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ENGINEERS

Supervisor questions executive session

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An executive session called by the Board of Supervisors on Monday to discuss choosing an engineering firm for a proposed \$60 million road project was improper, one supervisor said in recusing himself.

District 2 Supervisor Trey Baxter of Madison said when supervisors went in to discuss two engineering firms who responded to an RFP for the proposed Cotton Blossom Road project he left because the discussion didn't qualify as an executive session.

"I recused myself because I thought executive sessions was called improperly for choosing a professional services contract," Baxter said on Wednesday. "There's no threat of legal action. There's no economic development, so I didn't see the reasoning behind calling for an engineering contract."

He added, "I think that all of the selection processes should be discussed in open forum."

Board Attorney Mike Espy See SUPES, page A5

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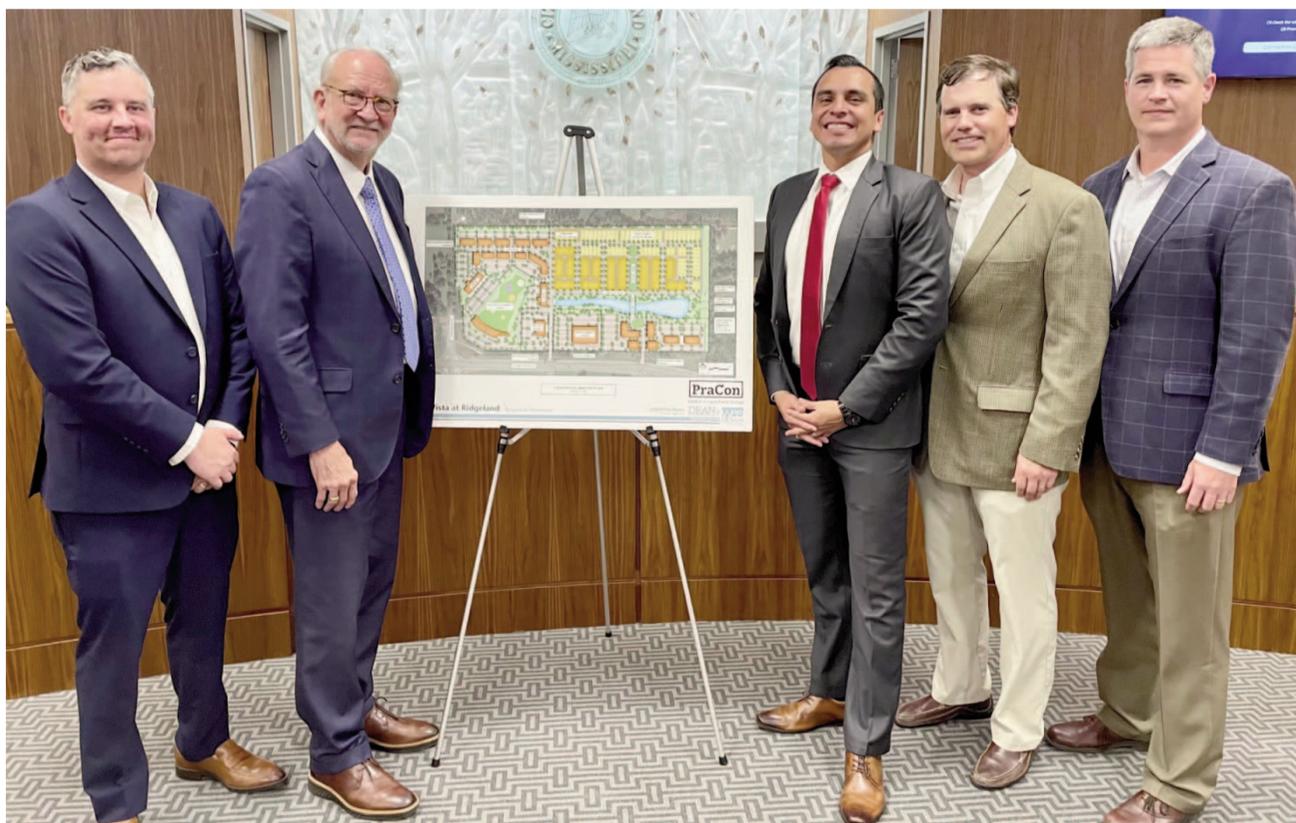
By STAFF REPORTS news@onlinemadison.com

The Gluckstadt Journal, a new section of the Madison County Journal beginning today, will focus specifically on "The Lucky City," Prince Media Group, the publisher of the Journal, announced.

The Gluckstadt Journal will be a news section highlighting the Gluckstadt community with features on the people, businesses and growing food scene that make Mississippi's newest city so unique.

"The strong sense of community present in Gluckstadt makes this section a natural fit for telling those stories," said James E. Prince III, publisher of the Journal and CEO of

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Pictured, from left, are Jonathan Trenski, Real Estate Manager for Topgolf; Ridgeland Mayor Gene F. McGee; Gabriel Prado, President & CEO of PraCon Global Investment Group; Todd Waldo, Director of

Real Estate Development for Topgolf; and Alan Hart, Director of Public Work for the City of Ridgeland.

PRADO VISTA

Board unanimously approves development with Topgolf

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@onlinemadison.com

RIDGELAND — The 77-acre Prado Vista development that will include over 200 homes and a Topgolf facility should be under construction by the end of the year, developers say.

Gabriel Prado, CEO & President of PraCon Global Investment Group, said his current expectations are that they could begin work on the development as early as December.

Developers still have to wait for a 10-day challenge period to elapse following the city's unanimous approval of the Prado Vista Overlay District at Tuesday night's regular meeting at City Hall that followed a public hearing.

The development will be built in the northeastern corner of Sunnybrook Road and Colony Park Boulevard. It is said to include a national grocery chain, two high-end hotels, more than 100,000 square feet of office, retail and restaurant space, an entertainment venue, 228 homes, and a riverwalk but the feature that has drawn the

most attention is a two-story Topgolf facility.

What is Topgolf? "In short, we're a sports entertainment complex that features an inclusive, high-tech golf game that everyone can enjoy," their website says. "Paired with an outstanding food and beverage menu, climate-controlled hitting bays and music, every Topgolf has an energetic hum that you can feel right when you walk through the door."

The Ridgeland site will be the first Topgolf in the state, according to Todd Waldo, a Topgolf representative, who presented during the public hearing.

The facility will feature a restaurant and bar, event spaces and roughly 60 hitting bays.

Mayor Gene F. McGee said he is excited for the development to break ground. He said he believes the developers have put a lot of work into ensuring the site will be a good neighbor.

"I think this development will be a tremendous asset for not only Ridgeland and Madison County, but the state as well," McGee said.

McGee said this development is an example of continued growth in the city.

Waldo said the Topgolf facility is projected to generate about \$1 million in tax revenue and provide about 200 jobs. Prado said they do not have any calculations on what the other businesses in the proposed development could generate but said that Topgolf facilities are generally a good sign that a community is "doing very well" and said it was an example of the "community multipliers" and economic impact such a development could have.

"All you have to do is look at Topgolf and you have a very good idea of where this development is headed," Prado said.

No one who spoke during the public hearing opposed the development, though it was noted that two people who signed up to speak had left before the nearly two-hour meeting concluded.

Several residents of Ridgeland did speak. At least two speakers said they would be neighbors of the develop-

ment, one saying she lived on Stokes Road and the other mentioning he was a resident of nearby St. Catherine's Village.

Neither said they had specific opposition or support for the development but noted that they had concerns about an increase of traffic in the area which in addition to clogging the roadways could bring in potential criminals to the city.

Both Fire Chief Matt Bailey and Police Chief Brian Myers spoke at the meeting saying they had reviewed some of the details of the development and had no major concerns.

Developers say they plan to have signalized entrances on Colony Park Boulevard as well as entrances and exits on Sunnybrook Road. They also plan to have concrete walls on the north and east edges of the property and have ensured the design minimizes both noise and light pollution to neighbors with a fifty-foot tree buffer between the property and St. Catherine's Village.

Prado said the proposed riverwalk See TOPGOLF, page A2

REMEMBRANCE

Pioneering educator remembered for dedication

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@onlinemadison.com

Ann Elaine Smith, described as one of the most influential educators and leaders of our time and for whom Ann E. Smith Elementary School in Ridgeland is named, is being remembered this week as a loving woman and dedicated educator.

Smith, 95, passed away on Friday, April 14, 2023, at her long-time family home in Canton where she was born and raised, according to her family. Smith died "peacefully" following a short illness, they said.

Known as "Miss Ann" during her tenure, Ann E. Smith Elementary School off Pear

Orchard Road in Ridgeland was named for Smith upon her retirement in 1998.

"The Madison County Schools family mourns the loss of beloved educator Ann Smith," a statement from the Madison County School District said. "As a teacher and principal she positively impacted the lives of thousands of students, and her legacy lives on at her namesake school, Ridgeland's Ann Smith Elementary School."

Her family said it was during Smith's tenure at Ridgeland Elementary School, first as a third-grade teacher and then as principal, that they knew "she had found her calling."

"She made sure no child

was left behind long before the catch-phrase became popular," they said. "Her concern for the welfare of every student was matched also by her strong support for each teacher and staff member."

Madison County School District Superintendent Charlotte Seals said Smith was a "larger than life" personality in 1989 when Seals joined the district as a teacher. Seals said "Miss Ann" helped build the district to what it is today.

"She helped lay the foundation that we continue to build on today," Seals said.

Mary Burcham, a teacher assistant at Ann E. Smith Elementary, said Smith cared for the children at her school.

"She was very kind and truly loved children with her whole heart," Burcham said. "She was very proud of her school."

During the 2005-2006 school year Burcham was the PTO president. She said they commissioned a portrait of Smith, but Smith said she did not want a picture of her alone so she was photographed with five children of PTO members at the time. One of those Children was Burcham's daughter, Abigail, a first grader.

The portrait now hangs in the school and Burcham made sure to photograph her daughter next to it when she graduated from Ridgeland High School in

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Ann Smith is pictured with elementary students.

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Swing Into Summer scheduled at the Red Caboose

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Madison's Swing Into Summer makes its 2023 return on May 4 downtown behind the red caboose on Main Street.

This popular family-friendly event gives parents time to relax, eat hot dogs and listen to local bands like The Magees and Travelin' Jane while kids enjoy train rides, inflatables, arts and crafts, face painting, and other fun activities.

Amy Cummins, director of Community Partners in Madison, said Swing Into Summer takes place on May 4 and May 18 this year from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"This is my second year coordinating Swing Into Summer, and I feel this will strengthen community pride and involvement," Cummins said. "This is a fun event for all ages and all are invited to bring their chairs and blankets."

Community Partners is providing popcorn and popsicles for the kids, and Community Bank is grilling hot dogs.



Swing Into Summer kicks off May 4 in downtown Madison.

Cummins said different activities for kids will be held on both days, including a mobile library, arts and crafts, face painting, tattoos, and more.

"This event has been going on for around 12 years and is

a family tradition," Cummins said. "The Magees will play on May 4 and Travelin' Jane will play on May 18."

Parking for the event will be across the street at First Baptist Church.

For more information

about Swing Into Summer, call Community Partners at (601) 856-7060.

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Topgolf

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would not only be a feature of "aesthetic beauty" but would also serve as a retention pond for the site.

Seth Dean, a civil engineer

on the development, said water accumulation has been a key issue they have aimed to address.

"Stormwater is a concern, and we're going to be responsible for neighbors, collecting stormwater from our site, slowing down, treating it and discharging it in a safe manner," Dean said.

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EDITORIALS

FBI targeting Catholics wrong

There was a time in America when Christian institutions were regarded with admiration. Now there is an element within officialdom that views them with suspicion. The FBI has searched for "opportunities" to target believers who want nothing more than the freedom to practice their faith in the same manner their forebears have done since the nation's founding. It's an inexcusable anti-Americanism that necessitates purging the agency's leadership.

The FBI's faithless regard for the Constitution returned to the spotlight with Monday's House Judiciary Committee release of new details of an agency initiative to develop "new avenues for tripwire and source development" — in other words, place spies — in Catholic chapels affiliated with the Society of Saint Pius X, a traditionalist Catholic priesthood, in Richmond, Virginia. Other "opportunities" included "mainline Catholic parishes" and the local "diocesan leadership."

Not simply the harebrained idea of one member from the agency's Richmond field office, the plan was approved by a local chief division counsel and two senior analysts, and it was then propagated to field offices around the nation, according to whistleblowers.

Traditional Catholics believe human life is sacred, and they have joined other Christians in praising the Supreme Court's 2022 Dobbs ruling, which returned the regulation of abortion to individual states. The nation's capital, where the FBI is based, though, is reliably committed to preserving the "progressive" woman's right to kill her own unborn offspring.

The fresh FBI revelations prompted Judiciary Committee Chairman Jim Jordan, Ohio Republican, to subpoena FBI documents associated with the agency's original proposal to spy on Catholics. In an April 10 letter to FBI Director Christopher Wray, he wrote: "This

shocking information reinforces our need for all responsive documents, and the Committee is issuing a subpoena to you to compel your full cooperation."

As for Mr. Wray, he disavowed in earlier congressional testimony the Catholic surveillance initiative when details were first reported. The FBI does not target individuals for investigation based on their religious affiliation, he said, and he vowed to tamp down his employees' unholy suspicions.

Whether spoken truly or not, the bureau — and its overlords at the Department of Justice — display little apparent interest in targeting individuals who destroy pro-life facilities. With more than 100 pregnancy crisis centers and churches firebombed or vandalized in the wake of the Dobbs ruling, only two people have been prosecuted.

In contrast, 34 pro-life activists have been charged in the past year with obstructing access to or vandalizing abortion clinics. At a March Senate hearing, Attorney General Merrick Garland laughingly ascribed the glaring disproportion to law enforcement to the difference between night and day: Pro-abortion vandals attack stealthily in the dark, and pro-lifers act out in broad daylight.

Mr. Garland's Justice Department has set a tone in law enforcement that abridges the First Amendment's protection for the free exercise of religion. Following their boss's lead, it is not unlikely that employees in the FBI's Richmond office surmise their only mistake in targeting Catholics as "opportunities" for investigation was getting caught.

Americans should not tolerate these anti-Americanisms. Rather than retrain offending individuals, they should be fired. And whenever the bungling Biden administration departs, so should their faithless bosses.

— *The Washington Times*

Biden's gasoline car ban

Last week, the Biden administration announced sweeping emission standards. The White House stated that the new rules would "accelerate the clean vehicle transition" and reduce pollution by nearly 10 billion tons by 2055.

The new tailpipe emissions rules unveiled by the Environmental Protection Agency under the Clean Air Act will require automakers to ensure a mammoth 56% reduction in gas emissions in 2032 vehicles compared with 2026 models, essentially forcing the auto industry to switch from the production of gasoline-powered cars to electric vehicles (EVs). President Biden's goal is for EVs to represent 67% of auto sales by 2032.

Yet the American people don't want EVs.

Last year, EVs represented only 6% of new auto sales, as they're more costly and don't drive as far as internal combustion vehicles. The best-selling EV in the U.S., the Tesla Model Y, costs \$65,000 (more than the household income of 46% of American families) and has a driving range of only 330 miles. Gas-powered alternatives sell for roughly \$20,000 cheaper and have a 30% greater range.

Those who buy EVs are upper-income households who live in urban neighborhoods that would rather charge their car than drive it. For many, it's their second or third vehicle — behind the gas-powered ones they already own. It's a novelty, not a necessity, unlike the cars purchased by most Americans, who view their vehicle as a major investment and depend on them to commute to work and use them for road trips.

A poll conducted last week by the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found nearly half of Americans said it's unlikely they would purchase an EV as their next car, citing the lack of charging options and high costs. Only 19% of respondents said it was "very" or "extremely" likely they would purchase an EV.

Still, the Biden administration doesn't care — and doesn't want the market to decide which cars to manufacture based on good old-fashioned supply and demand. Biden's new tailpipe regulation is akin to Chinese Central Planning, designed to ban gas-powered cars and control the way the majority of Americans live, work

and play. All in the name of climate change.

The result will be fewer cars on the road — and that's exactly what the Biden administration wants. As automakers shift their production to EVs, they will produce fewer gas-powered cars. Thus, the price of gas-powered vehicles will increase. Soon, all cars may become unaffordable to the American public. The rich will not have to worry. The average American family will go from a two-car household to a one-car household, forced to use public transportation, bicycles, scooters or Uber for their transportation needs.

Again, another "win" for the climate-warrior elites but a massive loss in the quality of life most Americans have become accustomed to.

Jobs will also be lost in the transition.

Last year, Ford laid off 3,000 American workers in an effort to cut costs to produce more EVs, which are more expensive than their gas-powered alternatives to manufacture. In February, the multinational automaker Stellantis closed its assembly plant in Illinois for the same reason.

The Economic Policy Institute, a liberal think tank, said the U.S. could lose as many as 75,000 automotive jobs by 2030 if EVs rise to half of domestic sales.

The Biden administration argues that government subsidies will both lower the cost of EVs and help automakers increase their production. Any jobs lost will eventually be recovered in the new green economy.

Government subsidies, however, are taxpayer money. Not only will you be happy you're no longer driving, but you'll be paying for it, at the cost of \$523 billion over 10 years, according to a recent Goldman Sachs report.

Meanwhile, the entire U.S. transition is a boon for China.

China controls the EV supply chain, holding 78% of the world's cell manufacturing capacity for EV batteries, according to a Brookings Institution analysis last year. It also controls the majority of global mining and refining of the critical minerals needed for EV battery production.

China wins. America loses. All to reduce carbon emissions that not even the experts can agree will happen.

— *The Washington Times*

RICH LOWRY

GOP can't run, hide on abortion

Politicians are motivated by many things, among them power, fame, idealism, greed — and fear.

The last of these is not to be underestimated. It is a powerful, gut-level force that can strike the most loquacious politicians dumb and make the most attention-hungry suddenly shy. It can cause officeholders or candidates to reverse field on a long-held position almost instantaneously and abase themselves however seems necessary to get to safety.

Republicans at the national level, right now, are scared. You can hear it in their silence on the issue of abortion after a district judge in Texas struck down the FDA approval of the abortion pill mifepristone. That decision also came immediately after Republicans lost a key race for a Supreme Court seat in Wisconsin to a progressive jurist who ran, to a large extent, on abortion.

Much of what has happened since Dobbs is what you'd expect after a longstanding national legal regime on abortion is lifted and the states are given the freedom to decide their own policies. There has been a sorting out toward a new political and policy equilibrium, with red and blue states occupying different poles of the spectrum, and purple states up for grabs.

The good news for Republicans is that there are more restrictions on abortion in place than at any time in the last 50 years, and they still took a majority in the House in last year's midterms, if smaller than expected.

In Indiana and in much of the South, Republicans have

Republicans should be pushing for restrictions that go as far as a state's voters are willing to accept, and no further. This will require keen political judgment and shrewd tactics that are hard to muster in the midst of a panic.

passed sweeping abortion bans and paid no discernible political price for it.

But especially in Michigan and Wisconsin, the issue has been a debacle for the party, and it has suffered notable losses elsewhere.

One lesson should be that Republicans can't just run and hide on an issue that has been of defining importance to their base and that Democrats are going to hammer them on regardless of how they try to minimize it.

Another is that outside of the Deep South, complete bans can't be defended politically, and the traditional exceptions for rape, incest and life of the mother are essential.

The Michigan and Wisconsin disasters stemmed from sweeping prohibitions that no one would have written in the post-Dobbs environment. Michigan had a 1931 law still on the books, and Wisconsin's dated from 1849.

Republicans should be pushing for restrictions that go as far as a state's voters are willing to accept, and no further. This will require keen political judgment and shrewd tactics, both of which are hard to muster in the

midst of a panic.

The other obvious imperative for the GOP is to try to focus attention on the extremism of the Democratic maximalist position on abortion, which is out of step with public opinion (Gallup finds that only 35% of people say abortion should be legal with no restrictions).

While the Republican record fighting ballot measures to guarantee access to abortion is dreadful in the post-Dobbs era — they've lost everywhere — they are going to have to do more of it. Emboldened Democrats are getting referenda on the ballot in a number of red states over the next two years. A signature battle will be a vote to write abortion rights into the state constitution in Ohio later this year. If opponents defeat the measure, it will be on the strength of arguments that the amendment will make parental consent laws impossible and go further than the pre-Dobbs abortion regime.

Make no mistake: In many places, Republicans are simply seeking to neutralize the Democratic political advantage on the issue and fight to a draw. If this is unsatisfying and discomfiting, it's still better than the pre-Dobbs context when the politics were easier, but it was impossible to get any meaningful restrictions in place.

If there's one thing that should be clear, it's that fear — no matter how natural or visceral — is no substitute for careful thought and considered action. *Rich Lowry is editor of National Review, a leading conservative magazine founded by William F. Buckley.*

CHARLES HURT

Dominion vs. Fox News

This lawsuit and the coverage does not prove that Fox News is bad. It proves the whole reason Fox News exists in the first place.

The sad, beleaguered competitors of Fox News desperately pray that the billion-dollar lawsuit filed by Dominion Voting Systems will do what they have never been able to do: Topple the TV-news ratings king. And they are happy to sacrifice the First Amendment in order to do that.

The British press — which has been losing to Rupert Murdoch's media empire even longer than the American press has — is especially hungry.

"Is Dominion's \$1.6bn defamation lawsuit a death blow for Murdoch and Fox News?" screams one eager headline in *The Guardian*.

Another headline last month in that same left-wing newspaper announced: "Dominion lawsuit is just the start as Fox faces losing friends — and viewers."

Loses viewers? Apparently, the mainstream media is so blinded by hatred for Fox News that they are not interested in facts. Or refuses to report them.

Fox News routinely dominates half the cable news audience in America, leaving the other half to be divided among all its "competitors" like MSNBC and CNN — combined. Even more alarming for them, Fox News beats all competitors by double-digit margins among independent viewers and continues to attract more and more self-identified Democrats.

According to detailed Nielsen ratings from last December, Fox News' "Tucker Carlson Tonight" and "The Five" were the second- and third-most watched cable news shows among Democratic viewers in the most highly coveted advertising demographic.

Perhaps most alarming for competitors, a YouGov poll published last month showed Fox News was the "most trusted source" of news in television for the previous 52-week period. Fox was deemed "most trusted" by double-digit margins over

ABC News, CNN, CBS, NBC, MSNBC and state media PBS.

Apparently, the massive campaign to smear Fox News as some crazed, right-wing disinformation machine is not working. Which is why Fox News' competitors are desperately praying that Dominion will prevail in its lawsuit against Fox.

In the trial, which begins this week in Wilmington, Delaware, Dominion charges that Fox News defamed the company by reporting on claims made by the sitting president of the United States and his lawyers about the reliability of the company's voting machines during the 2020 election.

That's right. Dominion wants Fox News to pay them \$1.6 billion for reporting on claims made publicly by a sitting president. About an election.

Reporting on such public claims made by a president about the veracity of an election is not some far-distant, unintended, downstream consequence of the First Amendment. It is precisely what the First Amendment was designed to protect.

Free speech by a free press reporting on an election is the whole point.

For months, the failing competitors of Fox News — including once-serious newspapers like *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* — have breathlessly heralded stories about text messages among Fox News producers and top hosts in which they debated the veracity of the public claims being made by the president and his legal

team.

These are nothing more than the internal newsroom deliberations among journalists working in the chaotic weeks after a highly explosive election.

But the most damning indictment of the whole case against Fox News comes from a filing made by Dominion's own lawyers asking the court to exclude the First Amendment from the trial.

"For months, Fox has beat the drum of the First Amendment in this Court and in its public relations efforts, mischaracterizing Dominion's attempt to hold Fox accountable for lying to its viewers as and effort 'to trample on free speech and freedom of the press,'" the lawyers wrote.

The First Amendment does not protect, they argued, "defamatory statements" made publicly by a sitting president's legal team and reported by a news organization.

"For that reason, at trial, Fox should not be permitted to use inflammatory and legally erroneous First Amendment concepts in order to mislead the jury and urge jury nullification," Dominion lawyers hilariously wrote. "Dominion therefore respectfully requests Fox be precluded from improperly invoking the First Amendment" at the trial.

And yet, despite that, the so-called mainstream media lustily applauds Dominion's lawsuit against Fox News even as the case would gut the very constitutional protections they have enjoyed in America for over 200 years.

This lawsuit and the coverage surrounding it does not prove that Fox News is bad or dishonest. It proves the whole reason Fox News exists in the first place.

Charles Hurt is opinion editor for The Washington Times and a Fox News contributor.

BIBLE SELECTION

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

— 1 Corinthians 1:18 (ESV)

OBITUARIES

Ann Elaine Smith

Miss Ann Elaine Smith passed peacefully away after a short illness on April 14, 2023 at the long-time family home where she was born and raised.

A memorial service was held April 18, 2023 in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church of Canton.

Immediate family members preceding her in death were her parents, Sylvanus (Van) Wheeler Smith, Sr., and Maggie Hobbs Smith; her sisters, Margaret Hobbs Smith, Mary Elisabeth Smith, and Frances Smith Norman and her husband, Morris; her brother Sylvanus Wheeler Smith, Jr., and his wife, Alberta; her beloved aunt Miss Fannie Lou Smith; nephew, Tom Morris Norman, and nephew-in-law, Dr. Earnest Gilmer (Gil) Spivey,

Jr.

Survivors of Miss Smith are her nephews, Jerry Van Norman (Sandra), and Spencer Ames Smith (Carolyn); nieces, Louise Norman Spivey, and Camille Smith Vinson (Sam); and many great-, great-great-, and great-great-great nieces and nephews.

Miss Smith was born in Canton on November 21, 1927, and was educated in the Canton Public School System. She earned a Bachelors Degree in elementary education from Mississippi State College for Women (MSCW, now MUW) and a Master's Degree from Mississippi College. Upon graduation from college, she accepted a position teaching 3rd grade in the Vicksburg Public School System. But it was at Ridgeland Elementary School where, after again teaching 3rd grade for a short time, she was promoted to

school principal. In recognition of her firm commitment and contribution to the community, upon her retirement the Madison County School District honored her by changing the name of Ridgeland Elementary School to the Ann E. Smith Elementary School. She has been known as "Miss Ann" to many generations of parents and children, and she called them by name when meeting them in the community.

Her dedication extended also to her church of many years, Woodland Hills Baptist Church. With her sister-in-law, Jayne Woods, the two worked tirelessly to maintain Woodland Hills' dedicated Missions House.

Her love and concern for children also sustained her commitment to support the work and ministry of the Baptist Children's Village.

2023-2024 IDEA 611 and 619 Part B

Madison County Schools Office of Special Services will accept stakeholder questions and comments on its proposed Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B Project Application for the Fiscal Year 2024 through June 15, 2023. The Madison County School Board of Education will hold a public budget hearing at 6:30pm on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, to include an overview of projected IDEA Part B allocations.

Interested parties may contact Vicki J. Doty, Director of Special Services at 601-853-1326, or submit questions and/or comments in writing to: Madison County Schools Office of Special Services at 476 Highland Colony Parkway, Ridgeland, MS 39157, ATTN: Vicki J. Doty.

The following notice's form and content is controlled by Miss. Code Ann. Section 27-39-207. This section is to clarify the impact. Due to reduction in state funding, programs required by the legislature, increases in local operating costs and growth in enrollment, the District is requesting more local funding dollars for the 2024 school year than the District requested for the 2023 school year. Although the District will request more dollars for local funding, the total mills levied for **school taxes are NOT anticipated to increase**. Because the District is requesting more local funding for the 2024 school year, the law requires the District to publish the following notice verbatim, even though the total max mills for school purposes are **NOT expected to increase**.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX EFFORT MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Madison County School District will hold a public hearing on its proposed school district budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 on May 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Madison County Schools Central Office, 476 Highland Colony Parkway, Ridgeland, Mississippi. At this meeting, a proposed ad valorem tax effort increase will be considered.

The Madison County School District is now operating with a projected total budget revenue of \$189,169,113. Of that amount, 41 percent or \$77,371,469 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$185,934,169. Of that amount, (42 percent) or \$78,820,514 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For the next fiscal year, the proposed increase in ad valorem tax effort by Madison County School District may result in an increase in the ad valorem tax millage rate. Ad valorem taxes paid on homes, automobile tags, business fixtures and equipment, and rental real property.

Any citizen of the Madison County School District is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax effort, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

Parables against the Pharisees

Turn with me in your bibles to Matthew 22:1-14. The parable outlines nicely into three parts. If you look at verses 1-7, it focuses on the issue of this rejected invitation. An invitation has gone out. It's been rejected. Then if you look at verses 8-10, that section focuses on this filled wedding hall. Guests have been brought in from all over. And then the third section of the parable you'll see in verses 12-14. And it focuses on the man with the missing wedding robe. Everybody else is in their finery. But there's one man sitting in that hall who doesn't have his wedding garments on. As we look at those three sections today, I'd like you to see three things. First, Indifference to Christ and opposition to Christ are both rejection of Christ.

I. Indifference to Christ and Opposition to Christ are Both Rejection of Christ

First, let's direct our attention to verses 1-7. Here, we see a picture of the rejection of Christ. And we learn a very important lesson. We learn that indifference to Christ and opposition to Christ are both rejection of Christ.

Now, as I said this is a shocking story. A king has a son who is going to be married. And he sends out an invitation to his subjects to come to the wedding feast. Now undoubtedly the original list who are sent this invitation would be a rather esteemed multitude. And surprisingly everyone turns the king down. Now you need to understand that everyone hearing this parable as it was originally spoken would immediately have been offended by that. And so, the king implores these people to come. He says, look, I'm going to be serving great food. This is going to be a tremendous party. Please come. And we're told that still people don't care. They're indifferent. They go on to their farms. They go on to their businesses. In fact, some of those people take the messengers of the king and mistreat and kill them. And then the king enraged on the very day of his son's wedding

feast, sends out his armies and burns the town to the ground.

Jesus is telling a shocking parable here. And He's doing it to jolt you into the reality of what it is when we reject the gospel offer. God has spread this feast for us in the gospel. It's cost him his son. He's invited all to come. And when we reject that offer, either by indifference or direct opposition, it is an offense to God almighty, it is rejection of Christ.

II. God's Offer of the Gospel is Free and His Inducements to Come are Great

Let's look at verses 8-10. Here we see this wedding hall filled. Matthew from the beginning to end is concerned to show us that the message of salvation, as Paul would put it, is to the Jew first and also to the Greek. That is, that the message of the gospel of the kingdom of heaven is not something that is only for ethnic Israel. It is for the Jews to whom the covenant promises were originally given in the days of Abraham, but it is also for the Gentiles. And here in this picture in verses 8-10, He shows us the calling of the Gentile. But He also reminds us of something very important. And that is this, that God's offer of the gospel is free. And the inducements to our accepting that offer of the gospel are great.

There's more irony in this parable than just the ironies that we've pointed out in the first seven verses. And the very first irony that meets you, you find right here in verse 8. Jesus uses irony to draw attention to the wickedness of those who had rejected the invitation. And so, when this king sends his servants out into the highways and byways to gather anybody who happens to be standing there and to draw them in, we sense the justice of it, but we also see what an inducement they have to come to this dinner. And so, they're sent out into the highways and byways, and all manner of people are drawn in. Perhaps, mostly from the underprivileged ranks. And we see here the unrestricted offer of the gospel. The fact is, the sacrifice of Christ is for all. And so, regardless of race and nationality or sex or social standing. No nation has any special standing before God, Matthew says. But God

desires all to come to Christ.

III. Not Everyone Who Says "Lord, Lord" will Enter the Kingdom

And then in verses 12-14, we see God's judgment against the false profession of faith. Many are drawn in to this marriage feast, but not all have truly embraced God in the gospel. And so, we learn in Jesus' words that not everyone who says, Lord, Lord, is a member of the kingdom. And here we see yet another irony. He walks up to this one man, and he says, "Friend, how did you come to be here without a wedding garment?" And the man is speechless. And the reason he is speechless is that he has no excuse. But it's so ironic, because the king says, "Friend" and then one of the very next words out of the king's mouth, "bind him hand and foot and cast him into outer darkness." Not normally something you say to a friend. Why? Jesus is showing us that there are some people who like to think of themselves as friends of his who aren't. Let me give you a direct example from Matthew. If you'll turn with me to Matthew 26:50, you'll see Jesus use this term in the same way. In the Garden of Gethsemane, and a friend of Jesus' comes to see Him. A friend named Judas. And he comes up to plant a kiss on Jesus' cheek. And the first word out of Jesus' mouth is "Friend, what are you doing?" You see, Jesus knows that there are people who pretend to be His friends who are not. The feast has been spread. The way has been prepared. The invitation has been given. The garment's been provided. Everything's there for them, but they're not His friend, because they won't repent. You see, the one thing that's waiting is repentance. And Jesus is saying to the Pharisees, just as surely as He's saying to you and me today, "The feast is spread, but you must repent to eat it. And if you don't, you'll be consigned to the same end as this man without the wedding garment in the end." May God bless His word.

The Rev. Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III is Chancellor and CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary. He can be reached at 601-923-1600 or by email at jhyde@rts.edu.

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recommended supervisors discuss in executive session the two engineering firms in question, Waggoner Engineering and Stantec.

Both gave presentations to the board in open session in a bid for the Cotton Blossom Road project prior to Espy steering further discussion in private.

"This could be described as an economic development project," Espy told board members, saying he didn't want anybody to make a comment that could border on privileged information.

The Mississippi Open Meetings Act allows for a handful of exceptions which allow governing boards to meet in closed executive session such as personnel or pending litigation.

The law specifically allows for a meeting to discuss "transaction of business and

discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation or expansion of a business, medical service or an industry."

It also allows for "transaction of business and discussion regarding the prospective purchase, sale or leasing of lands."

Baxter said neither of those apply in the Cotton Blossom case because it was for a professional services contract, which the Mississippi Ethics Commission has ruled aren't an exception for executive session.

An email sent to Espy seeking comment was unanswered as of press time.

The Cotton Blossom Road project is a proposed project that would ultimately connect Highway 43 to Sowell Road via Cotton Blossom Road and create a new east-west corridor.

Cotton Blossom Road runs between Highway 43 and North Old Canton Road.

District 4 Supervisor Karl Banks said the goal is to create a corridor that helps cut down traffic going down to

Yandell Road.

Supervisors issued the RFP earlier this year seeking engineering services for the project, which they hope to award next month.

Waggoner Engineering and Stantec both responded to the RFP and on Monday gave presentations to the board where each side was sequestered during the other's presentation.

Both firms, which currently perform work for the county, were touting their resources and qualifications in the closed meeting.

Board President Gerald Steen said for him it boiled down to whichever firm would be able to help secure more funding, despite that not being a part of the RFP.

"To me it boils down to the finances," Steen said during the presentations.

The board had no public discussion after the presentations and took no action in executive session. They voted to take the matter up at the next board meeting on May 2.

Smith

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2017. "I thought it would be a nice moment to capture her with the picture," Burcham said. "She was in Ridgeland schools K-12."

Seals said Smith's spirit still "reverberates" through the halls

of the elementary school.

"Her spirit is still there and it is one of love and joy," Seals said.

Upon her death the Ridgeland High School PTO said in a statement Smith was "one of the most influential educators and leaders of our time."

The family said Smith was also a dedicated member of Woodland Hills Baptist Church for many years where she was involved with their Missions

House, where "furloughed missionaries rested, planned and prepared for their return to the mission field."

Ridgeland Mayor Gene F. McGee said he was saddened to hear of Smith's passing, noting the tremendous contribution she made to the local schools.

"I am saddened at her death but know she is in a better place," he said.

— See full obituary, page A5.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE:

THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD L. HUTCHINSON, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2023-140-W

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 3rd day of February, 2023 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned fiduciary of the ESTATE OF RONALD L. HUTCHINSON, DECEASED, 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. This the 21st day of February, 2023.

/s/ Judith S. Hutchinson JUDITH S. HUTCHINSON, Executrix of the Estate of RONALD L. HUTCHINSON, Deceased

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in or in anyway affected thereby, that RPM Realty on behalf of G & B Investments, Inc. has filed with the City Clerk/Administrative Director of the City of Madison, Mississippi, an application for a variance for a front yard setback decrease from 40 feet to 35 feet in a C-3 (Major Thoroughfare Commercial District) zoning district, as provided by the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Madison, Mississippi, on property located on Park Place Boulevard, just south of the USA Express Car Wash on Highway 463, parcel number 071A-01C-002/03.00.

Notice is further given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Madison, Madison County, Mississippi, will have a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023, in the Municipal Courtroom of the Madison Justice Complex, at 2001 Main Street in Madison, Mississippi, and at such time, date and place hold and conduct a public hearing at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard thereon, either in person, by petition, or by counsel.

For additional information, contact Madison City Hall, Planning Department at 601.856.7116.

By: s/Susan B. Crandall Susan B. Crandall, City Clerk Director of Finance and Administration

Publication: April 20, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CATHERINE BROWN, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2018-48 (W)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 18 th day of January, 2018, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Catherine Brown, deceased, 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. THIS, the 22nd day of December, 2022.

/s/ Tony Edmond TONY EDMOND, Administrator of the Estate of Catherine Brown, deceased

SAMUEL H. WILLIFORD, MSB #100095 WILLIFORD, McALLISTER, JACOBUS & WHITE, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW 303 Highland Park Cove, Suite A Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157 (601) 991-2000 Attorney for Administratrix

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

INGRID ZACARIAS PEREZ PETITIONER

V. CAUSE NO. 23-215

MARIA ZACARIAS GABRIEL RESPONDENTS SANTIAGO PEREZ LOPEZ

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Ingrid Zacarias Perez TO: Maria Zacarias Gabriel Whereabouts unknown

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Ingrid Zacarias Perez, Petitioner, petitioning for the custody of your child, Y.F.P.Z., a seventeen (17) year-old male. YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and defend against said Complaint at 1:30 PM on the 9 th day of May 2023, in the courtroom of the Chancery Court of Madison County, at the Courthouse located at 146 West Center Street, Canton, MS 39046 and in case of your failing to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or things demanded in the Complaint or Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you so desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, on this the 28th day of March, 2023. Ronny lott, MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK, CANTON, MS

(SEALED) BY: /s/ Kim Severi D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN L. HARVEY, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-767 W

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on August 25, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned John Thomas Harvey, Executor of the Estate of John L. Harvey, Deceased, 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 90 days after the date of the first publication of this notice or they will forever be barred. This the 13 th day of April, 2023.

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John Thomas Harvey Executor of the Estate of John L. Harvey, Deceased Ian Austin (MSB No. 104584) COPELAND COOK TAYLOR & BUSH, P.A. 600 Concourse, Suite 100 1076 Highland Colony Parkway Ridgeland, MS 39157 Telephone 601-856-7200

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

JUAN SILVESTRE LOPEZ PETITIONER

V. CAUSE NO. 22-1025W

JUANA GOMEZ PEREZ RESPONDENT

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Juan Silvestre Lopez TO: Juana Gomez Perez Whereabouts unknown

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Juan Silvestre Lopez, Petitioner, petitioning for the custody of your child, N.S.G., a seventeen (17) year-old male. YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and defend against said Complaint at 1:30 PM on the 9 th day of May 2023, in the courtroom of the Chancery Court of Madison County, at the Courthouse located at 146 West Center Street, Canton, MS 39046 and in case of your failing to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or things demanded in the Complaint or Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you so desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, on this the 28th day of March, 2023. Ronny lott, MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK, CANTON, MS

(SEALED) BY: /s/ Kim Severi D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF A.M.S., A MINOR CAUSE NO.: 22-989

LATANYA MOORE PETITIONER

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: MYEISHA AUSTIN ADDRESS UNKNOWN (Or wherever she may be found)

THE COMPLAINT WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition for Guardianship of a Minor at 8:30 a.m. on the 12 th day of June 2023, in the courtroom of the Honorable Cynthia Brewer at the Madison County Chancery Court located in Canton, Mississippi. In case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief 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 this the 4th day of April 2023.

RONNY LOTT, MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT CLERK

By: _Stacey Toten_ Prepared by: Todd A. Coker (MSB# 99134) Coker Law Firm, PLLC Post Office Box 1563 Brandon, Mississippi 39043 Telephone: (601) 941-5417 Toddacoker123@gmail.com Attorney for Petitioner

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

INGRID ZACARIAS PEREZ PETITIONER

V. CAUSE NO. 23-215

MARIA ZACARIAS GABRIEL RESPONDENTS SANTIAGO PEREZ LOPEZ

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Ingrid Zacarias Perez TO: Santiago Perez Lopez Whereabouts unknown

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Ingrid Zacarias Perez, Petitioner, petitioning for the custody of your child, Y.F.P.Z., a seventeen (17) year-old male. YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and defend against said Complaint at 1:30 PM on the 9 th day of May 2023, in the courtroom of the Chancery Court of Madison County, at the Courthouse located at 146 West Center Street, Canton, MS 39046 and in case of your failing to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or things demanded in the Complaint or Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you so desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, on this the 28th day of March, 2023. Ronny lott, MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK, CANTON, MS

(SEALED) BY: /s/ Kim Svreir D.C.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in or in anyway affected thereby, that Owner Steven T. Johnson has filed with the City Clerk/Administrative Director of the City of Madison, Mississippi, an application for a variance to allow for an accessory building height increase from 10 feet to 24.5 feet in a RE-B (Residential Estate District) zoning district, as provided by the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Madison, Mississippi. Property located at 241 Ashworth Circle, Whittington Subdivision, lot 102, parcel number 072C-05C-001/19.00,

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zoned RE-B (Residential Estate District).

Notice is further given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Madison, Madison County, Mississippi, will have a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023, in the Municipal Courtroom of the Madison Justice Complex, at 2001 Main Street in Madison, Mississippi, and at such time, date and place hold and conduct a public hearing at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard thereon, either in person, by petition, or by counsel.

For additional information, contact Madison City Hall, Planning Department at 601.856.7116.

By: s/Susan B. Crandall Susan B. Crandall, City Clerk Director of Finance and Administration

Publication: April 20, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF M.L.W., A MINOR

SARAH WRIGHT, PETITIONER CAUSE NO. 22-728

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: REBECCA WRIGHT ADDRESS UNKNOWN (Or wherever she may be found)

THE PETITION WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor at 9:00 a.m. on the 3 rd day of July 2023, in the courtroom of the Honorable Judge James C. Walker, Madison County Chancery Courthouse located in Canton, 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.

You are not required to file an Answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand this the 4th day of April, 2023.

RONNY LOTT, MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT CLERK

By: _Stacey Toten_ D.C.

(SEAL) Prepared by: TODD A. COKER (MSB # 99134) 641 Lakeland East Dr., Ste H Flowood, MS 39232 P.O. Box 1563 Brandon, MS 39043 Telephone: (601) 941-5417 Email: toddacoker123@gmail.com

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

CALVIN LOUIS SMITH PLAINTIFF VS. CAUSE NO. 2023-340-W

JOSEPH GRAY, GENNIE RENA MURRY, [ESTATE OF] ROSIE LEE TURNER (EST), BETTY WILLIAMS, RANDY TURNER, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI THROUGH ITS CHANCERY CLERK, LYNN FITCH IN HER CAPACITY AS ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, JOHN K. BRAMLETT, JR., IN HIS CAPACITY AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, UNKNOWN HEIRS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTERESTS IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI WHICH WAS SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 26, 2019 (YEAR 2018 TAXES) AND PREVIOUSLY SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 28, 2017 (YEAR 2016 TAXES) TO WIT: "SEE EXHIBIT A"; "LOT 50x100 FT OFF W/S E 1/2 SE 1/4 NW 1/4 LYING W OF SMITH ADDN; PARCEL NO: 092F-24B-2 10/00.00; S-T-R: 24-09N-02E; PPIN 26904" DEFENDANTS

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: JOSEPH GRAY, GENNIE RENA MURRY, [ESTATE OF] ROSIE LEE TURNER (EST), BETTY WILLIAMS, RANDY TURNER, AND AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, UNKNOWN HEIRS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTERESTS IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Calvin Louis Smith, Plaintiff, seeking confirmation and quieting of title, and for other relief. The real property which is the subject of this Complaint is described as follows: "LOT 50x100 FT OFF W/S E 1/2 SE 1/4 NW 1/4 LYING W OF SMITH ADDN; PARCEL NO: 092F-24B-210/00.00; S-T-R: 24-09N-02E; PPIN 26904, LOCATED IN MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI"

Defendants other than you in this action are Madison County, Mississippi through its Chancery Clerk, Lynn Fitch in her capacity as Attorney General for the State of Mississippi, John K. Bramlett, Jr., in his capacity as District Attorney of Madison County, Mississippi. You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Jon J. Mims, Rawlings & MacInnis, P.A., 1296 Highway 51 North, Post Office Box 1789, Madison, Mississippi 39130-1789.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER APRIL 6, 2023, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION

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OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 28th day of March, 2023.

Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk Clerk, Madison County, Mississippi By: Stacey Toten, DC

(Seal) Jon J. Mims, MSB #100341 Rawlings & MacInnis, P.A. Post Office Box 1789 Madison, Mississippi 39130-1789 Telephone No. (601) 898-1180 Telecopier No. (601) 969-1041 jon@rawlingsmacinnis.net

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

HERLINDA JIMENEZ RAMIREZ PETITIONER

V. CAUSE NO. 22-803

MANUEL CABA VI ENMA MARINET JIMENEZ RAMIREZ RESPONDENTS

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Herlinda Jimenez Ramirez TO: Emma Marinnet Jimenez Ramirez Whereabouts unknown

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Herlinda Jimenez Ramirez, Petitioner, petitioning for the custody of your child, J.C.J., a seventeen (17) year-old male. YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and defend against said Complaint at 1:30 PM on the 9 th day of May 2023, in the courtroom of the Chancery Court of Madison County, at the Courthouse located at 146 West Center Street, Canton, MS 39046 and in case of your failing to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or things demanded in the Complaint or Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you so desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, on this the 28 th day of March, 2023. Ronny lott, MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK, CANTON, MS

(SEALED) BY: /s/ Kim Severis D.C.

NOTICE OF NOTE SALE URBAN RENEWAL NOTES (MADISON SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT) SERIES 2023-A OF THE MADISON SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MADISON, MISSISSIPPI The Madison Square Redevelopment Authority (the "Issuer") of the City of Madison, Mississippi (the "City"), will receive sealed bids at Madison City Hall, 1004 Madison Avenue, Madison, Mississippi, until the hour of 5:00 P.M. (local time) on May 1, 2023, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read, for the purchase in its entirety, at not less than par of an issue of not to exceed \$4,250,000 Urban Renewal Notes (Madison Square Redevelopment Project), Series 2023-A (the "Notes"). The Notes will be sold pursuant to terms set forth in, and will be dated, bear interest, be in such form and denominations, be numbered, mature, be subject to redemption, be secured, be payable and be subject to interest rate limitations as set forth in the Terms of Note Sale, Urban Renewal Notes (Madison Square Redevelopment Project), Series 2023-A (the "Terms of Note Sale"), a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk. Bids should be addressed to the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Issuer, plainly marked "Bid for Urban Renewal Notes (Madison Square Redevelopment Project), Series 2023-A of the Madison Square Redevelopment Authority," submitted substantially in the form provided by the Issuer and filed with the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Issuer on or prior to the date and hour hereinabove named. Each bid must be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, or exchange, issued or certified by a bank located in the State of Mississippi as described in the Terms of Note Sale. The award, if any, will be made on the basis set forth in the Terms of Note Sale. The Issuer and the successful bidder shall have such other rights and obligations as are set forth in the Terms of Note Sale. April 20, 2023 /s/ Anthony DiFatta, Chairman Publish: April 20, 2023 and April 27, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

INGRID ZACARIAS PEREZ PETITIONER

V. CAUSE NO. 23-214

ELVIRA ZACARIAS GABRIEL RESPONDENTS AVELINO ZACARIAS VENTURA

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Ingrid Zacarias Perez TO: Elvira Zacarias Gabriel Whereabouts unknown

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Ingrid Zacarias Perez, Petitioner, petitioning for the custody of your child, W.A.P.Z., a eighteen (18) year-old male. YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and defend against said Complaint at 1:30 PM on the 9 th day of May 2023, in the courtroom of the Chancery Court of Madison County, at the Courthouse located at 146 West Center Street, Canton, MS 39046 and in case of your failing to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or things demanded in the Complaint or Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you so desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, on this the 28 th day of March, 2023. Ronny lott, MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK, CANTON, MS

(SEALED) BY: /s/ Kim Severi D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

ESTATE OF ANTOANETTE STAPHAN DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 9 th day of February, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Antoanette Staphan, Deceased, 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. This the 14th day of April, 2023.

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MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK, CANTON, MS

(SEALED) BY: /s/ Kim Severis D.C.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in or in anyway affected thereby, that Lake Castle Development has filed with the City Clerk/Administrative Director of the City of Madison, Mississippi, an application for a variance for a rear yard setback decrease from 20 feet to 8 feet in a R-2 PUD (Single Family Residential District - Planned Unit Development District) zoning district, as provided by the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Madison, Mississippi, on property located in the Arlington at Colony Park Subdivision, Lots 21 through 24, at the southwest corner of Highland Colony Parkway and Lake Castle Road, parcel number 071F-13B-002/02.00.

Notice is further given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Madison, Madison County, Mississippi, will have a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023, in the Municipal Courtroom of the Madison Justice Complex, at 2001 Main Street in Madison, Mississippi, and at such time, date and place hold and conduct a public hearing at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard thereon, either in person, by petition, or by counsel.

For additional information, contact Madison City Hall, Planning Department at 601.856.7116.

By: s/Susan B. Crandall Susan B. Crandall, City Clerk Director of Finance and Administration

Publication: April 20, 2023

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2. Electronic bids will be received until 10 A.M. Friday, May 26, 2023, as a PDF file via Madison County's website at http://www.madison-co.com/bids. Each bidder submitting a bid electronically as a PDF file shall include its Certificate of Responsibility Number as part of its PDF electronic bid submission. Any electronic PDF bid that does not include the bidder's Certificate of Responsibility Number shall not be considered. Plans, specifications, and contract documents are on file and can be viewed and downloaded at https://www.madison-co.com/bids. Questions regarding plans and specifications should be sent to Tim Bryan, P.E. with the Madison County Engineer's Office at tim.bryan@madison-co.com or 601-790-2520. Madison County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Madison County Board of Supervisors By: (s) Kesha Jackson, Purchase Clerk

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

INGRID ZACARIAS PEREZ PETITIONER

V. CAUSE NO. 23-214

ELVIRA ZACARIAS GABRIEL RESPONDENTS AVELINO ZACARIAS VENTURA

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Ingrid Zacarias Perez TO: Avelino Zacarias Ventura Whereabouts unknown

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Ingrid Zacarias Perez, Petitioner, petitioning for the custody of your child, W.A.P.Z., a eighteen (18) year-old male. YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and defend against said Complaint at 1:30 PM on the 9 th day of May 2023, in the courtroom of the Chancery Court of Madison County, at the Courthouse located at 146 West Center Street, Canton, MS 39046 and in case of your failing to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or things demanded in the Complaint or Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you so desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, on this the 28 th day of March, 2023. Ronny lott, MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK, CANTON, MS

(SEALED) BY: /s/ Kim Severi D.C.

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/s/ Khader H. Istiphan Khader H. Istiphan, Executor of the Estate of Antoanette Staphan, Deceased

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

HERLINDA JIMENEZ RAMIREZ PETITIONER

V. CAUSE NO. 22-803

MANUEL CABA VI ENMA MARINET JIMENEZ RAMIREZ RESPONDENTS

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Herlinda Jimenez Ramirez TO: Manuel Caba Vi Whereabouts unknown

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Herlinda Jimenez Ramirez, Petitioner, petitioning for the custody of your child, J.C.J., a seventeen (17) year-old male. YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and defend against said Complaint at 1:30 PM on the 9 th day of May 2023, in the courtroom of the Chancery Court of Madison County, at the Courthouse located at 146 West Center Street, Canton, MS 39046 and in case of your failing to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or things demanded in the Complaint or Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you so desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court




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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

Mary’s love for Jesus

We are looking at John 20:11-16 this week. The Lord Jesus, having been raised from the dead, appears to His devoted servant Mary Magdalene in this passage. The first thing we notice is the love that Mary had for Jesus.

She hurried to the tomb where Jesus was buried very early on the first day of the week so that she might honor Him by anointing His body (John 20:1). Finding the stone removed from the tomb, she ran to Peter and John, who were stunned when they came and saw the empty tomb and grave clothes. They went home, but Mary lingered around the tomb (verse 11).

Full of grief, she looks in the tomb and sees two angels in white. They ask her why she is weeping. Mary is so preoccupied with what has happened to Jesus she doesn’t seem to be fazed by being in the presence of holy beings. Mary tells them she doesn’t know where her Lord is. This is something she cannot bear.

Here is a woman who loves Jesus. In Mary we see the example of one who loved much because she owed much. Jesus had delivered her from the oppression of demons. She believed he was the Christ, the Savior of the world. She called Him “Lord,” yet she did not yet understand why He had to die.

We can only imagine how Mary reacted when she later learned that Jesus had paid the debt of her sin on the cross so that she might be with Him forever, and never again be dismayed about where He is. Jesus had reconciled her to God, taking away the enmity between them. The deliverance from demons was synonymous with forgiveness of her sins. Do you know something of this love for Christ?

Jesus bound Himself by saying that the one who seeks Him will find Him. He will honor those who honor Him. We see that with Mary. Mary was the first person Jesus appeared to when He was raised from the dead. We will reap as we sow. If you seek after Christ in your life, you will be filled. If you thirst after lesser things, you will discover that they are empty cisterns. Let Mary be our example, having souls zealous to honor Christ. Her pursuit of the Lord was not in

vain. The second thing we see is Christ’s love for Mary. In verse 14, Mary turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. She thinks He is the gardener, the caretaker of the place. She pleads with Him to show her where the body of Jesus is.

The Lord Jesus responds by calling her name, “Mary.” Mary turns to Him and exclaims, “Rabboni” or teacher, the honorific she used for Jesus. She instantly melted at hearing her name; the recognition of the voice of the Lord pulsed through her soul.

The calling of Christ by her name is significant for many reasons. First, it is a call of love. We love Him because He first loved us. We are completely dependent upon His initiative. The aim of Christ giving Himself on the cross is that we might be made fit for God and brought to Him. He did this from love, to purge us from all iniquity and give us the joy of knowing God.

Second, it is a call to life. In John 11, Jesus called to the dead Lazarus in the tomb to come forth, and the dead man arose and came. Sinners are said to be “dead in their trespasses and sins” (Ephesians 2). There must be a principle of life put in us to hear Jesus and come to Him. We can’t save ourselves. We can’t infuse life into our souls. We must come to Christ. He gives us life that is truly life.

Third, the call of Jesus is into the light of God. In the epistles the apostles repeatedly speak of Christians having been delivered out of darkness into the light of the kingdom of God. It is the Lord who puts light into our souls (2nd Corinthians 4:6). It’s a terrible thing to be in darkness, but it is a blessed thing to walk in the light of the Lord.

Fourth, this is a call to blessedness. Mary responds to the voice of Jesus calling her by name by clinging to Him. There are no greater riches to the soul than embracing Christ in love. Christ is utterly precious to a renewed soul. We need to apply this particularly to ourselves. If we believe in Christ and know Christ, then He has called us by name. Your name is written in the book of life. You have every reason Mary had to make the Lord Jesus your chief portion, your chief good and ambition in this life.




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Madison Parks Director has big plans for future

By **DUNCAN DENT**
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MADISON — New changes are coming to all city parks soon such as LED lights on the Strawberry Patch walking trail and upgraded playground equipment at Liberty Village.

Parks and Recreation Director Cole Smith said he is planning to work with Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler and aldermen to expand Madison's park system and improve the quality. "We feel these changes and improvements will impact our citizens in a positive way by

giving them opportunities to enjoy our great facilities, from walking and exercising, to more play choices for our younger generation," Smith said. "We knew it was time for us to start evaluating where we are with our parks and looking to the future." Smith was hired on as

Parks and Recreation Director in 2022, and since joining the city, he has spent a lot of time working with city officials evaluating the current park system and working towards immediate improvements while putting an emphasis on where to go in the future. Smith spoke at the Madison Organization of Neighborhood Associations (MONA) quarterly membership meeting. MONA is a non-profit organization to serve as a liaison between the city and neighborhood associations for information and assistance. He laid out his plans on ways the city can improve the parks on April 11.

"We want to make sure we are expanding into the areas of greatest need first," Smith said.

Smith said a big change coming is to Liberty Park, where the dugouts, press boxes, and concession stands at fields 1-5 will be updated,

along with the parking lot being repaved.

"Improvements will also come in the form of additional equipment being added to the Liberty Village playground, along with improving the safety surfacing for the current play structure," he said. "Once this has been completed, the city is looking to add a splash pad, which will be located between Liberty Village and the volleyball courts."

Smith added that Simmons Arboretum has been getting updates over the past year such as the walking trails being re-established and bridges being cleaned, and that the city plans to improve landscaping at the front entrance along with signing leading to the arboretum.

Strawberry Patch Park is also receiving an upgrade, with the addition of parking lot lights, and LED lights being added to walking trails. Funding for the park

improvements will range from a mixture of general funds to bonds and grants. Smith said the city received a 50/50 matching grant for the playground additions at Liberty Village for \$225,000 from the Land Water Conservation Funds distributed by Mississippi Wildlife Fisheries and Parks.

"We have also applied for the Sportsman Conservation Fund grant program, which is a new program administered by the Department of Finance for outdoor recreation," Smith said. "That will be a 75 percent match towards repaving the walking trail at Liberty Park."

"The future of our parks is very important to us and we are going to make sure the improvements we make will be those that benefit our greatest needs for our citizens," he said.

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen (the "Governing Body") of the City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi (the "City"), acting for and on behalf of the City, is authorized by Sections 21-33-301 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented (the "City Bond Act"), to issue general obligation bonds for the purposes set forth therein, including, but not limited to, (a) purchasing, erecting, repairing, improving, adorning and equipping municipal buildings, including constructing and furnishing a municipal court building and police station, and purchasing land therefor, if necessary; (b) for other related purposes authorized under Sections 21-33-301 et seq., and Sections 31-25-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented; (c) and for paying for costs of issuance of the borrowing (collectively items (a)-(c) are the "Project"); and **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body, acting for and on behalf of the City, is also authorized under the City Bond Act and Sections 31-25-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented (the "Bank Act"), and other applicable laws of the State, to (a) issue a general obligation bond of the City to be sold to the Mississippi Development Bank (the "Bank") to finance the costs of the Project, or (b) enter into a loan or loans with the Bank to borrow money to finance the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project is in accordance with and in furtherance of the provisions of the City Bond Act and the Bank Act; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is authorized pursuant to the City Bond Act and the Bank Act to provide funding for the costs of the Project either through the issuance of (a) general obligation bonds of the City pursuant to the City Bond Act in a total aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) (the "Bonds"); (b) a general obligation bond of the City to be sold to the Bank in a total aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) (the "City Bond"); or (c) by entering into a loan or loans with the Bank to borrow money from the Bank in a total principal amount not to exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) (the "Loan"); and **WHEREAS**, it would be in the best interest of the City for the Governing Body to provide funding for the costs of the Project by borrowing money through the issuance of the Bonds or the City Bond or by entering into the Loan; and

WHEREAS, the City reasonably expects that it will incur expenditures in connection with the Project for which the City intends to reimburse itself with the proceeds of the Bonds, the City Bond or the Loan; and **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body is authorized and empowered by the City Bond Act, the Bank Act, and the Refunding Act to issue the Bonds or the City Bond or to enter into the Loan for the purposes herein set forth and there are no other available funds on hand or available from regular sources of income for such purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY, ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Governing Body, acting for and on behalf of the City, hereby declares its intention to either (a) issue and sell the Bonds pursuant to the City Bond Act in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000), (b) issue and sell the City Bond to the Bank pursuant to the City Bond Act and the Bank Act in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000), or (c) enter into the Loan with the Bank pursuant to the City Bond Act and the Bank Act in a principal amount not to exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000).

SECTION 2. The Bonds or the City Bond will be issued or the Loan will be entered into for the purpose of financing the Project, as authorized by the City Bond Act and the Bank Act.

SECTION 3. The Bonds or the City Bond may be issued in one or more series and, if issued, will be general obligations of the City payable as to principal and interest out of and secured by an irrevocable pledge of the avails of a direct and continuing tax to be levied annually without limitation as to time, rate or amount upon all the taxable property within the geographical limits of the City. The Loan, if issued, will be payable from available revenues of the City and will not constitute an indebtedness of the City within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory restrictions, limitations, or provisions, and the taxing power of the City will not be pledged to the payment of the Loan.

SECTION 4. The Governing Body proposes to direct the issuance of all or any portion of the Bonds or the City Bond or to authorize the Loan in the amount and for the purposes and secured as aforesaid at a meeting of the Governing Body to be held at its usual meeting place located at the City Hall in the City, located at 343 Distribution Drive, Madison, Mississippi, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. on May 9, 2023, or at some meeting or meetings subsequent thereto; provided, however, that

if ten percent (10%) or fifteen hundred (1,500), whichever is less, of the qualified electors of the City shall file a written protest with the City Clerk against the issuance of the Bonds or the City Bond or the authorization of the Loan on or before the aforesaid date and hour, then the Bonds or the City Bond shall not be issued or the Loan shall not be entered into unless approved at an election on the question thereof called and held as is provided by law; provided, further that if no protest is filed, then the Bonds or the City Bond may be issued and sold in one or more series or the City may enter into the Loan without an election on the question of the issuance thereof at any time within a period of two (2) years after May 9, 2025.

SECTION 5. In full compliance with the City Bond Act, the City Clerk is hereby directed to (i) publish a copy of this resolution once a week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in *Madison County Journal*, a newspaper published in the City, and having a general circulation in the City and qualified under the provisions of Section 13-3-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, with the first publication being not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to May 9, 2023, and the last publication being made not more than seven (7) days prior to May 9, 2023, and (ii) post a copy of this resolution in at least three (3) public places within the City for at least twenty-one (21) days prior to May 9, 2023.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk is hereby directed to procure from the publisher of the aforesaid newspaper the customary proof of the publication of this resolution and the required notice and have the same before the Governing Body on the date and hour specified in Section 4 hereof.

SECTION 7. The City hereby declares its official intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the Bonds, the City Bond or the Loan for expenses incurred with respect to the Project subsequent to the date of this resolution. This resolution is intended as a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2. The Bonds, the City Bond or the Loan will not exceed the aggregate principal amount of Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000).

SECTION 8. If any one or more of the provisions of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any of the other provisions of this resolution, but this resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision or provisions had not been contained herein.

Alderman Powell seconded the motion to adopt the foregoing resolution, and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Alderman Bates voted: Aye
Alderman Powell voted: Aye
Alderman Slay voted: Aye
Alderman Taylor voted: Aye
Alderman Williams voted: Aye

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution be adopted this the 5th day of April, 2023.

/s/ **Walter Morrison, Mayor**
/s/ **Lindsay Kellum, City Clerk**

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 1996 CHEVY S10, VIN # 1GCCS19XXT8155903, \$2717.80. Public sale of this abandoned/unclaimed vehicle and its contents will be held on Friday April 21, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at Gilmore Towing & Recovery, 124 E. State Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF A.M.S., A MINOR
CAUSE NO.: 22-989

LATANYA MOORE
PETITIONER

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER
ADDRESS UNKNOWN
(Or wherever he may be found)

THE COMPLAINT WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition for Guardianship of a Minor at 8:30 a.m. on the 12 th day of June 2023, in the courtroom of the Honorable Cynthia Brewer at the Madison County Chancery Court located in Canton, Mississippi. In case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief 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 this the 4th day of April 2023.

RONNY LOTT, MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT CLERK

By: Stacey Toten
Prepared by:

Todd A. Coker (MSB# 99134)
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

REYNA GARCIA RAMIREZ
PETITIONER

V. CAUSE NO. 2022-991 W

EDWIN ARANGO GARCIA
RESPONDENT

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

REYNA GARCIA RAMIREZ
TO: Edwin Arango Garcia
Whereabouts unknown

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Reyna Garcia Ramirez, Petitioner, petitioning for the custody of your child, E.A.G., a sixteen (16) year-old male.

YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and defend against said Complaint at **1:30 PM** on the **9th day of May 2023**, in the courtroom of the **Chancery Court of Madison County**, at the Courthouse located at **146 West Center Street, Canton, MS 39046** and in case of your failing to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or things demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you so desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, on this the 28th day of March, 2023.

Ronny Lott,
MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK, CANTON, MS

(SEALED) BY:
/s/ Kim Sreveri D.C.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in or in anyway affected thereby, that Blakely Walden has filed with the City Clerk/Administrative Director of the City of Madison, Mississippi, an application for a variance for an accessory building height increase from 10 feet to 17 feet 10 inches for a cabana in a RE-B (Residential Estate District) zoning district, as provided by the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Madison, Mississippi, on property located at 106 Anna Cove, Klaas Plantation Subdivision, parcel number 072B-10A-054/00.00.

Notice is further given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Madison, Madison County, Mississippi, will have a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023, in the Municipal Courtroom of the Madison Justice Complex, at 2001 Main Street in Madison, Mississippi, and at such time, date and place hold and conduct a public hearing at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard thereon, either in person, by petition, or by counsel.

For additional information, contact Madison City Hall, Planning Department at 601.856.7116.

By: s/Susan B. Crandall
Susan B. Crandall, City Clerk
Director of Finance and Administration

Publication: April 20, 2023

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RAGSDALE SOLAR, LLC
DOCKET NO. 2023-UA-

025

IN RE:
PETITION OF RAGSDALE SOLAR, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY IN MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, May 11, 2023, the Mississippi Public Service Commission will bring on for hearing the above styled matter. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 77-3-47, the Commission finds that because the matter is uncontested and ripe for review, the public convenience and necessity requires that this matter be brought for hearing on the above stated date.

THE HEARING WILL BE HELD at the Madison County Board of Supervisors Board Room, 146 W. Center St., Canton, MS 39046 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL of the Mississippi Public Service Commission on this the 14th day of April 2023.

BRENT BAILEY
Commissioner, Central District

Katherine Collier,
Executive Secretary
(SEAL)

This Order is effective this the 14th day of April 2023.

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As a founding member of the Gluckstadt Madison Alliance, it has been amazing to watch the growth of the Gluckstadt area. I've had the opportunity to meet and support many of the small businesses that opened this year. What a great community we have! Being a part of the Alliance has given me the chance to network, provided social media support, and helped my real estate business grow in the area. I'm looking forward to continuing to build our community and support all of the old and new small businesses in 2023!
Teresa Fortney, EXP Realty Pinnacle Group



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