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After a moratorium in 2020, all of Oxford High School's traditional homecoming events made their return this year. Most notably was the homecoming parade normally routed through Oxford's town square. Senior and homecoming queen Ivy Dennis believes that after a delay due to COVID, everyone was ready to put maximum effort into all of homecoming week's events.

"I definitely think our float this year was the best one we've done," Dennis said. "Not only did we try harder than in the past, we also had more people participate this year. Since it was our last year, we wanted to try and get as many people as possible on our float."

According to Dennis, the moment she found out she was homecoming queen was

a complete surprise.

"When I found out I was homecoming queen, I was just kind of shocked," Dennis said. "I've lived in Oxford my entire life and have seen girls get homecoming queen every year and have never thought that would be me. I was also very happy that I got to share that experience with my best friend Hassell. It was nice to have him standing next to me, supporting me."

For Dennis, homecoming week represents community.

"Everyone looks forward to homecoming because we have spirit days everyday that week. We have the parade and the game Friday. It's just overall a fun week. I think homecoming is important because it's something that you were elected for by your peers. I really enjoyed the seniors I was on court with. We all had a good time together dressing up and doing each event," Dennis said.

# CHARGERS COME HOME: A WEEK OF FESTIVITIES



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**Left:** Junior homecoming maid **Mattie Beauchamp** and junior escort **Ross Shows** pose for a picture. All homecoming maids and their escorts participated in the homecoming parade on September 22, which began in the parking lot of the Gertrude Ford Center at the University of Mississippi and ended at Oxford Intermediate School. **Center:** Four members of the OHS JROTC walk in a procession towards the center of the football field at the homecoming game. **Right:** Senior quarterback **Michael Harvey** runs the ball during a play during the football game against the Murrah Mustangs. The Chargers won the game 38-0.

## MEET YOUR SENIOR MAIDS



SEMAJ PETTIS & CHARLIE SHULL



LEONA VAUGHN & ARKASHA MCGINNNESS



BETSY SPENCER & AIDAN GOULDING



HANNAH JOHNSON & JOE MAXCY



**Above:** Freshman **Maci Helsel**, sophomore **Ellie Mauney**, junior **Ella Tosh**, sophomore **Hayden Gilliland** and freshman **Carter Wilkes** perform at the homecoming pep rally on Friday, September 24. The pep rally took place in the green area between the Fine Arts building and the gym. **Top Right:** Seniors **Ivy Dennis** and **Hassell Wilkinson** pose for a picture. Dennis, escorted by Wilkinson, was named homecoming queen during the halftime of the football game against the Murrah Mustangs on the evening of September 24. Oxford High School's homecoming queen is decided by popular vote. **Right:** Juniors **Ali Hewitt**, **Ella Tosh**, **Ada Grace Perry** and **Ginny Ross Fair** wave to parade-goers on during the OHS homecoming parade, which took place on Wednesday, September 22. Each grade level at the high school created a float for the parade, while Oxford Middle School, Oxford Intermediate School, Della Davidson Elementary School, Oxford Elementary School and Bramlett Elementary School had one float each. Many clubs and teams at OHS also constructed floats.



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## 2021-22 HOMECOMING COURT

### Freshman maids:

Azaria Brown escorted by Kamar Johnson  
Mariana Martinez-Magana escorted by Kamar Houston  
Lucy Perry escorted by Grant Young  
Owen Wilkinson escorted by Brown Dennis

### Sophomore maids:

Gedrina Harris escorted by Jamarion Wadley  
Gait Mayo escorted by Kanalu Avery  
Nyla Patton escorted by Miles Luber  
Sha'niah Sample escorted by Thomas Rayburn

### Junior maids:

Mattie Beauchamp escorted by Ross Shows  
Samaria Cancer escorted by Eli Nordstrom  
Nora Clinton escorted by Silas O'Donnell  
Kaylin Mathis escorted by Jayden Jones

### Senior maids:

Ivy Dennis escorted by Hassell Wilkinson  
Hannah Johnson escorted by Joe Maxcy  
Semaj Pettis escorted by Charlie Shull  
Bella Shipman escorted by Owen Collins  
Betsy Spencer escorted by Aidan Goulding  
Leona Vaughn escorted by Arkasha McGinness