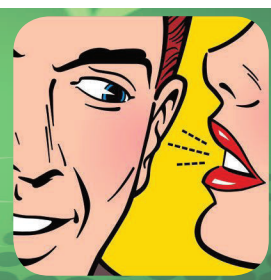


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Durant deaths remain under investigation

By Matthew Breazeale

An investigation is ongoing into the shooting deaths of two Durant residents.

Law enforcement responded to an incident on Dog Pen Road on Saturday, August 15 around 12:15 p.m.

Durant police that were dispatched to the scene discovered Edna Malone, 50,

had been shot, along with husband Freddie Malone, 56, who was also shot, all according to Durant Police Chief Jeremy Johnson.

Johnson said in a press release on Monday, August 24, EMTs who were on scene, treated both individuals. Both Malones later succumbed to their injuries.

Holmes County Coroner Dexter Howard reported that he responded to the scene by 12:30 p.m. the day of the incident. Howard said Edna Malone was dead on his arrival and Freddie Malone was airlifted to UMMC in Jackson but died en route at 2:24 p.m.

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limit transmission in the continued fight against COVID-19.

Working closely with college and university leadership and consulting with state health experts, Governor Reeves signed a new executive order to establish social distancing measures for campus outdoor stadiums that are in effect until

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waste disposal and recycling; and to establish programs for the collection of white goods, bulky wastes and recyclables.

Information about this grant program and other initiatives is available at www.mdeq.ms.gov/solid-waste-management-programs.

Governor Reeves sets limits on college stadiums, game day events to protect players and spectators

Press Release

On Thursday, August 20, Governor Tate Reeves issued social distancing measures

for college and university outdoor stadiums and game day events to ensure the safety of participants and

MDEQ awards Solid Waste Assistance Grant to Holmes County

Press Release

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) awarded Holmes County a solid waste assistance grant of \$17,977 that will be used by the county for an unauthorized dumpsite cleanup program.

"The Solid Waste Assistance Grants support a variety of useful solid waste management activities for cities and counties, and this grant will assist Holmes County's efforts in improving their management of solid waste," said Chris Wells, MDEQ Interim Executive Director.

Cities and counties may apply for Solid Waste Assistance Grants through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. These grants are used by local communities for programs to prevent and clean up unauthorized dumps; to aid in

hiring local solid waste enforcement officers; for public education efforts on solid

Shooting suspect back in Tchula custody

By Matthew Breazeale

Tchula officials report that a suspect wanted in connection with the shooting of a bystander has been located.

Robert "Big Skirt" Washington was apprehended in Jackson County, Michigan, on Saturday August 15. According to a press release from the town of Tchula, Washington, a convicted felon, fled Tchula after allegedly shooting at Anton Hogan on March 16. In the act, a young female bystander was injured in the gunfire.

According to the press release, Tchula Police Chief Kenneth Hampton escorted



ROBERT WASHINGTON

Washington back to Tchula, and they are expected back on Saturday, August 22.

Washington is set to make his initial court appearance before Municipal Judge Nyesha Sanders.

A borrowed bow, a silver buckle and the IBO World Champion Archer

By Matthew Breazeale

The last time Sherry Harrell-Pugh placed in the IBO (International Bowhunting Organization) world archery competition was in 2011 winning third place. Since then, visions of the coveted first place buckle to showcase her triumphs as an archer have propelled her to place again.

This year the buckle belongs to Sherry.

At her own expense, Sherry traveled to compete in the IBO World Championship in Tennessee. The event was held in Clarksville and Chapmansboro.

So far this year, training has been light for Sherry due to COVID-19. Many regional and national competitions have been cancelled outright.

Last year Sherry played for Team USA at the World Archery 3D Championship in Lac La Biche, Canada.

When news came that this year's IBO World Championship was on for certain, Sherry began planning.

"I went in the yard tried to shoot just a little bit," Sherry said. "I have been having trouble with my shoulders. My longbow that I shot in Canada was giving me issues. It's kind of stout."

In order to compete in Tennessee, Sherry used a borrowed bow from a friend, Calvin Smock.

Smock is also 2017 USA Team member and Gold Medal winner for World Archery 3D in Robion, France

"He and Dwayne Martin are on the USA Team too," said Sherry, "but they own C&D Archery. They make bow risers."

In archery terms, a riser is the name of the handle of the bow, although it is also where the arrow rests and additional accessories are connected. The limbs will



Pictured above, Sherry Harrell-Pugh (center) stands on the number one spot on the podium after winning the 2020 IBO (International Bowhunting Organization) World Championship in the Female Modern Recurve Class. Harrell-Pugh stands holding her coveted silver buckle. Pictured at left, is second place winner Mandy Boggs, of Noblesville, Indiana and, at right, is third place winner Layla Carter Wright from New Albany, Mississippi. (Photo Submitted)

also screw into the sides of the riser.

Calvin sent Sherry one of his own bows to compete with a lighter pull weight, also called draw weight.

"I did well considering I hadn't really shot," Sherry added.

The first place win is a culmination of months of hard work, stress and striving, ending in "Thank you God!" Sherry remains thankful to God for "even allowing (her) to be able to do this...with just a little bit of talent."

Sherry is also thankful to her supporters in her archery ventures, including husband David and expert advisers from Van's Sporting Goods in Brandon.

Another first place win this year was at the Howard Hill

Classic at Tannehill Historical State Park in McCalla, Alabama.

Other changes from the normal competition setup were enforced due to COVID-19 as well. This year ranges were different.

"Normally we shoot 20 yards around that. This year was 25 yards, a few shots were at 30 yards. It was tougher, but still great," said Sherry "I've never won a shoot-off before. This year I won the shoot-off, won the \$300 bucks."

Next month is boot camp in Ohio where Sherry will join other top shooters and train together.

"Some of the top shooters will be there giving pointers and helping archers to

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