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DSU Strengthens Research Options

Gains access to $1 billion DOE facility

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Delta State University has strengthened its research capabilities through a new agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL). The agreement grants DSU access to the Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory (EMSL), a billion-dollar national user facility that supports advanced research in biology, chemistry, and environmental science.

Through this partnership, Delta State joins an elite network of institutions conducting research with EMSL's advanced instrumentation and data-science capabilities, including cryogenic electron microscopy (cryo-EM), mass spectrometry, and high-performance computing. The collaboration marks a major expansion of DSU's research infrastructure, placing it on par with

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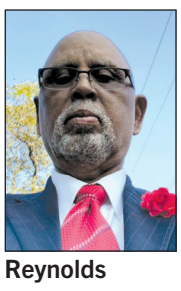
The U.S. Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Washington has entered into a new agreement with Delta State University to provide access to cutting-edge research technology.

Jimmy Reynolds

Shelby resident pays it forward

BY VENNESHA PRICE
The Bolivar Bullet

Jimmy Reynolds, who will soon celebrate his 81st birthday, has lived a life shaped by routine, responsibility, and public education. For decades, his days have centered on schools, students, and the steady work that happens behind the scenes to keep systems moving. His experience reflects nearly a century of learning, teaching, and service across Mississippi's public school system.



Reynolds

Reynolds has spent nearly all of his life in Shelby, where he was raised and educated. His roots in the community are closely tied to Broad Street High School, a former Shelby institution that later became part of a district consolidation.

"I've been in Shelby most of my life, except maybe two or three years," said Reynolds.

After graduating from Broad Street High School, Reynolds continued his education at Coahoma Community College before attending Mississippi Valley State University. He later completed additional coursework at Jackson State University, Mississippi State University and Southern Miss, building the academic background that supported his career in education. His educational accolades would later help him build the groundwork that spanned over 40 years in teaching.

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WINNER



WORD WIZ: Congratulations to Jessie Sudduth for winning the Cleveland School District Spelling Bee. He will now compete in the regional competition.

Farmer Challenges

Entering a pivotal year for industry

BY ROBERT MCFARLAND, JR.
The Bolivar Bullet

As Southern agriculture heads into 2026, farmers across the region are preparing for another year shaped



by uncertainty, rising costs and rapid change. While producers have always adapted to shifting conditions, three major concerns stand out as especially critical for the year ahead: climate volatility, labor availability and financial pressure tied to markets and policy.

First, Climate volatility and extreme weather. Weather remains the single biggest variable for Southern farmers, and 2026 is expected to be no different. The region continues to experience wider swings between drought and heavy rainfall, often within the same growing season. Hurricanes and tropical storms threaten coastal and inland farms alike, while prolonged heat waves stress crops, livestock and farm workers. These conditions complicate planting schedules, increase disease and pest pressure, and make yields harder to predict. For many producers, adapting now means investing in improved

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Serving Bolivar County Community For 50 Years

Bolivar Auto Parts owner Dave Alford reflects on reaching milestone

BY JACK CRISS
The Bolivar Bullet

Some locally-owned businesses don't make it past the five-year mark after opening, let alone hit a half-century mark. But that's just what one Cleveland business has done recently.

Bolivar Auto Parts President and Owner, Dave Alford, said he went to work at the store right away in the fall of the 1975 when his father, Theodore "Pete" Alford — a former timber contractor — decided to go into the parts business.

"My dad put me to work right away, getting the store ready by painting the floor and building shelves in a huge building that came available and where we still are, 401 N. Davis Avenue," said Alford. "Coming from the timber industry, Dad knew all about tools and parts and we were buying them all of the time," said Alford. "One day, he decided to open up his own parts store since he knew all about the business inside and out. When we started out, the highway was still divided — it's been that long ago. I was a high school freshman back then and I had a lot of work waiting for me when I got out of class!"

Ray Brewer was the store's first manager, said Alford, before Dave and his late brother, Ted —who passed in 2020 — took over the store in the mid-90s. Business really started to take off for the store around that time when a Stihl chain saw salesman came in the store one day and asked the two if they would like to become dealers.

"That's the best brand in the business, so of course we agreed," said Alford. "However, we had to obtain a $5000 initial order to seal the deal and, I have to tell you, that scared us to death! That was a lot of money back then. These days we spend that amount alone on

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Dave Alford

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Bolivar County Faces Ongoing Demographic Shift

Aging population and declining youth numbers

BY ROBERT MCFARLAND, JR.
The Bolivar Bullet

Once home to more than 40,000 residents at the turn of the century, Bolivar County's population has steadily declined over the past two decades and the age makeup of those who remain offers important clues about the future of the county.

According to the most recent data from the U.S. Census Bureau, the county's population was 30,985 at the 2020 census, but estimates show it has fallen further to about 28,395 in mid-2024 — a nearly 8.4% drop in just four years. At the same time, the share of residents under 18 stands at roughly 24.6%, while those 65 and older make up about 18.1% of the county's population.

The median age in Bolivar County is in the mid-to-late 30s — estimates place it around 36.6 years — slightly below the Mississippi and national figures. These numbers show a mixed demographic picture: while there is a substantial cohort of children and younger adults, a significant and growing share of older residents is part of the county's fabric.

Nationwide, rural counties are often seeing faster growth in their elderly populations as younger people leave in search of jobs, education, and broader opportunities and Bolivar is no exception.

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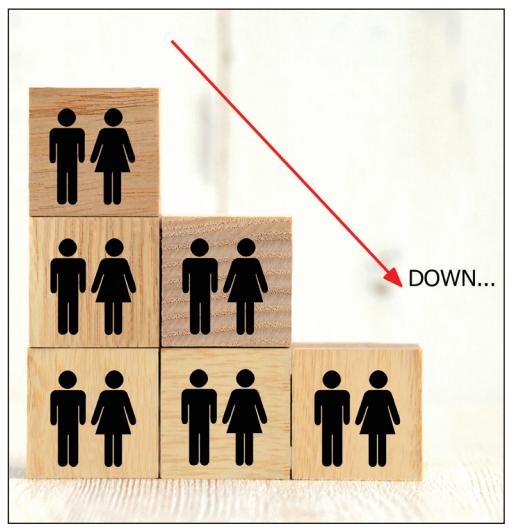

State Awarded Over $200 Million

To be used for rural healthcare

Special to *The Bolivar Bullet*

Governor Tate Reeves recently announced the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has awarded Mississippi $205,907,220 through the Rural Health Transformation Program to strengthen healthcare in rural communities throughout the state. The award is the result of the state of Mississippi submitting its plan in November 2025.


Reeves

Mississippi's plan, which was first announced by Governor Reeves, was developed with broad input from key stakeholders across the state. The plan is focused on improving healthcare and patient outcomes for Mississippians, strengthening the state's rural health workforce, and ensuring sustainable access to care for those who need it most. Additionally, when fully implemented, the goal of the plan is to ensure that by 2031, every rural Mississippian will have reliable access to high-quality healthcare services, both in-person and through telehealth, supporting increased access points and healthier communities across the state.

"This is another big win for Mississippi," said Reeves. "When we developed our plan, we worked with experts from across Mississippi. Together, we came up with a strategy that best serves Mississippians and makes the biggest impact on healthcare in rural communities throughout the state."

As Reeves previously announced, the Office of the Governor will lead the oversight and coordination of the Program. It will work closely with the Mississippi Department of Health, which houses the State Office of Rural Health, and the Mississippi Division of Medicaid, a division of the Office of the Governor.

Mississippi's plan is broken into six initiatives and designed to benefit residents across the state. The six initiatives are:

- Statewide Rural Health Assessment: Mississippi will engage a third-party to conduct a comprehensive statewide assessment of rural healthcare needs, both today and looking forward ten years.
- The Coordinated Regional Integrated Systems Initiative: This initiative is designed to transform rural healthcare delivery across the state by creating a connected, data-driven network of

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Childhood Vaccination Schedule Released

CCC aims to streamline and tailor immunizations



SCOTT NELSON
The Bolivar Bullet

The federal government, through the Centers for Disease Control, issued updated childhood vaccination schedules on January 5. Officials stated the move was designed to better align the schedules with other developed nations as well as responding to new scientific data which demonstrates safer and more effective vaccines and changes in disease prevalence.

Previously, all children would receive 18 vaccines throughout their early years. Now, the schedule is tailored to administer immunizations in three basic categories, those for healthy children, at risk children and vaccines to be used on a case by case basis, using shared decision making between parents and healthcare providers.

Specifically, the new schedule continues to recommend measles, mumps, rubella, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, HIB, pneumococcus, whooping cough and chickenpox for all children. However, only high risk children are advised to receive the RSV, Hepatitis A&B and meningitis vaccines. Lastly, flu, Covid 19 and rotavirus vaccines will be administered after shared decision making on a case by case basis between a child's parent or caregiver and their healthcare provider. The total number of vaccines administered to healthy children will decrease to 11.

Officials also stress the new vaccination schedule will remain covered by Medicare and all insurance providers. Continued accumulation of scientific evidence shows no evidence of increased risk for autism with the old schedule or the new tiered approach.

Some healthcare professionals are concerned the new schedule will cause confusion for providers and patients. However, a strong consensus exists that a complete immunization series for children is critical in order to promote healthy growth and prevent needless disease and suffering.

If you have further questions about the new vaccine schedule and what changes may be in store for your child, consult your family's primary or pediatric care provider.

Hyde-Smith Co-Introduces Broadband Legislation

To expand internet access in rural areas across the country

Special to *The Bolivar Bullet*

On January 14, U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), along with U.S. Senator Elissa Slotkin (D-Mich.), recently introduced bipartisan legislation to reauthorize a U.S. Department of Agriculture program that is instrumental in improving access to broadband service in Mississippi and the rest of rural America.

The Middle Mile for Rural America Act proposes a five-year (2026-2031) reauthorization of the middle-mile infrastructure program to help connect rural communities to high-speed internet.


Hyde-Smith


Slotkin

"If we're going to ensure reliable, high-speed broadband service to people in rural areas, we must look at the whole, which includes critical middle-mile projects," said Senator Hyde-Smith. "This is a small, but significant USDA program that fills a gap to help ensure reliable and affordable service for rural homes and businesses,""I expect this reauthorization to be approved so that electric cooperatives, like those in Mississippi, can continue their work to expand broadband service."

"High-speed internet isn't a luxury, it's a necessity," said Senator Slotkin. "By strengthening USDA support for targeted broadband projects, this bipartisan bill helps lower costs and bring reliable, high-speed internet to rural Michigan and communities across the country, so people can work, learn, and stay connected."

The 2018 Farm Bill expanded the authority of the USDA Rural Utilities Service to fund loans, loan guarantees, and grants for stand-alone middle-mile broadband projects, which previously could only be supported indirectly as part

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Being Prepared

As we went to press, an impending ice storm was approaching the area. Our hopes and prayers are that all turned out well and that everyone is safe. By the time you read this, we'll all know. However, it bears noting that our City leaders and public officials did outstanding work throughout Bolivar County getting information out to citizens and preparing for the worst. We want to thank them again for their tireless, and often thankless, efforts to keep people safe and notified during such weather events.

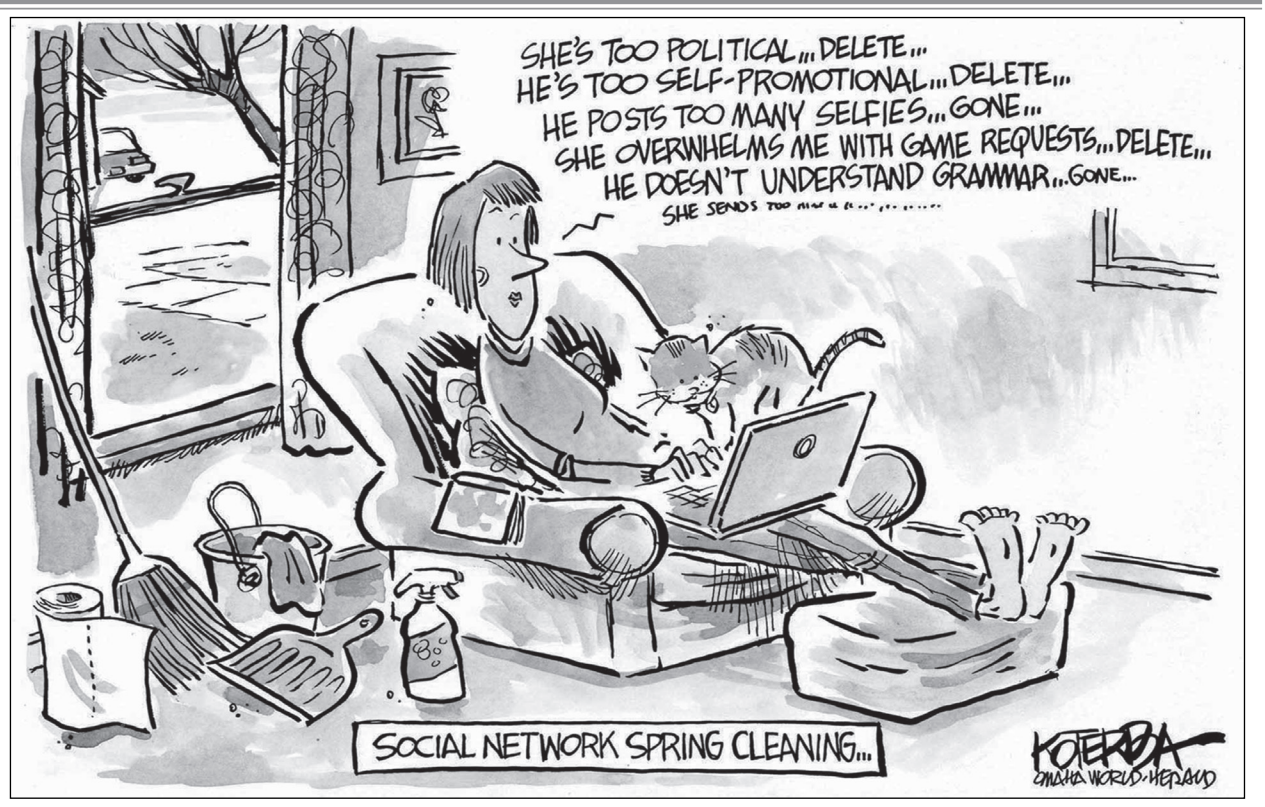
Education Freedom

The passage of HB 2 recently in the MS House of Representatives should be viewed as a positive gain for education in our state. Choice in education has been shown to improve all schools — and students — and certainly gives parents more rights in where and how their children should learn. We predict that, with this Bill passing, Mississippi will continue to make national headline-grabbing advances in education.

Bible Verse of the Week

"Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth day thereof; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which are from India unto Ethiopia, an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language."

— Esther 8:9



From the Publisher

Is the American Dream of Buying a Home Disappearing?

BY SCOTT COOPWOOD



Across Mississippi, owning a home still drives families to work hard, put down roots, and build a future. In a state where roughly three out of four households already own their homes—well above the national average—homeownership has long been a source of pride and stability. But, signs are emerging that this tradition may face growing challenges in the years ahead.

In recent years, Mississippi buyers have increasingly felt the squeeze. Median home prices statewide have climbed rapidly, approaching or exceeding $250,000 depending on the region and data source—a sharp increase from historic lows. At the same time, sales activity has tightened in many counties. Mortgage rates remain elevated compared with a decade ago, meaning monthly payments now consume a larger share of household budgets.

One factor receiving growing attention, not just in Mississippi but across the country, is the expanding role of institutional investment groups and large real estate firms. These buyers now account for a significant share of home purchases. Recent analyses show investors represent more than 15% of home-buying activity in Mississippi which well above the national average and at a level that can meaningfully influence competition, especially

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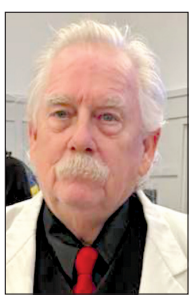
Guest Commentary

An Introduction to Delta Life In Rosedale

BY DAVID LUSH



It was a hot Saturday morning in Rosedale in August 1993 with the temperature already 95 degrees at 10:00 am.

Sitting in the driveway of our new home on Elizabeth Street was a moving van loaded with furniture and countless boxes to unload. It was just my wife and I, plus two children of Mary Jean's new boss at Delta State University where she was set to start teaching in three weeks.

The task ahead was daunting with just us four trying to unload such a huge truck.

As I was pondering the desperate situation, a tan Cadillac pulled up along the side of our house on Front Street whereupon a black gentleman wearing a pair of tan high water pants and a red fedora hat stepped out and greeted me.

First thing he said was, "Where's your help?"

I replied, "this is it what you see."

He grimaced and said, "This ain't gonna' do. As hot as it is right now you gonna' be keeled over dead by noon as big as your are!"

Not wanting to hear from this rude man, I asked, "And you are?"

"I am the Doctor, reverend J. Y. Trice, Mayor of the Delta City of Brotherly Love, Rosedale, Mississippi!" he replied.

I looked at his license tag which read, "MayorT."

He shook his head and said, "I'll be back," at which point he

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Letters to the Editor

Farewell Delta State

Dear Delta State and Cleveland,

I wanted to take this opportunity to say how grateful I am to have served as the Head Football Coach at Delta State over the last 13 years. Delta State took a chance on me, and I'll never forget that.

Coming to Cleveland was the best decision my wife Lisa and I ever made. We made friendships and relationships that will last us a lifetime. This community welcomed us with open arms and made us feel like we were home. That is what this makes this place special. The entire MS delta made it easy for me to want to work hard to make everyone proud of Statesmen Football.

I want to thank the people at Delta State who care about doing things the right way for the students. I am so excited about where this university is heading under the guidance and leadership of Dr. Dan Ennis. I want to personally thank Coach Ronnie Mayer and Coach Mike Kinnison for their leadership as the two athletic directors I worked under during my tenure. They had to put up with a lot of my mistakes, but they stuck with me and our staff.

I want to thank the alumni and devoted fans who would stay till the end at Parker-McCool Stadium win or lose. We created an environment where people wanted to come and see our young men play. The community of Cleveland went above and beyond to help our young men succeed. I have never worked at a place that had so much pride for their university and its football program.

To my wife Lisa, I want to say that I could not do anything without you. You have been by my side for 20 years on this journey. You have helped make me better while also helping make Delta State and Cleveland better. You are truly amazing. It is easy for anyone to see that I definitely outkicked my coverage.

To the coaches and players, I cannot express clearly enough what you have meant to me. We were able to win on and off the field. Together, we worked to graduate 245 student-athletes and we built better men. Truth is I definitely learned more from you than you did from me. I am so very proud of all that we were able to accomplish together.

I have told my players numerous times that when you take a job, you need to leave that job better than when you found it. There is no doubt in my mind that this is what we did here. This job is better today than it was back in 2013. We all worked together to do that. I am honored to have been the Head Football Coach at Delta State. Thank you.

Todd Cooley
Delta State University
Cleveland

OBITUARIES

MARY MIMS

Mary Mims, age 83, of Memphis (formerly of Winstonville), passed away on January 10 in her residence. Services were held on January 23 at Byas Funeral Home in Shelby, with Reverend Leroy Brown officiating. Interment was held at Winstonville Cemetery.

MARY ANN WADE

Mary Ann Wade, age 65, of Symond, passed away on January 12 in her residence. Visitation was held on January 23 at Byas Funeral Home in Cleveland. Services were held on January 24 at Beulah Community Church in Beulah, with Reverend Richard Hudson officiating. Interment was held at Charity Peace in Malvina.

LETTIE THURMAN

Lettie Thurman, age 83, of Rosedale, passed away on January 15 at AMG in Batesville. Services were held on January 24 at Gospel Temple in Rosedale, with Reverend Ronald Coleman officiating. Interment was held at Pleasant Green Cemetery in Rosedale.

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Working Out Which Plant-Based Milk Substitute Is Healthiest

DEAR DR. ROACH: Everyone in my family, except for me, has converted to using almond milk instead of cow's milk. I just saw something on the internet stating that almond milk is possibly the worst plant-based milk substitute. I trust your opinion and research. Can you please educate me on what is best? Are plant-based milks really better than cow's milk, and which plant-based milk is best? — D.G.

ANSWER: When trying to compare plant-based milk substitutes with each other and with animal milks in their health impact, it's important to look at what each of them have in terms of macronutrients and micronutrients.

Cow's milk, like other animal milks, contains macronutrients like protein, sugars and fats, as well as micronutrients like calcium. (Most cow's milk is fortified with vitamin D.) While most North Americans consume adequate protein, many people try to increase their protein intake through cow's milk.

Similarly, although the data are mixed, most experts agree that saturated fat, which is found in cow's milk, increases heart disease risk. (Cow's milk can be whole, low-fat, reduced fat or skim, varying in their percentages of overall fat.) However, cow's milk contains beneficial fats like conjugated linoleic acid and methyl-branched-chain fatty acids. Most North Americans consume much more simple sugar than what is optimal with cow's milk.

Almond milk has much less protein than cow's milk (1 gram versus 8 grams), and the quality of the protein based on the amount of essential amino acids is less. Soy milk is much higher in protein than almond milk — almost as much as cow's milk, about 7 grams. Coconut milk has almost none.

However, almond and soy milk have no saturated fat (or almost none) and more monounsaturated fats. Coconut milk has about the same amount of saturated fat as cow's milk. Almond, soy and coconut milks are typically fortified with calcium to match what is found in cow's milk, but the calcium in plant milks is not absorbed as well.

Almond milk can be bought unsweetened or sweetened with typically 7-8 grams of sugar per cup, compared to 12 grams per cup in cow's milk. Cow's milk has multiple other micronutrients naturally, while plant-based milk is fortified with vitamin A and D.

So, is your family right that almond milk is the worst? No, I don't think so. In my opinion, the nonexistent protein and high saturated fat content of coconut milk makes it the least acceptable from a health perspective. Soy and almond milk seem like the better alternatives, but neither of them is really comparable to cow's milk in terms of other micronutrients.

The choice of almond versus soy milk is not clear from a health perspective, so your taste preference should be your guide. In all cases of plant-based milks, I recommend unsweetened and unflavored products.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I get regular pedicures. I never go for gel, but I often use a bright color. When the polish comes off, almost every single one of my nails is quite mottled with brown and white spots. Of course, I thought about not wearing polish and allowing the new nails to slowly grow out, but I can't stand the look of my toes.

I know this is just a cosmetic problem. My pedicurist seems to know nothing about it. The real question is, what causes such gross discoloration in some people but not in other others? — N.W.

ANSWER: I'll bet you have keratin granules, which represent damage to the nail. They are often described to be chalky white and happen in many people if nail polish is left on for too long (more than 7-10 days). Experts recommend an acetone-free remover when it's time to remove them. You can also use a base coat to protect the nail. Let the nails go without polish periodically.

Fortunately, keratin granules are not dangerous and will grow out. They can be mistaken for toenail fungus, so your regular doctor or a dermatologist can help if these tips don't stop them from developing.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@ med. cornell.edu.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE
by Matilda Charles

Reading and writing for relaxation

If ever there was a time to turn off the television — especially during the evening news hour — this is it. Between the stress and anxiety of current events that we can do nothing about and the shocking mistakes we see being made (not to mention the resulting disrupted sleep and rising blood pressure), we can easily just press the off button on the remote.

But what shall we do with our free time, once we have silenced the noise? We can read...

"Homework for Grown-Ups: Every-thing You Learned at School and Promptly Forgot," by Elizabeth Foley and Beth Coates, is a trip down memory lane of all the facts and tidbits you used to know. The topics are covered in bite-size sections and include English language and literature, math, home economics, history, science and much more. Still wonder if you should use "that" or "which" in a sentence? Or you don't remember the answer when your grandchild asks, "What's the difference between a parallelogram and a rhombus?" Or if you need a refresher about rock, paper, scissors, the book will remind you. At the end of each section is a quiz with answers in the back of the book. If you read a few pages every day, you'll find it addicting!

And we can write...

When is the last time you wrote someone a letter? Not an email, not a text message, not a letter typed on the computer and printed out, but a hand-written letter on nice stationery with a matching envelope. And yes, they still make such things, sold in sets. While you're shopping for stationery, con-sider buying a journal. If you make a habit of writing, without a daily dose of bad news, you'll likely find yourself much more relaxed — and happy!

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Moments in time

On Feb. 9, 2022, snowboard marvel Chloe Kim made history as the first athlete to earn a gold medal in the women's snowboard halfpipe event in two consecutive Winter Olympics. Four years earlier, she had also become the youngest winner of that event at age 17.

On Feb. 10, 1943, duct tape was born when factory worker Vesta Stoudt, who packed WWII munitions, sent a letter to Franklin Delano Roosevelt outlining, with drawings, her idea to replace weak paper packing tape with a tougher and waterproof cloth version. The president was impressed enough to launch the suggestion into production.

On Feb. 11, 2012, singer Whitney Houston was found dead in the bathtub of her suite at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, California. The cause of death was determined to be accidental drowning, with contributing factors of heart disease and cocaine.

On Feb. 12, 1970, Joseph Searles III became the first Black member of the New York Stock Exchange, fol-lowing in the footsteps of Clarence B. Jones, who three years previously was the first African American to become an allied NYSE member, but without trading floor access.

On Feb. 13, 1861, Col. J.D. Irwin, an assistant army surgeon serving in the first major U.S.-Apache conflict, volunteered to go to the res-cue of 2nd Lt. George N. Bascom, who was trapped with 60 men of the U.S. Seventh Infantry by the Chiricahua Apaches in southeastern Arizona, in what became the earliest military action to be awarded a Medal of Hon-or.

On Feb. 14, 1980, playwright Lillian Hellman sued novelist and critic Mary McCarthy for libel, demanding $2.25 million in damages. The case posed the tricky question of where the legal line stands between a critic's free speech and malicious libel.

On Feb. 15, 1961, the entire 18 member U.S. figure skating team was killed in a plane crash in Berg Kampenhout, Belgium, while on their way to the 1961 World Figure Skating Championships in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Investigators were unable to determine the exact cause of the crash, though mechanical difficulties were suspected.

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Mississippi's largest research universities. It builds upon the foundation established by the Mississippi IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (Mississippi INBRE), a statewide program that strengthens biomedical research capacity at primarily undergraduate institutions.

The first DSU project under the new agreement will be led by Dr. Christopher Jurgenson, Sullivan-Outlaw Professor of Biochemistry, who will use EMSL's cryo-EM facility to determine the structure of a plant enzyme involved in producing the medicinal compound berberine. Research on the enzyme is a Mississippi INBRE-supported project, highlighting the program's ongoing role in advancing faculty research and enabling Delta State to expand its reach into high-impact areas of molecular and structural biology.

"This partnership gives our students and faculty access to some of the most advanced scientific tools in the world," said Jurgenson. "It represents a major step toward positioning Delta State as a competitive emerging research institution within Mississippi."

"This collaboration with PNNL and EMSL elevates the entire Division of Mathematics and Sciences," said Dr. Joseph Bentley, interim chair of the division. "Access to world-class facilities like the cryo-EM center significantly broadens the scope and depth of the research our faculty can pursue. It positions Delta State to compete at a level that was previously out of reach and reinforces our commitment to providing a rigorous, high-quality scientific education in the Mississippi Delta."

For more information about STEM programs at Delta State University, visit the College of Nursing, Health, and Sciences website at www.deltastate.edu/nursing-health-sciences/.

REYNOLDS

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"I graduated from Broad Street, then went to Coahoma Community College, then Mississippi Valley State, and I did additional hours at Jackson State and Mississippi State," said Reynolds.

Reynolds returned to Broad Street High School as an educator and spent 32 and a half years teaching students in grades ninth through twelfth. His teaching covered both academic and technical subjects, allowing him to reach students with different interests and abilities.

"I taught pretty much everything including social studies, algebra, industrial technology, and technology discovery," said Reynolds.

After retiring from the classroom, Reynolds took about a year away from work. During that time, he traveled and spent time outside of a structured schedule, but he soon realized retirement did not fit his personality.

"I wasn't finished yet. I can't just sit down and do nothing," said Reynolds.

That decision led him to the West Bolivar School District, where he worked for ten years. While there, Reynolds taught technology discovery and served as a football coach, contributing to the district's athletic success.

"We won two state championships while I was there," said Reynolds.

After his time at West Bolivar, Reynolds returned home and accepted a new role in education. Since 2010, he has served as the Transportation Director for North Bolivar Schools, overseeing daily operations that ensure students get to and from school safely.

"I oversee transportation operations, make sure routes are covered, deal with repairs, and handle discipline when students act up on the bus," said Reynolds.

Reynolds said continuing to work gives him purpose and keeps him mentally active. He believes staying engaged with people is important, especially after retirement.

"If you don't use your brain, you lose it," said Reynolds. "When I wake up in the morning, I wake up with a purpose."

Faith also influences how Reynolds views service. He said helping others and staying mindful of those who may need guidance continues to motivate him.

"Sometimes I feel like there's something I could've done that might've made a difference. I wish I could've done more to support the young men in the school," said Reynolds.

Outside of work, Reynolds continues to travel and experience life beyond the Delta. He recently visited Africa and plans to continue traveling when possible.

"I went to Ghana this past summer, and I plan to go to South Africa if the Lord wills," said Reynolds.

As he approaches 81, Reynolds remains active and engaged. His story reflects a lifetime of consistency, presence, and service, showing that purpose does not end with retirement but continues through the second most important role in children's lives.

CHALLENGES

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drainage, irrigation efficiency, heat-tolerant crop varieties and better risk management strategies to withstand increasingly unpredictable seasons.

Secondly, labor shortages and workforce challenges. Finding and keeping reliable labor remains a major concern across Southern agriculture. Many farms depend on seasonal and immigrant labor, particularly for specialty crops, poultry processing and livestock operations. Ongoing uncertainty around immigration policy, combined with competition from non-agricultural jobs, has tightened the labor supply. In 2026, farmers are expected to rely more heavily on mechanization, automation and employee retention strategies, but those solutions come with high upfront costs. Smaller and mid-sized farms, in particular, face difficult decisions about scaling back production or shifting to less labor-intensive enterprises.

Third, rising input costs and market uncertainty. Even as commodity prices fluctuate, the cost of doing business remains high. Fertilizer, fuel, seed, chemicals and equipment prices continue to strain farm budgets, while interest rates make borrowing more expensive. At the same time, global market uncertainty—from trade policy shifts to geopolitical tensions—affects export demand for Southern staples like soybeans, cotton, poultry and pork. Domestically, farmers are also watching developments around the Farm Bill, conservation programs and crop insurance, all of which play a crucial role in financial stability.

Taken together, these challenges underscore a familiar reality for Southern farmers: success in 2026 will depend on flexibility, careful planning and resilience. While the risks are significant, many producers remain cautiously optimistic, drawing on innovation, experience and strong community networks to navigate another demanding year in agriculture.

BOLIVAR AUTO

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parts, but that wasn't the case in the 90s. We got it, though, and that same salesman recommended we start carrying Torro zero turn lawn mowers, which I didn't know what he was referring to, honestly. He got us together with a Torro rep and we became one of their official dealers. So, from that point until now, the outdoor power equipment sales just took off for us."

Other big name equipment brands followed and Bolivar Auto Parts continued growing. As did their customer base which Alford said has remained constant and loyal in the Cleveland and Bolivar County community.

"I can't tell you the generations of families that have come through our doors," said Alford. "One of our loyal customers now is Brig Aylward. I can remember when his grandaddy used to bring Brig into the store and sit him on the counter he was so small. That's just one example — we have so many great customers and families that have shopped with us for years and continue to do so. Not only do they shop with us, but they visit, tell stories — that's just another great part of being a locally-owned business."

"Bolivar Auto Parts and the Alford family have been a staple in the Cleveland business community since they opened their doors," said Billy Nowell, former longtime Cleveland mayor. "They have remained a vibrant business and have always been active in the community by supporting the Cleveland-Bolivar Chamber of Commerce by providing scholarships for local causes."

And it's not just the natives who come to Bolivar Auto Parts, said Alford. "Just last week we had a guy drive over from West Helena, Arkansas, to buy a Stilh blower from us! We serve customers all over the Delta and are grateful for all the business we get."

In an industry that's rapidly changing, like most other businesses, Alford said Bolivar Auto Parts has to adapt.

"Business is more competitive than ever now," he said. "As just one example, when we started in 1975, most cars were analog as opposed to digital. The parts have changed dramatically; there weren't chips in cars back then. But, we've diversified our parts selection to keep up with changing technology and we also service everything we sale. If you buy merchandise from us, we can repair whatever it is here at the shop if needed, replace parts, and order just about anything you need and have it in stock in 24 hours. We give a true personal touch to our customers that the big boxes usually just can't provide - and they know that. Plus, our prices are as good, if not often better than the megastores," he said.

The current store manager at Bolivar Auto Parts is James Townsend, said Alford, who is still at the store everyday as well as commuting to work at his other business in Cleveland, Bolivar Tire and Alignment, which he and Ted bought in 2008.

"Bolivar Auto Parts is one of the cornerstones of Cleveland's business community, exemplifying the strength and resilience of family-owned enterprises that drive our economy," said Hannah Aguzzi, Executive Director of the Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce. "Beyond the jobs they have created and sustained, the company has built lasting relationships with generations of customers by providing dependable service rooted in integrity and trust. Their commitment extends beyond their doors through active engagement in community initiatives and a long-standing partnership with the Chamber. Bolivar Auto Parts has consistently supported economic growth, a strong business climate, and enhanced quality of life through hands-on community involvement and has generously given both time and resources in services to our community. As we celebrate their milestone, we recognize Bolivar Auto Parts not only for its longevity, but for the meaningful role Dave Alford and his team continues to play in Cleveland and Bolivar County."

"I love the customer relationships we've developed over all this time," said Alford. "It's been a great 50 years, we've done well, and we're thankful for all of the support this community has given the business."

POPULATION

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State health data shows that more than one in six residents is 65 or older, a share close to the state average, indicating that older adults remain an important part of the local community.

However, unlike some Delta counties where the 65+ share can be markedly higher, Bolivar's younger population remains fairly noticeable. Roughly a quarter of the population is under 18 — and when considering children under five specifically, they make up about 6.3% of residents, a figure that reflects birth trends over the last few years.

The overall decline in Bolivar County's population signals that births are not keeping pace with deaths and departures. While births do occur, as evidenced by the presence of young children, they are not numerous enough to offset the losses from net outmigration and natural decrease. This trend mirrors broader patterns affecting many rural counties in Mississippi and across the U.S. South, where economic conditions, limited job growth, and educational opportunities often push young adults to leave.

Local high school graduates frequently move to larger cities or neighboring states for college and careers. Without a strong influx of young families moving in or a significant uptick in birth rates, the county's overall population decline is likely to continue.

Despite population loss, Bolivar County's age distribution still shows a relatively balanced population pyramid compared to places with extreme aging. Roughly 24.7% of residents are under 18, 58.6% are in their working years (18–64), and around 16.7% are 65 or older, according to recent census estimates.

These figures suggest that while the county's share of older adults is substantial, it has not yet reached levels that could be labeled as "super-aged." However, the presence of fewer residents in their 20s and early 30s, a key age group for starting families and sustaining long-term population growth, highlights a challenge that many rural communities face: keeping and attracting young adults.

What does this mean for Bolivar County's future? Demographers see a combination of forces at play: modest birth rates, an aging population, and a steady outflow of younger residents. Without significant economic development or incentives for families to stay or move into the area, these trends could persist, leading to continued population loss.

Local leaders and community advocates are increasingly focused on addressing these trends by encouraging job creation, improving educational opportunities, and enhancing quality of life — all aimed at making Bolivar County a place where young people can envision long and fulfilling futures.

For now, the county's demographic story is one of change: enduring in its heritage, adapting to shifting age patterns, and searching for ways to secure its future in the Delta.

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All Cleveland AA meetings are held at 400 North Sharpe Ave.

MON. 7:30 PM - closed meeting. **TUE. 7:00 PM** - open meeting.

WED. 7:00 PM - closed meeting.

THURS. 7:00 PM - closed meeting. **FRI. 6:00 PM** - closed meeting.

SAT. 10:00 AM - open women's meeting. **SAT. 7:00 PM** - closed meeting.

SUN. 4:00 PM - closed meeting.

RURAL HEALTHCARE

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emergency, clinical and community-based services.

- The Workforce Expansion Initiative: This initiative is designed to strengthen the healthcare workforce in rural areas, improving access, continuity, and quality of care. Through targeted programs, the initiative addresses recruitment, retention, training, and career pathway development for all healthcare professionals.
- The Health Technology Advancement and Modernization Initiative: This initiative is designed to modernize rural healthcare systems by strengthening the digital backbone that supports high-quality, coordinated, and secure care.
- The Telehealth Adoption and Provider Support Initiative: This initiative is designed to strengthen rural healthcare by increasing virtual care access, supporting providers in adopting telehealth, and exploring innovative payment models. Investments will enhance connectivity, technology, and diagnostic tools to enable real-time remote care.
- The Building Rural Infrastructure for Delivery, Growth and Efficiency Initiative: This initiative is designed to strengthen rural healthcare infrastructure by improving access to specialized care, closing care gaps, and supporting innovative pilot programs that enhance healthcare delivery and improve outcomes. The initiative focuses on building physical, operational, and programmatic capacity to address unmet needs, improve care coordination and foster sustainable rural healthcare systems.

BROADBAND

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of last-mile projects.

This change, among other things, prompted 17 Mississippi electric cooperatives to collaborate on improving and expanding middle-mile infrastructure improvements to increase resiliency and reduce the costs of connecting unserved and underserved areas across the state. It has also been used similarly in other states.

National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association (NRECA), American Farm Bureau Federation, and Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi have endorsed the legislation, which could eventually be incorporated into a broader farm policy bill.

"Middle mile broadband infrastructure is critical to connecting rural America with quality, high-speed internet access. However, access to these networks is not a guarantee, and without a middle mile connection the cost to build last mile infrastructure can increase and the quality and reliability of broadband service in rural areas could be impacted," said Louis Finkel, NRECA Senior Vice President of Government Relations. "We applaud Sens. Hyde-Smith and Slotkin's leadership on the Middle Mile for Rural America Act and their recognition of this important infrastructure for rural connectivity."

COOPWOOD

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in entry-level housing.

Supporters of policies aimed at limiting institutional investment in smaller residential properties argue this shift matters deeply for everyday Mississippians. When large firms purchase single-family, two-family, and three-family homes as rental investments, they often pay in cash and close quickly. These are advantages most local buyers simply don't have. This dynamic can push prices higher and make it harder for first-time buyers, young adults, and working families to compete for a place to call their own.

We can already see this playing out in communities like Oxford, just 90 miles from Bolivar County. There, the median home value has climbed above $400,000. While many factors contribute to Oxford's hot market, the growing presence of institutional investors and large real estate firms buying and building single-family, two-family, and multifamily properties has become a key driver of competition and rising prices.

Advocates across the country argue that keeping a greater share of these homes available to individual owner-occupants could help slow price acceleration, better balance supply and demand, and make it more feasible for Mississippians to buy homes in the communities where they live and work. With fewer corporate buyers competing in the lowest price tiers, local families may face less intense bidding wars and gain more time to save for down payments and secure financing.

From this perspective, the goal is not to demonize investment. Investor capital can play a useful role in renovations and expanding rental options. The concern is ensuring that the core of Mississippi's housing market remains a pathway to ownership for families—not merely an asset class for outside buyers.

By focusing on policies that strengthen local ownership and prioritize affordability, supporters argue Mississippi can preserve its strong homeownership tradition while giving more residents a fair shot at buying a home. In doing so, the state can protect communities, expand economic opportunity, and keep the dream of homeownership within reach for future generations.

LUSH

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headed to his car and drove back up the street.

I wasn't happy with this turn of events and neither was my wife. About 20 minutes later I saw his tan Cadillac coming back down Front Street toward our house followed by a white City of Rosedale truck with seven guys in the back. As the mayor parked along side of the house again, he said, "These men are here to help so daughter (my wife), just tell them where to put stuff."

I shook my head as the mayor walked back to his car shouting, "I'll be back."

The men threw their backs into emptying the moving van and bringing things into the house.

Again, about 20 minutes later I saw MayorT coming back down Front Street this time with two cars following behind him.

They all pulled up in front of the house and seven ladies got out and headed up the driveway chatting away.

MayorT introduced the ladies to my wife, all of whom were from two churches in town. Off they went into the house chatting as if they were all old friends where they started emptying boxes and putting pots and pans away, canned goods, silverware, and clothes in dressers and closets while the mayor left again.

By now it was half past noon and the temperature had risen to about 98 degrees where it was really was most uncomfortable.

And, almost on cue, the tan Cadillac was headed back to the house with another City of Rosedale truck in tow with tables, chairs, an ample amount of Double Quick fried chicken, potato salad, slaw, cake, sweet tea and table settings.

MayorT started directing the workers to set up the tables for eating while the ladies as if by instinct came out of the house and got things ready for lunch. MayorT said the workers needed to eat and it was his treat. So, a group of about 18 people who had never met until about two hours before sat in our front yard dining on fried chicken "and fixins'" and acting as if it were a Sunday afternoon picnic among old and trusted friends.

MayorT even got our power from Entergy turned on that afternoon so we could have AC even though it wasn't scheduled to be turned on until Monday.

So, all was done" Mission accomplished" said MayorT in a roundabout way. All that was left, then, after dining was to pick up tables and chairs, put leftovers in the refrigerator for later and clean up the yard. When done it didn't even look like there had been a lawn party hours ago!

Around 4:00 p.m. all was in place in the house as if we'd been living there for years, and all due to the tenacity and friendliness of a mayor who cared, and residents who wanted to make newcomers feel welcome and a part of the community. Well, it sure worked.

And, to this day we still keep in touch at least once a week with about half of those first friends we met on a hot Saturday in August in the Mississippi Delta.

Such was our introduction to the Mississippi Delta and Rosedale, The Delta City of Brotherly Love!

For many years, David Lush was a writer for The Bolivar Commerical newspaper and he is a former editor for the Delta Democrat Times. Lush was also a features reporter for WABGTV. He now lives in Gaffney, South Carolina.

BOLIVAR COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION ANNOUNCES A SPECIAL ELECTION

FOR SCHOOL BOARD SUBDISTRICT TWO IN THE CLEVELAND, NORTH BOLIVAR, AND WEST BOLIVAR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

MARCH 10, 2026 7:00 AM TO 7:00 PM
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Vintage/antique collections include an enormous railroad layout created by the owner depicting Greenville, Shaw, Boyle, and Cleveland; toys; vintage inkwells; spooners; turned wood vessels; inlaid boxes and tea caddies; decanters, perfume bottles, & vanity items; famille rose; massive array of soapstone, sterling and silver-plated hollowware and flatware; samplers; Shaw and Delta items; important hand colored lithographs; knife box; china, including Copeland, Booth's, Wedgwood, and Spode; and large majolica pieces. Other items are a menagerie of rabbits, fur coat, sewing and needlework supplies, crystal, holiday decor, garden decor, art, jewelry, watches, incredible library of books, cookbooks, and gardening books, linens, Le Creuset, Lean Machine weight lifting machine, kitchen supplies, and so much more.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF BOLIVAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JERRY HORN, PLAINTIFF V.
JOHNNIE MAE RICHARD HORN, DEFENDANT
CASE NO. 2026-0011

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

To: Johnnie Mae Richard Horn
You have been made a defendant in the Complaint for Divorce filed in this Court by your husband Jerry Horn, who is seeking to divorce you.
You are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint for Divorce to Chris Powell, the attorney for Plaintiff, whose post office address is P.O. Box 1263, Cleveland, MS 38732, and whose street address is 201 N. Pearman Avenue, Cleveland, MS.
Your response must be mailed or delivered within thirty (30) days from the date of delivery of this Summons and Complaint for Divorce or a judgment by default will be entered against you for the money, relief, and/or other things demanded in the Complaint for Divorce. You must file an original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.
ISSUED under my and seal of this Court, this the 8th day of January, 2026.
Bolivar County Chancery Clerk
200 Court Street, P.O. Box 789
Cleveland, MS 38732
(662) 843-2071
By: Za'Andriah Winford
Deputy Clerk

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF BOLIVAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JOE BALDUCCI, JR., DECEASED
MICHAEL JOSEPH BALDUCCI, CO-EXECUTOR and MELINDA BALDUCCI UPSHUR, CO-EXECUTOR
NO. 2025-0203

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having this day been granted by the Chancery Court of Bolivar County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executrix upon the Estate of JOE BALDUCCI, JR., Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Bolivar County, Mississippi, for probate and registration, according to law, within ninety (90) days after the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.
WITNESS our signatures, this the 14th day of November, A.D., 2025.

/s/ MICHAEL JOSEPH BALDUCCI
/s/ MELINDA BALDUCCI UPSHUR

OF COUNSEL:
JOHN H. McWILLIAMS, MSB #2819
TOWNSEND, Mc WILLIAMS & HOLLADAY, LLP
P.O. BOX 288
DREW, MS 38737
(662) 745-8517

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2026 Letters Testamentary were granted to the undersigned CLINTON F. WOOD, Executor of the Estate of CORNELIUS ELIJAH COTTON (aka C.E. Cotton and Lige Cotton), Deceased, by the Chancery Court of the Second Judicial District of Bolivar County, Mississippi, in Cause No. 2026-0003 upon the General Docket of said Court in the Office of its Clerk in Cleveland, Mississippi;
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given by the undersigned Executor to all persons having claims against the said Decedent and his estate to present same to the Clerk of said Court for probate, registration and allowance as provided by law within ninety (90) days of the date of the first publication of this notice, or same will be forever barred.
CLINTON F. WOOD Executor
Clinton F. Wood, Attorney
610 W. Sunflower Rd.
Cleveland; MS 38732
Telephone: 662-843-1468
Email: clintonfwood@gmail.com

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2002, PEARLIE M. WILLIAMS, An Unmarried Woman executed a deed of trust for the benefit of Ameriquest Mortgage Company, which deed of trust was recorded on January 27, 2003, as Instrument No. 287, in Book N465, Page 85, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the Second Judicial District of Bolivar County, Mississippi; Said Deed of Trust was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2020-R6 by assignment recorded as Instrument No. 225002438 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Bolivar County, Mississippi.
WHEREAS, the holder of the deed of trust at the time of the substitution substituted McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP as Trustee, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded December 12, 2025 and spread at large upon the records in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk as Instrument No. 225002439 prior to the posting and publication of this notice; and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of the deed of trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2020-R6, has requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land, property and improvements in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustee's fees and expenses of sale;
THEREFORE, on February 4, 2026, the undersigned Substitute Trustee in the deed of trust, will offer for sale at public outcry and sell to the highest bidder for cash, within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the Southeast front steps of the Bolivar County Courthouse in Cleveland, Mississippi, the following described land, property and improvements lying and being situate in Bolivar County, Mississippi, to-wit:
Lots 18, 19, and 22, Block 2 of the Norman Addition to the City of Cleveland, Mississippi, according to a map or plat of said addition on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Bolivar County at Cleveland, Mississippi.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in the Substitute Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 9th day of January, 2026
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
Substitute Trustee
1022 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 304
Ridgeland, MS 39157-2049
(662) 388-5464
Foreclosurehotline.net
File No.: 25-04445MS

Substituted Trustee's Notice Of Sale

Whereas, on 10/31/2014, Bobbie Sue Butler And Husband, David Harold Butler, As Tenants By The Entirety Rights Of Survivorship, And Not As Tenants In Common, executed a certain deed of trust to Calvin C. Mann, Jr., Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for American Southwest Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns, which Deed of Trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the Second Judicial District, Bolivar County, State of Mississippi as Instrument No 21402399, Book 0214, Page 2399; and the subject Deed of Trust was modified by Loan Modification recorded as Instrument No. 222000213, in Book 2220, Page 213, recorded on 01/27/2022, and modified again by Loan Modification recorded as Instrument No. 224001221, in Book 2240, Page 1221, recorded on 07/08/2024 and Whereas, said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned Freedom Mortgage Corporation and recorded 11/7/2023 as Instrument No. 223002149, Book 2230, Page 2149; and Whereas, Freedom Mortgage Corporation has heretofore substituted Nestor Solutions, LLC, as Trustee by Instrument recorded on 12/11/2025 in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office as Instrument No. 225002430, Book 2250, Page 2430 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, Freedom 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, Nestor Solutions, LLC, Substituted Trustee in said Deed of Trust, will on 2/4/2026 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 County Courthouse of the Second Judicial District, Bolivar County, Mississippi, located at Southwest Door of the Bolivar County Courthouse, 200 South Court Street, Cleveland, MS 38732, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in the Second Judicial District, Bolivar County, State of Mississippi, to-wit: North Half of Lot 47 of the Carpenter and Walker Third Subdivision in the City of Cleveland, Second Judicial District of Bolivar County, Mississippi, according to the official map or plat of said subdivision on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of the Second Judicial District of Bolivar County, Mississippi, at Cleveland, Mississippi. We Will Convey only such title as vested in us as Substituted Trustee.
Witness My Signature on this 5th day of January, 2026. /s/ Sylvia Weiss, its Sr. Trustee Sale Officer Nestor Solutions, LLC, Substituted Trustee 214 5th Street, Suite 205 Huntington Beach, CA 92648 TS #2025-19500-MS

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF BOLIVAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT In re Estate of LEO GEORGE MCGEE CASE NO. 2026-0001
MEG BRADLEY MCGEE PETITIONER
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given to all parties having claims against the estate of Leo George McGee, deceased, Case No.2026-0001, 1st J.D. Bolivar County, Mississippi, to present said claims to the Chancery Clerk of Bolivar County for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred, per MCA 91-7-151.
THIS the 14th day of January, 2026.
MEG MCGEE, Administrator
BY: CHRIS POWELL
Chris Powell, MBN 100675
201 N. Pearman Ave, P.O. Box 1263
Cleveland, MS 38732
Phone: (662) 846-6564 Fax: -6565
Attorney for Administrator

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF BOLIVAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT In re Estate of LEO GEORGE MCGEE CASE NO. 2026-0001
MEG BRADLEY MCGEE PETITIONER
SUMMONS TO HEIRS

The heir-at-law of Leo George McGee are hereby summon ed to appear before The Honorable Catherine Farris-Carter, Chancery Court Judge, at 9:30 a.m., March 5, 2026, in the chancery courtroom on the third floor of the Bolivar County Courthouse in Cleveland, Mississippi, to show proof, if any, that you are an heir of Leo George McGee.
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 14th day of January, 2026.
Bolivar County Chancery Clerk
P.O. Box 238
Rosedale, M 38769
(662) 759-3762
by: Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RE: RENAMING OF CHISOLM ROAD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held on March 2, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. at the Dedwylder Courthouse Annex in the City of Cleveland, the Second Judicial District of Bolivar County, Mississippi, regarding renaming Chisolm Road, which is located in District 1 near Benoit, to Willie Howard Jones Road, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 65-7-143 (Rev. 2013).
The purpose of this hearing is to give the citizens of this county an opportunity to provide input or raise concerns about renaming Chisolm Road.
If you have any interest in renaming Chisolm Road to Willie Howard Jones Road, you are hereby given notice to appear before the Bolivar County Mississippi Board of Supervisors at its Monday March 2, 2026 meeting in Cleveland, Mississippi at 10:00 A.M. to be heard.
SO NOTICED this the 14th day of January, 2026.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF BOLIVAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT CARL MALONE, PLAINTIFF
CAUSE NO. 2025-0094 VS. GWENVERE CHEW, DEFENDANT
SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: Gwenvere Chew, whose last known physical and mailing address was 1011 Eastover Dr., Cleveland, MS, but whose present physical and mailing address is unknown after diligent search and inquiry
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Carl Malone, seeking a Divorce on the grounds of habitual cruel and inhuman treatment, desertion, and in the alternative, irreconcilable differences.
You are required to mail or hand-deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to John C. Cox, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose post office box address is P.O. Box 608, Cleveland, MS 38732 and whose street address is 109 S. Sharpe, Cleveland, MS 38732
YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 21st DAY OF JANUARY, 2026 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 this Court, this 14th day of January, 2026.
By: Jamie Stadelbacher, D.C.
BRENETT N. HAYNES
Chancery Clerk
Bolivar County, Mississippi

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2013, James Green, a married person executed a certain deed of trust to Denise McLaurin, Trustee for the benefit of Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Bolivar County, State of Mississippi in Book 0213 at Page 2131 Instrument No. 21302131; and

WHEREAS, LLG MS LLC has heretofore been substituted as Trustee by instrument dated December 30, 2025 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, Regions Bank dba Regions Mortgage, 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 March 4, 2026 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 Southwest Door of the County Courthouse of Bolivar County, located at P.O. Box 789, Cleveland, MS 38732, to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds the following described property situated in Bolivar County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 11 of the 4th School Addition to the City of Cleveland, Mississippi, according to a map or plat of said Addition on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Bolivar County at Cleveland, Mississippi, Second Judicial District.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2026, Letters Testamentary were granted to the undersigned, Cora Lee Saxon, as Executrix of the Estate of Willis Harold "Bill" Lamb, Deceased, by the Chancery Court Bolivar County, Mississippi, in Cause No. 2026-0010, upon the general docket of said Court in the office of its Clerk in Cleveland, Mississippi;
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given by the undersigned Executrix to all persons having claims against the said Decedent and her estate to present same to the Clerk of said Court for probate, registration and allowance as provided by law within ninety (90) days of the date of the first publication of this notice, or same will be forever barred.
THIS, the 20th day of January, 2026.
CORA LEE SAXON, Executrix
WESTERFIELD, JANOUSH & BELL, P.A. Solicitors for Executrix
Post Office Box 1448
Cleveland, Mississippi 38732
Telephone: 662-846-1716

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2026, Letters Testamentary were granted to the undersigned, Cora Lee Saxon, as Executrix of the Estate of Helen Elizabeth Worbington, Deceased, by the Chancery Court Bolivar County, Mississippi, in Cause No. 2026-0009, upon the general docket of said Court in the office of its Clerk in Cleveland, Mississippi;
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given by the undersigned Executrix to all persons having claims against the said Decedent and her estate to present same to the Clerk of said Court for probate, registration and allowance as provided by law within ninety (90) days of the date of the first publication of this notice, or same will be forever barred.
THIS, the 20th day of January, 2026.
CORA LEE SAXON, Executrix
WESTERFIELD, JANOUSH & BELL, P.A. Solicitors for Executrix
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF BOLIVAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
IN THE MATTER OF:
THE ESTATE OF
MICKEY WOODROW BOSWELL, DECEASED,
CAUSE NO. 2020-0077
RULE 81 SUMMONS
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: GLENDA BOSWELL
Whose last known physical and mailing address was 13 Lake Barnett Dr.
Brandon, MS 39049
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Gertrude C. Boswell, Petitioner, seeking to close the estate and discharge the Administrator C.T.A. for the estate of Mickey Woodrow Boswell, deceased.
You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action 9:30 A. M. on the 2nd day of March, 2026, in the courtroom of the Chancery Court of the Bolivar County Courthouse in Cleveland, Mississippi, and in the case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.
You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.
Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this 20th day of January, 2026.
Za'Andriah Winford, D.C.
BRENETT N. HAYNES, Chancery Clerk
Bolivar County, Mississippi

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF BOLIVAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
SARAH ANN (BUDD) TIFTICKJIAN, DECEASED ,
CAUSE NO. 2025-0020
UNKNOWN DEFENDANT
CHANCERY SUMMONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF BOLIVAR
TO: ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS OR HEIRS-AT-LAW OF SARAH ANN (BUDD) TIFTICKJIAN, DECEASED, WHEREVER LOCATED, WHOSE IDENTITIES, NAMES, RESIDENCE ADDRESSES, WHEREABOUTS, POST OFFICE ADDRESSES, AND STREET ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN TO THE PETITIONERS AND THEIR SOLICITOR AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY BY BOTH TO ASCERTAIN SAME.
You are summoned to appear before the Honorable Catherine Farris Carter, Judge of the Chancery Court of Bolivar County, Mississippi, on the 2nd day of March, 2026, at 9:30 A.M. at the Courthouse in the City of Cleveland, Mississippi, to plead or answer to the Petition filed in Cause No. 2025-0020 in said Court, by to determine and establish the heirs at law of Sarah Ann (Budd) Tifttickjian, Deceased, who departed this life on or about February 9, 2024, having a fixed place of residence in Bolivar County, Mississippi.
You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 20th day of January, 2026.

BRENETT N. HAYNES, Chancery Clerk
Bolivar County, Mississippi
P.O. Box 789
Cleveland, MS 38732
By: Za'Andriah Winford, D.C.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2026, Letters of Administration were granted to the undersigned, Martin Davis, as Administrator of the Estate of Donald M. Davis, Deceased, by the Chancery Court of Bolivar County, Mississippi, in Cause No. 2026-0024, upon the general docket of said Court in the office of its Clerk in Cleveland, Mississippi;
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given by the undersigned Administrator to all persons having claims against the said Decedent and his estate to present same to the Clerk of said Court for probate, registration and allowance as provided by law within ninety (90) days of the date of the first publication of this notice, or same will be forever barred.
THIS, the 22nd day of January, 2026.
Martin Davis, Administrator

WESTERFIELD, JANOUSH & BELL
Solicitors for Administrator
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B 11 AMBER WILLIAMS
B 55 MARGARET NICHOLS

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TODAY IN 1984:

Edmonton center Wayne Gretzky's NHL record point scoring streak ends at 51 games when Oilers beaten 4-2 by LA Kings; Gretzky totals 61-92-153 during the period



End Of An Era

Cooley steps down after 13 years at DSU to take coaching job at Ole Miss



Todd Cooley, who has been the Delta State University Head Football Coach for 13 years, has announced he will step down to join Ole Miss football's coaching staff where he will work under head coach Pete Golding. Cooley is DSU's all-time winningest football coach with 82 wins. *Photo by Andy Collier*

BY ANDY COLLIER
Sports Editor, The Bolivar Bullet

A memorable era in Delta State University football has come to an end.

Longtime DSU Head Football Coach Todd Cooley has decided to step down as leader of the Statesmen program to take an assistant coaching job at Ole Miss where he will work under Head Coach and DSU alum Pete Golding. Cooley will be the Director of High School Relations and Special Assistant to the Head Coach at Ole Miss.

Delta State University Director of Athletics Mike Kinnison confirmed Cooley notified him that he accepted the position on Jan. 20.

Cooley had been with Statesmen program since 2013. During his time, Cooley had a lot of success as he guided the team to four NCAA Division II Playoff appearances (2014, 2017, 2022, 2023) and three Gulf South Conference Championships (2014, 2022, 2023) while posting a record of 82-49. Cooley's 82 wins makes him the program's all-time winningest coach. Cooley also won GSC Coach of the Year four times (2013, 2014, 2022 and 2023). Cooley was big on players finishing their education, as he witnessed nearly 250 players get their degrees.

Kinnison had nothing but good things to say about Cooley's performance at Delta State.

"We're certainly appreciative for all he's done here," said Kinnison. "Todd has done a lot of good things here for the football program during the 13 years he's been here. He's advanced the program, and I'm really appreciative of that. He took a job opportunity that he was interested in, and it's got some challenges that I think he was excited about. We certainly wish him well, and he goes to work for another Delta State guy up there. Their friendship and their connection is important to him."

DSU will now turn its attention to finding a new man to lead its football program as a nationwide search is underway. Cooley's departure comes at a time where NCAA's signing day for football is right around the corner on Feb. 4.

Kinnison said the school will work diligently to find the right person to take over the football program.

"Our goal is to move quick first of all," said Kinnison. "During this time of the year, players want to know who they're playing for. It's a critical recruiting time, so for a lot of reasons it's necessary for us to move quickly. We also want it to be the right fit, so we'll do our work and diligence to find the best leader we can for this football program. I think it's a job that will generate interest and draw some good candidates, and I think there's some opportunity here even during the transition."

TODD COOLEY YEAR-BY-YEAR AT DSU

YEAR	RECORD	GSC
2013	7-3	4-2
2014	9-2	6-1**
2015	6-5	2-5
2016	4-6	3-5
2017	9-4	5-3*
2018	2-8	2-6
2019	6-4	5-3
2020	COVID-19	
2021	5-6	3-4
2022	11-2	6-1**
2023	10-2	6-1**
2024	6-4	3-3
2025	7-3	1-2
Totals:	82-49	46-36 GSC

*NCAA Division II Playoffs
**GSC Champions/NCAA Division II Playoffs

Collier's Comment

Cooley Emphasized Family, Success During Time at DSU



BY ANDY COLLIER
Sports Editor, The Bolivar Bullet

When a coach takes over a program, they strive to make their mark.

During his tenure as Delta State University Head Football Coach, Todd Cooley made his mark and then some. Cooley, whose storied run at DSU started in 2013, took the program and the community on a ride they won't forget. He always acknowledged the football team as a family. He was big about stressing unity and being a family. Of course, like any family, there were ups and downs.

Cooley's first year was a winning season as the Statesmen went 7-3. The winning campaign came after a 2012 year that saw the team go 3-7. He followed that 2013 season with an even better year in 2014 as the Statesmen went 9-2, won the Gulf South Championship and advanced to the NCAA Division II Playoffs. After a 9-4 season and a trip to the NCAA Division II Playoffs in 2017, the Statesmen hit a rough patch from 2018-21 where they had two losing seasons, didn't make the playoffs and was forced to sit out the 2020 season due to the COVID pandemic. After the team went 5-6 in 2021, there were critics that had doubts about Cooley and if he could turn the program around. One thing during this rough stretch is he still kept talking family and wanting the team to come together. Win or lose, we wanted the players and coaches to unify and battle for one another and love one another. In September of 2020, the team organized a unity walk on campus in support of peace and equality. Cooley wanted to win and hated to lose, but he felt his main goal was to mold young men and make sure they were ready to be good citizens when they left DSU.

During the team's rough stretch on the field, the work Cooley and his staff were doing off the field was giving me hope.

The values Cooley stressed and the hard work by everyone on the team turned the program's fortune around for the better. Over the last four years, the Statesmen have reeled off winning seasons each year with the team winning the GSC and advancing to the second round of the NCAA Division II Playoffs in 2022 and 23. During those back-to-back conference championships, Cooley guided the Statesmen to a 21-4 record. Even though the 2025 team missed the playoffs, the Statesmen were in the hunt the whole year during a campaign that saw them go 7-3.

A trait that I will remember most about Cooley is his passion and enthusiasm. Whether it was on the field or in the weekly DSU press conferences, Cooley didn't mince words and spoke from the heart. He stood his ground on what he felt was right.

Another part of Cooley was he was always appreciative of his coaches and proud of his players for coming together and doing the right things. Family and unity are big for him, and it worked. Coach Cooley has also had great support on the home front as his wife, Lisa Cooley, stood by him through thick and thin. The Cooleys loved those players like they were their sons.

As Coach Cooley gets ready to join the Ole Miss coaching staff where DSU alum Pete Golding is leading the program, I just want to say thank you for all of the great years. May your new journey at Ole Miss be every bit as rewarding as your time at DSU. Thanks for the memories and good luck in the future.

Andy Collier is the sports editor at The Bolivar Bullet. He can be reached at (662)-843-2700 or by e-mail at andy@bolivarbullet.com.

CCHS Teams Repeat As North Champs

Wolves capture 3rd straight title, Lady Wolves win 2nd in a row

BY ANDY COLLIER
Sports Editor, The Bolivar Bullet



The Cleveland Central High School Wolves and Lady Wolves gather together for a group shot after they won the Mississippi High School Activities Association Class II North Region Boys and Girls Bowling Tournament on Jan. 20 at Harmony Lanes. The Wolves won the north championship for the third straight year, while the Lady Wolves won it for the second straight year and third time in program history. *Photo by Andy Collier*

The Cleveland Central High School boys and girls bowling programs proved that they're still the juggernauts of the North Region in Class II on Jan. 20 at Harmony Lanes in Cleveland.

The Wolves won the Mississippi High School Activities Association Class II North Region Boys Bowling Tournament for the third straight year, and the Lady Wolves won the Class II North Region Girls Bowling Tournament for the second straight year and third time in program history.

For the Wolves, the chances of winning the north bowling championship looked almost non-existent. Cleveland Central's top bowler senior David Wardlow had to miss the tournament due to a stomach flu. The Wolves started off slow by posting a score of 784 in the first game which put them third. The Wolves started trending upward as the tournament progressed. They posted an 812 in game two with senior Curtis VanDaley bowling a 200 and an 863 in game three with senior Cason Brinkley bowling a 207. The Wolves posted another good score in game four with an 835 with VanDaley bowling a 219 to spearhead the team. The 835 brought Cleveland Central's overall score to 3,294 which was good enough to win the tournament and finish a mere 39 pins ahead of second place Center Hill (3,255).

CCHS Head Bowling Coach Wade McLemore was proud of the way the guys handled adversity.

"They're a resilient group of guys and guys that got thrown in the fire pretty quickly," said McLemore. "To be able to win this regional was a very big deal, because we were able to do it without our anchor and our number one. That's not to discredit him at all, but it says we were able to overcome. We had our struggles early on, and I think mentally we were kind of out of it knowing he wasn't going to be here. It seemed like we were kind of doing what we had to do. Somewhere in the middle of the second game, we flipped a switch and decided he's not going to come back through the door. We've got to get this done on our own. I was super proud of that effort and the mindset of no matter what happens we have to take of our business."

VanDaley made the all-region team by having the second highest individual series with an 813. Brinkley was second on the Wolves' team with a 698 series, followed by sophomore Earnest Frieson with a 650 series with a high score of 193, senior LaCarvis Gant with a 594 series with a high score of 169 and freshman Devin Giles with a 539 series with a high score of 155.

The Lady Wolves, who are also the defending Class II State Champions, came into the tournament as heavy favorites after going 7-1 in match play this year. CCHS didn't have its best performance of the year, but it was still plenty good enough as its score of 2,918 was a sizeable 367 pins ahead of second place Lafayette (2,551). CCHS subbed players out at various times as different people saw action for the Lady Wolves. CCHS didn't have an individual bowl a single game under 116. In fact, the Lady Wolves were the only team that didn't have a player with an individual score under 100.

"They're a resilient group," said McLemore. "We had some struggles and certainly didn't have our best performance, but we were able to push through and get what we needed out of this frame or that frame or what have you. It made the difference in the end, and I can't say enough about how proud I am of them for being able to push through that. We made some subs here and there that were timely and made a difference for us in the end."



At the Class II North Region Boys and Girls Bowling Tournaments, Cleveland Central's Curtis VanDaley made the all-region team for the boys, and Cleveland Central's Isabelle Wardlow and Emma Gong made the all-region team for the girls. *Photo by Andy Collier*

The Lady Wolves ended up having two bowlers make the all-region team.

Freshman Isabelle Wardlow finished second in the region tournament with a 692 series with a high score of 201, and junior Emma Gong finished tied for fifth in the region tournament with a 552 series with a high score of 148.

Freshman Bry'Anna Benson aided CCHS with a 550 series with a high score of 146, followed by junior Diana Ramirez with a 461-three-game series with a high score of 186, senior Paizley Davis with a 418 three-game series with a high score of 147, senior Mackenzie Berryhill with a 129 performance in game three and junior Sa'Nya Barnes with a 116 performance in game four.

Both CCHS teams will be back in action today when they travel to Fannin Lanes in Brandon to compete in the Class II State Bowling Tournament.

Bell Invited To Senior Bowl



University of Miami offensive lineman Markel Bell was selected to play in the Panini Senior Bowl on Saturday (Jan. 31) at Whitney Hancok Stadium in Mobile, Ala. *Special to The Bolivar Bullet*

BY ANDY COLLIER
Sports Editor, The Bolivar Bullet

Former Cleveland Central High School standout and University of Miami offensive lineman Markel Bell officially accepted an invitation into the Panini Senior Bowl which will be played on Saturday (Jan. 31) at Hanock Whitney Stadium on the campus of the University of South Alabama at Mobile, Ala.

Bell, who helped guide the Hurricanes to the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision National Championship game earlier this month where they lost to Indiana 27-21, started in all of Miami's 16 games at left tackle. Bell's work earned him third team All-Atlantic Coast Conference. Bell also announced that he will enter his name in the 2026 NFL Draft which will take place on April 23-25.

HEADED TO MDCC



(From left Bayou Academy seniors Bo Linkous and Reed Batts signed to play college baseball at Mississippi Delta Community College on Jan. 21 at the Bayou Academy Gymnasium. Linkous and Batts have been major contributors for the Colts throughout their careers. Linkous and Batts are scheduled to begin their senior years at Bayou on Tuesday (Feb. 3), as the Colts will play Hartfield Academy at Flowood. *Photo by Andy Collier*

LOCAL SCORES

MONDAY, JAN. 19

Thomas Edwards Boys 73, Calloway 68 OT

TUESDAY, JAN. 20

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

CCHS Girls 25, Florence 21
Florence Boys 38, CCHS 25
Madison St. Joe Girls 35, Bayou 34
Madison St. Joe Boys 65, Bayou 25
Northside Boys 57, Charleston 48
Charleston Girls 45, Northside 28
Shaw Girls 39, Riverside 27
Riverside Boys 50, Shaw 40
West Bolivar Boys 50, South Delta 42
West Bolivar Girls 41, South Delta 35
Regents Girls 42, NSA 23

JR. HIGH BASKETBALL

Bayou Boys 41, Madison-St. Joe 37
Bayou Girls 30, Madison-St. Joe 29
Regents Girls 30, NSA 16

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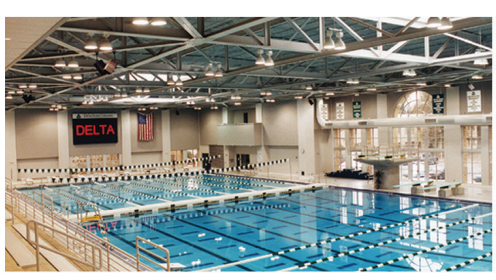



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