

# Mississippi high school is dropping Confederates as mascot

**Associated Press**  
A mostly white high school in northern Mississippi is retiring Confederates as the name of its sports teams. Caledonia has used the mascot since 1957, and it's often abbreviated to "Feds."

The Lowndes County school board voted Friday to drop the name after local residents expressed concerns about the image it portrays. The change comes amid a broader debate across the South over the display of

Confederate monuments and symbols amid widespread protests over racial injustice in the U.S.  
“As I looked into this whole thing, it became apparent that Black members of the community have been asking for these changes for at least 40 years, and nothing has been done,” said Amanda Neilson, a white resident who organized a group called Unify Caledonia. Caledonia High School is 77% white and 18.5% Black. A recent Caledonia High School graduate, NaTerika Shellman, told WCBI-TV that the name Confederates should have been retired long ago. “It'll be better for my younger brother who won't have to go through the same thing as I went through or have to ignore the same things that I've had to ignore,” said Shellman, who is African American. The principal, students,

# USDA to survey county small grains acreage

**Press Release**  
The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey producers in 32 states, including Mississippi for its 2020 Small Grains County Agricultural Production Survey (CAPS). The survey will collect information on total acres planted and harvested, and yield and production of small grains crops down to the county level. CAPS will provide the data needed to estimate acreage and production of selected crops such as barley, oats, and wheat in the United States. “The data provided will help federal and state programs support the farmer,” said Esmerelda Dickson, NASS Mississippi State Statistician. “I hope every producer understands the importance of these data and will take the time to respond if they receive this survey. Producers can lose out when there are no data to determine accurate rates for loans, disaster payments, crop insurance price elections and more. When enough producers do not respond to surveys, NASS is not able to publish data at the county level. You are encouraged to respond online at [agcounts.usda.gov](https://agcounts.usda.gov), or by mail. Alternatively, within the next few weeks NASDA representatives will contact selected

Mississippi growers to arrange telephone interviews to complete the survey. NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law. Survey results will be published on the NASS Quick Stats database (<https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov/>) at 3:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, December 10, 2020. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Delta Regional Field Office at (800) 327-2970.

IN AND AROUND  
LEXINGTON  
BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS

Lula Friar passed. Keep the Friar family uplifted in prayer. Lula was well known for her singing. She was one of the best soloists in and around Lexington. She was a member of the Lebanon M.B. Church choir. Her life's work was teaching. She taught school for many years. After retiring from the Holmes County School System, she worked at the Community Learning Center in Lexington. I went home to Coffeerville second Sunday weekend. All of my family was doing good healthwise. They had been asking me for months about coming up there. I was holding off due to COVID-19, but I said my prayers and went to visit my family. Mrs. Fannie Johnson is in or has been in the hospital recently. Pray that she will be feeling better and pain free soon.

community members and racist going on. It's just alumni will choose a new mascot and present it to the school board for approval in September. Board member Brian Clark voted to change the nickname but said he thinks most people in the community don't view the Confederates mascot as racist. “I have been in that community my entire life,” Clark said. “I don't see anything

some people outside looking in viewing it that way, and it's just time to change that stance.” Caledonia football coach Michael Kelly said he has not heard feedback, negative or positive, from players the past two years about the mascot. But, Kelly told The Commercial Dispatch: ““I feel like it was time for a change.”

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Please include all pertinent details, dates, location, name of the event or occasion, all associated people, organizations or groups, reason for event or occasion and NAMES OF ALL PEOPLE PICTURED IN ANY PHOTOGRAPH.  
We look forward to hearing from you!  
-Holmes County Herald Staff

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1) Some digits

5) Musical miscellany

9) Smart-mouthed

14) Brown shade

15) Ward (off)

16) Domed home

17) Phrase from a Churchill speech

20) Verso's opposite

21) Friendly at parties

22) Apollo's twin

25) Painter Hudson

26) The Grand Canyon, e.g.

28) Sorvino of "Mighty Aphrodite"

32) Destructive sort

37) Downy duck

38) Admonition to some athletes

41) Main bloodline

42) Like some rewards

43) Athletic facilities

44) Heelless shoes

46) "A pox on you!"

47) Affirms

53) Some Rembrandts

58) Place with cobwebs

59) Dejected host's lament

62) Averages

63) "So what \_\_\_\_ is new?"

64) Bakery necessity

65) Isn't for them?

66) Showroom model

67) Arid

DOWN

1) Prefix meaning "four"

2) Artist's pigment

3) Standing straight

4) Group of rooms

5) Not operating

6) Hilo souvenir

7) Quaint hotels

8) Music halls of old

9) Play a set with the band

10) Turkish honorific

11) Oscar Madison, famously

12) Music genre

13) Days long gone

18) "CD" follower

19) Bunco

23) Italian desserts

24) Give the cold shoulder

27) Bakery attraction

28) Knuckleball catcher

29) "What's the big \_\_\_\_?"

30) Rise up on hind legs

31) Military group

32) For fellows only

33) Nautical shout

34) Mound of earth

35) Dinner crumbs

36) Beverage at The Plaza

37) 67.5 degrees, on a compass

39) Whit or wee bit

40) "Meet Me \_\_\_\_ Louis"

44) "Can't complain"

45) Word with "cross" or "bow"

46) Before all others

48) "It" game

49) Community spirit

50) Countertop heater

51) Microwave device

52) Public to-do

53) Erupter of 1971

54) Valhalla bigwig

55) Parrot's beak part

56) Sunday song

57) Bottom of a shoe

60) Doctrine, for short

61) Classic introduction?

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“Teach them the game, make them fundamentally sound, learn the game so I can sit on a bucket during the game and look dumb,” Miller said jokingly of course. “Not have to tell you what to do.”  
Miller said he accomplished that philosophy while at Carroll. One day at practice he told his team he had to take his wife to the airport. Next a student-athlete told him, “We don't need you, just go sit on your bucket,” Miller laughed.  
“But, that's what I want,” Miller added, “...I want them to know what to do and when to do it.”  
The first ball of the season will be pitched on Friday, July 31 at Canton.

WHERE?

By George Pompey

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