

January 3-9, 2021

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The Neshoba County Sanitation Department announces the following

COUNTY GARBAGE COLLECTION NEW YEARS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

All routes will run as scheduled for the New Year's holiday on

Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st, 2021.

The waste convenience center at the Unit Facility Building will be will be open Saturday, January 2nd, 2021 from 7:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

Happy New Year

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Martin Luther King, Jr Parade

Philadelphia's 2021 Martin Luther King Jr. parade has been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns. The parade was originally scheduled for Jan. 16 and is usually on MLK's birthday. For more information about the community service project and upcoming summer events, call Eva Tisdale at 601-479-1370.

Community in Action

Community in Action will sponsor a Day of Service on Monday, January 18th. Since the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. parade has been canceled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic a day of service has been planned for the City of Philadelphia. The Activity will be coordinated by the Community in Action. The service will be Community Street cleanup. Churches, organizations and the community at large will meet at the Depot at 10 AM for directions, disperse and return around 12:30 PM. Thrash bags and gloves will be provided. Refreshment will also be provided for the participants. For more information contact Eva Tisdale at 601-479-1370.

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Mike Lewis, Tax Assessor-Collector reminds Neshoba County residents THE DEADLINE TO FILE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION IS April 1st. IF YOU HAD ANY STATUS CHANGE IN 2020 YOU NEED TO RE-FILE YOUR HOMESTEAD. STATUS CHANGES INCLUDE MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, DEATH OF A SPOUSE, PURCHASE OF A HOME, PURCHASE OR SELLING OF LAND AND IF YOU HAD TO FILE A NEW DEED FOR ANY REASON!

HOMEOWNERS WHO RECEIVED THE EXEMPTION LAST YEAR AND DID NOT HAVE A CHANGE IN STATUS NEED NOT REAPPLY AS THEIR EXEMPTION WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE RENEWED.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION CONCERNING YOUR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PLEASE CONTACT THE NESHOPA COUNTY TAX OFFICE AT 601-656-4541.

COVID-19 Immunizations

The state of Mississippi is currently giving COVID19 immunizations for the following:

- Free Drive-Through Vaccinations
- MSDH operates free drive-through vaccinations sites in locations around the state.
- If you are 18 or older, please schedule your first-dose appointment online
- If you are 16-17 years old, make a drive-through site appointment by calling 877-978-6453.
- When you arrive for testing, expect vaccination and related paperwork to take about 10 minutes. We also have a 15-minute observation period after vaccination. Sign up online at covidvaccine.umc.edu or call 1-877-978-6453. The website is the best option, officials have said.

4H WOODWORKING CLUB

Neshoba County 4H is restarting its Woodworking Club for youth ages 10-14 who would like to learn the basics of woodworking. Local volunteers are donating tools, time, and wisdom to safely teach our youth the joy and fulfillment of the craft. Participants will learn shop safety along with a wealth of other skills and woodworking techniques. The cost to join is only \$25. Parents of children interested in joining need to call the Neshoba County Extension Office to enroll. The class is limited to 8 participants, so it will be first come first serve. For questions or to enroll please contact Austin Ainsworth, Neshoba County Extension Agent, at 601-656-4011.

Fellowship Baptist Church

Fellowship Baptist would like to remind you they are open for in-person Worship Services on Sunday. They have created a safe environment for you and your family to attend Sunday Worship Services. An on-line feed is available also. Pastor, Terry L. Anderson invites all to attend.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATER DAY SAINTS

THE CHURCH OF THE JESUS CHRIST OF LATER DAY SAINTS INVITE YOU TO SERVICES EACH SUNDAY AT 10 AM AT 1033 BOUNDS AVENUE. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE PHILADELPHIA MISSIONS RIRS AT 601-832-6160.

Northside Park Opening Night

The Philadelphia-Neshoba County Park Commission has announced that Northside Park Ball Season will start soon. The Park Commission has announced that opening night softball and baseball is April 12th. All teams for baseball and softball have been selected. Signup has been going on for players as well as coaches several weeks now.

Miss Black Neshoba County

The pageant is scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 19 at the Westside Community Center. The pageant will begin at 6 p.m. and is free to the public. To be eligible to compete in the Miss Black Neshoba County pageant, young women must be 16 years of age by June 19, and not have reached their 22nd birthday by June 19, 2021. All contestants must be residents of Neshoba County or have attended or graduated from a school located in Neshoba County. Applications are available now by going online to www.missbnc.com or may be picked up at the Depot. The deadline to enter the pageant is March 31, 2021. There is a \$50 registration fee. For more information, visit www.missbnc.com or email Pageant Director Erica Clemons Moore at missblackneshobacounty@gmail.com.

A free Basketball Camp

A free Basketball Camp will be held on Sunday, March 28 at Westside Community Center. The first camp of the year is for ages 5 to 13 from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, 2021. The event time will be 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. No Cost. For more information, contact (601) 656-4101.

Neshoba County School District

Kindergarten Registration

April 27, 28 & 29

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Elementary Auditorium

For more information visit www.neshobacentral.com



| Child's Last Name | Date | Time |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| A - D | Tuesday, April 27th | 9:00 - 11:30 |
| E - I | Tuesday, April 27th | 11:30 - 2:00 |
| J-M | Wednesday, April 28th | 9:00 - 11:30 |
| N-R | Wednesday, April 28th | 11:30 - 2:00 |
| S - Z | Thursday, April 29th | 9:00 - 11:30 |
| Make - Ups | Thursday, April 29th | 11:30 - 2:00 |





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Press Release

On Friday, March 26, 2021, Neshoba County Sheriff's Office made an arrest in connection with two separate house burglaries in the Hope Community. The first burglary was reported on March 13th at 13040 Hwy 488. The door of a home was pried open and a 50" flat screen TV was taken. The home had been rummaged through as several of the cabinets and drawers were opened and items scattered throughout the home.

The second burglary was reported on March 18th at 13021 County Road 147. The back door glass was shattered for the burglar to gain entry. A long flat metal bar was recovered and determined to be used as a tool to gain access. Several items including: 25-06 rifle, .22 rifle, PS3, PS4, Dewalt battery drill with charger, a blanket, a black Jordan backpack, and a beaded hat was taken. The two rifles were recovered a short time later on the roadside, wrapped in a blanket taken from the home.

Choctaw Police Department assisted in the apprehension of Devon Mingo after warrants and a letter of demand was issued for Mingo. He has been charged with 2-counts of burglary of an occupied dwelling house and 1- count false pretense. Mingo is being held at the Neshoba County Detention Center. Judge Spears set bond at \$25,000-each count of Burglary and \$600 false pretense.

Tips from concerned citizens in this community led to the arrest of Mingo. I encourage continued participation and support, as we work together to make Neshoba County a safer place to live. If you have information on crimes in Neshoba County, please call 1-855-485-8477 (TIPS) or 601-656-1414.



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On March 13, 2021, Neshoba County Sheriff's deputies conducted a safety checkpoint on Highway 19 near road 383 (Fork Road). A Chevy Tahoe was driven by John R. Veasley, 303 MLK Drive Lot 41, Philadelphia. Veasley was found to be driving without a driver's license. He was in possession of a felony amount of marijuana, a controlled substance believed to be cocaine, and approximately \$1,400 cash. The passenger in the vehicle Bianca Graham of 513 Cumberland Avenue, Philadelphia, was in possession of a stolen firearm and a small amount of marijuana. The firearm was a Glock 9mm that was reported stolen on July 8, 2020, from Columbus, MS. Both Veasley and Graham were transported to Neshoba County Detention Center. Veasley has been released on a \$35,000 bond, and Graham on a \$5,000 bond.

Neshoba County Sheriff's deputies are committed to fight the war on drugs. Please continue your support by calling 601-656-1414 with your information concerning crimes in Neshoba County.



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Felon fires shots during police pursuit:

On Tuesday, February 23, 2021, a Deemer resident called the Sheriff's Office and reported that his vehicle was stolen. The caller stated that James Michael Franklin had stolen his blue Nissan Versa. The caller described the car thief as dangerous and said he was armed with a stolen .9mm pistol.

Neshoba County Sheriff's Deputies immediately began patrolling in search of the stolen car. Deputy Gordon Adkins spotted the car near the intersection of Range Avenue and Hospital Street. Adkins initiated blue lights and siren in pursuit of the vehicle. The driver fled at high speeds trying to elude capture. Six deputies responded to Deputy Adkins and the pursuit call. The chase led deputies down Highway 19 South, making multiple turns that took them through the Deemer community. At one point in the chase, near David Wayne's Small Engine Repair, the stolen car passed another car while discharging the handgun into the air. The chase soon ended on County Road 444 when the blue Nissan Versa stalled in the roadway. Deputies performed a felony takedown on the vehicle, and the driver was taken into custody without incident.

James Franklin of 10491 Highway 21 North, Philadelphia, MS is 25 years old. Franklin has a history with the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office. This is the third vehicle that he has stolen in Neshoba County, since May of last year. The last ended with the stolen truck from Good Hope Community and Franklin being found in Louisiana.

Franklin is currently being held without bond in Neshoba County Detention Center.

I am thankful that we have a group of well-trained deputies that pride themselves in protecting Neshoba County.

If you have information on this or any crime committed in Neshoba County, please call 601-656-1414 or East MS Crime Stoppers at 1-855-485 TIPS (8477).



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Press Release

On Tuesday, February 9, 2021, Neshoba County Deputies made a traffic stop, on a black Nissan that was driven by Ronnie Lynn Edwards of 566 C Pippen Road, Meridian, MS. Deputies were conducting a safety checkpoint in the House Community at the intersection of Highway 19 and County Road 298 just after midnight. The traffic stop netted more than 10g of methamphetamine, less than 30g of marijuana and a .9mm Ruger handgun.

Ronnie Lynn Edwards was charged with:

- Driving while License Suspended
- Possession of Marijuana
- Possession of Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine)
- Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon

Edwards was taken to the Neshoba County Detention Center where he is awaiting bond.



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Press Release

On Saturday, January 9, 2021, Neshoba County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 13850 Road 602 for a domestic disturbance. While on scene a standoff ensued between law enforcement and the armed assailant. The standoff ended in an officer related shooting. Mississippi Bureau of Investigations was notified and took charge of the investigation.

On Tuesday, January 12, 2021, Neshoba County Sheriff's Office filed the following affidavits in Neshoba County Justice Court:

Jeffery Todd Willis of 13850 Road 602 is charged with:

- Domestic Violence-Aggravated Assault 97-3-7(4) (b)
- 2-Counts Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer 97-3-7 (2) (b)
 - Shots fired at officers on initial call
- 4- Counts Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer 97-3-7 (2) (b)
 - While effecting an arrest
- 2-Counts Simple Assault on a Police Officer 97-3-7 (1) (b)
 - While effecting an arrest