

# \*A borrowed bow

(Continued from page 1.)  
prepare for tryouts on the

USA Team,” Sherry contin-  
ued, “and some high pres-  
sure shoot down situations.”

Currently, next year’s try-  
outs for the USA Team are  
on hold due to, like every-

thing else, COVID-19. Try-  
outs would have been held  
in Italy.

In light of Sherry being a  
firs place winner herself, she  
says she remains in awe of  
her fellow competitors and  
others’ levels of talent.

“Even if some of us don’t  
make the team, we want it  
to be the best team it could  
possibly be to go represent  
the United States,” Sherry  
said. “Whether I make it  
again or not, we just want it  
to be the best it can be.”

Admittedly, Sherry said

her biggest adversary during  
competitions isn’t the man  
or woman behind her hold-  
ing a bow, it’s herself.

Head games begin when  
Sherry thinks her scores  
aren’t matching up to other  
top competitors during a  
shoot.

“I do that and then I’m  
keeping score for four peo-  
ple...we have at least two  
score keepers, that way no-  
body cheats,” said Sherry.  
“I’ll say to myself, ‘I’m  
going to blow this’ or ‘The  
others are on my tail’ Then

I’ll say, ‘Just stop and shoot  
your shot. Do what you  
do.’”

Everyone needs a pep talk  
now and then. For Sherry  
it’s when she’s competing  
against herself.

“A person always wants  
to do better than the time  
before, up your score,”  
Sherry said. “Traditional  
archery is a mental thing. If  
a person has anything going  
on in his or her life, some-  
thing bothering you, a per-  
son has to go out there with  
a clear head.”



Pictured above, Sherry Harrell-Pugh shows off her buckle from placing first in the Howard Hill Classic Women’s Championship Shootdown. First place winners also receive a \$300 cash prize. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

## FUNNY STUFF

By Bill Bobb

1	A	G	A	I	N		6	C	H	O	O		10	A	D	D	S			
14	B	A	N	T	U		15	E	U	R	O		16	S	O	O	T			
17	C	R	A	C	K		18	I	N	G	T	H		19	E	C	O	D	E	
			20	C	H	E	S	T				21	S	M	I	D	G	E		
22	A	G	O				24	M	E	M	O		25	P	I	L	E	D		
28	G	A	N	J	A		31	R	E	L	E	T		32						
34	E	N	D	U	R	E	35						36	N	A	D	I	R		
			38	G	A	G	G	L	E	O	F	G	E	E	S	E				
							42	S	O	L	A	R		43	E	S	T	E	R	S
45	H	I	C				48	N	A	S	A	L		49						
51	O	M	A	H	A		53	T	H	A	I		54							
56	O	P	T	O	U	T	57					58	S	T	O	O	L			
61	P	U	N	C	T	U	62	A	T	I	O	N	63	M	A	R	K			
66	E	R	I	K			67	G	L	E	N		68	C	A	N	O	E		
69	R	E	P	S			70	S	L	A	G		71	E	N	E	M	Y		

## Auditors arrest former Columbus chief financial officer for embezzlement

### Press Release

On August 18, State Auditor Shad White announced Special Agents from his office have arrested former City of Columbus Chief Financial Officer Milton Rawle, Jr. after he was indicted for embezzlement by a grand jury in the district of District Attorney Scott Colom. Upon his arrest, Rawle was issued a demand showing he owes \$354,896.27 to taxpayers in Columbus. This amount includes interest and investigative expenses.

Rawle is accused of embezzling nearly \$290,000 by making electronic money transfers to personal bank accounts from December 2016 to December 2018. To hide the unauthorized transactions, Rawle purportedly used official-sounding labels like “payroll” and “reimbursement.” Investigators also believe he used clipart to alter city bank statements to conceal the transfers. The case was investigated after accounting discrepancies were



MILTON RAWLE, JR.

found and reported by a private CPA hired by the City of Columbus to complete a routine, annual audit.

“Mr. Rawle stole a great deal from the taxpayers of Columbus,” said Auditor White. “I’m thankful for the hard work of the auditor’s office investigators for building this case against him. Now it’s time for prosecutors to send him to prison and get the money back.”

Rawle was arrested by Special Agents yesterday in Jackson County. He was transported to Lowndes County where

bond will be set by the court.

If convicted, Rawle faces up to 20 years in prison and \$25,000 in fines. All persons arrested by the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The case will be prosecuted by the office of District Attorney Colom.

“Prosecutors should not go lightly here just because Mr. Rawle is a non-violent offender,” White said. “Mr. Rawle stole much more than many burglars could ever get away with. We shouldn’t treat him differently just because he wore a tie and stole with a pen.”

A \$100,000 surety bond covers Rawle’s time as an employee of Columbus. A surety bond is similar to insurance designed to protect taxpayers from corruption. Rawle will remain liable for the full amount of the demand in addition to criminal proceedings.

Suspected fraud can be reported to the Auditor’s office online any time by clicking the red button at [www.osa.ms.gov](http://www.osa.ms.gov) or via telephone during normal business hours at 1-(800)-321-1275.



Pictured above, Sherry Harrell-Pugh shows off her prized buckle she won by placing first in the 2020 IBO (International Bowhunting Organization) World Championship in the Female Modern Recurve Class. The buckle is made of silver and bronze with copper floral designs and bronze flowers with turquoise. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

Stay connected to  
your community  
by subscribing to the



HOLMES COUNTY

HERALD

Sign-up Online  
Anytime • 24/7

[www.holmescountyherald.com](http://www.holmescountyherald.com)

PayPal is Available!

PayPal™



DISCOVER