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PROPOSED LEGISLATION

THC levels concern in marijuana bill

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A draft medical marijuana bill is better than Initiative 65, state Sen. J. Walter Michel says, but he, like others, has concerns about the the potency of marijuana cigarettes under what's being proposed.

Michel, a Republican from Ridgeland, is confident medical marijuana is an issue that can

be debated and solved in the upcoming regular session in January but has an open mind about what he says is the governor's decision.

"I know anything we get will be better than what was voted on in Initiative 65 because there are revenue sources for the state," Michel said after the legislation was announced. "There are protections. There are zoning opt-

outs. There are municipal opt-outs, all kinds of good stuff in there."

Initiative 65 was approved by 766,478, or 58% of the 1.3 million votes cast in November 2020 but overturned by the Supreme Court on procedure in May. That referendum approval represented about 40% of all registered voters.

Lawmakers reached a compromise between the House and

Senate on draft legislation in September and leaders have pressed Gov. Tate Reeves to call a special session for lawmakers to address the measure that is more than 100 pages long.

Democrat Rep. Edward Blackmon Jr. of Canton is one of those pressing for a special session and believes the matter can be addressed before January.

Reeves told the Associated Press this week that among other provisions, he wants to be included in the bill is a reduction in the amount of THC, the active component in marijuana that produces a high, saying he believes the allowable limit in the current legislation is too high.

Michel said he, too, had concerns about the amount of THC permitted in the legisla-

tion.

"That was one of the main problems I had with Initiative 65 was the amount of cigarettes that were allowed and in that instance, there was no mention of THC," Michel said. "I'm no pharmacist so from what I've been told is 65 would allow the sale of approximately 10 marijuana cigarettes per day to a person."

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firefighter training



Photo by KIM ABERCROMBIE

Madison firefighters Lt. Tommy Stewart and Cameron Willson training on team building, maneuvering and advancing a charged hose line during a training last month. The Madison Fire Department held a train-

ing on team building and firefighting skills for their firefighters on Monday, Oct. 25 at Station 2 on Old Canton Road.

WOMAN CHARGED

Firearm
goes off
at Rosa
Scott

By STAFF REPORTS
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MADISON — An Edwards woman faces charges of discharging a firearm within the city limits after a concealed gun she was permitted to carry in her purse was discharged in the Rosa Scott School gymnasium on Monday.

Investigators said that Kashaun Alexis McRunells of Edwards, who has an enhanced concealed carry permit that allowed her to possess the firearm at the event, was reaching into her purse to answer her phone when the gun fired.

"The investigator was able to secure the purse and firearm and determined that no citizens were injured," the Madison Police Department stated in a press release Monday.

"School administrators were on scene and suspended the remainder of the game as investigators escorted the female to a secure office inside the school.

All spectators peacefully exited the gymnasium as investigators continued interviewing witnesses and notifying appropriate personnel."

McRunells received a \$500 bond and a court date to appear before Madison Municipal Court regarding the incident.

Police said the investigation is ongoing.

RIDGELAND CAMPUS

Healthcare part of Holmes expansion

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RIDGELAND — Additional healthcare programs will be added in a Holmes Community College expansion here, county officials were told this week.

They are in the early planning stages of building a 25,000 square foot building on the school's campus here to house additional healthcare programs, HCC's president told the Madison County Board of Supervisors on Monday.

"We have a need to really open up some more healthcare programs here in Madison County," said Dr. Jim Haffey, president of Holmes Community College. "We hope to build a 25,000 square foot building there on I-55 frontage road on the land that we have. We are in the stages of planning that, talking to a neighbor next door.

Actually, we need to expand some parking. That is the big academic plan that we have to expand here in Ridgeland, but we are also looking at doing some other things."

Haffey told supervisors that Holmes Community College has an excellent soccer program in Madison that lost the national championship last spring in double overtime.

"We have plans to go back and try to win it all for Madison County," Haffey said. "We are building them a new soccer complex there on the campus and they are just good students to have around."

Haffey and Ridgeland Campus Vice President Don Burnham, Ph.D., attended the supervisors' Monday meeting to update them on the school's status.

"We mainly just want to be here to thank you guys and

ladies for what you've done for Holmes Community College over the past 30 or 40 years and to just be here to answer any questions and to offer up our services if you ever have any research or any programs that you need us to be working on," Haffey said.

The Holmes Community College Madison County Campus is the largest non-residential community college campus in Mississippi, Haffey said. The college has a current enrollment of 3,294 and 375 full-time employees. Holmes granted more than \$632,000 in scholarships to Madison Countians this year.

In addition to traditional academic offerings, Haffey said the school also offers more than 30 career and technical programs districtwide, including massage therapy, culinary arts

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Rice Road extension underway

The Rice Road extension project in Ridgeland is on track to be completed by the end of the year. The \$2 million project aims to extend Rice Road west across U.S. 51 establishing another entrance into the new City Center complex. Construction began in April after officials awarded a bid to Hemphill Construction in February.



Madison student has top score in the world

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MADISON — A Madison Central junior is one of only six students in the world to make a perfect score on the Advanced Placement Psychology Exam for 2021.

Leo Mei, son of Hao Mei and Lianna Li of Madison, said that achieving a perfect score was no accident.

“I had to start preparing quite a while back,” Mei said. “AP tests are year-long college-level courses that require the student to start preparing a long time in advance. You can’t just start studying the night before.”

Mei said that his AP Psychology class taught by Brett Mayfield was a highlight of his Sophomore year. He said he found studying how the mind works and “why we do what we do” to be fascinating.

“There are all these different perspectives on biological and social factors that affect the way our brain works,” Mei said. “It was really interesting.”

Advanced Placement Exams are scored on a scale of 1 to 5, and Mei not only received the top score of 5 but was also one of only six students in the world to earn every point possible on



Madison Central's Leo Mei recently scored a perfect score on the AP Psychology exam.

the test, receiving the maximum score on each portion of the exam.

Trevor Packer, head of the Advanced Placement Program,

in a letter to Madison Central's Principal Sean Brewer, wrote that Mei's score reflected the top-notch education offered at Madison Central.

“This outstanding accomplishment is likely a direct reflection of the top-quality education being offered at Madison Central High School,”

Packer said.

Mei is thankful for the opportunities he has had to flourish at Madison Central.

“I just want to say thank you

to Madison County Schools,” Mei said. “It is a great school district and I am thankful for the education they have given me.”

Brewer also credits Mei's academic performance to his curiosity and intellectual interests and abilities across the curriculum.

“We are proud of Leo,” Brewer said. “He is immensely academically talented and he pairs that with a high work ethic and inquisitive mind. He pushes all of the students and teachers around him to be better.”

Mei was one of six students out of 262,000 worldwide to make a perfect score. This year he is enrolled in a number of AP classes. Mei said he enjoys all of his courses but his AP language, calculus and chemistry classes stick out to him this year.

“He is in something like six AP courses this year so he has more opportunities to make a perfect score,” Brewer said.

In his free time, Mei likes to play piano and read. His favorite genre is science fiction.

He said it is a little early to consider his next step at college though he has already visited MIT and Cornell adding that he needs to “look more into it.”

New COVID-19 cases remain low throughout county

By JOHN LEE
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Madison County recorded 57 new COVID-19 cases and no new deaths in the past week, according to the Mississippi State Department of Health's Wednesday, Oct. 27, COVID-19 report.

Madison County has now

recorded a total of 14,725 COVID-19 cases and 281 deaths since the pandemic began in March 2020, according to MSDH.

Madison County continues to have one of the state's highest vaccination rates with 66,221 or 62% of people having received one dose of a vaccine and 61,432 or 58% of people having

received two doses.

Vaccines are currently being administered at Walgreens, Walmart, Kroger and CVS locations in Madison.

Madison County Schools reported eight total active district cases for the week of Oct. 25. The active case percentage of the on-campus population is 0.1%. The school district record-

ed 9 people quarantining.

Statewide, since the pandemic began in March 2020, 289,888 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been recorded by the MSDH along with 215,773 probable cases, totaling 505,661 cases. There have been 6,782 confirmed COVID-19 deaths, along with 3,352 probable deaths, totaling 10,134 deaths.

Bill

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Michel said testimony in hearings on the matter focused on the issue, saying that the bill would allow 10 marijuana cigarettes per day per individual.

“Dr. Dobbs at our hearings said that that is enough to, basically, a cigarette can keep someone high for a couple of hours,” Michel said. “You’ve got to sleep eight hours a day

and that was enough for somebody to be stoned all day long and still have five cigarettes left over to sell or give away or whatever. I am certainly under the mindset that that was too liberal so I am in favor of tightening that up but I do not understand all the different THC terminology and that is something I am going to have to educate myself further.”

Talk of a special session has been looming on the medical marijuana issue since the state Supreme Court in May overturned a medical marijuana initiative approved by voters in the 2020 general election.

The high court sided with Madison Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler who challenged the process by which the measure was placed on ballots and overturned Initiative 65 that was approved by 58% of the vote, according to certified election results.

One of the issues Michel said he is happy the draft legislation addresses is allowing cities to opt-out of the medical marijuana program.

“There is a municipal opt-out provision which would

allow a board of aldermen to choose not to allow the retail sale of medical marijuana in their city confines,” Michel said. “At the same time, if the citizens of that municipality want to come up with an initiative and get it on the ballot where they want to force it to be able to be sold in that municipality they have the right to do that.”

Michel said too that Initiative 65 did not tax the sale of marijuana but the proposed legislation does tax the distribution and sale of medical marijuana.

“There is going to be a taxing structure on it now,” Michel said. “There was no taxation. Initiative 65 required the state to oversee the whole program and there were no funds in there to pay for the additional agency needs whatsoever on the enforcement and regulations so there will be a tax structure at the distribution level and at the retail level. From the numbers I’ve heard that is expected to be somewhere around \$40 to \$50 million per year to the state coffers which certainly will come in handy.”

Whether to call a special

session is in the sole purview of the governor and Michel said he has no insight as to whether Reeves will call a special session.

“If it lasts much longer, we are already in November,” Michel said. “If we don’t hurry up it might be the mindset just to wait until we are in session in the first week of January. I honestly don’t know.”

Michel said he would keep an open mind going into any special session to address the medical marijuana issue as did Blackmon.

“I believe we are going to address it before January,” Blackmon said this week.

Michel said even when the issue is brought up in the Legislature it could change with amendments.

“Once he (Reeves) does call us in even though he has had all these mandates he has wanted in the final legislation to be that way he will have the right to veto it,” Michel said. “Just because he is holding us up trying to get all items in the bill that he wants doesn’t mean it can’t be amended in the senate or the floor of the house.”

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Canton drops lawsuit over Amazon fire truck

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The back and forth over who will control a new \$1.4 million ladder truck protecting an Amazon facility near Canton narrowly avoided a court challenge when aldermen dropped their lawsuit.

“We had some of our members ... file a lawsuit, but that has been rescinded this morning at 8 o’clock,” Canton Ward 2 Alderman Fred Esco told the Madison County Board of Supervisors at their Monday meeting.

Canton Mayor William Truly, Ward 5 Alderman Timothy Taylor and Esco visited the board, they said, as an act of good faith.

“That puts us in a better position to communicate,” Esco said. “Alderman Taylor and I ... wanted to be able to communicate with the county and to show ourselves friendly and to show where we can cooperate and work together for the betterment of the city and the county. I think that is important.”

The lawsuit challenged the creation of a Megasite Fire District that has been created and abolished twice and then recreated again in recent months.

Supervisors said the Megasite

Fire District will provide fire protection for the new Megasite Industrial Park that will house an Amazon distribution center and other industries.

Supervisors initially created a Central Madison County Fire district to cover a 5-mile radius around Canton that includes the Amazon Megasite and had planned to place within the new district a new \$1.4 million ladder fire truck the county purchased this year, in part, with a \$750,000 allocation from the Legislature.

Supervisors had said the Central fire district would be well equipped to handle fires within the Central Madison Fire District as well as within the city of Canton and the Megasite industrial park.

However, at an Aug. 2 meeting, District 3 Supervisor Gerald Steen made a motion to create a Megasite Fire District to cover the new Amazon distribution center and other buildings in the Megasite.

That motion also put the ladder truck within the Megasite Fire District taking it out of a newly created Central Fire District in Canton. That motion passed 3-1 with District 4 Supervisor and Board President Karl Banks absent.

In September, however, District 5 Supervisor Paul Griffin made a motion to abolish and rescind the Amazon Megasite district and to place the industrial site back into the Central Madison County Fire District.

That motion carried 3-2 with District 2 Supervisor Trey Baxter and Steen voting against it and District 1 Supervisor Shelia Jones voting with Banks and Griffin.

In October, the board again did an about-face on the fire district issue when Madison County supervisors reinstated with Jones made a motion to reinstate the Megasite Fire Protection District following what she described as a discussion she had with the state insurance commissioner.

Griffin and Steen told the Canton officials that the decision is now in the hands of the newly created Megasite fire commission.

“We should hear something from them as far as fire protection within the next couple two or three weeks or something of that nature,” Steen said. “I know they will hopefully be reaching out with y’all as well along with others about fire protection, so they will be meeting this week.”

Holmes

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and welding.

In other matters at Monday’s meeting the Board of Supervisors:

- Voted to have the county administrator work with Canton businesses and the City of Canton to keep the Historic grounds safe from damage during the Christmas Celebration, which is scheduled from Nov. 26 to Dec. 24 in Canton.
- Approved the appointment of Zelma Jordan Little to the Camden Fire Protection District.
- Approved purchasing a License Plate Reading system for the Madison County Sheriff’s Office for approximately \$50,000.
- Voted to correct an error in the Road Registry and reflect the board’s intent for Bordeaux Court, French Branch and French Branch Cove to be public roads in the Villages of Lake Caroline.
- Approved a supplemental agreement to Mississippi Engineering Group Inc. contract for \$142,213.70 for additional design and Civil Engineering and Infrastructure services associated with the relocation of the 30-inch water line serving Nissan within the Reunion Crossing Parkway (Reunion II) project.
- Approved an amended a

task order to provide additional appraisals on an existing parcel and to provide all services associated with an additional parcel being added to the project for \$13,900 for Reunion Crossing Parkway (Reunion II) Phase 2.

- Approved spending \$19,500 for total landscaping and irrigation for the Tax Assessor’s office.
- Approved a plat amendment to combine lots 7 and 8 in the Gluckstadt Business Park.
- Approved a preliminary plat for a new subdivision, Hunters Cove. The seven lots range in size from 2-3.4 acres.

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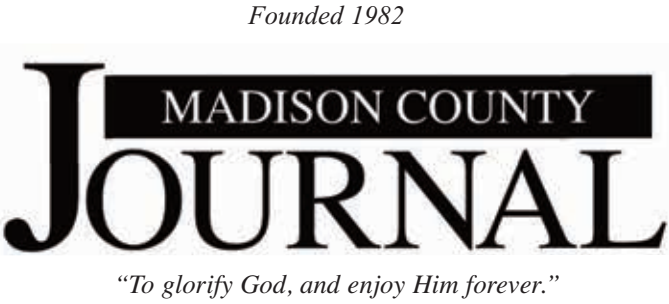
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EDITORIALS

Climate fail

It is a sign of maturity when, as British wordsmith Rudyard Kipling once noted, “you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs.” A level-headed approach to climate change issues is wanting, as United Nations activists offer up costly initiatives meant to mitigate global temperatures while failing to account for the world’s swelling, affordable energy needs. Only a more significant role for nuclear power can resolve climate fears without triggering energy poverty.

The U.N. Conference of the Parties (COP) 26 has unfolded in Glasgow, Scotland, with a jarring warning as a prelude. Greenhouse gas emissions, reads its Emissions Gap Report 2021, are forecast to blow past a ceiling of 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels set by the 2015 Paris Climate Accord and reach 2.7 degrees Celsius by 2100.

The central challenge is whether the world’s advanced nations powered by fossil fuels can be converted to run on net-zero emissions sources without running their economies into the ground. Donald Trump reckoned the cost would unfairly punish U.S. industry. Since domestic emissions were already falling, he rejected the U.N. plan.

In contrast, President Biden is all in on climate change. His plan to put a \$555 billion down payment to the environmentalists’ “Green New Deal” may be welcome news in Glasgow; stateside, not so much. The president has managed to show Americans what life looks like when the government chokes domestic fossil fuels. Pipeline and drilling-field bans have already resulted in a gasoline price spike

of nearly 60 percent, and a surge in natural gas costs is expected to top 50 percent. The Biden solution: beg the OPEC oil cartel to provide the fuel that he will not.

China, the world’s top carbon emissions producer, cut coal production to suit environmentalist demands this year. Subsequent rolling blackouts forced the Communist government to drop the “green” designs and push the coal pedal to the metal. Embarrassed by China’s about-face, President Xi Jinping has chosen not to show at COP26. Likewise for Vladimir Putin, who would rather sell Russia’s fossil-fuel bounty to energy-impooverished nations than restrict it.

The U.N.’s renewable energy ambitions are likely to come up short without a boost from nuclear power. In 2020, all solar, wind, and other renewables generated 12 percent of U.S. energy consumption. Fossil fuels accounted for 69 percent.

To erase oil, natural gas and coal without descent into U.S. energy poverty would require boosting emissions-free nuclear power from the current 12 percent to a proportion closer to the 70 percent found in France. Even better would be investments in nuclear fusion — next-generation technology advancing toward the production of clean, nearly limitless power within the next decade.

It is fantasy to bet the energy future on the likes of U.S. climate envoy John Kerry, who called the U.N. meet-up the “last best hope for the world to get its act together.” Chicken Little couldn’t have squawked it better.

— The Washington Times

Fauci needs to go

Renowned Dr. Anthony Fauci, despite his lofty title and far-reaching authority, is responsible for decisions that aided China in worsening the virulence of a pathogen similar to the one that has ravaged the world for nearly two years. Even if the offending virus was not the notorious COVID-19, President Biden should show his chief medical adviser the door. Assisting an adversary along the path of expertise in “gain of function” should lead to loss of job.

A letter last week from the National Institutes of Health to Congress owned up to U.S. funding of potentially dangerous research Dr. Fauci has disclaimed had occurred at the Chinese virology laboratory thought to have been the source of the deadly disease. In a “limited experiment,” read the letter, lab mice were infected with a strain of bat coronavirus, making them sicker.

“Gain of function” is a term the White House doctor swears does not apply to the research funded with a \$600,000 grant he approved in his role as director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Dr. Fauci is splitting hairs. By any definition, a virus rendered more dangerous has undergone a “gain of function.” Curiously, the NIH no longer defines it at all: The troublesome term has been scrubbed from the organization’s website.

Medical science is cast into ill repute when it descends into research that can just as easily kill as heal. It’s unsurprising, then, that practitioners with skin in the game took note of the NIH’s belated admission of its role in the Wuhan experi-

ments: “NIH corrects untruthful assertions by NIH Director [Francis] Collins and NIAID Director Fauci that NIH had not funded gain-of-function research in Wuhan,” tweeted Richard Ebright, Board of Governors Professor of Chemistry and Chemical Biology at Rutgers University.

Others leaped — perhaps unfairly — to the conclusion that it was COVID-19 that was funded with U.S. dollars. On the contrary, says the NIH, the U.S.-backed Wuhan research experimented with a strain of virus distinct from the current killer. Still, any research that renders a virus more lethal is risky; doing so in tandem with a hostile China is positively foolish.

Sadly, nature has made the communist nation a plague factory. China spawned a flu variant in 1957, killing an estimated 1.1 million. The 1968 Hong Kong Flu claimed another million. Another flu arose in Hong Kong in 1997, then reappeared in 2003, with an aggregate death toll of 300. Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, caused by a coronavirus variant, surfaced in China’s Guangdong province in 2002, spreading to 26 nations and killing 800. Beijing’s scientists may nonetheless enjoy romping on pestilence’s playground, but the U.S. should have the sense not to join them.

President Biden should show Dr. Fauci the door. Without responsibility, there is no accountability and no one standing between Americans and the next pandemic. “Gain of function” should lead to loss of job.

— The Washington Times

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Climate change failure?

“Colossal Stakes as Leaders Meet to Talk Climate,” ran the headline.

“The Last Best Hope,” ran the subhead, which turned out to be a quote from President Joe Biden’s climate czar John Kerry.

But these alarmist headings were not atop an editorial. They topped the lead news story in Sunday’s New York Times, the opening line of which set the tone for Glasgow: “The future is on the line.”

Somini Sengupta, climate reporter, then laid out the “colossal stakes” of the summit.

“As presidents and prime ministers arrive in Glasgow this week for a pivotal climate summit, the outcome will determine, to a large extent, how the world’s seven billion people will survive on a hotter planet and whether far worse levels of warming can be averted ...

“Already, the failure to slow rising temperatures — brought on by the burning of oil, gas and coal — has led to deadly floods, fires, heat, and drought around the world.”

The hype is on. And the establishment media are playing their assigned role — portraying a failure at Glasgow as a guarantee of the looming apocalypse.

The first leader the Times quoted was from Barbados. “That we are now so perilously close to the edge for a number of countries,” said Prime Minister Mia Mottley, “is perhaps the tragedy of our times.”

The theology of the climate crisis runs like this.

The planet has warmed by 1.1 degree Celsius since the Industrial Revolution. If warming rises to more than 1.5 degrees Celsius above 1900 levels, more and more terrible weather disasters will occur: wildfires, hurricanes of growing severity, droughts, coastal and river flooding, and islands sinking into the sea.

The only way to stave off “climate catastrophe” is for all

Is failure baked in the climate change cake at Glasgow?

nations to cut carbon emissions radically now and for the world to reach net zero emissions by midcentury.

A fast phaseout of the major emitters of carbon dioxide — the burning of coal, oil and gas to heat homes, run cars and generate power — and replacement of these fossil fuels with clean energy — solar, wind, nuclear — is a moral and political imperative.

But if such a radical transformation of national economies is the only way to avert the impending crisis, we should brace ourselves and prepare for that crisis. For there is no way the demanded changes in energy consumption are going to be made by 2030.

Consider.

The world’s largest emitter of carbon dioxide is China, which burns half of the world’s coal and is building new coal-fired plants even as the 30,000 summiteers gather in Glasgow.

China was given a license in the Paris climate accord of 2015 to burn all the coal it wishes until 2030, after which it has agreed to begin reducing carbon emissions. But the idea that China can or will convert in a few decades to wind, solar and nuclear power to run the world’s largest manufacturing plant seems preposterous.

The U.S., the world’s second largest emitter of carbon dioxide, gets 81% of its energy from oil, coal and natural gas. We depend on those fuels to heat our homes, run our vehicles and power our industry.

In his Build Back Better bill, Biden inserted a provision that would have imposed annually rising taxes on carbon producers and used the revenue to reward companies that reduced their reliance on fossil fuels.

The proposal had to be pulled out, lest it drag Biden’s

entire bill down to defeat. Lest we forget, Sen. Joe Manchin is from West Virginia.

India, the world’s third largest emitter of greenhouse gases, is also, like China, dependent on coal. But, though its population is as large as China’s, India is behind China industrially, and the standard of living of its 1.4 billion people is below that of China.

To demand that India begin to end its burning of coal and rely more on solar and wind is to demand that New Delhi accept a future where India’s standard of living remains lower than that of China.

As for Russia, the fourth largest emitter of carbon dioxide, it is rich in fossil fuels and the leading supplier of natural gas to Europe. But Moscow manipulates the supplies of its natural gas to its customers for reasons of both revenue and politics.

Neither Chinese President Xi Jinping nor Russian President Vladimir Putin will even be present in Glasgow.

Saudi Arabia, the Gulf states and other OPEC nations depend for their national income on oil exports. If fossil fuels become forbidden fuels, what is to become of these nations?

Will they accept a future where their primary natural resource is gradually outlawed by the rest of the world? Will they be content to rely on the industrialized world to provide them with windmills and solar panels to power their economies?

The world’s losers from this Glasgow summit are likely to be the billions of people who will never know the benefits of fossil fuels that produced the Industrial Revolution and created the affluent societies of the 20th century.

Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of “Nixon’s White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever.”

RICH LOWRY

The life of Brandon

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concert in England, and so on.

If lobbying this particular vulgarity is now completely out of bounds, the new progressive rule is “F— you” for me, but not for thee.

After gaining traction with roadside demonstrators outside Biden events and with college football fans, the “F— Joe Biden” chant took an unexpected turn last month. The NASCAR driver Brandon Brown won a race at the Talladega Superspeedway and the reporter interviewing him misstated a growing “F— Joe Biden” chant in the background as fans saying, “Let’s go Brandon.”

The scene was like something out of the Will Ferrell comedy “Talladega Nights.” A meme was born.

The substitute version of the insult, instantly adopted by the president’s critics, is more light-hearted than the original. Fundamentally, it’s a joke. It is a gibe at Biden, of course, but also at the misreporting of the chant at the raceway, which is taken as a symbol of the media’s ridiculous protectiveness toward Biden.

The chant is also amusingly anodyne, given its provenance. Who can object to the cheering on Brandon, whoever he is?

Not everyone appreciates the humor, though. When a South-

west Airlines pilot allegedly spoke the offending phrase over the intercom on a flight with an Associated Press reporter on board, the outrage machine kicked into gear in a particularly blatant display of humorlessness and lack of proportion.

Harvard professor and CNN commentator Juliette Kayyem posted a missive supposedly from another pilot calling for the Southwest pilot and the crew all to be fired on grounds that he must have been too mentally unbalanced to operate the plane.

Asha Rangappa, another CNN commentator and a Yale law professor, compared the pilot’s statement with saying, “Long live ISIS,” as if expressing an anti-Biden sentiment in a jokey way is the same as pledging loyalty to a terror group that would love its acolytes to crash airliners.

Of course, pilots shouldn’t make political announcements on their flights, and it’d be better if no one resorted to public obscenities when referring to Biden, Trump, or any other officeholder. But it’s one of the privileges of living in a democratic age that people can insult the head of state without fear of jail or other punishment.

Anyone who thinks deriding a U.S. president, especially an unpopular one, is breaking new, dangerous ground knows nothing of our history or what it’s like to live in a clamorous continental nation. Partisan insults, vulgar and not, come with the territory.

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BIBLE SELECTION

having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

— Ephesians 1:18 (ESV)

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Cohesive Jackson Street downtown plan up for bid

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RIDGELAND — Design services in a long-running plan to establish and enhance Jackson Street and the surrounding area known as the Railroad District are being sought.

The goal is to make Jackson Street a cohesive downtown area, Mayor Gene F. McGee said, and officials expect the work to be in early 2022.

He hopes a master plan will lay out a path to make the area pedestrian-friendly and offer on-street parking as well certain aesthetic details like outside speakers that play seasonal music and string lighting across the street overhead.

McGee said the city will begin advertising for bids for design services next week.

The planning process will include stakeholder and com-

munity engagement and recommendations for improvements to the mixed-use corridor, officials said.

When all bids are in, a committee consisting of McGee, Aldermen Ken Heard, Wesley Hamlin and Chuck Gautier as well as Director of Community Development and Public Works Alan Hart can start making decisions related to the project.

The committee also includes Community Development employees Jordan Lohman and Bryan Johnson.

“This project is in its early stages,” Hart said. “We have only been authorized to advertise for proposals. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen will determine how much can be budgeted once we select the best consultant for our project.”

McGee said he hopes this will create a neat business community.

The committee and permission to advertise for bids for design services were unanimously approved at the Oct. 19 regular city board meeting on the consent agenda.

Hart echoed the Mayor’s goals and said they hope to begin putting pen to paper on plans and designs as early as the beginning of next year.

“The Mayor and Board of Aldermen are hopeful to create a Master Plan for the Railroad District along Jackson Street that focuses on sense of place and quality improvements,” Hart said. “It is our desire to make this area along Jackson Street more pedestrian-oriented to become an even more popular place for shopping, gathering and dining. We are hopeful to have a consultant engaged in early 2022.”

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

God’s law vs. human tradition: Part IV

Please turn with me in your Bible to Matthew 5:33-37 as we continue our study of the Lord’s Sermon on the Mount. In this passage, Christ is applying the law specifically in the hearts of the people. Jesus’ words here hit close to home to every single one of us because here He is calling His disciples to tongue righteousness. He is calling on us to have godly speech. As such, we see two important things in these verses. First, we see how Jesus addresses false vows. Secondly, we observe how Jesus rebukes false vows.

I. Jesus Addresses False Vows.

In verse 33, Jesus addresses what the Pharisees were teaching regarding false vows, and that brings to mind two things. First of all, what Moses originally intended by his words; and secondly, what the Pharisees were teaching. In verse 33 Jesus says, “Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, ‘you shall not make false vows, but shall fulfill your vows to the Lord.’” It is important to remember that vows were common then, as they are now. Vows were a solemn way that a person could commit himself or herself to the performance of a particular duty. Vows were also a way of calling down a higher judgment upon ourselves. Vows were a way of solemnizing an agreement, an arrangement, and a promise. And the Pharisees were teaching that this was very important in the context of their testimony in court. And thus far, that was of course, absolutely true. In each of these passages, in Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, the emphasis was on our being truthful in our intentions and in our performance of our promise.

But the Pharisees restricted the scope of this commandment. They misread it and they misinterpreted it. They stressed that this command required an external refraining from perjuring oneself in social, and civil, and legal situations. But Jesus is saying that this commandment means much more than that. This commandment is spiritual. It extends to the heart. This commandment is more than merely external. It is internal. It has to do with all of our truthfulness before the living God. And so, the Lord Jesus is derivative of the Pharisees teaching of this command because they had taught the people that they could some-

how keep this command as long as they did not perjure themselves.

II. Jesus Rebukes False Vows.

Furthermore, the Pharisees apparently were teaching that vows that were in the name of the Lord were somehow more rigidly binding than vows that were not made in the name of the Lord. And so Jesus gives His interpretation of the truth in verses 34-37. Specifically, Jesus says, “But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by earth, for it is the footstool of His foot, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great king. Nor, shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. But let your statement be ‘yes, yes’ or ‘no, no’ anything else beyond this, is of evil.”

There have been many Christians who have asserted that Jesus is teaching that no Christian ought to take a civil or a religious oath or vow. They take His words, which read, “make no oath at all” to be an absolute prohibition to believers in the taking of civil oaths. However, it is not oath taking, per say, that the Lord Jesus opposes. Jesus is opposing all speech in which the person making a promise or a commitment is equivocating in their heart. Jesus is opposing all speech which knows one thing to be true in the heart, but actually speaks another thing. Jesus is opposing all rash oath taking. Jesus is opposing all unnecessary swearing. Jesus is teaching us that we ought not swear at all, except where it is our duty. Jesus goes on to say that we ought to be careful of making promissory oaths. He is reminding us that we need to be careful about making promises to fulfill certain vows that we are not able to keep.

There are two great points that Christ makes in this passage. The first is to recognize that every commitment we make, no matter what terms we use, is a commitment in the name of the living God. Jesus is reminding us that the third commandment is at stake every time we speak. This is because the third commandment says that we are not to take up the name of the Lord our God in vain. And therefore, when we speak, we speak as representatives of the living God. Secondly, He also stresses that our speech must look out for the best interest of our neighbors. Why is it that peo-

ple lie? Well, some people lie in order to take advantage of us. Some people have malicious purposes in their intentions. Sometimes we lie to flatter others. We don’t want to discourage the person. Other times we fear the consequences of our speech. So we would much rather lie and avoid those consequences than face those consequences. All of these are ways in which we are tempted to be untruthful, but Christ is telling us that God demands godly speech.

Christ’s words have application to us, no matter who we are and no matter where we are. For unbelievers, Christ’s words are a reminder to you that you need the grace of God. You need the grace of God to spare you from your sins because you are locked in a pattern of untruth. Lying destroys human relationships. Unbeliever, if you have engaged in the sin of lying, you know insidious it is. You know how it wraps itself around you and you know how one lie leads to another. Christ is reminding you that the patterns of lying teach you that you are a sinner. And the fact that you are a sinner teaches you that you need a Savior. To believers, Christ is saying that you are not perfected, you are not entirely sanctified, and you are not free from sin. The continuation of struggling with tongue sins which reeks so much havoc both in families and in congregations reminds us that we need to grow in the Lord. We need the continuing sanctifying work of the Spirit in our life and we need to run back to Christ.

Christ’s words in this passage are for both believers and unbelievers. For unbelievers, Jesus’ words are a diagnosis of your condition and a reminder that you need grace. For believers, they are a reminder that we need humility for we all fall short. Christ’s words are a reminder that we live a life of repentance and a reminder that we must always be involved in an ongoing quest of sanctification. May we strive to use godly speech in our interactions with others always depending upon the grace of God in Christ.

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Warren named Teacher of the Year

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Anytime you pass the classroom of Courtney Warren at Canton Academy (CA), you will find dancing, costumes, and even rubber ducks.

Warren is the English Chair at CA and teaches junior high English where she has revamped the curriculum to incorporate both classic and modern literature in unique ways.

She was recently named the Best of Mississippi Teacher of the Year for her efforts and recognized by Governor Tate Reeves.



Courtney Warren

“I was honored to even receive the nomination. To win teacher of the year was a surprise and really gave me the assurance that my out-of-the-box style is impacting my students positively,” said Warren.

With a costume for each book, Warren loves to introduce stories in unique ways to better engage her students.

“I think it’s important that students not only see themselves in the books they are reading but also find a way to connect to the story when they don’t. By making it fun and active, the students remember what they’ve read and learned,” she said.

Recently, Warren completed Lord of the Flies with her eighth-grade students, and then, dressed as host Jeff Probst, she placed students into “tribes” to put them through Survivor-style challenges.

“This is an activity they look

forward to every year. They play different challenges each day ranging from puzzles and brain games to endurance challenges. Each day we talk about how those challenges connect to the various themes in Golding’s book before we have a tribal council just like on the show,” said Warren.

Realizing summer reading was also a bore, Warren made the decision to revamp the program to something unseen in surrounding schools.

“Summer reading is a tough one, especially for a child that doesn’t like to read. I took that as a challenge and wanted to find a story that every single junior high and high schooler would enjoy. Rather than reading for a test, they would take and then forget, our students choose a book from a pretty great list and

then create a summer reading project,” Warren explained.

While most schools only give one to two options, Warren provided the junior high with 20 book options as well as the high school.

“Not everyone likes the same things. I wanted to ensure they had a diverse list with all sorts of topics. The entire point of reading is escaping. You learn a different perspective or you find yourself within the pages. The moment it becomes work, I’ve lost a student,” she said.

With that in mind, Warren keeps it fun in her classroom, even incorporating rubber ducks for character analysis.

“It was actually something I saw on Tik Tok! I love using social media to learn about what other teachers are doing in their classrooms. We have rubber ducks that are dressed in a fun way or have various colors. The students decide which duck represents which character in the book we’re reading. They back their choices with textual evidence. It’s just another fun way to examine a text without giving a boring worksheet,” she said.

With a rubber duck in one hand, a cowbell in the other, and most likely a fairy costume, Warren is always excited and ready to celebrate literacy at CA and with her students.

The Best of Mississippi Awards were presented by Business Empowered Mississippi and the gala was held in Pass Christian in October.

Stewart appointed to Parole Board

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Governor Tate Reeves recently announced the appointment of Marlow Stewart to serve on the State Parole Board beginning November 1, 2021.

“Marlow’s years of experience working within our state’s correction system make him an excellent candidate to fill the upcoming vacancy on the State Parole Board,” said Governor Reeves. “I am grateful that Marlow has accepted this appointment and will continue serving the people of Mississippi and those within our correctional system.”

Stewart has an extensive public service career beginning in 1993 as a case manager of the Region 8 Mental Health Servic-

es. In 1996, Marlow became a jailer at the Madison County Sheriff Department where he worked until 1997, when he became a correctional field officer for the Department of Corrections. In this role, Marlow supervised probationary offenders, parolees, and MDOC inmates, while working with offenders in a community setting to integrate them back into the community upon their release. From 2003 until 2018, Marlow served as the Associate Community Corrections Director for Region II, then was named Director from 2018 to 2020, serving as a liaison with community corrections providers and state and local government officials to ensure the provision of services for inmates eligible for probation,

parole, or other release programs. Marlow attended Alcorn State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. He will replace Nehemiah Flowers, who recently announced his retirement effective October 31, 2021.

“Nehemiah has left an incredible impact on our state through his eight years of service on the State Parole Board, his 30 years of service with Senator Cochran, and his two terms as a United States Marshal during the George W. Bush Administration,” said Governor Tate Reeves. “Nehemiah’s service to the State of Mississippi is to be commended. He is an indispensable part of his community and positively changed the lives of countless Mississippians.”

OBITUARIES

Otto Stiles Rosenkranz

Otto Stiles Rosenkranz of Madison passed away on October 28, 2021 at the age of 81.

Otto was born in Memphis, Tennessee on July 14, 1940 to Jessie Stiles and Otto H. G. Rosenkranz.

He moved to Jackson in 1946, and graduated from Murrah High School. He received a Bachelor’s degree from Mississippi State University and a Master’s degree from Mississippi College.

He was enlisted in the Navy, and enjoyed his time in the military.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Carol

Freeman Rosenkranz; and his son, Jeffrey Carl Rosenkranz.

He is survived by his niece, Nancy Harrington; daughter-in-law, Donieale Rosenkranz; and numerous great nieces and nephews.

A committal service was held on November 1, 2021 at Lakewood Memorial Park in Jackson.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude at www.stjude.org/donate or to Mississippi Animal Rescue League at 5221 Greenway Dr. Ext., Jackson, MS 39204 or www.msarl.org.

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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

Salvation is in Christ alone

In this passage the church in Antioch receives a letter sent by the council of Jerusalem. The delegation delivering the letter includes Paul and Barnabas as well as two highly regarded leaders from the Jerusalem church, Judas and Silas.

The council had met to discuss the issue of salvation. They had, of one accord, affirmed that the only way of salvation was through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. They conveyed to the church in Antioch their full approbation of the ministry of Paul and Barnabas.

The church in Antioch responds to this news with great joy. Paul and Barnabas had been instrumental in the establishment and growth of the Antioch church. The church in Antioch had sent Paul and Barnabas on a mission trip. After the two leaders returned, they reported to the church all of the work God had done among the Gentiles during that trip.

But after that, men had come from Judea to Antioch with a different teaching than the gospel of Christ taught by Paul and Barnabas, so the matter had been sent to the council of apostles and elders in Jerusalem. The council made clear they had neither sent nor authorized the men who disagreed with Paul and Barnabas. The council of Jerusalem sent two leaders from the meeting, Judas and Silas, with Paul and Barnabas to affirm these things. They stayed in Antioch for a time and strengthened the brothers with their words (Acts 15:32).

The Jerusalem council’s meeting and conclusions teach us how valuable salvation is. When the assembly discussed the conversion of Gentiles they spoke of God visiting Gentiles in order to call them by his name. Those who believed the gospel turned to God. They received eternal salvation in Christ. It’s an amazing grace to have God give you forgiveness and eternal life.

Conversely, it is a tragic thing to have been visited by God with the gospel offer and to reject it. When Paul was in Antioch of Pisidia, he told those who rejected the gospel that by thrusting aside the word of God, they were considering themselves unworthy of eternal life (Acts 14:46).

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Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2010 VW ROUTAN, VIN # 2V4R-W3D13AR333512, \$2038.35, and a 2000 INFINITY I30, VIN # JNK-CA31A2YT114688, \$2760.60. Public sale of these abandoned/unclaimed vehicles and their contents will be held on Friday November 5, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at Gilmore Towing & Recovery, 124 E. State Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:
/s/ Paula Tierce
Paula Tierce, City Clerk
November 1, 2021
Publish: November 4, 2021

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Commence at a 1" iron bar marking the northeast corner of Lot 3, Block 40 Highland Colony Subdivision and the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 7 North, Range 2 East, Madison County, Mississippi; run thence South 00 degrees 03 minutes 16 seconds East and along the east boundary of Lots 3 and 6 for a distance of 1,269.08 feet to a point on the south right-of-way line of North Park Drive, a 80 feet wide road formerly known as Special Assessment Road Number 1, as conveyed to the City of Ridgeland by Donald B. McGehee, et al as recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County at Canton, Mississippi in Deed Book 211 at Page 730, 737, and 744 reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description, said right-of-way line being in a curve to the right having a central angle of 07 degrees 44 minutes 18 seconds and a radius of 733.62 feet; run thence Northwest-erly and along said south right-of-way line of North Park Drive as follows: run thence Northwest-erly and along said curve to the right for an arc distance of 99.09 feet (chord bearing and distance, North 56 degrees 19 minutes 29 seconds West, 99.09 feet) to the point of tangency of said curve and the point of curvature of a curve to the left having a central angle of 28 degrees 22 minutes or seconds and a radius of 660.74 feet; run thence Northwest-erly and along said curve to the left for an arc distance of 327.14 feet (chord bearing and distance, North 66 degrees 28 minutes 34 seconds West, 329.81 feet) to the northeast corner of that certain 2.46 acre parcel of land as recorded in said office of the Chancery Clerk in Deed Book 213 at Page 573; reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description; run thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds east and along the east line of said 2.46 acre parcel for a distance of 227.43 feet to the south-east corner of aid 2.46 acre parcel; run thence South 889degrees 56 minutes 39 seconds West and along the south line of said 2.46 acre parcel for a distance of 215.70 feet to the Point of Beginning for the description of a parcel of land described as follows:

Continue thence South 80 degrees 56 minutes 39 seconds West and along said south line of said 2.46 acre parcel of land for a distance of 105.69 feet to a point; run thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds West for a distance of 237.10 feet to a point on south right-of-way line of North Park Drive and north line of said 2.46 acre parcel; run thence South 80 degrees 45 minutes 43 seconds East and along said south right-of-way line of North Park Drive and said north line of said 2.46 acre parcel for a distance of 105.69 feet to a point run thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East for a distance of 236.56 feet to the point of beginning.

The above described parcel of land

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is located in Lots 5 and 6, Block 400, Highland Colony Subdivision in Section 32, Township 7 North, Range 2 East, Madison County, Mississippi and contains 25,030 square feet or 0.575 acre, more or less.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/Paula Tierce
Paula Tierce, City Clerk
November 1, 2021

Publish: North 4, 2021

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA FLANNIGAN, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 21-926 W
MICHAEL W. FLANNIGAN
PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 1st day of November, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Martha Flannigan, Deceased, being probated in Cause No. 21-926 (W) on the docket of said Court, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

THIS, the 2nd day of November, 2021.

/s/ Michael W. Flannigan
Michael W. Flannigan, Executor

PREPARED BY:
Pamela L. Hancock (MSB #10676)
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Attorney for Michael W. Flannigan

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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Lot 47, Trace Ridge Subdivision, Part 2, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County at Canton, Mississippi in Plat Cabinet C at Slide 27, reference to which map or plat is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
/s/Paula Tierce
Paula Tierce, City Clerk
November 1, 2021
Publish: November 4, 2021

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES MAYES, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 2021-190C JIMMIE D. BELL PETITIONER SUMMONS BY MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF CHARLES MAYES, DECEASED
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Petitioner, Jimmie D. Bell, seeking an adjudication of the heirs-at-law of Charles Mayes, Deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition for Determination of Heirs at Law filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 6th day of December, 2021, before the Honorable Robert G. Clark, III, in the courtroom of the Madison County Courthouse in Canton, Madison County, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Determination of Heirs at Law. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 1st day of November, 2021. (SEAL)
RONNY LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI BY: Ivy Stephens, D.C. PRESENTED BY: ADRIENNE P. PARKER, ESQ. (MSB #101123) adrienne@aparkerlawllp.com
LAW OFFICES OF ADRIENNE P. PARKER, PLLC 303 HIGHLAND PARK COVE, SUITE A RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI 39157 (601) 421-8924 (TELEPHONE) ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

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A tract or parcel of land containing 23.23 acres, more or less, lying and being situated in the Northeast ¼ of Section 32, Township 1 North, Range 2 East, City of Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 6, Block 37, Highland Colony as recorded in the Chancery Records of Madison County; run thence

North 48 degrees 27 minutes 31 seconds East for a distance of 366.86 feet to the East right of way of Northpark Drive and the Point of Beginning of the herein described property; thence

North 12 degrees 07 minutes 52 seconds East along said East right of way of Northpark Drive for a distance of 205.69 feet; thence

Northeasterly, along said East right of way of Northpark Drive and the arc of a curve to the left for a distance of

332.31 feet, said curve having a radius of 1,568.12 feet, and a deflection angle of 12 degrees 08 minutes 31 seconds, (chord bearing and distance, North 6 degrees 04 minutes 16 seconds East, 331.69 feet); thence

North 00 degrees 00 minutes 01 seconds East along said East right of way of Northpark Drive for a distance of 15.39 feet; thence

North 17 degrees 31 minutes 52 seconds East for a distance of 37.23 feet; thence

North 89 degrees 52 minutes 43 seconds East for a distance of 783.87 feet; thence

North 00 degrees 17 minutes 16 seconds West for a distance of 216.37 feet; thence

North 89 degrees 26 minutes 15 seconds East for a distance of 240.00 feet; thence

South 00 degrees 17 minutes 16 seconds East for a distance of 162.00 feet; thence

North 89 degrees 26 minutes 15 seconds East for a distance of 230.00 feet; thence

South 00 degrees 17 minutes 16 seconds East for a distance of 130.82 feet; thence

North 89 degrees 48 minutes 44 seconds East for a distance of 144.30 feet; thence

South 00 degrees 17 minutes 21 seconds East for a distance of 120.00 feet; thence

South 89 degrees 48 minutes 44 seconds West for a distance of 20.00 feet; thence

South 00 degrees 17 minutes 32 seconds East for a distance of 163.15 feet; thence

South 89 degrees 51 minutes 06 seconds West for a distance of 123.54 feet; thence

North 00 degrees 08 minutes 53 seconds West for a distance of 18.56 feet; thence

South 89 degrees 38 minutes 23 seconds West for a distance of 236.09 feet; thence

Southwesterly, along the arc of a curve to the left for a distance of 94.28 feet, said curve having a radius of 500.00 feet, and a deflection angle of 10 degrees 48 minutes 13 seconds, (chord bearing and distance, South 5 degrees 02 minutes 30 seconds West, 94.14 feet); thence

South 00 degrees 21 minutes 37 seconds East for a distance of 116.52 feet; thence

Southeasterly, along the arc of a curve to the left for a distance of 19.88 feet, said curve having a radius of 15.00 feet, and a deflection angle of 75 degrees 57 minutes 08 seconds, (chord bearing and distance, South 38 degrees 19 minutes 44 seconds East, 18.46 feet); thence

South 76 degrees 17 minutes 52 seconds East for a distance of 111.03 feet; thence

Southeasterly, along the arc of a curve to the left for a distance of 113.62 feet, said curve having a radius of 470.00 feet, and a deflection angle of 13 degrees 51 minutes 02 seconds, (chord bearing and distance, South 83 degrees 13 minutes 25 seconds East, 113.34 feet); thence

North 89 degrees 51 minutes 06 seconds East for a distance of 326.76 feet; thence

North 53 degrees 32 minutes 06 seconds East for a distance of 37.08 feet to the West right of way of Old Canton Road; thence

South 00 degrees 18 minutes 45 seconds East along said West right of way of Old Canton road for a distance of 112.66 feet; thence

North 72 degrees 31 minutes 08 seconds West for a distance of 101.68 feet; thence

South 89 degrees 51 minutes 06 seconds West for a distance of 117.54 feet; thence

South 89 degrees 45 minutes 40 Sec-onds West for a distance of 170.87 feet; thence

Northwesterly, along the arc of a curve to the right for a distance of 128.12 feet, said curve having a radius of 530.00 feet, and a deflection angle of 13 degrees 51 minutes 02 seconds, (cord bearing and distance, North 83 degrees 19 minutes 38 seconds West, 127.81 feet); thence

North 76 degrees 24 minutes 07 seconds West for a distance of 150.08 feet; thence

South 40 degrees 33 minutes 43 seconds East for a distance of 99.37 feet; thence

South 23 degrees 47 minutes 13 seconds East for a distance of 35.85 feet; thence

South 00 degrees 12 minutes 22 seconds East for a distance of 101.49 feet; thence

South 89 degrees 44 minutes 51 seconds West for a distance of 725.05 Feet; thence

North 00 degrees 04 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 20.00 feet; thence

South 89 degrees 52 minutes 35 seconds West for a distance of 10.00 feet; thence

North 00 degrees 04 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 222.70 feet; thence

South 89 degrees 52 minutes 43 seconds West for a distance of 377.21 feet to the Point of Beginning.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
/s/Paula Tierce
Paula Tierce, City Clerk
November 1, 2021

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APPROVED:
/s/Paula Tierce
Paula Tierce, City Clerk
November 1, 2021
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Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) is proposing to build a 36.5-foot steel telecommunications facility +/-100 feet south of the intersection of W Peace St., and S Union St., Canton, Madison County, MS 39046. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Project 6121008819 - JLD c/o EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403, jdvais@ebiconsulting.com, or (203) 231-6643.

LEGAL NOTICE

Braun Advisors, LLC, a Mississippi limited liability company, formally dissolved on the 20th day of October, 2021, hereby publishes notice of its dissolution pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated § 79-29-819. Any person desiring to make a claim against this dissolved limited liability company must submit the following information to Braun Advisors, LLC, 112 Harper Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157: (1) the claimant's full legal name, current mailing address and telephone number, (2) the date on which the alleged event or events giving rise to the claim occurred, (3) a full and detailed description of the alleged event or events giving rise to the claim, including the full name and present address of any witnesses to the alleged event or events and (4) a precise statement of the claim, including all alleged damages and injuries. All claims against this dissolved limited liability company will be barred unless the claimant commences a proceeding to enforce the claim against the dissolved limited liability company within three (3) years after the latter of the publication date of this notice or the filing of the certificate of dissolution that dissolved this limited liability company.

SEQ CHAPTER 1 IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARLTON TRUNNELL, DECEASED

CHRISTINE TRUNNELL, ADMINISTRATRIX

VS. CAUSE NO. 2018-969 W

THE HEIRS-AT-LAW AND/OR WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OFCARLTON TRUNNELL, DECEASED RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS (By Publication) THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW AND/OR WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF CARLTON TRUNNELL, Deceased

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by **CHRISTINE TRUNNELL** as Administratrix of the Estate of **CARLTON TRUNNELL**, seeking to determine the heirs-at-law and/or wrongful death beneficiaries of **CARLTON TRUNNELL, Deceased**. Defendants other than you in this action are unknown. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Complaint or Petition filed against you in this action at **8:45 a.m. on the 10 th day of December, 2021**, before the Honorable **James C. Walker**, in the Courtroom of the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi in Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Complaint or Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this **27 th** day of **October, 2021**.

RONNY LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK

(SEAL) BY: Rita Carpenter
D.C.

SEQ CHAPTER 1 IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARLTON TRUNNELL, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2018-969 W

CHRISTINE TRUNNELL ADMINISTRATRIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration, having been granted on the **20 th** day of **October, 2021**, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in Cause Number 2018-969 W, to the under-

signed Administratrix of the **Estate of Carlton Trunnell, Deceased**, notice is hereby given pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Sections 91-7-145 and 91-7-151 to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court within ninety (90) days from the first date of publication of this

Public Notices

DATES OF PUBLICATION:
November 4, 2021
November 11, 2021

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE HAELYN JACKSON, DECEASED
CASE 45CH9531:21-cv-00 NESHAY JACKSON, PETITIONER
RULE 81 -summons BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO:The unknown heirs at law or wrongful death beneficiaries of Haelyn Jackson (Wherever they may be found)

You have been made a Defendant in the lawsuit filed in this Court by NESHAY JACKSON, seeking a judicial determination of the heirs at law and wrongful death beneficiaries of HAE-LYN JACKSON, DECEASED. Defendants other than you in this action are Kash Davis, a minor; Kaiya Ezell, a minor; De'Riyah Wilson, a minor; Lakelyn Davis, a minor; and Amber Jackson. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition at **8:45 a.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2021, at the Madison County Chancery Courthouse, located at 146 W. Center St., Canton, MS 39046**, and, in case of your failure to appear and defend, a Judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an Answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 25th day of October, 2021.

Chancery Court Clerk
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
By: Mallory M. Street, Esq.
WISE CARTER CHILD & CARAWAY, P.A. PO Box 651
Jackson, MS 39205T: (601) 968-5500
mms@wisecarter.com

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on September 29, 1995, Jacob M. Ritchey executed a Deed of Trust to Ronald M. Kirk, as Trustee, which Deed of Trust secures an indebtedness therein described in favor of BankPlus, as Lender, and is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, in Book 951 at Pages 143-148 (Instrument No. 178142); and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 1999, J. M. Ritchey a/k/a Jacob M. Ritchey executed a Deed of Trust to Ronald M. Kirk, as Trustee, which Deed of Trust secures an indebtedness therein described in favor of BankPlus, as Lender, and is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, in Book 1207 at Pages 689-695 (Instrument No. 297817), and is a renewal and extension of that Deed of Trust recorded in Book 951 at Pages 143-148 (Instrument No. 178142); and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2008, J. M. Ritchey aka Jacob M. Ritchey executed a Deed of Trust to Thomas Hudson, as Trustee, which Deed of Trust secures an indebtedness therein described in favor of BankPlus, as Lender, is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, in Book 2309 at Pages 376-383 (Instrument No. 562350), and is a renewal and extension of that Deed of Trust recorded in Book 1207 at Pages 689-695 (Instrument No. 297817); and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2009, J. M. Ritchey aka Jacob M. Ritchey executed a Deed of Trust to Thomas Hudson, as Trustee, which Deed of Trust secures an indebtedness therein described in favor of BankPlus, as Lender, is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, in Book 2309 at Pages 376-383 (Instrument No. 562350), and has been modified by Modification of Deed of Trust dated November 2, 2015 and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 3278 at Pages 416-419 (Instrument No. 773490) and by Modification of Deed of Trust dated September 7, 2018 and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 3650 at Pages 48-51 (Instrument No. 848200); and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid, BankPlus, the holder of said Deeds of Trust, as modified, and the notes secured thereby, appointed William R. Presson as Substitute Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument dated September 16, 2021 and recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi in T Book 4102 at Pages 782-786 (Instrument No. 936585); and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deeds of Trust, as modified, and the entire debt secured thereby, having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deeds of Trust, as modified, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, BankPlus, having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deeds of Trust, as modified, for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustee's fees and expenses of sale;

NOW THEREFORE, I, William R. Presson, Substitute Trustee in said Deeds of Trust, as modified, will on Thursday, the 18th day of November, 2021, offer for sale at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.), at the South front door of the County Courthouse located at 128 West North Street in the City of Canton, County of Madison, State of Mississippi, the following described property situated in the County of Madison, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

All that property conveyed by W. C. Crule to J. M. Lawrence and C. R. Gartin by deed dated April 1, 1947, recorded in Book 36, Page 374, of the deed records of Madison County, Mississippi, which lies between a line twenty-one (21) feet South of the present building constructed on the

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North part of said property (said line being parallel to the South boundary of Peace Street), and the North line of the 15-foot alley off of the South end of said property, the lot hereby conveyed fronting thirty-nine (39) feet, more or less, on the East side of Union Street, and extending back (East) fifty-one (51) feet and nine (9) inches, more or less, subject to stipulations respecting party wall as set forth in Deeds of May 4, 1854, Book Q, page 451, and July 6, 1869, Book T, page 183, together with the building and improvements situated thereon.

The address of said property is 133 South Union Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046-4339.

Although title is believed to be good, I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 15th day of October, 2021.

/s/ William R. Presson
William R. Presson
Substitute Trustee for BankPlus

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PUBLISHED: October 28, 2021, November 4, 2021, and November 11, 2021

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, EX REL. MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT PLAINTIFF

VS.

Civil Cause No. 2021-1115 JH

TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (21,000.00) IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY DEFENDANT

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Charvez Chavez Lockett and the unknown owner of Twenty-One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000.00) in United States Currency

A PETITION FOR FORFEITURE OR COMPLAINT HAS BEEN FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. You are required by law to mail or hand-deliver a written response to the Complaint filed in this action to the lawyer for the Plaintiff, whose name and address is: **Todd McAlpin, Assistant District Attorney, Post Office Box 121, Canton, Mississippi 39046.**

A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR HAND-DELIVERED TO SAID LAWYER WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS SUMMONS AND PETITION ARE SERVED UPON YOU, OR A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE CURRENCY AND PROPERTY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION OR COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of the Court within a reasonable time afterward. The name and address of the Clerk of this Court is Honorable Anita Wray, Madison County Circuit Court, Post Office Box 1626, Canton, Mississippi, 39046.

Issued under my hand and the official seal of this Court this the 19 th day of October 2021.

ANITA WRAY
MADISON COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: Monica Henderson
D.C.
Monica Henderson
(SEAL)

INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi will receive written sealed bids until the hour of 2:00 p.m. CST, Thursday November 18, 2021 at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, located at 100 West School Street, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157 for the furnishing of all design, labor and materials and the construction of a ~~Safety Net for Freedom Ridge Park~~ with all related appurtenances. The Project Manual and Drawings are on file in the office of the Recreation and Parks at the City Hall. Contract Time will be as proposed by the Bidder and accepted by the Owner.

Copies of the electronic bidding/project manual and drawings may be obtained from the Department of Recreation and Parks Director at the City Hall, telephone (601) 853-2011, email john.north@ridgelandms.org at no cost. Bidders may print the documents at their cost.

Proposals must be submitted in duplicate on the form as shown in the project manual and must be accompanied by a bid bond guarantee of at least 5 percent of the base bid, all in accordance with the General Conditions or Modifications thereof. Proposals may also be submitted electronically by emailing proposals to city.clerk@ridgelandms.org. Electronic submission must contain the following in the subject line: ELECTRONIC BID FOR SAFETY NET FOR FREEDOM RIDGE PARK.

Performance and Payment Bonds in the full amount of the contract will be required for contract security.

All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 p.m. CST, Thursday November 18, 2021 and considered by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at a Regular Meeting thereof to be held within thirty (30)

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days of the date of receipt of bids.

Purchase will be made in accordance with the State of Mississippi purchasing Laws. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen reserve the right to reject any and all Bids.

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI, ON THIS THE 19th DAY OF OCTOBER 2021.

CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI

By: Paula Tierce
Paula Tierce, City Clerk

(SEAL)

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI THE MATTER OF MARGUERITE FORD, DECEASED
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2021-970B
LOUIS F. FORD, individually, and on behalf of all statutory wrongful death beneficiaries
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: All Unknown Heirs at Law and/or Wrongful Death Beneficiaries, under the Mississippi Wrongful Death Statute, of Marguerite Ford, deceased, and any person with a claim as an heir at law and wrongful death beneficiary. You are summoned to appear and defend against said petition at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of December, 2021, before the Honorable Cynthia Brewer, at the Madison County Chancery Courthouse, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgement may be entered against you for things demanded in the petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 5th day of October 2021.

By: */s/Ronnie Lott*, Clerk of the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi

Notice of sale hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following:
2001 Mercury MGL VIN # 2MEFM-75W61X604447.
Date of sale: November 13, 2021
Place of sale: Freedom Retail Inc. 290 Commerce Park Dr., Ridgeland, MS 39157

Time of Sale: 8:00 AM
Seller reserves the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES T. BRANCH, DECEASED, CAUSE NO. 21-961
Charlotte Dyess, Executrix
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 20th day of October, 2021 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for Probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred pursuant to Miss. Code. Ann 91-7-151.

This the 21st day of October 2021.

/s/ Charlotte Dyess
Prepared by:
Jeff Arnold (MSB# 104335)
Attorney for the Executrix,
Arnold and Associates, LLC,
306 Maxey Drive, Suite B,
Brandon, MS 39042
Ph:601-213-7581
Fax: 601-453-4882

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 12th day of October, 2021 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, upon the Estate of Donna Lucille Hodges Bennett, Deceased, in Civil Action No. 21-912 (C), notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present same to the Clerk of said court for probate and registration, according to law, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred.

Prepared by:
Kathryn Kyle Moody (MBN 103903)
Lindsey Hill Stringer (MBN 103273)
ELLIOTT LAW FIRM, P.L.L.C.
Post Office Box 110
Brandon, Mississippi 39043-0110
Telephone: 601-591-2713
Facsimile: 601-591-2714

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

SIMMONS BANK PLAINTIFF VS. CASE NO. 21-162 WILLIAM PAUL RICHARDSON DEFENDANT
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: William Paul Richardson whose last known residence was 2029 Cox Ferry Rd., Flora, MS 39071, but who whose present residence and post office address are unknown to Plaintiff after diligent search and inquiry. You have been made a Defendant in this suit filed in this Court by Simmons Bank, seeking possession through replevin of that certain 2016 Dodge Ram Truck, VIN 3C6UR5CJ4GG361575. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Complaint for Replevin (Immediate Seizure Not Sought) filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 5th day of January 2022, in the Circuit Courthouse located at Canton, MS 39046, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Complaint. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

APPROVED:
/s/ Paula Tierce
Paula Tierce, City Clerk

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ment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Complaint. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT, this the 20th day of October, 2021. Anita E. Wray, Circuit Court Clerk MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI BY: Dendy Blankenship D. C. (SEAL)

NOTICE OF REFUNDING BOND ISSUANCE BY COLONY PARK PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of Colony Park Public Improvement District, Madison County, Mississippi (the "Issuer"), will conduct a public hearing at the office of the District, 1022 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 300, Ridgeland, MS 39157, at the hour of 4:00 o'clock p.m. on November 23, 2021, regarding the proposed issuance by the Issuer of its proposed Special Assessment Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, in one or more series (collectively, the "Bonds"), to mature as to principal on November 1 of each year, commencing November 1, 2022, with interest paid on outstanding principal semi-annually on each November 1 and May 1, commencing May 1, 2022, from the date of issuance thereof, to and including final maturity. The terms and conditions for the Series 2021 Bonds and the form of the Series 2021 Bonds shall be those agreed upon between the Issuer and one or more purchasers thereof and shall be in conformance with Section 19-31-1 et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended (the "Act"), and a Master Trust Indenture, dated April 11, 2011 between the Issuer and Argent Trust and Second Supplemental Trust Indenture between the Issuer and the trustee named therein. The Series 2021 Bonds are authorized in accordance with the Act, and are being issued for the purpose of providing funds for the refinancing of certain indebtedness of the Issuer incurred in 2011 and currently outstanding in the principal amount of \$2,765,953.02 (the "Series 2011 Bonds"), and for payment of financing costs and the costs of issuance thereof, all to provide debt service savings in a lower interest rate environment.

The Series 2021 Bonds will be special limited obligations of the Issuer payable as to principal and interest solely out of and secured by special assessments to be levied by the Issuer on certain land located within the boundaries of the Issuer that includes approximately 120.1 acres located within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, which property is more particularly described in the Master Indenture dated as of April 11, 2011 between the Issuer and Argent Trust. Neither the full faith and credit of the Issuer, the State of Mississippi nor any governmental unit thereof are pledged to the payment of the principal of or the interest on the Series 2021 Bonds.

For any property owner within the boundaries of the Issuer currently subject to a special assessment by the Issuer ("Current Assessed Owners"), the issuance of the Series 2021 Bonds will not result in either (a) the increase in the levy of special assessments of the Issuer or the amount thereof for Current Assessed Owners, or (b) the extension of the levy of special assessments by the Issuer for debt service purposes for Current Assessed Owners. Information with respect to the indebtedness may be obtained from the Office of the Issuer.

Published by order of the Board of Directors of Colony Park Public Improvement District, on this the 28th day of October, 2021.

/s/ Annette Rayburn
Annette Rayburn, Secretary,
Colony Park Public Improvement District
PUBLISH: November 4 and 11, 2021

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

Notice is hereby given to those parties in interest that there will be a hearing on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. before the Zoning Board at the City Hall, 100 W. School Street, Ridgeland, Mississippi, for the purpose of determining whether or not a Petition and Application for Dimensional Variance shall be granted to the owners of the described property in the City of Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. A fraction of the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 7 North, Range 2 East, Madison County, Mississippi. This fraction contains 12,524 acres, more or less, and is described in more detail as follows: Starting at the Northeast Corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 33, run thence Due South a distance of 50.92 feet to a point; thence South 89°33'10" West a distance of 1776.81 feet to a point; thence North 01°46'54" East a distance of 791.91 feet to an iron pin set in concrete on the North right of way of William Boulevard marking the point of beginning of this description. From this point of beginning, run thence South 79°19'17" West along said right of way a distance of 91.02 feet to an iron pin set in concrete; thence South 79°19'17" West along said right of way a distance of 336.53 feet to an iron pin set in concrete at the PC of a 788.51 foot radius right of way curve to the right; thence along said curve an arc distance of 368.13 feet, said curve having a chord bearing of North 87°18'13" West and a chord distance of 364.80 feet, to an iron pin set in concrete; thence North 16°04'17" East along said right of way a distance of 10.00 feet to an iron pin set in concrete; thence North 73°55'43" West along said right of way a distance of 125.90 to a point at the PC of a 1546.86 foot radius curve to the left; thence along said curve and leaving said right of way an arc distance of 382.99 feet, said curve having a chord bearing of North 07°29'48" East and a chord distance of 382.01 feet, to a point; thence North 00°24'15" East a distance of 200.51 feet to a point; thence North 89°22'39" East a distance of 870.02 feet to a found iron pin; thence South 01°46'54" West a distance of 575.02 feet to the point of beginning.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
/s/ Paula Tierce
Paula Tierce, City Clerk

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November 1, 2021
Publish: November 4, 2021

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES JOSEPH OWEN, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 2021-775W
AUSTIN DAVID OWEN, ADMINISTRATOR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 12th day of August, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned in the Estate of Charles Joseph Owen, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate of Charles Joseph Owen, Deceased, to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred.

THIS the 19th day of October, 2021.

/s/ Austin David Owen
AUSTIN DAVID OWEN, ADMINISTRATOR

PREPARED BY:
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Attorney for Administrator

Ad Placed By The Dossier, Abandoned Vehicle Specialist & Mobile Notary Service 601-622-2173 Legal Advertisement Public notice is hereby given that Kar Performance, will hold a public auction November 15, 2021 @ 5495 Suite A I-55 S. Frontage Rd., Byram, Ms. 39272 @ 10 am Pursuant to the Abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, House Bill 221, Laws of 1970, and House Bill 1902, Laws of 1995, the following vehicle will be sold: 2014 Chevy Camaro, VIN# 2G1FK1EJ9E9260057, Owner: Brittany Williams/Joseph McDonald, Lien holder: American Credit Acceptance, Owed: \$9,051.06, Repairs & Storage:Terms of the sale are cash and no checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. All sales are final. No refunds will be made. Said automobile will be sold in 'as is' condition with no guarantees.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Betty Jean Whitfield
Case No 21-974-B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Betty Jean Whitfield, deceased, having on the 11 th day of October, 2021, been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in Cause Number 2021-974-B, notice is, therefore, hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of said Court within ninety (90) days from the first day of this publication, or the same will be forever barred. Dated this the 11 th day of October, 2021.

/s/ Darren M. Sims
Darren M. Sims, Administrator
BENTLEY E. CONNER

Attorney at Law
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Bar No. 6465

Magistrate Dodd
IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE
AT MURFREESBORO
STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES,
PETITIONER
CASE NO. TC-1598

IN THE MATTER OF : Nicholas Brian Tedford;
DOB: 04-23-2007
A Child under 18 years of age.

NOTICE TO Ms. Candice Stone (Mother), regarding the Child, Nicholas Tedford

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a Petition alleging that Ms. Candice Stone (Mother, has committed acts or failed to take actions that caused her Child, Nicholas Tedford, DOB: 04-23-2007 to be Dependent and Neglected as defined by T.C.A. § 37-1-102 (b)(13) etc.; further that disposition of the Child should be with a 3 rd party and/or in State Custody. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown or you are avoiding service of process. You are hereby ORDERED to appear in the Juvenile Court of Rutherford County, 1710 South Church Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, **9:00 a.m. on December 1, 2021 before Magistrate Dodd** to personally answer the Petition for Dependency and Neglect. Failing to appear for the hearing on this date and time, without good cause, pursuant to the Rules of Juvenile Procedure and the Rules of Civil Procedure will result in the loss of your right to contest the Petition for Dependency and Neglect as to the Child, Nicholas Tedford. You may view and obtain a copy of the State's Petition, and any other subsequently legal filings at the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office, Rutherford County, Tennessee. It is further ORDERED that if Ms. Candice Stone (Mother) does not enter an appearance or otherwise answer the State's Petition, or any other pending petitions, that further personal service or service by further publication shall be dispensed with and service of any future notices, motions, orders or other legal documents in this matter may be made upon the Respondent by filing same with the Juvenile Court Clerk of Rutherford County, Tennessee.

Entered the 18 th day of August, 2021.

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/s/ Adam Dodd
HONORABLE Magistrate Adam Dodd
APPROVED FOR ENTRY:
/s/ Matthew F. Wright
Matthew F. Wright, BPR #021773
Assistant General Counsel for DCS
434 Jayhawk Court
Murfreesboro, TN 37128
615-217-8924

I/We, the member(s) of Latinos Taqueria LLC intend to make application for an On-Premise Retailer permit as provided for by the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, §67-1-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. If granted such permit, I or We propose to operate as a Limited Liability Company under the trade name of Latinos Taqueria LLC located at 862 Avery Blvd N, Ridgeland, MS 39157. The name(s), title(s), and address(es) of all owners/ partners/ officer(s)/ members and/or majority stockholders/ trustee of the above are as follows: Name: Juan Carlos Garcia Address: 333 Timber Ridge Drive, Ridgeland, MS 39157 If any person wishes to request a hearing to object to the issuance of this permit a request for a hearing must be made in writing and received by the Department of Revenue within (15) fifteen days from the first date this notice was published. Requests shall be sent to: Chief Counsel, Legal Division Department of Revenue P. O. Box 22828 Jackson, MS 39225 Date of First Publication: 28th October, 2021

I, Jose T Solis intend to make application for a transfer for an Alcohol Processing permit as provided for by the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, §67-1-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. If granted such permit, I or We propose to operate as a Sole Ownership under the trade name of Santa Fe Grill & Cantina located at 731 S Pear Orchard Rd Ste 49 Ridgeland Madison. The name(s), title(s), and address(es) of all owners/ partners/ officer(s)/ members and/or majority stockholders/ trustee of the above are as follows: Name: Jose T Solis Address: 238 Bridgeford Boulevard, Ridgeland, MS 39157 If any person wishes to request a hearing to object to the issuance of this permit a request for a hearing must be made in writing and received by the Department of Revenue within (15) fifteen days from the first date this notice was published. Requests shall be sent to: Chief Counsel, Legal Division Department of Revenue P. O. Box 22828 Jackson, MS 39225 Date of First Publication: 28th October, 2021

I, Marisela Lopez intend to make application for a transfer of an Alcohol Processing permit under the provisions of the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, 67-1-1 et. seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. If granted a transfer from Marisela Lopez, doing business as El Patio Mexican Restaurant who is operating at 111 Soldier Colony Road canton MS 39046. We/I propose to operate under the tradename of El Patio Mexican Restaurant at 111 Soldier Colony Road Canton MS 39046 of Madison County. The name(s), title(s), and address(es) of all owner(s)/ partners/corporate officer(s)/ and/or majority stockholder(s)/member(s)/trustee of the above are as follows: Name: Marisela Lopez Address: 702 west third st forest MS 39074 If any person wishes to request a hearing to object to the issuance of this permit a request for a hearing must be made in writing and received by the Department of Revenue within (15) fifteen days from the first date this notice was published. Requests shall be sent to: Chief Counsel, Legal Division Department of Revenue P. O. Box 22828 Jackson, MS 39225 Date of First Publication: 4th November, 2021

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF GEOLOGY
Mining and Reclamation Division
P.O. Box 2279
Jackson, MS 39225
(601) 961-5527
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice No. 2076 October 18, 2021
Application No. A2076

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Office of Geology has received an Application for a Surface Mining Permit pursuant to Sections 53-7-27 and 53-7-29 of the Mississippi Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1977, as described below:
APPLICANT: Turkey Ridge Holdings, LLC, Richton 22 Mine
111 Carlyle Drive
Madison, Mississippi 39110

LOCATION: Northwest corner of the Northwest ¼



Both the boys and girls swim teams at Madison Central High School took home the state title in October. The boys won for the first time since 2000, and this was the girls' eighth consecutive state championship. Boys Swim Team members are, from left, front row, Omar Abdo, Sam Reily, MJ Covington, Aiden Allen and Hagan Lee. Middle row, from left, Logan Notebaert, Matthew Brian, Carter Dickey, Reese Sorrell and Seamus Tully. Back row, from left, Aiden Tully, Eddie Ware (coach), Clarke Davis and Bridget Carmody (coach).



Both the boys and girls swim teams at Madison Central High School took home the state title in October. The boys won for the first time since 2000, and this was the girls' eighth consecutive state championship. Girls Swim team members are, from left, front row, Mollee Messer, Cassie Howell, Kimberly McCaffrey, Parker Reily, and Ella Thomas. Middle row, from left, Charlotte Wilkerson, Sarah Covington, Isabelle Pike, Fancier Shi and Bridget Carmody (coach). Back row, Molly Albritton, Abby Jo Flowers and Eddie Ware (coach).

Madison Central swim teams win state

By JOHN LEE
john@onlinemadison.com

MADISON — Both the boys and girls swim teams at Madison Central dominated the pool and took home the state title during the state championship swim meet recently in Tupelo.

Bridget Carmody, head swim coach at Madison Central, said this victory for the boys was their first state championship since 2000, and for the girls, it was their eighth-consecutive championship win.

“There were so many emotions from both teams,” Carmody said of the Oct. 22 wins. “We knew around halfway through the meet that the girls

were going to win, and it was close for the boys with a difference of 10 points. When the boys did their last relay, we knew they were going to win. It was fun to watch because all of them gave everything they had.”

Carmody said the boys and girls trained constantly leading up to the meet, including early morning exercises and evening practices at the Madison Health Plex.

“We had several middle schoolers who’ve qualified for state,” Carmody said. “Even though the season is over, these kids keep going to their club swims and continue to train. They all have put in a lot of hard work.”

Kimberly McCaffrey, a senior member of the girl’s swim team since her freshman year, said winning the state championship was a great feeling, but also was bittersweet.

“It was sad knowing it was my last meet with the team. High school has been so much fun,” McCaffrey said. “I do plan to keep swimming at the University of Tampa, and I’m (planning on) majoring in nursing.”

McCaffrey described her training as exhausting and filled with many early mornings and late nights with constant training from August to October.

“It’s always such a long road training for these meets,” she said. “I always get so nervous

right before races. None of us want to disappoint the team. It is a lot of work and a lot of hours, but it always pays off in the end. I have to get up around 4:55 in the morning to do dry-land exercises, drive to school, and do practices at the Health Plex.”

McCaffrey said her favorite part of being on the swim team is the team aspect, and she will miss Madison Central.

“I’ve made so many great friends and a lot of memories,” she said. “Taking in everything this year has felt different knowing I won’t be coming back to Mrs. Carmody’s room, and that championship was my last meet for this school.”

Carter Dickey, a senior

member of the boy’s swim team has been on the team since the seventh grade. Dickey said winning the state title was great and he felt the team went out with a bang.

“Growing with the team since seventh grade has been my favorite aspect of swimming for sure,” Dickey said. “Back when I started, we weren’t anywhere near where we are now, and it’s great knowing all the hard work we’ve put in has paid off. We finally got that championship win this year.”

Dickey said the most challenging part of swimming is staying in the right mindset before the crucial meets.

“It is so nerve-wracking

going in and not knowing what to expect from other people,” he said. “You have to get out of your head and focus on you and your race. I have to keep reminding myself I have a goal, and I need to keep working for it.”

Dickey said he plans to continue swimming at Loyola University Maryland in Baltimore and wants to major in business.

“My favorite part of this season is the group of guys on the team,” Dickey said. “It has been one of the best atmospheres we’ve ever had and one of the best environments we’ve had out of all the seasons.”

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Presley enjoying senior season

By JOHN LEE
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Tri-County Academy senior middle linebacker Brayden Presley said he is determined to finish the season strong and keep playing his hardest.

Presley began playing football for Tri-County Academy in fourth grade, and he started as a middle linebacker in eighth grade after trying every position available.

“My favorite part of playing for Tri-County is my teammates since it’s been the same group of kids the whole time, and I grew up playing with them,” Presley said. “My favorite part of playing middle linebacker is being able to see the whole field and everything that’s going on. I’ve played every position on the football field, but it’s by far my favorite position out of all the ones I’ve played.”

Presley plans to continue playing football at whatever college he decides to attend. He hopes to major engineering and to make a career out of engineering if football does not work out.

Presley said playing as a senior is much different than previous seasons, and while team injuries have made the season more difficult, including his own torn ACL injuries, he and his teammates are pushing through to the end.

“It’s great being a senior,” he said. “We’re making it through this season, and we have some good senior leadership.”

Outside of school and football, Presley enjoys helping his father, a farmer, with standard farm work. He also enjoys hanging out with his friends and just being around people.



Brayden Presley

His favorites:

- Hobby: Hunting
- Food: Steak
- Movie: “Unbroken”
- Vacation spot: Jamaica

Tri-County Academy Head Coach Philip Wasson said he has coached Presley for the past three years and views him as one of the smartest players on the team.

“Brayden is like a coach out there,” Wasson said. “He plays tough and was crucial through the whole game last week against Columbia Academy, our first-round playoff game.”


Wasson said Tri-County has a large amount of senior leader-

ship, and the team is 10-1.

“We’re going down to Oak Hill Academy in West Point this Friday,” Wasson said. “Being able to adapt to some injuries among players has been the most challenging part of the season for us. Our players have had to learn different spots and positions.”

Wasson said he believes his team has a shot at the state title and hopes to finish strong.

“We’ve got a great team, and most of our seniors have been on the team for years,” he said. “We hope to win the championship, but we’re going one game at a time.”



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COMMENTARY

Help for women facing unplanned pregnancies

By **ERIN KATE GOODE and MOIRA GAUL**

This fall while a significant part of the country’s focus is turned towards Mississippi and the Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization case being heard at the U.S. Supreme Court, little attention is being given to the long-standing work of Mississippians providing holistic help to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Life-affirming pregnancy centers across the Hospitality State are central to that pregnancy work. Their goal is to empower each woman (or couple) in every unique situation with hope and provide her with personally tailored support and resources for a way forward, all the while valuing both her life and the one she is carrying.

Many Americans have awaited the reversal of the extremely wrongly decided Roe v. Wade, and now the question emerges, “Are we ready for a post-Roe era?” The 2,700 life-affirming pregnancy centers in the country, 33 of which are located in Mississippi, have laid a strong foundation for grassroots help through which professional-level care has been built up for many decades. These faith-based organizations represent a model for compassionate alternatives to abortion coupled with excellence in care during times of social, emotional and physical uncertainty.

A recently published state impact report by the Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI) and Care Net highlights the impressive work of pregnancy centers across Mississippi. The medical services provided in 2019 by over 100 licensed medical providers included 4,519 free pregnancy confirmation ultrasounds and 393 STI tests, as well as 7,674 free pregnancy tests.

Family services at the centers included educational and supportive consultations: 1,068 women and men received free parenting education to better equip them as moms and dads; 6,925 clients received free consultations many of which cover medically referenced pregnancy options education; 190 women received free after-abortion support for those who experienced grief; and over 5,400 students attended free sexual risk avoidance education presentations.

The pregnancy centers also provided free material items: 5,543 packs of diapers, 2,853 packs of baby wipes, 10,833 new and used baby clothing outfits, 162 new car seats, and 55 new and used strollers. This list is by no means exhaustive.

The value of all services and material items provided to 12,351 Mississippians at centers in 2019 was nearly \$1.9 million. These figures don’t include the dollar value of linkages to care (housing, social service agencies, and more) and healthcare provided at centers. None of the centers studied received government funding.

Pregnancy center leaders typically study health statistics in their respective communities and seek ways to address both disparities and specific health objectives through their programming. Centers identify and target gaps in education and access to care to improve outcomes.

The Center for Pregnancy Choices (CPC) – Metro Area in Jackson has addressed maternal and child health outcomes through its Equipped Mom seminars. Mississippi ranks poorly in the nation in many maternal and child health categories, and the Equipped Mom seminars offer a route for education interventions. Of the 30 moms who responded to a survey after attending seminars, 100 percent attended regular obstetrical appointments; 97 percent were extremely satisfied with resources and information received in their group; 97 percent indicated they received information on dealing with stress; and 100 percent felt they received information on their rights during labor.

In addition, 83 percent of survey respondents planned to breastfeed or attempted to breastfeed, and at least 70 percent of the respondents who had had their babies nursed longer than six months. These results are significant given that only 38.6 percent of Mississippi moms breastfeed their infants through six months.

At the CPC, the goal is to see women thrive. It matters that they leave the clinic equipped and supported to have the best life possible for themselves and their families. If the services to women ended at the pregnancy decision, the CPC would not be providing a transformational experience. Through programs that address the whole woman, mind, body and soul, she is empowered for the rest of her life. The Jackson community has overwhelmingly supported this approach, because it ultimately eliminates the need for abortion by tackling barriers and obstacles women face.

As one CPC client recently shared, “I’m confident. I’m bold. If it wasn’t for the Center for Pregnancy Choices, I don’t know where I’d be. I’m very thankful for the resources that they have provided...the networks that they have collaborated with to help me to be where I’m at today.”

Nationally, a 2020 CLI report showed that 2,700 pregnancy center locations served almost 2 million people in 2019 with services and materials conservatively valued at over \$266 million. This included nearly half a million free pregnancy confirmation ultrasounds as well as free prenatal and parenting education provided by 86 percent of centers as core services. Over 10,000 licensed medical providers supplied professional care at centers as either staff or volunteers. Volunteers nationally number nearly 54,000. Women overwhelmingly reported positive client satisfaction at 99 percent on average per center for over 2,000 centers studied in 2019. In addition, services are expanding at many pregnancy centers which now include childbirth classes, STI treatment, and lactation consultations as well as newer initiatives such as outreach to victims of human trafficking who often suffer forced abortions.

Referral networks and allocations to pregnancy help continue to grow at the state level. All the while, pregnancy centers, along with groups like adoption agencies and maternity housing specialists, often called the service arm of the pro-life movement, set a bold example for what’s possible in a post-Roe era. Truly, Mississippi is pointing to a better way forward.

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Annie M’s Café bringing Southern cooking to Flora

By **MARK STOWERS**
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Growing up in the kitchen, Anne Myers was surrounded by flavor, originality and family. Now, with several decades of experience scattered across the food industry, she is bringing it all home to Flora in her Annie M’s Café. Myers said she was not specifically looking to start another restaurant but the opportunity fell in her lap.

“I had been wanting to get back into the restaurant business,” she said. “I was at the Cotton Exchange (shopping center) a few weeks ago and talked to Michael Penn and he gave me a smoking deal.” Located at 740 U.S. 49 Suite A in Flora (in the old Penn’s location), Myers opened the doors for Annie M’s Café on Nov. 1. Called “Annie M” by her sister’s children, Myers decided to use the name on her new food venture that offers a breakfast, lunch and supper menu with plenty of Southern and Cajun-inspired dishes to choose from.

“We have breakfast from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Then a Blue Plate every day from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. with two entrée choices and about 10 sides to choose from for \$8.95,” she said. “We’ll have a menu with hamburgers, shrimp plate, real catfish on both the blue plate and from the menu and a lot of Cajun-inspired dishes. We’ll be open 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every night but Sundays. I will have a Sunday buffet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will still do breakfast on Sunday as well. It’s southern Cajun food with a twist. I’ll have chicken and sausage Gumbo, shrimp baskets, shrimp dishes and blackened fish.”

On Friday and Saturday nights, she has plans to offer chef specials such as filets, seafood and more. The philosophy for her menu is to serve more affordable items to serve more people rather than offering a few high-priced items for fewer people.

“That’s my plan,” she said. “Hopefully it will work. I was floored at the price of chicken tenders. But I won’t skimp on products to make a lesser product.”

The restaurant seats 95 people and has a full staff but is always looking for more qualified people to join the team.

“I haven’t had too much trouble finding people to work,” Myers said, adding her children take a week off work to help and her 90-year-old mother wants to be the hostess along with another lady in town wants to help. “Everything is coming together.”

With a mother who “catered for free,” Myers grew up in the kitchen helping her mother serve large fundraisers and social gatherings.

“As long as I can remember, my mother has always cooked for large crowds,” she



Anne Myers works at the griddle of Annie M’s Café that opened recently on U.S. 49 in Flora.

said. “I just loved to cook and needed a job years ago and applied for a manager position in a Mexican Restaurant and learned a lot about the restaurant business.”

Her career kept evolving with different food industry sales jobs. One of her customers wanted to lease out his deli business. She jumped in but a new opportunity came along.

“Four people had opened Main Street Café, and they gave me a super deal to take it over,” she said. “It did great for years.”

She closed her deli business and dove full time into the Main Street Café venture. In 2007, Myers was thinking about making changes but her banker advised her not to as the economy was tanking. Then she was offered a job by a corporate restaurant chain to manage a new store. She closed Main Street Café, sold most of her equipment and put the rest in storage.

“The last few years, I’ve done food-related things,” Myers said. “I’ve been a food broker, worked for a grocery store chain managing their delis. Then worked for a convenience store chain managing their delis.”

Now she is bringing it all back home with Annie M’s Café at 740 U.S. 49 Suite A in Flora (in the old Penn’s location). Call 601-879-9959.

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Johnson receives Visionary Leadership award

Madison County Economic Development Authority Executive Director Joey Deason presents the 2021 Visionary Leadership to Phyllis Johnson, executive director of the Mississippi State Board of Nursing, at the recent Vision Celebration luncheon. The Madison County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA) and the Madison County Business League & Foundation (MCBL&F) created the VISIONARY Leadership Award in 2011 as a means of recognizing and thanking certain stand out Madison County individuals for their visionary leadership contributions to the community.



Smith receives Young Professional of the Year award

2020-21 Madison County Business League & Foundation Chairman Wesley Goings presents the 2021 Madison County Young Professional of the Year award to Anne Marie Smith with 4 Top Catering.



Stewart receives Young Professional of the Year award

2020-21 Madison County Business League & Foundation Chairman Wesley Goings presents the 2020 Madison County Young Professional of the Year award to Austin Stewart, an attorney with Adams & Reese.



Goings passes gavel to Balentine

2020-21 Madison County Business League & Foundation Chairman Wesley Goings, president of Telapex – parent company of C Spire, passed the gavel to 2021-22 Chairman Ray Balentine, vice president of Michael Baker International at the recent Vision luncheon.

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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

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Sunday, November 7
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Tuesday, November 9 • 10:30 A.M.
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Wednesday, November 10 • 11:30 A.M.
Board of Directors Meeting
Young Wells Williams P.A.
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Thursday, November 11 • 11:00 A.M.
Veterans Day Program
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Ridgeland City Hall
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