induced more than a few laughs from the crowd, including a fake congratulations letter from the NCAA.

With such a busy day on Friday, Polk put fans and players first, setting aside time

See **POLK**, 2B

MISSISSIPPI STATE BASEBALL

Young Bulldogs pick up momentum with dramatic Ole Miss series win



Will Porada/Mississippi State athletics

Mississippi State outfielder Dakota Jordan (42) celebrates with fans atop the right field wall at Dudy Noble Field after his walk-off single on Saturday, capping off an 8-7 win in front of a record crowd.

BY COLIN DAMMS
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STARKVILLE — Super Bulldog Weekend is one of the biggest parties of the year in Starkville, and Saturday night was its pinnacle.

Mississippi State freshman Dakota Jordan hit a walk-off two-RBI single to beat Ole Miss 8-7 in front of an NCAA record crowd of 16,423 at Dudy Noble Field.

The win was followed by a Brett Elderdredge concert and fireworks show, but even with the city-wide party there wasn't much of a Saturday hangover as MSU clinched its second straight Southeastern Conference series in a 5-3 win.

"You're almost trying to bring them down," Bulldog head coach Chris Lemonis said of the excitement and the occasion. "We made sure they knew the level of importance of the game. I was telling them 'I'm never going to tell you this is just like any other game.' We talk about the importance of it, but really trying to get them calm and able to play relaxed and aggressive. That's been the mindset all week."

The Bulldogs (22-15, 5-10 SEC) were once again led by their young core. Freshman starter Jurrangelo Cijntje pitched 5.2 innings, allowing just one run and three hits while striking out sev-

en Ole Miss batters in the process.

Cijntje's pitching was paired nicely with the offensive production of Hunter Hines and Jordan. Hines hit a home run in each game of the series, and now has 17 on the year, while Jordan totaled six RBIs. The pair were responsible for each of the team's home run scores on Sunday, with Hines' seventh inning bomb being the difference on the day.

The big weekend from the young players isn't a flash in the pan either. Five of the team's top 10 RBI hitters are underclassmen, and Jordan and Hines lead the regular order in batting average with .348 and .336,

respectively.

The youngsters have stepped up, and Lemonis' trust in them is paying dividends.

"We're probably one of the younger teams in the league, but those kids are not young anymore," Lemonis said of the young core. "After this weekend, what else could Dakota play in but a Super Regional? Those kids are learning and getting better every day."

In terms of the season, Lemonis knew winning the series was the most important thing, but the momentum of beating their rivals was galvanizing as well. The

See **BULLDOGS**, 2B

MISSISSIPPI STATE FOOTBALL

MSU's Cannon, Taylor hit transfer portal

17 Bulldogs have entered portal since December

BY JUSTIN FROMMER
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Mississippi State football's growing transfer portal list added two new names Monday afternoon when redshirt freshmen offensive linemen Jackson Cannon and Lucas Taylor

each announced over social media they would be leaving the program.

Cannon, from Forsyth, Georgia, was a former three-star in MSU's 2022 class. Taylor, another former three-star from Mobile, Alabama, was the Bulldogs' top-rated

lineman in the 2022 class (No. 464 nationally) by 247sports.

Neither played last season and will have four years of eligibility going forward.

Cannon and Taylor became the 16th and 17th addition to the portal from MSU's program since the beginning of December, joining: OL Reed Buys (South Ala-

bama), WR Rara Thomas (Georgia), RB Ke'Travian Hargrove (Memphis), RB Dillon Johnson (Washington), WR Christian Ford (Appalachian State), QB Daniel Greek (Tarleton State), OL Carson Williams (uncommitted), P Archer Trafford (uncommitted), OL Gabe Cavazos (Southern Miss), S Dylan Lawrence (Southern Miss), QB Braedyn Locke

(Wisconsin), QB Sawyer Robinson (Baylor), DL Jevon Banks (Kansas State), WR Marquez Dortch (uncommitted) and CB William Hardrick (uncommitted).

The Bulldogs have also added seven players from the portal during that span, including: DB Khamauri Rogers (Miami FL), P Andrew Osteen (UCF), DB Ray'Darious

Jones (LSU), DB Christopher Keys (Indiana), DB Kobi Albert (Kentucky), QB Mike Wright (Vanderbilt) and WR Freddie Roberson (Eastern Washington).

The Bulldogs open the 2023 season, the first under head coach Zach Arnett, on Sept. 2 against Southeastern Louisiana at Davis Wade Stadium.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BASEBALL

Weekend hero named SEC Freshman of the Week

Jordan brings 12-game hitting streak into Auburn series

BY JUSTIN FROMMER
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Dakota Jordan's baseball heroics have garnered him conference recognition.

Jordan, Mississippi State baseball's left fielder, was named SEC

Freshman of the Week Monday afternoon after his monster series at the plate against Ole Miss during Super Bulldog Weekend, assisting the Bulldogs to their seventh consecutive series win over the Rebels.

Jordan, from Canton, recorded five hits against Ole Miss, including a bases-loaded, two-RBI walk-off single in Saturday's 8-7 comeback victory for MSU. In Sunday's 5-3 series clincher, he added a three-run home run, which was his sixth of the season.

Jordan also homered in Ole Miss's 3-2 series-opening win, as well

as in MSU's 7-3 win at the University of Alabama-Birmingham earlier in the week.

Jordan, now batting .348 on the year, brings a 12-game hitting streak into this weekend's critical road SEC series at Auburn (April 21-23), which sits tied in the West standings with the Bulldogs at 5-3.



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MISSISSIPPI STATE BASEBALL

Southern cancels mid-week game against MSU

Bulldogs next play Auburn on Friday

BY JUSTIN FROMMER
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Mississippi State baseball will not have a non-conference game this week after Southern University has canceled Tuesday night's game at Dudy Noble Field,

according to a press release Monday morning.

The Jaguars (11-19), of the Southwest Athletic Conference, will instead play a double-header against conference foe Texas Southern, after having two games can-

celed over the weekend.

MSU (22-15) has already played one SWAC team this season, beating Grambling, 21-2, in seven innings, on April 4. The Bulldogs, winners of their last two SEC series against Alabama and Ole Miss during Super Bulldog Weekend, will return to action Fri-

day, beginning a pivotal three-game series at Auburn.

The Tigers (20-15-1) are tied with MSU at 5-10 in the SEC West standings after dropping two of three at Alabama last weekend, and will play Samford during their Tuesday non-conference matchup.

Ole Miss

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ninth. The Rebels had no baserunners in the final two innings.

Ole Miss relievers surrendered six earned runs over 5.1 innings in the final two games of the series. The Rebels' starters — Dougherty, junior Xavier Rivas and freshman J.T. Quinn — each pitched at least 5.1 innings in their respective starts and gave up a combined eight earned runs.

"When you lose close games, it's tough. I think

I looked before today, we had 11 losses (in SEC play) and five losses out of the bullpen. ... We have to be better. There's enough blame to go around, believe me," Bianco said. "I thought Murrell pitched his heart out this weekend, 37 pitches to get the win on Friday night and then come back on a day's rest and then pitch like that today (Sunday) and, again, give us a chance, keep it close. But we

have to be better all the way around."

Quotable

"The only way to get those moments and those pitches and those things is to compete like we did today. Unfortunately, we're not getting the results yet. But you have to continue to compete like that." — Mike Bianco

Rebel Ramblings

Ole Miss has the worst

conference win-loss record (3-12) in either the SEC East or West divisions this season ... The Rebels' next weekend opponent, LSU, lead the nation in scoring at 10.4 runs per game. Star outfielder Dylan Crews leads the nation with a .500 batting average and has nine home runs and 37 RBIs. Third baseman Tommy White is tied for first nationally with 62 RBIs.

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Longtime Mississippi State head coach Ron Polk (center) poses with his bronze statue that was unveiled prior to the Bulldogs' series opener against Ole Miss on Friday afternoon. Polk won over 1,100 games with Mississippi State, reaching the College World Series six times.

Polk

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during the entirety of Super Bulldog Weekend to shake hands of players and take photos with fans in front of the statue.

"Everyone who looked at it said it really looks like me," Polk said. "As (many) measurements as I did with Rusty, he measured every part of my body ... I thought the ceremony went well. All of the people there, Dr. (Mark) Keenum, Zac (Selmon)

and Joey Hamilton representing the players and Jim Ellis and Rusty. We tried to keep it to an hour."

Reid was the sculptor for both Clark's and Palmeiro's statues, so it was only fitting for him to come back to Starkville and sculpt Polk's statue.

Stories were shared about the thousands of Christmas cards he sends to former players, friends

and family, a process that starts in the summer.

Hamilton spoke about his time as a player, the life lessons that Polk taught him. It was the players who were the most important part to Polk.

"This statue reflects on every one of you guys that are here today and those who cannot be here," Polk said.

Bulldogs

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Bulldogs haven't lost an SEC series to Ole Miss since 2015 and kept the streak alive to help keep their postseason hopes alive.

The series win took MSU out of the SEC cellar

and into the 12-team conference tournament picture, at least for now. The Bulldogs are tied for fifth in the SEC West with Auburn, which they will face on the road this weekend. "We put ourselves in

a hole. We don't have any weeks off anymore," Lemonis said on Sunday. "We have to be ready and go, but we can't think about the past either. They understand that and they're just having fun right now."

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Three-star tight end from Alabama commits to Mississippi State football

BY ALEX MURPHY
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Mississippi State football added another 2024 prospect to its recruiting class on Sunday with three-star tight end/defensive end Jay Lindsey committing to the Bulldogs.



Mississippi State Athletics Jay Lindsey, a tight end/defensive end from Butler, Alabama, committed to play football at Mississippi State on Sunday.

Lindsey, the 6-5, 235-pound Butler, Alabama, native and current student at Patrician Academy, is the No. 62 tight end in the 2024 class and the No. 61 player in Alabama.

"First and foremost, I want to thank God for blessing me with the opportunity to play football at the next level," Lindsey posted on Twitter on Sunday. "I also want to thank my parents, coaches and friends for supporting me through the years. Without them, none of this would be possible."
 Lindsey picked the Bull-

dogs over Troy, Southern Miss, Vanderbilt and UAB, among other programs.

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DEAR ABBY: My "Uncle Fred" is rude and obnoxious whenever we're in his presence. He talks down to not only me, but everyone around him. Holidays are unbearable as he creates constant tension, leaving all guests less than enthused. He also drinks too much at parties, which leads to obscenities and poor decision-making.



Dear Abby

It would be very easy to just stop being in his presence if not for my darling "Auntie June," who is kind to us all and always insists on hosting her family for holidays. Even after numerous attempts by family members who have all voiced their displeasure with Uncle Fred, Auntie June seems to be helpless in dealing with his unruly behavior.

How do we move forward without hurting our dear sweet auntie by telling her we no longer wish to spend holidays together?
 — ENOUGH ALREADY IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR ENOUGH: You have suffered enough. A way to deal with it would be to put it "a tad"

less bluntly. Say, "Auntie, we love you, which is why we have tolerated Uncle Fred's drinking and rude behavior as long as we have. But we have reached our limit. From now on, other family members will alternate hosting these gatherings, and if Uncle Fred acts up during any of them, he will have to leave." It would be better than walking out of Auntie's home and leaving her with food she has prepared and no one to eat it.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my early 30s, married and juggling a full-time job and caring for my children, ages 3 and 6. I live in an affluent area where people have more free time than most. When I'm able to squeeze time in for a playdate with local mom friends, I find it annoying when they bring their husbands.

I'm all for double dates, but I feel like a third wheel when they bring their spouses along for playdates. A handful of women do this at every single get-together with the kids. Their husbands don't need to work as much as

mine does. I crave being able to talk freely with other mothers. Even if my husband were available, he wouldn't want to join, and I wouldn't want him to, either.

When I invite a woman and her kids to my home, I end up having her husband show up at my door, too. I feel like I'm entertaining their whole family instead of just a simple playdate. Would it be appropriate to tell these moms to leave their husbands at home during our playdates? If so, how do I go about this politely?
 — CROWDED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CROWDED: There is a difference between a family playdate and a mom's playdate. In the latter, the women usually let their hair down and discuss subjects they might not mention in mixed company. I do not think it would be rude to tell these moms that you prefer they leave their husbands at home.

DEAR ABBY: I am 68 years old. I have a Gator gas scooter, which I love to ride. My sons think I am too old to be riding it. They think I should sell it. Am I too old to ride a scooter?
 — UNSURE IN TENNESSEE

DEAR UNSURE: Let me put it this way: Accidents happen and many have nothing to do with age. Google George Clooney, Simon Cowell and Jay Leno, and then make up your mind.

Horoscopes

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 18). Bravado is your birthright, and you'll apply your courage to implementing changes in your world. You'll live in such a way that makes judging others unnecessary; you're too busy making your own experience stellar. New agreements bring harmony and money to your realm. More highlights: You'll compete and take home a prize; physical vitality increases; you'll be lavished in attention from the people you most want to receive it from. Virgo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are 3, 22, 19, 7 and 10.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). For a good part of the day, it feels as though you are swimming in a pool of intense, focused energy. One might think such an exercise would be tiring, but somehow in the end you'll have more energy than you started with.

Daily Bridge Club

Unskilled play
 By FRANK STEWART
 Tribune Content Agency

"My partner says he's a self-made player," a club member told me. "He says he has never read a bridge book. He relies on intuition."
 My friend said his partner's seat-of-the-pants style didn't work when he was today's declarer. At 3NT, he took the queen of spades and led a club to finesse with dummy's queen.

"East took the king and returned a spade," I was told. "My partner won, took the ace of clubs and led a third club. East got the jack and nine, and when hearts broke badly, partner took only eight tricks. What do you think of my 'self-made' partner?"

"I would have to say he's a product of unskilled labor," I shrugged.

ANSWER: Your partner's cue bid suggests a huge hand, probably with club support and a "control" in spades. Your hand couldn't be any stronger, else you would have bid more than two clubs. Slam is likely. Bid four clubs. A typical hand for partner might be A, A Q 3 2, A K 7, K 10 9 6 3.

South dealer
 N-S vulnerable

NORTH
 ♠ 8 4 2
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ K 6 4
 ♣ 6 4 3
 ♠ A Q 5 2

WEST
 ♠ J 10 9 7 5
 ♥ 8
 ♦ Q 9 8 5 2
 ♣ 8 4

EAST
 ♠ 6 3
 ♥ Q J 10 9 3
 ♦ J 10
 ♣ K J 9 6

SOUTH
 ♠ A K Q
 ♥ A 7 5 2
 ♦ A K 7
 ♣ 10 7 3

BEST CHANCE
 Correctly handling single suit combinations is a learned skill for most players. South's best chance for a second club trick is to take the ace and lead low toward his ten.

As the cards lie, he wins two club tricks easily. If West had the jack, South would lead toward dummy's queen later, winning if West had the king or clubs broke 3-3.

DAILY QUESTION
 You hold: ♠ 8 4 2 ♥ K 6 4 ♦ 6 4 3 ♣ A Q 3 2. The dealer, at your left, opens one spade. Your partner doubles, you respond

South 2NT West Pass North 3NT East All Pass
 Opening lead — ♠ J

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WORD WARP
 by Bill Biggar and Tom Gauer

4/18/23
 Find the word held in common by the three words in each puzzle. The three solution words will form a fourth puzzle. The numbers indicate each answer's length, and the + tells you its position.

Example: The solution to +FLOWER, WAILING+ and BERLIN+ is WALL.

+mode
 +helicopter
 +dog

6

carpet+
 slow+
 cigarette+

4

puppet+
 purse+
 guitar+

7

FINAL ANSWER 5

ANSWERS (TOP TO BOTTOM): ATTACK, BURN, STRINGS, HEART

WHAT'IT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.



That's a big IF
 SOLUTION

Education

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY HORTICULTURE CLUB VISITS HENDERSON WARD STEWART



Courtesy photos/Starkville-Oktibbeha Consolidated School District
 Club members brought plants and helped students plant them in the school garden. PEAK students learned about various jobs they can pursue with a college degree in horticulture.

CALEDONIA HIGH SCHOOL STAR STUDENT



Courtesy photo

Amelia Hurt, right, poses for a picture with Beth Holloman, left. Hurt was named Caledonia High School's 2022-2023 STAR student by the Mississippi Economic Council M.B. Swayze Foundation. STAR students are seniors with the highest ACT score and excellent scholastic averages in their high schools. Each STAR student is asked to select a STAR teacher: the one who has had the greatest contribution to the student's scholastic achievement. Hurt chose Holloman, who teaches dual credit English composition courses.

New Hope Middle teacher awarded scholarship for doctorate

MISSISSIPPI PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

Monica Grady, a mathematics teacher at New Hope Middle School, recently received a \$1,000 graduate scholarship from the Mississippi Professional Educators, of which she has been a member since 2013.

ident of Columbus, earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi University for Women, her Master of Science degree from Mississippi State University and her specialist degree in educational leadership from



Grady

Arkansas State University. She is currently pursuing a doctorate degree in education, curriculum and instruction at Delta State University.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF LOWNDES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ESTATE OF ELIZABETH ANN WILKINS, DECEASED

DEBRA ANN WILKINS JONES, EXECUTRIX

NO. 2023-0075

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the Estate of ELIZABETH ANN WILKINS, Deceased, are required to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Lowndes County, Mississippi; that Letters Testamentary were granted to the undersigned DEBRA ANN WILKINS JONES, by the Chancery Court of Lowndes County, Mississippi in Cause No. 2023-0075, on the 6th day of April, 2023; that a failure to probate and register such claims with the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Lowndes County, Mississippi for ninety (90) days, from the first publication hereof, will bar such claims.

Witness my signature on this the 30th day of March, 2023.

/s/ Debra Ann Wilkins Jone
DEBRA ANN WILKINS JONES, Executrix of the Estate of ELIZABETH ANN WILKINS

PUBLISH: 4/11, 4/18 & 4/25/2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF LOWNDES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BETTY RUTH RICHARDSON MONTGOMERY, DECEASED

DEE ANNE HARMOND, EXECUTRIX

CAUSE NO.: 2023-0060-PDE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

LOWNDES COUNTY

Letters Testamentary have been granted and issued to the undersigned upon the estate of BETTY RUTH RICHARDSON MONTGOMERY, deceased, by the Chancery Court of Lowndes County, Mississippi, on the 14th day of April A.D., 2023. This is to give notice to all persons having claims against said estate to Probate and Register same with the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, Miss-

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issippi, within ninety (90) days from this date. A failure to so Probate and Register said claim will forever bar the same.

This the 14th day of April, 2023.

/s/Dee Anne Harmond
DEE ANNE HARMOND

PUBLISH: 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2/2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF LOWNDES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ETTA COOK, DECEASED

CAUSE NO.: 2022-0223-PDE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

Letters Testamentary have been granted and issued to the undersigned upon of the Estate of MARY ETTA COOK, deceased, by the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, Mississippi, on the 21st day of March, 2023. This is to give notice to all persons having claims against said estate to Probate and Register same with the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from this date. A failure to so Probate and Register said claim will forever bar the same.

THIS the 27th day of March, 2023.

/s/ Jason Cook
JASON COOK, Executor of the Estate of MARY ETTA COOK, Deceased

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF LOWNDES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA W. PERRY, DECEASED

THOMAS H. PERRY, JR., PETITIONER

CAUSE NO. 2023-0074-RPF

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

Letters Testamentary have been granted and issued to the undersigned upon the Estate of Patricia W. Perry, deceased, by the Chancery Court of Lowndes County, Mississippi, on the 29th day of March 2023. This is to give notice to all persons having a claim against said estate to Probate and Register same with the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the first publication date of this Notice to Creditors. A failure to so Probate and Register a claim will forever bar that claim.

This the 31st day of March 2023.

/s/ Thomas H. Perry, Jr.
THOMAS H. PERRY, JR., Executor

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF LOWNDES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FANNIE L. HARRIS, DECEASED

JENNIFER HARRIS-BROWN, ADMINISTRATOR

NO. 2023-0069-JNS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration have been granted and issued to Jennifer Harris-Brown, Administrator of the Estate of Fannie L. Harris, deceased, by the Chancery Court of Lowndes County, Mississippi, on the 4th day of April, 2023. This is to give notice to all persons having claims against said estate to Probate and Register same with the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from this date. A failure to so Probate and Register said claim will forever bar the same.

THIS the 5th day of April, 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Harris-Brown, Administrator

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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, 413 Properties, LLC executed a certain Deed of Trust to Timothy L. Gowan, as Trustee, for the use and benefit of Bankfirst Financial Services, dated April 29, 2016 for the principal amount of \$86,274.92, filed for record in the Land Records located in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, Mississippi on May 19, 2016, and recorded in said office in Book 2016 at Page 10610; and

WHEREAS, default under the referenced Deed of Trust is continuing, the undersigned, Bankfirst Financial Services, as current and present owner of said Deed of Trust, has elected to declare the entire indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust due and payable as provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust authorized the appointment and substitution of another Trustee in the place of the Trustee named in said Deed of Trust, and Bankfirst Financial Services, pursuant to said Deed of Trust, substituted James P. Wilson, Jr. as Trustee in the place of the original Trustee, by written instrument dated March 22, 2023, and filed for record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, Mississippi, on March 27, 2023, and recorded in said office in Book 2023 at Page 6021; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set out in the above described Deed of Trust and the said Substituted Trustee having

been requested and directed by Bankfirst Financial Services to execute the trust; and in strict accordance with the Deed of Trust aforesaid and the Laws of Sale of the State of Mississippi, the dates for publication of this Substitute Trustee's Notice of Sale in The Commercial Dispatch, a newspaper published in the City of Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi, having been set at the following, to wit: April 11, 2023; April 18, 2023; April 25, 2023; and May 2, 2023. Notice is hereby given that I will, on May 3, 2023, during the legal hours, which are between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the main front door of the Lowndes County Courthouse in the City of Columbus, Mississippi, offer for sale, at public auction and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described real property lying and being in Lowndes County, State of Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

That part of Lot No. 5 of Block or Square No. 1 in Park Place Addition (1907) in and according to the plan of the City of Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi, as per map or plat thereof now on file in Subdivision Plat Book 1, page 31, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, Mississippi:

100 feet off the entire North end of said Lot 5 and further described as beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot No. 5; thence run South along the West boundary of Lot No. 5 100 feet; thence run East 50 feet to East boundary of Lot No. 5; thence run North along East boundary of Lot 5 100 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 5; thence West along North boundary of Lot 5 for a distance of 50 feet to the point of beginning.

Index: part of Lot No. 5 of Block or Square No. 1 in Park Place Addition (1907) Title to the above-described property is believed to be good but I will convey only such title as vested in me as Substitute Trustee, without warranty of any kind whatsoever.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the 5th day of April, 2023.

/s/ James P. Wilson, Jr.
JAMES P. WILSON, JR.
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF LOWNDES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: THE MATTER OF: O.A.R.A., UNMARRIED MINOR

SELVIN AVILA TORRES PETITIONER

V.

ORLIN JOEL RAMOS AXUME RESPONDENTS SANTOS ELIDA AVILA TORRES

CAUSE NO. 22-147

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

SELVIN AVILA TORRES TO: SANTOS ELIDA AVILA TORRES Whereabouts unknown

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by SELVIN AVILA TORRES, Petitioner, seeking guardianship of your child, O.A.R.A., a fourteen (14) year-old male.

YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and defend against said Complaint at 9:30 AM on the 23rd day of May 2023, in the courtroom of the Chancery Court of Lowndes County, at the Courthouse located at 515 2nd Ave N, Columbus, MS 39701 and in case of your failing to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or things demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, on this the 31 day of March, 2023.

(SEAL)

LOWNDES COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK, COLUMBUS, MS

BY: Tina Fisher D.C.

PUBLISH: 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2/2023

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WHEREAS, default under the referenced Deed of Trust is continuing, the undersigned, Bankfirst Financial Services, as current and present owner of said Deed of Trust, has elected to declare the entire indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust due and payable as provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust authorized the appointment and substitution of another Trustee in the place of the Trustee named in said Deed of Trust, and Bankfirst Financial Services, pursuant to said Deed of Trust, substituted James P. Wilson, Jr. as Trustee in the place of the original Trustee, by written instrument dated March 22, 2023, and filed for record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, Mississippi, on March 27, 2023, and recorded in said office in Book 2023 at Page 6023; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set out in the above described Deed of Trust and the said Substituted Trustee having been requested and directed by Bankfirst Financial Services to execute the trust; and in strict accordance with the Deed of Trust aforesaid and the Laws of Sale of the State of Mississippi, the dates for publication of this Substitute Trustee's Notice of Sale in The Commercial Dispatch, a newspaper published in the City of Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi, having been set at the following, to wit: April 4, 2023; April 11, 2023; April 18, 2023; and April 25, 2023. Notice is hereby given that I will,

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on April 26, 2023, during the legal hours, which are between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the main front door of the Lowndes County Courthouse in the City of Columbus, Mississippi, offer for sale, at public auction and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described real property lying and being in Lowndes County, State of Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

That part of Square 76 North of Main Street in the City of Columbus, Mississippi, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot Number 6 in said square and running thence West parallel with the North side of said Square 132 feet, running North parallel with the East side of said square 35 feet, running thence East parallel with the North side of said Square 66 feet, running North parallel with the East side of said Square 25 feet, running thence East parallel with the North side of said square 66 feet to the East side of said square, and thence running South along the East side of said square 60 feet to the point of beginning, all being in Square 76, North of Main Street in the City of Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi.

Said being leasehold property leased from the Mayor and City Council of said city, as successors in office to the Trustees of Franklin Academy for a period of 99 years from August 1, 1920, renewable forever.

Index: Square 76 North of Main Street Title to the above-described property is believed to be good but I will convey only such title as vested in me as Substitute Trustee, without warranty of any kind whatsoever.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the 30th day of March, 2023.

/s/ James P. Wilson, Jr.
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	2						7	3	
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7			3			5	4		
2	8	4				7	3	1	9

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- 1 Forgoes food
- 6 Christmas song
- 11 Improvised
- 12 Supreme Court justice
- 13 National park in California
- 15 Shade tree
- 16 "My country — of thee"
- 17 Pub pint
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