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EDUCATION

Madison County Schools scores 'A' in state

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Madison County Schools have earned their 10th consecutive "A" rating from the state. "We are thrilled to see the hard work of our students, faculty, and administrators

come to fruition with such outstanding results," Madison County Schools Superintendent Charlotte Seals said of the results for the 2022-2023 school year. The district has maintained an "A" rating every year, according to District spokesman Gene Wright.

"Madison County Schools has earned an A rating every year since the letter-grade scoring system was implemented by the state," Wright said. "Meaning this year marks the tenth consecutive A grade for the district." Campus-level performance in the district is the strongest

in a decade, according to Wright, with every school in Madison County Schools earning either an A or B rating. "We are especially proud that every school in our district has earned an A or a B school-level grade," Seals said.

Madison County Schools were in the top eight school districts out of over 130 in the state with 758 total points on the rating scale. County schools claimed a 91.2 graduation rate. "Students in every corner of Madison County are showing they are mastering lessons

and are prepared for the next grade and next step on their academic journey," Seals said. "These results are testament to the dedication and hard work of our teachers in preparing students and our administrators in making sure teachers and students in each See **TEST**, page A3

NEW CHIEF
Gluckstadt police chief resigning next week

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GLUCKSTADT — Police Chief Wendell Watts has resigned effective Oct. 9. Assistant Chief Barry Hale has been named as his replacement at a salary of \$80,000 a year including benefits. Watts was named Gluckstadt's first Chief of Police in February 2022 and has helped build the department from the ground up. He was instrumental in designing Gluckstadt's first police station and drawing the shoulder patch for the police uniforms. GPD has 12 full-time officers, six part-time officers, and about five reserve officers. Watts said although his final day is Oct. 9, he is unable to share where he will go next. Aldermen voted on the matter during an executive session on Oct. 3. "I brought him on for the sole reason to follow me and take over after I left," Watts said of Hale. "The department is in a great position for him to continue going in the direction we are going or to go in another direction." City Clerk Lindsay Kellum confirmed the new assistant chief is Jeremy Slaven with a salary of \$65,000 a year including benefits. Two new part-time officers, Angela Harper and Jessie Smith, also joined the force and were approved by the board.

COURTS
Former CMU chair denied plea change

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Former Canton Municipal Utilities Chairman Cleveland Anderson wanted to plead guilty to federal bribery charges but then told a judge he didn't do anything wrong, according to an order last month by U.S. District Court Judge Henry Wingate. "On September 12, 2023, (Anderson) appeared before the Court with the state purpose of changing his prior plea of 'not guilty' to a plea of 'guilty,'" the order states. "The Court questioned Defendant Anderson concerning the essential elements of the offense charged in Count 1 of See **COURT**, page A3



Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler speaks to a group of students from Madison Avenue Elementary School about her job as part of the school's Community Helper Day. Her mascot, Mary Berry, left, is a staple for the event.

Madison Avenue Elementary hosts Community Helper Day

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MADISON — Madison Avenue Elementary students were paid a visit Friday morning by Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler, the police and fire departments, Public Works, and many more to learn the ins and outs of city government. MAE kindergarten teacher Drew Davis said she worked closely with Community Partners Director Amy Cummins to put the event on in conjunction with a two-week unit where students learn about the community helpers. "The Public Works Department comes out and brings their equipment to let the kids see how it works and tell them what they do for the city," Davis said. "They do that along with other departments such as the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, the Mayor, Webster Animal Shelter, the police department, fire department, waste management, and the Madison County Library System." Davis said the event started off as a parade in 2020 but grew bigger over the last three years with other community helpers participating such as the Madison Post Office and even Chick-Fil-A. Throughout the morning, students moved in groups to different stations on the Madison Avenue Elementary campus to learn things from each department, like receiving helmets



Lt. Micah Taylor with the Madison Police Department explains how the police department operates. She said the biggest impact of the event is each student getting to see the importance of community helpers and hopes it will give the kids an opportunity to change their mind about what they want to do later in life. "The hands-on experience is the best part of the event to me, and I know the kids think so too," Davis said. "They get to have their helmets fitted, they get to touch the dogs, talk to people, get on the library bus, and more. It's important to show kids there are multiple areas they can plant themselves in long-term. We're super thankful to work with Amy Cummins and the city and they make planning this super easy. The kids are super excited." Madison Avenue Elementary Principal Melissa Philley said it's important for her students to know they are in a community that works together and really cares about one another. "They learn to respect the people they see out in the community every day," Philley said. "We love Madison and we are so happy when people from the community come to our school and the kids get a chance to meet them."



Ford playing part for women's rights

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MADISON — Republican state Rep. Jill Ford is helping to lead the charge with a "Women's Bill of Rights" that she plans to introduce in January.

"Our granddaughters' futures are at stake, and I aim to fight with every ounce of my being to protect them," Ford said.

Ford recently visited the Flowood home of Lesley Davis, president and CEO of Mississippi Advocacy Group, along with 12x All-American swimmer Riley Gaines and Paula Scanlan, teammate of Lia Thomas at the University of Pennsylvania, along with multiple female Mississippi lawmakers showing their support for a bill to protect women's rights.

Ford is playing a major part in passing the bill in the Mississippi House of Representatives and said she had



Lesley Davis, Amy Adams, Riley Gaines and State Rep. Jill Ford no idea the country would be facing insane social issues when she was elected in

protect women's safe spaces in support of what Riley Gaines has brought to the public's attention," Ford said. "Women's prisons, shelters, locker rooms, and bathrooms will no longer be an optional open door for those born a male."

As the president of the Mississippi Advocacy Group, Lesley Davis writes public policy in any area that deals with pro-life, pro-women, and pro-family, which includes Madison County.

Davis is assisting Rep. Ford in getting the "Women's Bill of Rights" passed in the Mississippi House and assisting state Sen. Angela Hill in getting the bill passed in the Senate.

If the bill passes, traditional women's spaces in places like locker rooms, bathrooms, sorority houses, prisons, and more will bar men and boys identifying as women from entering.

Davis said Gov. Tate Reeves has recently shown his support for the bill, and while hosting Gaines, Scanlan, and other female Mississippi lawmakers, Davis thanked the governor for his support.

"Riley and Paula were in Mississippi representing Independent Women's Voice," Davis said. "They visited my house on Sep. 25 and it was absolutely packed. While there, they announced they met with Gov. Tate Reeves. That night I thanked the governor, even though he was not at my home, for supporting a bill that would protect women and girls' safe spaces in Mississippi."

Independent Women's Voice (IWV) is the political arm of the Independent Women's Forum (IWF), a conservative-leaning organization that focuses on policy issues related to women.

"Riley and Paula know

what it's like to have to compete against a man and to share a locker room with a man," Davis said. "They are some of the most courageous female voices standing up for women in a way that, regrettably, is very much needed in 2023."

Davis also played a part in trying to pass the Fairness Act in 2021 under the leadership of Sen. Hill, which failed to pass. She said the "Women's Bill of Rights" is another shot at passing a bill to protect women's rights in Mississippi.

"I look forward to supporting a bill next session and I am praying we will all be by Gov. Reeve's side when he signs it into law next spring," she said.

To learn more about Mississippi Advocacy Group, join the MAG mailing list at www.us13.campaign-archive.com.

Warrant issued for man who flipped car at Renaissance

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RIDGELAND — A Winona man is wanted on drunk driving charges in connection with an incident this summer at the Renaissance where the car he was driving

went airborne and ended up on top of two other vehicles.

The man has been identified as Robert Emlyn Herring of Winona, according to Ridgeland Police Chief Brian Myers.

The warrant for Herring was issued on Aug. 18, after

Mississippi Crime Lab results confirmed Herring was intoxicated at the time of the accident.

The warrant is for driving under the influence-first offense in the incident that happened on July 9 at about 1 p.m.

Lt. Eddie Addison of the Ridgeland Police Department said they first received calls of a reckless driver on I-55.

Officers were looking for the driver when emergency calls came in about an accident at Zea Rotisserie and Bar at the northwestern cor-

ner of the Renaissance at Colony Park.

"When we arrived at the accident," Addison said. "We realized that the car we were looking for was the one involved in the accident."

Herring was the only person involved in the accident

and was transported to a hospital.

Officers then got a warrant for his blood and had it drawn at the hospital and had to wait for the results.

Man sentenced to 15 years for drunk driving crash on Trace

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A Louisiana man was sentenced to 15 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to drunk driving charges after a head-on collision on the Natchez Trace last March injured four people.

"I hope this case is a lesson to all individuals that if you choose to drink and drive on the roadways of Madison and Rankin county, you need to be

prepared," District Attorney John K. "Bubba" Bramlett said. "You will go to prison for a long time if people are hurt or killed as a result of your decisions."

Bramlett announced last week that Ne'Tron Lambert, 25, of New Iberia, La., pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated driving under the influence causing injuries and was sentenced to serve 15 years in the Mississippi Department of

Corrections by Judge Steve Ratcliff in Madison County Circuit Court.

The incident occurred on March 12, 2022. On that date in the early morning hours law enforcement officers with the National Park Service were called to the scene of a two-car accident on the Natchez Trace Parkway.



Ne'Tron Lambert

According to Bramlett, investigators were able to determine that the car driven by Lambert had been traveling in the wrong lane and hit another vehicle head-on. Lambert, his three passengers, and the driver of the other vehicle all suffered significant injuries as a result of the wreck.

Everyone was taken to

UMC with one individual being airlifted from the scene.

Officers were able to obtain toxicology results from a blood draw showing Lambert was under the influence of both alcohol and marijuana at the time of the accident.

Investigators spoke with Lambert's passengers, and they confirmed that they had been drinking and smoking marijuana for several hours before they left a party at about 4:45 a.m.

Accident reconstruction reports indicated Lambert was traveling 89 miles per hour when he hit the other car head-on.

With the approval of all four victims, Lambert was allowed to plead guilty to two counts of aggravated DUI. He was sentenced to 15 years on each count with that time to run concurrently.

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Ridgeland police warn of phone scam

Ridgeland Police will not call citizens and ask for gift cards, Ridgeland Police Chief Brian Myers said, after a scam came to light this week.

"I would just tell people to remember we will never ask you to pay fines over the phone or to get gift cards,"

Myers said.

He said the Ridgeland Police Department had been informed of the scam.

Residents in the city are being called from a spoofed Ridgeland Police Department number informing them they have a warrant for their arrest.

They are telling the residents they need to buy a gift card and give them the numbers so the bill can be paid and the warrant cleared. Myers said this is an "old scam" and warned those who receive such a call not to fall for it.

Meet the Candidates

The Madison County Journal is authorized to announce the following candidates:

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Largest indoor shooting range being built in Ridgeland

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RIDGELAND — Developers say the brand new shooting range and firearm retailer currently under construction on Highway 51 will be the largest in the state.

Two Gun Tactical looks forward to opening a new location in Ridgeland, CEO John White said.

"This will be the largest indoor range in the state," White said. "We are very excited about the new location."

The 15,000-square-foot location is going up at 287 Highway 51 next to the Dollar General. White said they hoped to be open by the end of January 2024. Construction began in February of this year.

"We wanted to be a part of the way Ridgeland is growing," White said. "I can't believe the traffic we have going by our new location every day."

The facility will include classrooms, 12 "state of the art" shooting lanes, and nearly three times the retail space

they currently have at their location in Flowood.

They sell firearms and firearm accessories, have a shooting range, and offer a "large assortment of classes" to customers. The Ridgeland location will sell outdoor equipment and hunting rifles as well.

White said they will have expanded capabilities at the new location that include more advanced classes.

They have been open in Flowood for more than five years.



Two Gun Tactical is currently under construction on U.S. Highway 51 in Ridgeland.

Police department launching new phone app to inform community

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RIDGELAND — The police department hopes to release an app this month that will keep the community informed.

Though Chief Brian Myers said doubts they will be the first department in the

state to release an app, they will be the first department with the Police App, a product developed by OCV LLC.

"The goal is to have a mobile app available that will allow the community to reach out to us and we can reach out to them," Myers said.

The app is currently under development but Myers said

he hopes to have it available for Android and iPhone this month.

"They are building the app now," Myers said. "It will go live as soon as possible."

Among other functions, the app will have a way for users to submit tips to the police department as well as direct them to CrimeStop-

pers. Myers said the app will showcase the Ridgeland Police Department's most wanted individuals as well as allow people to submit job applications.

It will also have the ability to send out notifications directly to app users.

"It will send notifications for things like a blocked road or if there is an ongoing manhunt," Myers said.

Myers received unanimous approval from the city board to develop the app at the Sept. 19, regularly scheduled meeting, he said it would cost the department about \$17,000 to implement this year and an additional \$5,000 to keep it

live. Myers said he first heard of the app at a Chief of Police conference in June of 2022 where he saw a presentation from OCV. He said he started researching the prospect of an app for the department shortly after that.

Handicap placards in short supply

By JOHN LEE
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The Madison County Tax Collector's Office is out of permanent and temporary handicap placards and is assuring residents they are working on getting new placards as soon as possible.

Madison County Tax Collector Kay Pace said the

office's ongoing solution is providing, when available, one placard per person for their entire family to use.

"Families will have to move the placard from one vehicle to another until we receive more," Pace said. "We are not sure when that will be. The Mississippi Department of Revenue is currently waiting for a new shipment, and they

will get here eventually. We're unsure of when the new shipment will come in.

Once the shipment of new handicap placards arrives, they will be dispersed to all county tax offices.

For more information and to check to see if the placards are back in stock, call (601) 856-4472.

Court

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the indictment, and Defendant Anderson denied that he acted corruptly or had corrupt intent as required by the elements of the charge in Count 1 of the indictment."

Anderson was indicted on two counts of conspiracy to commit bribery.

Anderson's trial is now set for Dec. 4, with co-defendant Rudy Warnock, the former Madison County engineer charged with wire fraud and

bribery. Warnock, who recently filed for Chapter 13 bankruptcy in Alabama, was scheduled to go to trial on Oct. 2 but was granted another continuance after his attorney had a conflict with a prior case.

Warnock has been charged with bribery and wire fraud that allegedly occurred during his brief stint at CMU after he was fired by Madison County.

Indictments against Warnock, Anderson and former Canton aldermen Eric Gilkey and Andrew Grant were unsealed in November 2022.

Warnock was indicted on two counts of conspiracy to

commit bribery, one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, and one count of wire fraud.

Warnock pleaded not guilty at his initial appearance. He faces up to 30 years in prison if convicted.

Gilkey and Grant have both pleaded guilty and are awaiting sentencing, presumably following the conclusion of Warnock and Anderson's criminal trial.

According to the indictments, Warnock is alleged to have gifted cash, football tickets and concert tickets to the three in exchange for engineering contracts with the city and CMU.

Test

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of our schools have the tools and support they need to succeed."

The Mississippi Department of Education released

the grade-level scores of districts and schools across the state at their Board meeting on Sept. 28.

Madison County Schools serve more than 13,000 students in grades pre-K through 12 on 23 campuses.

The state issues accountability ratings on an "A" to "F" scale and centers on the

progress of students from one school year to the next.

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Mayor signs Breast Cancer Awareness proclamation

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Madison Mayor Mary Hawkins Butler signed a proclamation about the importance of early detection and screening since women in the U.S. face a 1-in-8 chance of developing breast cancer. Local members of Breast Friends Forever, a support group that works to ensure that no woman goes through the diagnosis of cancer alone, attended the signing: from left, Trey Dellinger, Angie Dellinger, Tina Lakey, the mayor and Fran DuBois.

OBITUARIES

Patsy McCrimon Hodge

Patsy Hodge, 68, passed away September 19, 2023 in Jackson.

Memorial services were 11:00 am Friday, September 29, 2023 at Culpepper Funeral Home in Canton. Visitation was at 10:00 am. Danny Berry officiated the services.

Patsy is survived by her daughters Tara Hodge and Lea Horton, son Emmett Daniel Hodge, her sister Sheila Tucker and her brothers Bubba Weeks

and Roger McCrimon. She is also survived by her grandchildren Sean Myers, Joey Myers, Austin McCormack, Abby Horton, Christian McCormack, Haley McCormack and Destiny Horton and 3 great grandchildren.

Patsy was a retired bookkeeper and dispatcher for Comcast. She was of the Baptist Faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents Roy and Erma McCrimon.

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to

leave an after-glow of smiles when life is done. I'd like to leave an echo, whispering softly down the ways. Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun. Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

For online condolences visit culpepperfuneral.com. Culpepper Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

The grieved and distressed savior

If you have your Bibles, I'd invite you to turn with me to Matthew chapter 26 verses 36 – 46 as we continue our exposition of the gospel of Matthew. This is an amazing passage. The early church fathers knew of many in their times who were embarrassed by this passage because it spoke of the grief, the distress, the agony of the Savior. And there were many in their time in the early days of the church who just couldn't believe that the Lord Jesus could have been filled with grief and distress and agony. They were embarrassed by it. And we need to understand that what Matthew is unfolding before us is a mysterious thing indeed. And we need to ask ourselves, why is Matthew showing us this? Why is Matthew showing us the agony of our Savior? Why is he showing us the prayerlessness and the sleepiness of the disciples? And I believe that we could spend many, many weeks giving an inadequate answer to that question. But let me suggest to you today as we think on these verses together that Matthew is showing us three things that Jesus embraced to obtain our salvation. Firstly, in verses 36 – 39, Matthew shows us that Jesus embraced judgment. Secondly, in verses 40 – 44, we can see that Jesus embraced isolation. Lastly, in verses 45 – 46, it is clear that Jesus embraced betrayal. So let's look at this great passage together and notice these three things.

I. Jesus Embraced Judgment
In verses 36 – 39, Jesus begins to experience overwhelming agony and suffering. So He devotes himself to the heavenly Father in prayer. And I want to say to you that Jesus' agony here in the garden, and especially on the cross, are not due to His fear of death, but are due to His apprehension of the judgment of God. Waves of distress and grief are now rolling over the Lord Jesus Christ. Why? It is not for fear of death. Let me say it frankly. If Jesus is overwhelmed by the fear of death, then we have to say that many Christians face death more bravely than He did. It is clearly not death which overwhelms His soul. It is His realization that death is the judicial expression of God's just wrath against sin, and that He is now to be the singular

object, the isolated object, the only object of the wrath of God for all the sins of all His people. And the very thought of that overwhelms the soul of the Lord Jesus Christ. He sees God's judgment, and He knows that He is intended as the object of God's judgment. He looks into this white, hot volcano of the justice of God, and He realizes that He is the one who will stand in between for His people. And He feels something of the weight of the penalty for that sin. As Hendrickson says, "He was becoming overwhelmed with the curse, and this consciousness would not again leave Him until He was able to say, 'It is finished.'"

Now my friends, it is an exceedingly precious thing that your Savior experienced this agony. For His agony is not over death. His agony is over the realization that He will experience the judgment of God. We die confidently because we have comfort that Jesus paid the penalty for our sins. We die confidently because He always stands in between. When we die as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, there is no fearful anticipation of the righteous judgments of God against us because Jesus has drunk that judgment to the dregs. There's nothing left. Our sins haven't been cancelled. They've been liquidated. He's borne in His own body on the tree, the due penalty of our sins, and so the sting of death is not there for us because it has been plunged into His heart. We have that comfort that He did not have because His job was to bear the penalty of our sin. So we can face whatever trial knowing that our Savior bore the wrath of God in our place.

II. Jesus Embraced Isolation

As we look at verses 40 – 44, we see that Jesus embraces aloneness. The weakness of the disciples is highlighted. They had pledged to be faithful to Him again. And Matthew is emphasizing the failure of the disciples to follow through on their own brave words. This is the hour of Jesus' need. And He needs the disciples to stay awake. All He asks is that they would remain with Him and keep watch in prayer. And yet when He comes, He finds them not once, not twice, but three times sleeping. And the loneli-

ness of Christ praying in the garden for the sins of the world as His disciples sleep is meant to remind us of the isolation, the aloneness of our Savior.

There are so many applications of this truth today that we cannot do it justice. But let me just leave you with one picture. There may be some who feel like they're in the midst of the fight, and they're being confounded by the inscrutable providence of God. You don't know what's going on in your life. I urge you to remember this picture of Jesus praying alone while the disciples sleep. It's a picture of the sovereignty of grace in your salvation, isn't it? We often think we're fighting such a well-fought fight, when in fact we are asleep, and the captain of our salvation is praying for us alone.

III. Jesus Embraced Betrayal

And if you'll look at verses 45 – 46, we see that Jesus announces that the time of His betrayal has arrived. And notice he does not say to them, "Let us flee quickly before we are caught." He is commanding them as the captain of their salvation to arise. They will now meet the one who is betraying Him. He is going to march them right in the direction of his persecutors, right in the direction of those who will mock Him, and scourge Him, who will torture Him, who will kill Him, who will put Him on the tree. The strength and the resolution of the Lord Jesus Christ is glorious in this passage, and you will never understand the extent of the commitment of His love until you understand that this is a practical expression of the fact that He has willingly embraced the penalty for your sin.

You see, this picture of Jesus in the garden alone is a picture of the exclusivity of Christ on the cross. There's only one thing and there's only one man who brings us into the presence of God, and that's the Lord Jesus Christ. Our works are as sleep. His deeds alone in isolation, that unique work that He has done, that is what stands us before God. Let's never forget it.

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.

City of Madison Garbage Collection Fund Statement of Revenues and Expenses Year Ended September 30, 2022

	2022
OPERATING REVENUES:	
Garbage collection charges	\$ 2,383,392
Total operating revenues	2,383,392
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Contracted services - garbage collection	2,585,338
Total operating expenses	2,585,338
Net income	\$ (201,946)

Note 1 - Contracted garbage collection services is composed of payments to Waste Management of Jackson Hauling, P.O. Box 2475, Tupelo, MS 38803.

s/ Susan B. Crandall
Susan B. Crandall, City Clerk

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HERMAN KENDRITH BEEBE, JR. CAUSE NO.45CH1:23-cv-00895

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 15th day of September, 2023 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executrix of the Estate of Herman Kendrith Beebe, Jr., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate to present the same to the Clerk of the Court and have the same probated and registered according to law by the Clerk of said Court within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication of this notice to Creditors or they will be forever barred.
Witness my signature this 20th day of September 2023.
Tracy Lindquist Beebe
TRACY LINDQUIST BEEBE, EXECUTRIX

Prepared and submitted by:
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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Wheatley, Inc., has been dissolved effective September 27, 2023. Any persons with claims against Wheatley, Inc., must present them in accordance with this notice which is being published pursuant to section 79-4-14.07, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. The information which must be included in a claim is:

Name, address and phone number of the claimant;
The basis for the claim;
The date the claim arose;
A copy of any invoice, promissory note, or other evidence on which the claim is made.

Claims are to be sent to Lee Wheatley, President, Wheatley, Inc., 108 Rose-dorne Drive, Madison, MS 39110.

A claim against Wheatley, Inc., will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within (3) years after the date of publication of this Notice.

WHEATLEY, INC.
By: /s/ Lee Wheatley
Lee Wheatley, President

R. Ellen Matthews, MSB#9621
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Ph: 601-898-8068

Publish: October 5, 2023

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, EX REL. RIDGELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT PLAINTIFF

vs.
Civil Cause No. 2023-0550 JO

SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,500.00) IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY DEFENDANT

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Travien D. Mackabee, 201 Oak St., Brookhaven, MS 39601

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 the 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 14 th day of October 2023.

ANITA WRAY
MADISON COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: Wanda Jefferson, D.C.
Wanda Jefferson
(SEAL)

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2018 NISSAN PATHFINDER, VIN #5N1DR2MN4JC605062, \$4,023.20. Public sale of this abandoned vehicle and its contents will be held on Friday October 13, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at Gilmore Towing & Recovery, 124 E. State Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

EN EL TRIBUNAL DE LA CANCELERIA DEL CONDADO DE MADISON, MISSISSIPPI

EN RE:

ALEX ABELINO LOPEZ FELIX, MENOR CAUSA NO. 23-898

OSMUNDO LOPEZ CARDONA, PETICIONARIA

REGLA 81 CITACION POR PUBLICACION

EL ESTADO DE MISSISSIPPI

PARA: Maria Telma Felix Ramirez
San Marcos, Comintancillo, Guatemala

AVISO AL DEMANDADO

LA QUEJA ADJUNTA A ESTA CITACION ES IMPORTANTE Y DEBE TOMAR ACCION INMEDIATA PARA PROTEGER SUS DERECHOS

Usted está convocado para comparecer y defenderse contra la Petición para Nombrar Tutor radicada en su contra en esta acción a las 9 AM el día 31 de Octubre, 2023, en el Tribunal de la Cancillería del Condado de Madison en Canton, Mississippi, ante Su Señoría Cynthia Brewer y en caso de que usted no aparezca y se defienda, un fallo será dictado en su contra por el dinero u otras cosas exigidas en la Petición para Nombrar Tutor Verificada.

Joey Hood, Attorney at Law
Attorney for the Administratrix
P.O. Box 759, Ackerman, MS 39735
Tel: (662) 225-4663
MSB# 101147

Emittedo bajo mi mano y el sello de dicho Tribunal, este día 8 de Septiembre, 2023.

RONNY LOTT
Secretario de la Cancillería del Condado de Madison, Mississippi

[SELLO] por: Kelsey Rodriguez, D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: YUJIA XU AKA CHENXI XU , A MINOR CAUSE NO.: 23-1034W

YANLING NI, PETITIONER

RULE 81 SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: LIN CHEN

NOTICE TO PARTY OF INTEREST

THE COMPLAINT WHICH IS AT-

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TACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and defend against said Complaint at 11:30 AM on the 17th day of **November 2023**, at the courthouse at the **Chancery Court of Madison County**, located at **146 W Center St, Canton, Mississippi 39046** and in 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. If you choose to file an answer, you must be filed with the Madison County Chancery Clerk, Canton, Mississippi.
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 25th day of September, 2023.

Ronny Lott
Chancery Clerk,
Madison County, Mississippi

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: YUJIA XU AKA CHENXI XU , A MINOR CAUSE NO.: 23-1034W

YANLING NI, PETITIONER

RULE 81 SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: HOUCHAI XI

NOTICE TO PARTY OF INTEREST

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 Complaint at 11:30 AM on the 17th day of **November 2023**, at the courthouse at the **Chancery Court of Madison County**, located at **146 W Center St, Canton, Mississippi 39046** and in 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. If you choose to file an answer the original must be filed with the Madison County Chancery Clerk, Canton, Mississippi.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 25th day of September, 2023.

Ronny Lott
Chancery Clerk,
Madison County, Mississippi

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TOKI K. HOLLIS, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23-918B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, on the Estate of Toki K. Hollis, Deceased, on the 26th day of September, 2023, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said Estate to have their claims probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days after the first publication of this notice, and that failure to probate and register their claims with the Clerk within that time will forever bar the claim.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the 28th day of September, 2023

/s/ Mary Ellen Huggs Executrix of the Estate of Toki K. Hollis, Deceased

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e-mail: Roger.Jones@att.net

EN EL TRIBUNAL DE LA CANCELERIA DEL CONDADO DE MADISON, MISSISSIPPI

EN RE:

ISMAEL HERNANDEZ-HERNADEZ, MENOR CAUSA NO. 2023-956W

SEBASTIAN HERNANDEZ-HERNADEZ, PETICIONARIA

REGLA 81 CITACION POR PUBLICACION

EL ESTADO DE MISSISSIPPI

PARA: Diego Hernandez Lopez
Huehuetenango, Guatemala

AVISO AL DEMANDADO

LA QUEJA ADJUNTA A ESTA CITACION ES IMPORTANTE Y DEBE TOMAR ACCION INMEDIATA PARA PROTEGER SUS DERECHOS

Usted está convocado para comparecer y defenderse contra la Petición para Nombrar Tutor radicada en su contra en esta acción a las 9 AM el día 17 de Noviembre, 2023, en el Tribunal de la Cancillería del Condado de Madison en Canton, Mississippi, ante Su Señoría James Walker , y en caso de que usted no aparezca y se defienda, un fallo será dictado en su contra por el dinero u otras cosas exigidas en la Petición para Nombrar Tutor Verificada.
No es necesario que presente una respuesta u otro alegato, pero puede hacerlo si lo desea.

Emittedo bajo mi mano y el sello de dicho Tribunal, este día 21 de Septiembre, 2023.

Ronny Lott,
Secretario de la Cancillería del Condado de Madison, Mississippi

[SELLO] por: Kelsey Rodriguez, D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY CATHERINE FOWLER, DECEASED

CIVIL CAUTION NO. 2023-842B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on this the 21 st day of September, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Mary Catherine Fowler, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the 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.
THIS THE 22nd day of September, 2023.

/s/ Renee McGlothlin
RENEE MCGLOTHLIN,
ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF MARY CATHERINE FOWLER, DECEASED

Joey Hood, Attorney at Law
Attorney for the Administratrix
P.O. Box 759, Ackerman, MS 39735
Tel: (662) 225-4663
MSB# 101147

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2000 HARLEY Davidson Road King, BLACK, VIN # 1HD1FRW11Y641421, \$4119.50, a 2012 HYUNDAI ELANTRA, VIN # KM-HDU4AD3AU134764, \$4103.45, and a 2021 NISSAN ROGUE, VIN # JN1-BU1CV1MW320338, \$4092.75. Public sale of these abandoned/unclaimed vehicles and their contents will be held on Friday October 6, 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 RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS MICHAEL COLE, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2023-940B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary of the estate of the

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above decedent having been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi on September 11, 2023, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent to have the same probated, registered and allowed by the Clerk of said Court within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice; and failure to do so within said period will forever bar all claims.
THIS THE 18 th day of September, 2023.

/s/ Marianne May Coker, Executrix of the Estate of Thomas Michael Cole, Deceased

Publish: September 21 st , 28 th , October 5 th

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: RYLEIGH JAYDE REECE, A MINOR CAUSE NO. 2023-784W BY AND THROUGH QUSHENA REECE, NATURAL MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND OF RYEIGH JAYDE REECE, A MINOR

RULE 81 SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: HOUCHAI XI

NOTICE TO PARTY OF INTEREST

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 Complaint at 11:30 AM on the 17th day of **November 2023**, at the courthouse at the **Chancery Court of Madison County**, located at **146 W Center St, Canton, Mississippi 39046** and in 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. If you choose to file an answer the original must be filed with the Madison County Chancery Clerk, Canton, Mississippi.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 25th day of September, 2023.

Ronny Lott
Chancery Clerk,
Madison County, Mississippi

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES JOSEPH FOUGEROUSSE, DECEASED

CAUSE NO.: 2023-711B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been issued on the 19th day of July, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned upon the Estate of James Joseph Fougousse, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to probate and register the same, as provided by law, with the clerk of the court, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice. Failure to probate and register any such claim within said ninety (90) day period will forever bar the claim.

WITNESS THE SIGNATURE of the Admistrator, this the 24th day of September, 2023.

John Paul Fougousse, Administrator of the Estate of James Joseph Fougousse

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES ELON BOWERING, SR., DECEASED

CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-731

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi granted Letters Testamentary on the 25 th day of August, 2023 to the undersigned, Michael Todd Bowering and Rebecca Paige Bowering Chandler, Co-Executors, in the estate of Charles Elton Bowering, Sr., deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present such claims to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days after the date of the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred.
THIS THE 19 th day of September, 2023.

/s/Michael Todd Bowering
MICHAEL TODD BOWERING
CO-EXECUTOR

/s/Rebecca Paige Bowering Chandler
REBECCA PAIGE BOWERING CHANDLER
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Publish: September 28, October 5, 12, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BOBBY JOE LAY, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2022-729 (C)

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF BOBBY JOE LAY, DECEASED

TO: Any and all persons who claim to be an Heir-at-Law of Bobby Joe Lay, deceased, or who claim any right, title or interest in or to any property of the deceased, real, personal or mixed.

You have been made a Defendant in the *Petition to Determine Heirs-at-Law of Bobby Joe Lay, Deceased* (Doc. #12) filed in this Cause on September 5, 2023 by Sandra Sheiton, the duly appointed and acting Administrator of the Estate of Bobby Joe Lay. You are summoned to appear and defend against the said Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 31st day of October, 2023, at the Honorable Robert G. Clark III, Chancellor, in the courtroom of the Madison County Chancery Courthouse in Canton, Mississippi and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you forever barring you from filing any claim against the Estate or other things demanded in said 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 SEAL OF SAID COURT, this 19th day of September, 2023.

RONNY LOTT, Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: RYLEIGH JAYDE REECE, A MINOR CAUSE NO. 2023-784W BY AND THROUGH QUSHENA REECE, NATURAL MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND OF RYEIGH JAYDE REECE, A MINOR

RULE 4 SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Reashad Curtis Ward Bishop, Attorney for Petitioner, whose principal street address is P.O. Box 22688, Jackson, MS 39225. Your response must be mailed or delivered

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within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this summons. If your response is not mailed or delivered, a judgment by default will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition. 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 9th day of August, 2023. RONNY LOTT, CLERK MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK BY: D.C. COUNSEL FOR PETITIONER: RAYMOND GEE, JR., MSB#106013 THANDI WADE, MSB#10464 TATUM & WADE, PLLC P.O. BOX 22688 JACKSON, MS 39225-2688 (601) 948-7770 RAYMONDGEE@TATUMANDWADE.COM TWADE42@AOL.COM

EN EL TRIBUNAL DE LA CANCELERIA DEL CONDADO DE MADISON, MISSISSIPPI

EN RE:

ALEX ABELINO LOPEZ FELIX, MENOR CAUSA NO. 23-898

OSMUNDO LOPEZ CARDONA, PETICIONARIA

REGLA 81 CITACION POR PUBLICACION

EL ESTADO DE MISSISSIPPI

PARA: Abelino Lopez Cardona
San Marcos, Comintancillo, Guatemala

AVISO AL DEMANDADO

LA QUEJA ADJUNTA A ESTA CITACION ES IMPORTANTE Y DEBE TOMAR ACCION INMEDIATA PARA PROTEGER SUS DERECHOS

Usted está convocado para comparecer y defenderse contra la Petición para Nombrar Tutor radicada en su contra en esta acción a las 9 AM el día 31 de Octubre, 2023, en el Tribunal de la Cancillería del Condado de Madison en Canton, Mississippi, ante Su Señoría Cynthia Brewer y en caso de que usted no aparezca y se defienda, un fallo será dictado en su contra por el dinero u otras cosas exigidas en la Petición para Nombrar Tutor Verificada.
No es necesario que presente una respuesta u otro alegato, pero puede hacerlo si lo desea.

Emittedo bajo mi mano y el sello de dicho Tribunal, este día 8TH de SEPTIEMBRE, 2023.

RONNY LOTT
Secretario de la Cancillería del Condado de Madison, Mississippi

[SELLO] por: KELSEY RODRIGUEZ, D.C.

EN EL TRIBUNAL DE LA CANCELERIA DEL CONDADO DE MADISON, MISSISSIPPI

EN RE:

ISMAEL HERNANDEZ-HERNADEZ, MENOR CAUSA NO. 2023-956W

SEBASTIAN HERNANDEZ-HERNADEZ, PETICIONARIA

REGLA 81 CITACION POR PUBLICACION

EL ESTADO DE MISSISSIPPI

PARA: Juana Hernandez Pablo
Huehuetenango, Guatemala

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— 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)



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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

Joy-filled courage to face the devil

Most commentators see these verses as referring to the final anti-Christ before the 2nd coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. In verse 36, the narrative moves from Antiochus Epiphanes, the Greek ruler over the area of Syria and Palestine around 175 BC, to one much more powerful and evil than the wicked Antiochus.

Verses 36-39 speak of the person of anti-Christ. He “shall do as he wills.” He exalts himself above God, and speaks “astounding” or unheard of blasphemies against God. In other words, he has no restraints. Verses 38-39 show the anti-Christ to be a man who worships the “god of fortresses” or war and offers riches and the world to those who follow him. Paul calls him the “man of lawlessness.”

Paul says the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. The mystery of godliness is the gospel of Christ recovering man from a state of ungodliness into a state of righteousness and reconciliation with God. The mystery of lawlessness is a response to the light of Christ. It is designed to usurp Christ’s kingdom and rule over the church by means of deception or persecution. It promotes sin and darkness.

Verses 40-45 give the account of the work of anti-Christ. He overwhelms all opposition and especially targets the saints of the Lord. In the last battle, he is depicted as sitting smugly in palatial tents between the sea and the glorious holy mountain, what Revelation 20 calls the “camp of the saints.” Things don’t work out as he planned though. He suddenly comes to an end.

One of the fundamental teachings of the apostles to the early churches was to desire the coming of Christ, and to prepare as if it was imminent. It is referred to as the “appearing of Christ.” His coming is a weighty thing because He comes in glory and judgment. Paul told Timothy that Christ would “judge the quick and the dead at his appearing.”

Paul reminded Titus to instruct Christians to live upright and godly lives as they await “that blessed hope, the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ. Peter encouraged Christians that their faith to endure suffering would result “in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus

Christ.”

The apostles didn’t simply teach this truth as a reality, they taught Christians to aim for it, or to shape their service to Christ in light of it. When Paul was about to die, he said that he looks to the crown of glory he will receive from Christ. He said “not only to me, but all those who have loved his appearing.”

No matter how terrible tribulation may be, or how many anti-Christians may come, those who look to and long for the glory of Christ to be fully revealed will not be ashamed. Rather, they will be acknowledged by Christ before His Father.

We see how great the contrasts are between Christ and the anti-Christ. Anti-Christ is the full blown form of evil at the end. He is full of vanity, exalting himself above God. Jesus was the pattern of humility in a man. He took the form of a servant and taught His people, “Blessed are the poor in spirit.”

The anti-Christ worships war. He is full of malice, like the devil a murderer by nature. He has no pity or mercy. Christ is called the “Prince of Peace.” When Jesus was born, the host of heaven declared that his birth meant “peace on earth, good will to men.”

The anti-Christ offers the riches and vanity of the world to those who acknowledge him. Christ offers the riches of heaven. He doesn’t send beggars away empty. He said where your treasure is; there your heart will be also. No one will be kept out of heaven but such as love the world more than heaven.

The contrasts between anti-Christ and Christ are real. He is an opposite of Christ. Everyone faces a choice at some point in their life. They can keep on doing their will in life, or they can put their faith in Christ for forgiveness of sin and purpose to do His will at whatever the cost.

Martin Luther said, “Trusting in yourself is the dark way. As a poor sinner, trust in Christ who God says is holy and worthy. I expect my wife Katherine to be kind to me. You will find Christ friendly, one who will help you in crisis or temptation. He will give you joy-filled courage to face the world and the devil. He will never leave you. I can’t make that promise to you, but he can.”

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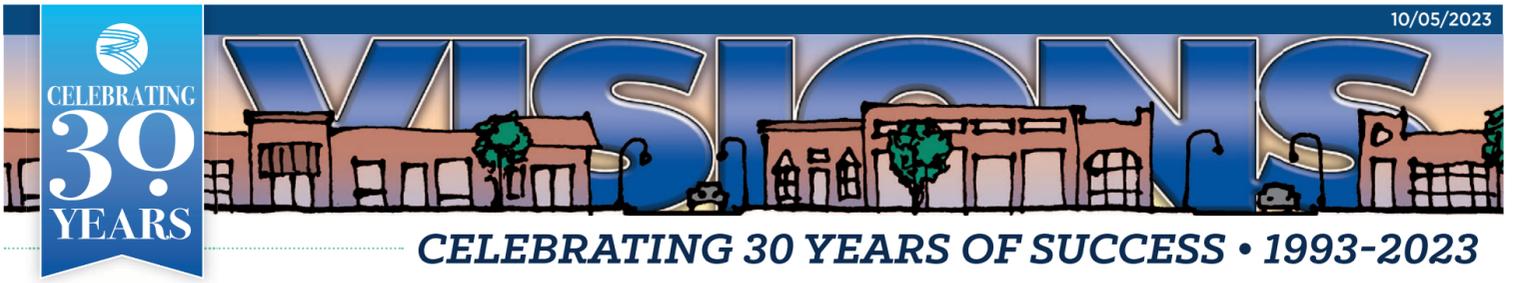
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Ribbon Cutting & Open House**
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**Friday, October 6 • 11:30 A.M.
Diplomats First Friday**
McB's Bar & Grill
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**October 8 – 14
National Fire Prevention Week**



Monday, October 9 • Columbus Day



**Tuesday, October 10 • 10:30 A.M.
Ribbon Cutting**
4D Implant Prosthodontic Center
230 Trace Colony Park Drive, Suite 1



**Wednesday, October 11 • 9:00 A.M.
Mayor's Fun Walk**
Celebrating 30 Years
Northpark – Center Court



**Wednesday, October 11 • 11:30 A.M.
Board of Directors Meeting**
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**Saturday, October 14 • 7:30 A.M. – 12 Noon
Cycle Out Kids Cancer**
Renaissance at Colony Park



**Wednesday, October 18 • 7:00 A.M.
TOP Soccer Jamboree**
Freedom Ridge Park



**Thursday, October 19 • 10:30 A.M.
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