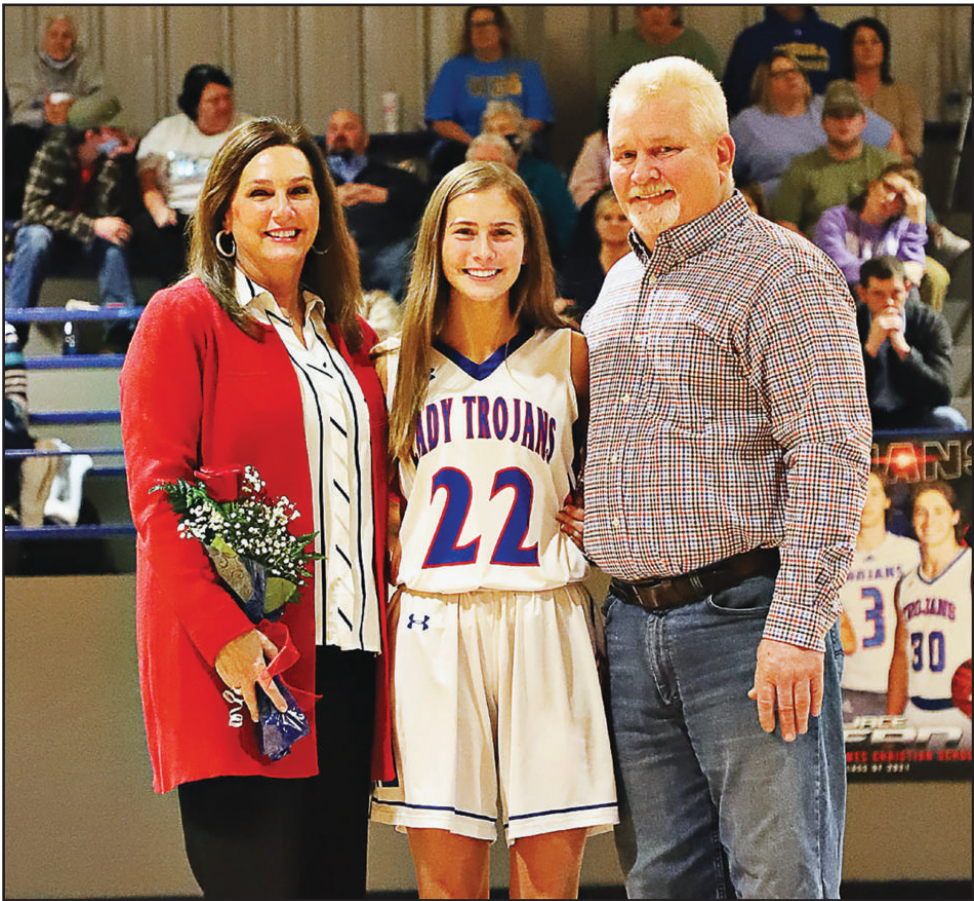




Central Holmes Senior Night



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Pictured above, senior Lindsey Turner with her parents Jackie and Tim Turner.



Pictured above, senior Breann Bell with her parents Lea and David McBride.



Pictured above, senior Artino Brown with his mother Tanya Smart.



Pictured above (from left), her parents Vonda and Shane Burton, senior Jesse Burton, and her parents Stephanie and Steve Diffey.

Governor names new MEMA director

Press Release

Governor Tate Reeves appoints Stephen McCraney as the new Executive Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency. McCraney started his new duties as executive director following the governor's announcement on January 28, 2021.

"Stephen McCraney has done exceptional work with MEMA since 2016 and I am proud to elevate him to this new role. His work ethic is second to none. He has a command of Mississippi's emergency infrastructure, and there is no steadier hand in a crisis," says Governor Tate Reeves.

Before assuming the role as Executive Director, Mr.



STEPHEN MCCRANEY

McCraney served as the Deputy Director and the Chief of Staff of MEMA since February of 2016. During his tenure, McCraney has worked on 15 federally declared disasters, six emergency measures declarations and nu-

merous state emergencies.

"I'm deeply honored to take the helm of MEMA. This agency has shown tremendous strength within the last year. I will strive to keep Mississippi and her citizens ready to handle any manmade or natural disaster that comes our way; and forge an even greater relationship with our county EMA directors to ensure the needs of all Mississippians are met during a disaster. As we remain in the fight against COVID-19 and processing the other 17 open federally declared disasters, MEMA stands ready to respond to whatever emergency happens next," says Executive Director McCraney.

Mr. McCraney has extensive experience in responding to disasters in Mississippi. While serving for 28 years as a Lieutenant

Colonel in the Mississippi Army and Air National Guard, McCraney responded to Hurricane Katrina, the

Smithville Tornado, Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and the Mississippi River Flooding of 2011.

He has been married to Sandra Kaye Champion for 34 years and they have two children.

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