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GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 7

Absentee voting available thru noon Saturday

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The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 7, and voters will head to the polls to decide a handful of local races as well as legislative and statewide contests. Two incumbent Democrat

supervisors have Republican opponents this year and the only other contested county-wide race is Circuit Clerk. The remaining countywide races were decided in the August Republican Primary. Absentee voting is underway and will remain open until noon on Saturday, Nov.

4. In addition to normal business hours, the Circuit Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 8 a.m. to noon, specifically for absentee voting. Contested county races include: • Incumbent Republican

Anita E. Wray faces Democrat Fannie Hargon Sanders. • Incumbent Democrat District 4 Supervisor Karl Banks faces former Republican District 4 Supervisor David Bishop. • Incumbent Democrat District 5 Supervisor Paul E. Griffin faces Charles "Chip"

Matthews. • Incumbent Democrat District 2 Constable faces Republican TchiaKousky Williams. • Republican Barbara Gross faces Independent Randall Bolden for District 2 Election Commissioner. • Incumbent Republican

District 4 Election Commissioner Dan Dickinson faces Democrat Anthony Denton. Contested state legislative races include: • Republican Clay Mansell faces Democrat Sharon Moman for District 56 House of Representatives. See ELECTION, page A2

SCHOOLS Fights at MCHS appear to be isolated

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@onlinemadison.com

School district officials have confirmed rumors of multiple students being involved in a fight last week at Madison Central High School. A statement from MCHS principal Dr. Teague Burchfield said adults "quickly intervened" and "no one was injured" in the incident. "The overwhelming majority of Madison Central students meet and exceed our high expectations," Burchfield said. "Unfortunately, several students have made the bad decision to fight at school. While adults quickly intervened and no one was injured, any kind of disruptive behavior in school is not acceptable. Student behavior that takes away from our positive and excellent school culture is not tolerated." School officials did not say when the incident or incidents happened or how many students were involved but said all reported infractions will be investigated by school and district officials. "All reported infractions are investigated," Burchfield said. "And disciplinary measures can

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CRIME Mac Haik employee arrested for embezzling

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@onlinemadison.com

GLUCKSTADT — A Mac Haik employee was arrested and charged after allegedly embezzling tens of thousands of dollars from the business, Gluckstadt Police say. The employee, Natasha Manuel, was arrested and charged on Oct. 26 with felony embezzlement. She was brought before Judge Trae Sims in Gluckstadt Municipal Court on Thursday, Oct. 27, on the charge of felony embezzlement and was given a \$30,000.00 bond and has since



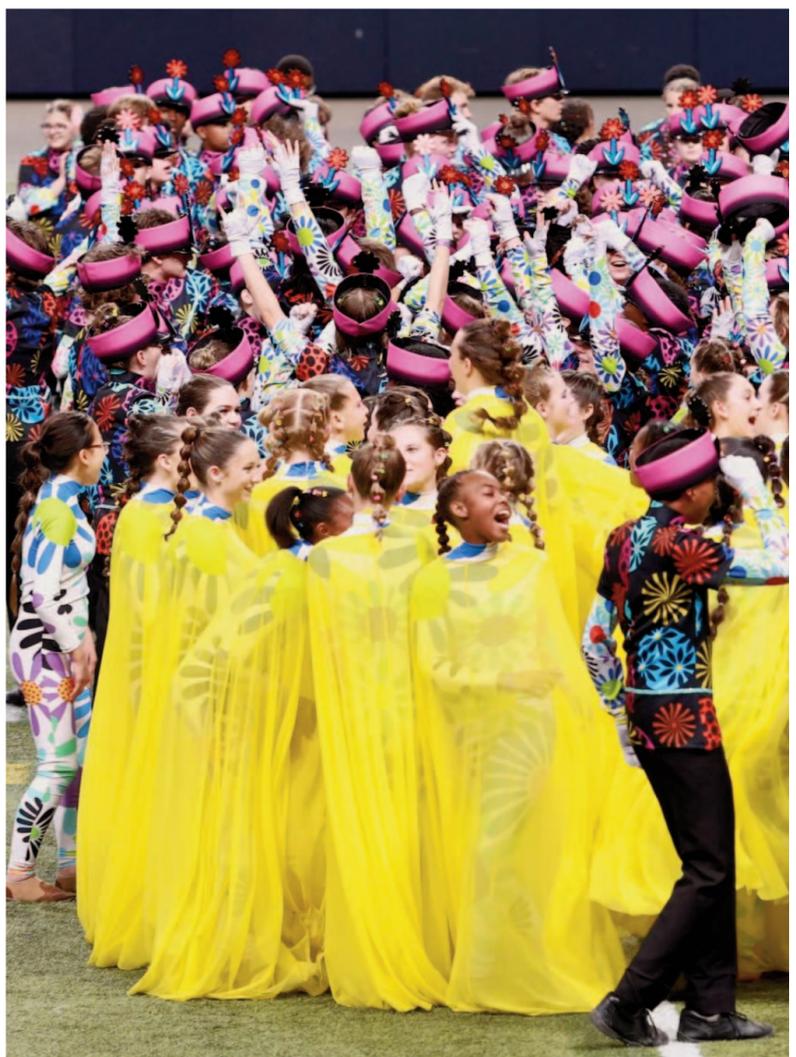
Natasha Manuel

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germantown band



Last Saturday, the Germantown High School Marching Band, under the direction of Justin Harvison, competed at the Bands of America Super Regional in St. Louis. The band finished in 8th place out of 66 bands throughout the US, including bands from Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska, Indiana, Illinois, Arkansas, and Tennessee. The GHS Band first attended this BOA in 2022 but made program history over this past weekend by making it to finals (top 14 bands) and finishing with the highest overall score in Class 2A. Mississippi was well represented in St. Louis as both Germantown (8th place) and Hernando (11th place) made it to finals.



# Madison resident pens Halloween children's book

By MARK STOWERS  
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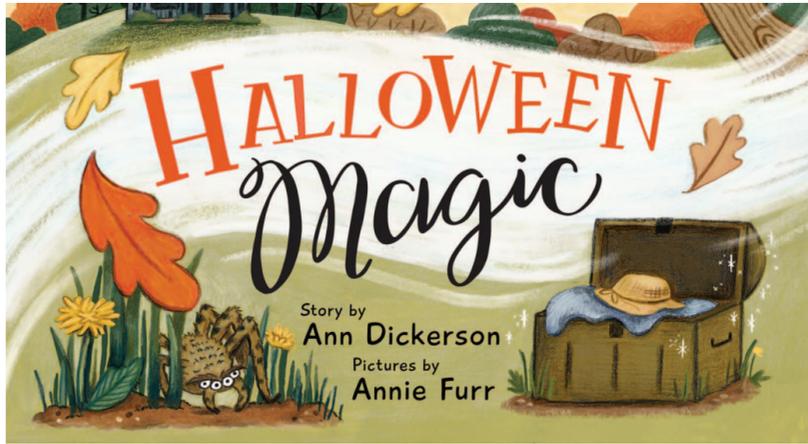
As a grandmother, Madison's Ann Dickerson was just looking to send amusing letters to her grandchildren in Tennessee. Each one contained a bit of a special Halloween story that when all stacked up, became her special holiday story, Halloween Magic.

"I have always wanted it to be a book. I think it is a story children will like and it is not scary or gory but just fun," she said. "I had fun writing it. I recently posted on Facebook, Happiness is

when someone likes your book."

The book has been a long time in the making. "I wrote it about 15 years ago in installments like Dickens would write a little bit of a story and continue the next time," she said. "They were just letters that after being read sat in a drawer and I always wanted to turn them into a book. It just never happened."

The Halloween Magic story is dedicated to her five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Dickerson has recently been to Tennessee and Madison area schools



reading the book. The story revolves around a scarecrow who comes to life and a few adventures with the six trick-or-treaters.

"Mysterious things are happening in Mr. Yancey's garden. Discover how his pumpkins are saved for trick-or-treaters when magic is in the air," Dickerson described the storyline.

The book can be purchased at Lemuria Bookstore or by contacting Dickerson via email, [annndana@gmail.com](mailto:annndana@gmail.com). The 17-page book retails for \$20.

# Madison County man sentenced to 20 years for sexual battery

By DUNCAN DENT  
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A Madison County man has received a 20-year sentence after prosecution by the Attorney General's Special Victims

Unit for sexual battery of a child under 14 years old in Sunflower County.

On Tuesday, Oct. 17, Sunflower County Circuit Court Judge Richard A. Smith sen-

tenced James Lawrence "Larry" Brown, Jr., 63, of Madison County to 20 years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections, with 10 of those years to serve,

day for day, for one count sexual battery of a child under 14 years of age, according to Fitch's office.

"This is exactly the kind of case my Special Victims Unit

is especially qualified to investigate and prosecute," Fitch said. "It is my hope and prayer that closing this chapter with justice served will help this young victim find a pathway to

healing and recovery."

Brown will be required to register as a sex offender.

"There is perhaps no more heinous crime than the sexual abuse of a child," said Fitch.

# Fights

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include removal from our school community and referral to the Academic Options Center."

Last week, Madison Central administration reached out to MCHS parents with a letter to address concerns and reassure parents how seriously they take any disruptions at school, school district spokeswoman

Gene Wright said.

"Additionally, last Friday there was an increased presence of law enforcement on campus as a precaution and to reinforce how seriously we take these matters," Wright said.

Madison Police released a statement on Thursday, Oct. 26, in reaction to a letter sent out to parents.

"The Madison Police Department is aware of several incidents and rumors that involve Madison Central High School and have taken each action seriously," the MPD statement reads. "As such, we

will have an increased presence at the school for the upcoming days to make sure all of our children continue to have a safe learning environment."

MPD officials have not responded to requests for further comment.

Wright went on to say that operations at the school have continued as usual.

"This week we have seen the excellent behavior we expect from our students at Madison Central and across the district," Wright said.

# Teen killed in fatal wreck on I-55

By DUNCAN DENT  
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Officials are investigating a crash on I-55 over the weekend that fatally injured a teenage girl, according to the Mississippi Highway Patrol said.

The victim has been identified as 17-year-old Enya Meeks, according to Trooper

Damika Mayfield.

"This crash remains under investigation by the Mississippi Highway Patrol," Mayfield said.

According to Mayfield, on Saturday, Oct. 28, at about 7:31 p.m., the Mississippi Highway Patrol responded to a one-vehicle crash on Interstate 55 near the 125-mile-marker in Madison County north of Can-

ton near the Big Black.

A 2016 Chevrolet Malibu driven by Meeks was traveling south on Interstate 55 when it ran off the road and hit a tree, Mayfield said.

Meeks received fatal injuries from the crash and was pronounced dead on the scene, according to Mayfield.

# Crime

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bonded out, according to GPD Chief Barry Hale.

The department was contact-

ed by Mac Haik on Oct. 24 in regard to an employee alleged to have embezzled around \$70,000.00, Hale said. The employee was identified as Manuel.

He said an investigation was started which led to an affidavit being signed and a warrant

issued for her arrest for felony embezzlement. She was then arrested on Oct. 26, at Mac Haik without incident, according to Hale.

Hale said he has no further updates at this time on this investigation.

# Election

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- Incumbent Independent Shanda M. Yates faces Republican Amile Wilson for District 64 House of Representatives.
- Republican Celeste Hurst faces Independent Ryshonda

Harper Beechem for District 75 House of Representatives.

- Incumbent Democrat Joseph C. Thomas Sr. faces Republican Chastity May Magyar for District 22 State Senate.

Contested statewide races include:

- Incumbent Republican Gov. Tate Reeves faces off against Democrat Brandon Presley and Independent

Gwendolyn Gray.

- Incumbent Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann faces Democrat D. Ryan Grover.

- Incumbent Republican Michael Watson faces Democrat Ty Pinkins.

- Incumbent Republican Attorney General Lynn Fitch faces Democrat Greta Kemp Martin.

- Incumbent Republican State Auditor Shad White faces Democrat Larry Bradford.

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### EDITORIALS

## Johnson offers hope in House

The new House speaker is on a mission to curb Washington profligacy. That, combined with a growing public backlash against the shrinking value of their dollars, portend a jarring, three-word wake-up call for President Biden and his spend-thrift allies: Enough is enough.

Louisiana Rep. Mike Johnson’s elevation to the top leadership role in the House last week was the culmination of an exhausting struggle to replace deposed fellow Republican Kevin McCarthy. Mr. Johnson brings optimism to the prospect of mending the nation’s broken budgetary process, and it will take only a few weeks to know whether this is merely wishful thinking.

Congress has until Nov. 17 to replace the current continuing resolution with a genuine budget for fiscal 2024. At the very least, Mr. Johnson has his priorities straight.

“The greatest threat to our national security is our nation’s debt, and while we’ve been sitting in this room — that’s right — the debt has crossed almost \$33.6 trillion, and in time it’s going to take me to deliver this speech, we will go up \$20 million in debt. It’s unsustainable,” he told the assembled chamber following his election.

President Biden saddled Americans with a record \$1.7 trillion in new debt in fiscal 2023 alone, much of it coronavirus relief that he refused to dial back once the pandemic subsided. The nation’s muscular, 4.9% third-quarter annualized gross domestic product is likely the final spurt of the dollar-devouring machine before the government-led financial fuel runs dry.

Net interest on the cumulative debt in the fiscal year cost taxpayers \$659 billion. Looking ahead, interest payments are on course to surpass the entire U.S. defense budget by 2033. “Unsustainable” is a

polite way of describing the coming economic crackup.

Mr. Johnson is promoting the establishment of a bipartisan House debt commission. His plan may be the triumph of hope over experience, though: Spinning off troubles for study is Washington’s way of sidelining them. With the clock ticking toward a government shutdown next month, only slash-and-burn tactics — which neither party relishes — promise quick results.

Still, there are signs of progress in reining in spending. Thus far this year, lawmakers have enacted legislation on track to produce \$1.3 trillion in net savings over 10 years, the Committee on Responsible Federal Budget says. In a Thursday post, the organization points to reduced spending from the June-enacted Fiscal Responsibility Act, which imposed spending caps on defense and nondefense discretionary spending for fiscal 2024 and 2025, and dialed back funds for COVID and the IRS.

U.S. taxpayers are more than ready for a return to financial sanity. The cumulative, 17.2% Biden-era inflation rate has left a deep dent in the public’s economic outlook. A September YouGov survey found 24% of respondents naming inflation and prices as their top concerns — more than double the 11% who cited health care as the second-place worry. With a presidential election year on the horizon, voter angst mustn’t be blithely ignored.

Americans should never underestimate their government’s ability to overspend. Still, fresh House leadership that Mike Johnson represents offers a glimmer of hope that their tax dollars may one day be spent with the same care with which they were earned.

— *The Washington Times*

## Perils of thought control

Social media generates an endless stream of images, melodies and assertions that can be an utter delight as often as they are an unwelcome distraction. Fortunately, there has always been the freedom to shut it all out and take refuge in the inviolable realm of the mind. Until now.

Legal disputes over whether some expressions of thought should be banned, along with breakthroughs in the science of the mind, portend a treacherous future in which the heretofore private inner universe may face unwanted intrusion.

Police in Birmingham, England, earlier this month issued a citation to a pro-life advocate for praying silently near an abortion clinic. The ticket carries a fine for an unspoken appeal from the heart that Isabel Vaughan-Spruce sought to offer up to God. This, despite two previous arrests, which prompted British Home Secretary Suella Braverman to remind her compatriots that “it is worth remembering that silent prayer, in itself, is not unlawful.”

Her contention is evidently under dispute in Britain, where the bobbies feel free to disregard the professional opinion of the nation’s top law enforcement official.

Efforts to monitor musings over there were already a concern of social critic George Orwell. He warned of the consequences of attempting to regulate thought when, in “Nineteen Eighty-Four,” he wrote: “In the end we shall make thought-crime literally impossible, because there will be no words in which to express it.”

Freedom of thought and corresponding speech are under scrutiny on this side of the pond as well. In *Murthy v. Missouri*, the attorneys general of Missouri and Louisiana have challenged the constitutionality of the Biden administration’s purported collusion with YouTube, Facebook and Twitter (since renamed X) to censor

internet posts about COVID-19 and the Hunter Biden laptop, which officials falsely labeled “misinformation.”

The Supreme Court’s decision to hear the case makes the outcome a likely First Amendment watershed — all the more so because, as the psychologist and author Jordan Peterson notes, “Freedom of speech is exactly equivalent to freedom of thought.”

Perhaps equally insidious as government-media censorship is the likelihood that similar abuse would follow scientific breakthroughs in technology that bring man and machine closer together. Such advances are already assisting patients suffering from paralysis to employ thoughts to perform everyday functions such as banking and texting on their personal devices.

But science fiction further blended with reality in 2016 when the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency’s biotechnology office reported it created a working “brain control interface” that would allow drones or other aircraft to be controlled with thought.

Unscrupulous officialdom determined to advance beyond current censorship of speech may be unable to resist the allure of seeking to take such advances to the next level, using an interface to inspect and purify the thoughts of ordinary citizens to yield government-approved behavior. The reality is, there’s no telling what happens next if this censorship regime is allowed to continue.

Freedom of speech enshrined in the First Amendment is contingent upon freedom of thought. Were images, sounds and words inscribed upon the vast canvas of the mind to be manipulated by invisible forces, freedom — in all its expressions and practices — would be forfeited.

— *The Washington Times*

### CAL THOMAS

## Dracula and spending cuts

Among the top priorities for newly selected House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) was his announced intention to form a bipartisan panel to cut massive spending that has led to an unsustainable \$33 trillion national debt. The pragmatist in me cheers, but the cynic in me says asking Congress to cut spending is like asking Dracula to cut back on his consumption of blood. Spending helps keep members in office. Rather than solving problems and cutting the debt, staying in office seems to be all that matters to many of them.

In addition to the worthless slogan that members are only “bringing home the bacon” (more like pork in many cases) and getting a “fair share” for their districts and states, spending contributes to their careers, which the Founders foresaw as limited service in Washington before they returned to real jobs.

I have longed to see Cabinet Members and Members of Congress come before committees and defend their proposals for new spending. They should be asked how current and past spending has, or has not, achieved the goals stated in their legislation and agencies. Often there are no goals in the legislation. It’s spending for the sake of spending. Wall Street Journal columnist Kimberley Strassel offers a good starting point.

Strassel writes in a recent column: “According to the White House it is ‘critical’ that Senate Democrats get another \$16 billion in child-care-center funding, since the supposedly one-time \$24 billion pandemic allotment is gone.”

More “critical” spending requests include the Federal

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Communications Commission getting another \$6 billion for the Affordable Connectivity Program, “a fraud-racked Covid-era boondoggle that aimed to close the ‘digital divide’ but has really blown \$17 billion subsidizing the Netflix habits of people who already had high-speed broadband.”

There’s plenty more you can find in her column and elsewhere that unnecessarily contributes to the debt and resulting higher prices we all must pay for mortgages, gasoline, food and other necessities.

During the Reagan administration, there were inaccurate press reports claiming the Pentagon was spending more than \$600 on toilet seats and \$435 for hammers that could be bought at any hardware store for much less. What turned out to be errors in the way accounting was handled helped focus the minds of many Americans about government overspending and held up to ridicule those who were spending money like it wasn’t their own, which it wasn’t. Reagan named what came to be known as “The Packard Commission” to reform defense procurement procedures. Later, the Base Realignment and Closure

(BRAC) was created and performed over several administrations to shut down unused and outdated military housing. Some members of Congress protested, because it cost them money in their districts, but it was done. As I recall some members who had been screaming loudest about the closures later tried having it both ways and took credit for saving taxpayer money. You have to admire politicians who can say one thing one day and the opposite another day. Hardly anyone notices or seems to care and that’s a major part of the debt problem.

Members who propose such unnecessary spending should be brought before House committees, now run by Republicans. Democrats won’t do it, so it’s up to Republicans to demand accountability and to have proponents justify their spending proposals. Ridiculing them in public and before TV cameras would be a good way to go, but Republicans must be careful because too many of them are co-conspirators when it comes to spending.

Let’s hope Speaker Johnson gets his bipartisan commission and that it provides cover for all Members so they can reduce spending, reform Social Security and Medicare, which everyone knows must be done, in order to secure the financial future of the nation for generations to come.

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### RICH LOWRY

## Anti-Israel demonstrators hate the West

The cataract of anti-Israel sentiment on college campuses has been shocking, but it shouldn’t be surprising.

It is the poisoned fruit of teaching a generation of college students to despise their own civilization.

Jesse Jackson famously led a chant at Stanford University in 1987, “Hey, hey, ho, ho, Western Civ has got to go.” He was talking about the college course, but he might as well have been talking about the thing itself.

Jackson and his allies had extraordinary success in extinguishing the teaching of Western Civ. Not only have we largely stopped transmitting the story of our own civilization, we have substituted an alternative narrative that the West is reducible to racism, imperialism and colonialism.

It is in this context that the current outburst of anti-Zionism has to be understood. Yes, it has been fed by anti-Israel agitation on campus over the decades and yes, students are susceptible to witless radicalism in the best of circumstances. Yet the loathing of Israel is particularly intense because it is viewed as an outpost of Western civilization and all its alleged ills.

The hatred of Israel is tainted by and, in some cases, driven by anti-Semitism. Another way to look at it, though, is that it’s not so much about hatred of the “the other,” as progressives put it, as hatred of ourselves and all our works.

It is, on one level, incorrect to consider Israel exclusively an artifact of the West. The Jews are indigenous to the region going back to Abraham, with their story caught

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up in the story of the land. A large proportion of the current population traces its origins from the Middle East and North Africa, rather than Europe.

But there is no doubt that Israel is a Western society — in its political system, in its respects for rights, in its innovative economy, in its mores. Someone sitting in a coffee shop in Tel Aviv could easily think they were in any thriving coastal society in the West.

From any rational perspective, this would be something to celebrate. Many legitimate criticisms can be made of Israel, and indeed are a feature of the Israeli domestic debate itself, but there’s no doubt that it is a flourishing society.

If Gaza were equally Westernized, it would be worrying about whether it’s overbuilding seaside real estate rather than having to get water and electricity from the neighboring country its governing authority — a savage terror group — is trying to destroy.

Yet this is the society that anti-Western opinion holds up and wants to sweep all before it. This point of view loves Gaza for its failure and hates Israel for its success; loves Gaza for its terror and hates Israel for its self-defense; loves Gaza for its vicious anti-

Western sponsors and hates Israel for its Western allies, especially the United States.

If this seems perverse, it’s what you’d expect of students and young people who have absorbed the premises of Michel Foucault, Howard Zinn, Edward Said and their imitators. Even if students have never heard of them, these men and their thought suffuse higher education.

But what about the violence? How can these kids look past it, or implicitly endorse it?

Violence is part of the radical anti-Western vision. The anti-colonial bible, “The Wretched of the Earth,” written by Frantz Fanon in 1961, is widely taught on campus. Fanon sketched out a woke worldview before anyone used that term, arguing that, as a New Yorker essay put it, “the Western bourgeoisie was ‘fundamentally racist’ and its ‘bourgeois ideology’ of equality and dignity was merely a cover for capitalist-imperialist rapacity.”

Fanon wrote that “decolonization is always a violent phenomenon,” and in a preface to the book, the French philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre declared that the wretched of the earth “become men” through “mad fury.”

By this standard, Hamas is a good and worthy anti-colonial organization, and there’s no wonder it has found supporters and useful idiots among the West’s self-loathing radicals.

*Rich Lowry is editor of National Review, a leading conservative magazine founded by William F. Buckley.*

## BIBLE SELECTION

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

— Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)

## R'land firefighters battle blaze

By DUNCAN DENT  
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RIDGELAND — Firefighters battled a blaze for close to eight hours early Wednesday morning that had spread inside the wall of a warehouse on East State Street.

RFD Chief Matt Bailey said firefighters were called to the warehouse on East State Street at about 12:52 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1. Bailey said the

insulation in between the sheetrock and metal siding had caught fire inside the building.

Firefighters had to tear away sheet rock to fight the flames, according to Bailey. He reported firefighters were on the scene until close to 9 a.m. later that morning.

East State Street runs between U.S. 51 and Ridgewood Road near Repeat Street.

No injuries have been reported and Bailey said no one

was at the warehouse at the time of the fire.

"We are still investigating," Bailey said, noting the cause "could be anything."

He said investigators are looking into a possible connection with a fire RFD responded to on Tuesday evening between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. in which some grass between two trailers on nearby Mobile Estates Drive caught fire.

## Alleged shoplifter's identity sought

By DUNCAN DENT  
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RIDGELAND — Police are seeking the identity of a woman suspected of felony shoplifting here.

Ridgeland Police posted a picture of the suspect on social media on Oct. 27. Ridgeland

Police Det. Erin Boyd said the suspect is wanted in relation to an incident reported on Oct. 25.

On Wednesday, the female suspect allegedly stole over \$1,000.00 worth of merchandise from an unidentified



business in Ridgeland.

Anyone with any information regarding the identity of this suspect or anyone with a similar case is asked to contact Boyd at (601) 856-2121 or email erin.boyd@ridgelandms.org.

## Jackson Heart Walk set for Nov. 11

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The American Heart Association, the leading voluntary health organization focused on heart and brain health for all, is inviting Jackson-metro residents to its premier event to boost physical and mental well-being through healthy habits while supporting the lifesaving mission.

On Saturday, November 11 at 8 a.m., Heart Walk participants and teams are invited to the Mississippi Museum of Art to celebrate heart and stroke survivors, raise funds, and encourage physical activity.

This year's theme, "I Walk to Save Lives," gives Heart Walk participants a way to express, share and to be inspired by the reasons why they personally walk. Everyone has a reason to live a longer, healthier life or a reason they're motivated to save the life of another. This year's Metro Jackson Heart Walk is chaired

by Teri Oakes Dyess, MD, FACP, FHM, Chief Medical Officer at St. Dominic Hospital and Director of Hospital Medicine.

"I've committed my life's work to healthcare as a physician in hospital medicine. As a doctor dedicated to caring for patients during their time in the hospital, I see firsthand the impact that heart disease and lifestyle choices have on our loved ones. I also see the potential to find new ways to prevent and treat these conditions through research and education offered by organizations like the American Heart Association," said Dr. Dyess.

To register, visit [www.metrojacksonheartwalk.org](http://www.metrojacksonheartwalk.org).

The Metro Jackson Heart Walk is sponsored by St. Dominic Hospital, HORNE, Atmos Energy and Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. Other



Dr. Teri Dyess

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The funds raised from the Metro Jackson Heart Walk go towards research, advocacy, CPR training and to promote better health in support of the Association's 2024 Health Equity Impact Goal, reducing barriers to health care access and quality.

Visit [www2.heart.org](http://www2.heart.org) to learn more.

## Madison resident to lead court office

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Katharine McKee Surkin of Madison became director of the state Administrative Office of Courts on Wednesday.

Surkin, 46, an attorney, has worked for the Supreme Court for 13 years.

Chief Justice Mike Randolph introduced Surkin at the state Trial and Appellate Judges Conference in Biloxi on Oct. 25. Chief Justice Randolph said Surkin "used to be my right hand."

Surkin most recently was Chief of Staff for Chief Justice Randolph, having served in that position since July 2022. She served as senior judicial law clerk for Justice Randolph from August 2014 until July 2022. Surkin said, "I feel called to serve the citizens of this state and what better way than to work closely with our trial judges and their staff to continue the effective and efficient administration of justice. I am honored that the Supreme Court Justices have the faith and confidence in me and my vision for this office."

The Administrative Office of Courts, AOC, works "to assist in the efficient administration of the nonjudicial business of the courts of the state and in improving the administration of justice in Mississippi," according to the legislative statute, Miss. Code Section 9-

21-1, which created the AOC in 1993. The director of AOC assists the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, who is the chief administrative officer of every court in the state.

The AOC is responsible for the administrative business of the state trial and appellate courts, including budget, finance and personnel. The AOC also works to obtain and manage grants, assists with studies and projects to improve the administration of justice, serves as the data collection unit of the court system, and sets standards and rules for electronic filing of court records.

Surkin began her legal career as a judicial law clerk for former Justice George C. Carlson Jr. of Batesville in December 2001, serving in that position for three and one-half years. She practiced law for nine years with the law firm of Page, Mannino, Peresich and McDermot. Her practice areas included mass torts, toxic torts, products liability, insurance defense, medical malpractice, professional malpractice and employment discrimination. She returned to the Supreme Court staff in August 2014.

Surkin, the daughter of an Episcopal priest, was born in Flowood and lived in Jackson and Lexington, Newport, Ark., and Little Rock, Ark. as the Rev. Dr. Daniel McKee held various diocesan assignments.

She is an active member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral in Jackson, where she serves as a chalice bearer and formerly served on the Vestry. She also served on the church's search committee for a dean of St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral.

Surkin was married to her husband Joe Surkin for 16 years before he lost his battle with Multiple Myeloma this past spring. They share two children: MSgt. Adam Surkin of Pelahatchie, a contracting superintendent with the 172nd Airlift Wing of the Mississippi National Guard, who is married to Leian, Chief Operating Officer with the Mississippi National Guard Federal Credit Union; and Mary Kate Dalton of Madison, Office Manager for Performance Therapy Pediatrics in Madison, who is married to Davis, Chief Financial Officer for the Yazoo County School District. Surkin has three grandchildren: Shelby, a senior at Pelahatchie High School, Evelyn, a 5th grader at Pelahatchie Elementary School, and Mark Dalton, who will soon turn 2.

Surkin earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Millsaps College and a law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law. She was admitted to the practice of law in Mississippi in 2002. She also is admitted to practice in Alabama.

## St. Joe to perform Broadway play

By STAFF REPORTS  
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Broadway returns to the stage at St. Joseph Catholic School this weekend when students stage the fall production of the family comedy-fantasy "On the Tip of My Tongue."

The play is about two boys, Harry Smith and Ben Jordan, who run away from home and end up in a strange forest. Soon the boys are surrounded by easily recognizable villains, heroes and heroines from children's literature that help the boys figure out who they are and what is important.

"This is a touching story that has a lot to say about life and that underlines its message in comedy and great storytelling," said Leslie Harkins, St. Joe's theater teacher and director of the play. "This is a great production the entire family can enjoy."

Opening night is 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, with additional

performances at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5 — all in the St. Joseph Catholic School Fine Arts auditorium on the school campus in Madison.

Admission is \$12 with St. Joe students free. Students from St. Anthony, St. Richard and Sister Thea Bowman Catholic schools are free if they wear their school shirt. Tickets will be on sale at the box office the day of the performance.

"On the Tip of My Tongue" is the first of two stage productions St. Joe students will perform this school year including the annual spring musical planned for April 2024. Other upcoming Fine Arts events include the "Gifts of the Season" Christmas concert set for Sunday, Dec. 10.

St. Joseph Catholic School, founded in 1870 by the Sisters of Mercy, offers seventh-through 12th-grade students of all faith backgrounds a rigorous college prep curriculum

grounded in the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Student actors have been rehearsing and planning this play since early this semester. Besides the performers, other students have designed and painted sets for the play while others will handle lights, help change sets and manage the sound for each performance.

"Our dedicated, talented actors and actresses as well as the behind-the-scenes crew never cease to amaze me," said Dr. Dena Kinsey, St. Joe's principal. "On the Tip of My Tongue" will be a fun experience at the theater for the entire family.

"These students work hard every year to stage amazing, memorable theatrical and musical productions. Our fall play is just one example of many talents and events that make up our Fine Arts Department here at St. Joe."

## BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

### A theology of the atonement

If you have your Bibles, I'd invite you to turn with me to Matthew chapter 27 verses 1 – 10 as we continue our study through this great gospel. You know, often times we hear people say that there isn't a theology of the death of Christ. Sometimes you'll hear people say, "There isn't a doctrine of the death of Christ in the gospels. You have to go to the epistles to find a theology of the atonement." Well, they haven't read Matthew 27 verses 1 – 10 because there are three planks of a theology of the atonement in this passage. Firstly, in verses 1 – 2 we see that the death of Jesus was a judicial action. Secondly, in verses 3 – 5 we see the innocence of Jesus highlighted by Judas' testimony. And thirdly, in verses 6 – 10 we see the sinfulness of the Sanhedrin concurrently with the sovereignty of God.

#### I. The Judicial Action

In verses 1 – 2 we see the official trial of the Sanhedrin. Their conspiracy and unjust verdict against Jesus are being finalized and Matthew records that for us here to indicate that Jesus was condemned as guilty and worthy of death by the highest religious and civil court in the land. They find Jesus guilty of blasphemy. And they consider Him a candidate for the death penalty.

And here in these two verses sits the first plank of the doctrine of atonement. Jesus' death was of a judicial nature. God wants us to understand what is happening to Jesus is not an accident, it's not just a tragic incidence of an innocent man being condemned by a crooked court, though it is that. It is a judicial action whereby God visits his own wrath upon Jesus, standing in as the culprit for a crime. It's forensic. It's courtroom. He is experiencing the penalty for sin in the divine court that you and I should have experienced. This passage shows us that we are candidates for the death penalty. And the only way out is if someone stands in our place. And Matthew is reminding us here that the judicial condemnation of Jesus Christ was necessary for our salvation.

#### II. The Innocence of Jesus

In Matthew 27 verses 1 – 2 Matthew has gotten us to think in terms of Jesus' death as a judicial action. But now in verses 3 – 5 he wants us to understand that Jesus was an innocent man. And this fact is absolutely

essential to our salvation. And he is using this story of Judas, his remorse and demise, to highlight that particular reality. Though He was condemned by the highest courts of the land as worthy of death, even this traitorous disciple knows that Jesus is a perfectly innocent man. For whatever reason after Jesus' condemnation, Judas came to regret his part in the plot; and he attempted to return his reward. And Judas' anguished words of confession in verse 4 serve to accent Jesus' innocence, his guiltlessness, his integrity, his impeccability. They show the perfect innocence of Christ.

J.C. Ryle says this: "If there was any living witness who could have given evidence against our Lord Jesus Christ, Judas Iscariot was that man." Judas had been His disciple. He had been with Him almost twenty-four hours a day for three years. If there was any charge that could have been sustained in the court before the Sanhedrin, Judas could have given it. And what is the final confession of Judas? "I betrayed an innocent man." He shows that Jesus is innocent of the charges.

And this is necessary for our salvation. He had to be a lamb without blemish to pay the penalty for our sin. Because we see from this passage that the chief priest and the elders are the wicked ones. They ought to be undergoing the death penalty. In Jewish law, if you brought a false charge in a capital crime, you were liable to the penalty of that crime. They themselves should have been led to the Roman cross just as we should be. Yet the innocence of Jesus, imputed to us, by the grace of God through faith, blots out our sin. That's the second plank of the theology of the atonement that Matthew teaches us here.

#### III. The Sin of the Sanhedrin and the Sovereignty of God

In verses 6 – 10 we see these sinful religionists splitting hairs over contrived manmade righteousness while they ignore the weightier matters of the law. It is a pitiful sight to see these men debating what the proper use of tainted money is. Now they had seen fit to use temple funds to pay for the betrayal of the Lord Jesus Christ, but now when those funds come back to them, they say, "Oh, we would never have blood

money in the temple treasury." You see the perversity of this. These men used tithes to bring about the death of Jesus, and now when that money comes back to them, they try and contrive some sort of good deed outside of temple worship for which this money could be used. And they decide to spend it on a field. Now Matthew is showing you two things in this scene.

On the one hand he's showing you the perversity of their hearts. These are the men who tried Christ. Not exactly paragons of righteousness, were they? But Matthew is also saying that, even though these men are responsible for this plot, all of this is under the sovereign control of God.

This is the plan of God being carried out. And Matthew is saying in verses 9 – 10 that this money, this ransom money, this tainted money of Judas' reward was given back according to the command of God, according to the plan of God, according to the decree of God.

All that is happening is in accordance with what God already prophesied hundreds of years ago before in Scripture, and it's in accord with Scripture because it's the plan of God. God is sovereignly in control. Why does Matthew tell you this? He wants you to understand that the death of Jesus is not an accident. It is God's stratagem against Satan for the saving of your soul and the third and final plank of the theology of the atonement. Having seen the wickedness of the people and their conspiracy against the Lord Jesus Christ side by side with God's plan in this, you ought to bow the knee to God's sovereignty and flee to Christ alone.

In the end, the difference between Judas and Peter is that Judas never fled to Christ. He came to his co-conspirators. He confessed to them. He tried to put it right, but he never sought the mercy of Christ. That's the only difference between Peter and Judas. By the grace of God, Peter sought the mercy of Christ. And Matthew wants you, as I want you, to seek and find the mercy of the one who laid down His life for you.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THOSE PARTIES IN INTEREST that there will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM before the Gluckstadt Planning and Zoning Commission, at the Gluckstadt City Hall, 343 Distribution Drive, Gluckstadt, MS 39110, for the purpose of Conditional Use for Public/Quasi-Public Facilities for the installation of a Cell Tower.

Madison County Tax Parcel No. 0821-29-010/01.00.

Address: 130 American Way

The Public Hearing in relation thereto shall provide parties in interest and citizens an opportunity to be heard. A copy of the Conditional Use application is available at the Gluckstadt City Hall for inspection.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BERTIE HOWELL FEJEN, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 23-959 (B) PATRICIA ANN WALTER, EXECUTRIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 23rd day of October 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for Probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred pursuant to Miss. Code. Ann 91-7-151.

This the 27th day of October 2023.

/s/ Patricia Ann Walter, Executrix

Prepared by: Jeff Arnold (MSB# 104335) Attorney for the Executrix Arnold Law Firm, LLC 306 Maxey Drive, Suite B, Brandon, MS 39042 Phone: 601-213-7581 Fax: 601-453-4882

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RANDY LEE KNOUSE, DECEASED NO. 21-cv-00559

S U M M O N S (By Publication)

TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES AND BENEFICIARIES OF Randy Lee Knouse, and any and all other persons claiming or having a legal or equitable interest in the Estate of Randy Lee Knouse, Deceased, all of whose street or post office addresses or whereabouts are unknown after diligent search and inquiry to ascertain same.

You have been made respondents to a Petition filed in this Court by David Samuel Knouse, Administrator of the Estate of Randy Lee Knouse, Deceased, seeking a determination of the rightful heirs-at-law and beneficiaries of the late Randy Lee Knouse, deceased, who departed his life on May 31, 2021, having a fixed place of residence in Madison County, Ridgeland, Mississippi. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on the 4th day of December, 2023, in the courtroom of the Chancery Court at the Madison County Chancery/Administrative Building in Canton, Mississippi, before the Honorable Cynthia Brewer, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE AN ANSWER OR OTHER PLEADING, BUT YOU MAY DO SO IF YOU DESIRE.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 27th day of October, 2023.

CHANCERY CLERK OF MADISON COUNTY

By: /s/ Kelsey Rodriguez (SEAL)

Alec Rawlings, MSB #105976 Rawlings & MacInnis, P.A. Post Office Box 1745 Canton, Mississippi 39130-1789 Telephone No. (601) 898-1180

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Madison County Economic Development Authority, Canton, Mississippi will receive written sealed bids until the hour of 1:30 o'clock p.m. local time, on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at the office of the Madison County Economic Development Authority, 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, Mississippi 39046, for the furnishing of all labor and materials and for the construction of that certain project designated as "MADISON COUNTY MEGA SITE CLEARING AND GRUBBING PACKAGE". Project Drawings and Specifications are on file and can be viewed at the office of MCEDA, 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, Mississippi 39046. Bids are for clearing, grubbing, burning, silt fence, rock checks, minor grading and drainage and related matters. The project consists of clearing and grubbing of approximately 150 acres, SWPPP measures, storm drainage and related improvements.

The total Contract Time will be 120 consecutive calendar days and the liquidated damages will be \$150.00 per consecutive calendar day thereafter. A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Offices of MCEDA, 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, Mississippi 39046 at 3:00 o'clock p.m. local time, on Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

Bid security in the form of a bid bond, certified check or cashier's check in the amount equal to 5% of the bid shall be furnished by each bidder as required by the contract documents.

Proposals must be qualified under Mississippi laws and shall hold current Certificates of Responsibility as issued by law.

Copies of the drawings and specifications, together with contract documents, may be viewed at the office of Wages Civil, LLC, 276 Nissan Parkway, Building B, Suite 300, Canton, Mississippi 39046, and may be ordered from the office of Wages Civil, LLC, 276 Nissan Parkway, Building B, Suite 300, Canton, Mississippi 39046; Telephone No. 601-499-1723 upon payment of \$150.00 for each set, none of which is refundable.

Award will be made to the lowest and best bidder and MCEDA reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all informalities.

Madison County Economic Development Authority By: Joseph P. Deason, Executive Director

PUBLISH DATES: November 2, 2023 & November 9, 2023

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DIVERT OR WITHDRAW FOR BENEFICIAL USE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 ND day of August 2023, Cameron Land and Timber, LLC, 118 One Madison Place, Suite 2100, Madison, MS 39110, filed application NO. MS-GW-1727 for a permit to divert or withdraw the public waters of the State of Mississippi beneficial use from the Cockfield Aquifer, in the county of Madison, for Irrigation - Wildlife Management purposes, subject to existing rights, the following amount of water at the indicated location:

PERMIT # VOLUME LOCATION RATE MS-GW-1727 300 AF/YR 1200 GPM NW SW 535 T10N R01E

Any person, firm, association, or corporation, deeming that the granting of the

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above application will be truly detrimental to their rights to utilize the waters of said source, may protest in writing to the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi, ATTN: Chris Hawkins, PO Box 2309, Jackson, Mississippi 39225, setting forth all reasons why said application should not be approved. Letters of protest must be received within ten (10) days of this publication. If not protested, a permit will be issued on or after ten (10) days following publication date.

If protested, the application will be taken for consideration by the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi in its offices at 515 East Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on or after, Tuesday, the 12 TH day of December 2023; and notice to interested persons may appear and be heard by the Permit Board.

OFFICE OF LAND AND WATER RESOURCES Chris Hawkins, P.E. Chief, Permitting, Certification, and Compliance Division

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THOSE PARTIS IN INTEREST that there will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM before the Gluckstadt Planning and Zoning Commission, at the Gluckstadt City Hall, 343 Distribution Drive, Gluckstadt MS 39110 for the purpose of Public/Quasi-Public Facilities for the following parcel(s) 082E-15-001/01.02.

The Public Hearing in relation thereto shall provide parties in interest, and citizens an opportunity to be heard. A copy of the Conditional Use application is available at City Hall for inspection by the public.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF J.W. Richardson CIVIL ACTION NO 2023-942-W

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters Testamentary on the Estate of J.W. Richardson, deceased, having on the 18 th day of October, 2023, been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in Cause Number 2023-942-W, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of said Court within ninety (90) days from the first day of this publication, or the same will be forever barred. Dated this the 31 st day of October, 2023. /s/ Jerry W. Richardson, Jr.

Jerry W. Richardson, Jr., Executor BENTLEY E. CONNER Attorney at Law 164 East Center Street Post Office Box 563 Canton, Mississippi 39046 (601) 859-6306

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF THE MINOR CHILD, G.W.F. JOSEPH FORD RIGNEY AND SUMNER SMITH RIGNEY PETITIONER VS. CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-1114 (W)

UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER AND LIFELINE CHILDREN'S SERVICES, INC. RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Joseph Ford Rigney and Sumner Smith Rigney for the termination of parental rights and adoption of the minor child born August 19, 2023.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition filed against you in this action before the Honorable James Walker, Chancellor, at 9:00 a.m. on the 2 nd day of January, 2024, in the Madison County Chancery Courtroom in Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE AN ANSWER OR OTHER PLEADING, BUT YOU MAY DO SO IF YOU DESIRE.

ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 2023.

RONNY LOTT MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK P.O. BOX 404 CANTON, MS 39046

By: MONTI CALDWELL BISHOP 104 OFFICE PARK DR., SUITE C BRANDON, MS 39042 (601) 948-1068 EMAIL: monbish@msn.com

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THOSE PARTIES IN INTEREST that there will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM before the Gluckstadt Planning and Zoning Commission, at the Gluckstadt City Hall, 343 Distribution Drive, Gluckstadt, MS 39110, for the purpose of Conditional Use for Heavy Equipment Sales and Service for the following address: 608 Churchill Road, Gluckstadt, MS, 39110.

The Public Hearing in relation thereto shall provide parties in interest and citizens an opportunity to be heard. A copy of the Conditional Use application shall be available at City Hall for inspection by the public.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THOSE PARTIES IN INTEREST that there will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM before the Gluckstadt Planning and Zoning Commission, at the Gluckstadt City Hall, 343 Distribution Drive, Gluckstadt, MS 39110, for the purpose of Dimensional Variance for reduction in the number of parking spaces and a height variance for the building.

Madison Co Tax Parcel No. 082H-28-00 2/14.00.

207 Dees Drive, Gluckstadt MS 39110

The Public Hearing in relation thereto shall provide parties in interest and citizens an opportunity to be heard. A Copy of the Dimensional Variance Application shall be available at the Gluckstadt City Hall for inspection by the public.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JIMMIE LEE HARDEN, DECEASED NO.23-597(B) HELEN HARDEN BROWN, EXECUTRIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF JIMMIE LEE HARDEN, DECEASED

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 30th day of October, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned Helen Harden Brown, on the Estate of Jimmie Lee Harden, 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 to Creditors, or they will be forever barred.

WITNESS THE SIGNATURE of the undersigned Executrix on this, the 30th day of October, 2023.

/s/HELEN HARDEN BROWN Executrix of the Estate of Jimmie Lee Harden, Deceased

OF COUNSEL:

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Janessa E. Blackmon BLACKMON CARR, LLC 215 Katherine Drive Flowood, MS 39232 601-933-0370 Telephone 601-933-0374 Facsimile PUBLISH:

To Cheryl Smith: You are summoned to appear before the Mississippi Board of Nursing on December 5, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. to answer charges brought against you. The hearing will be held in the hearing room at the office of the Mississippi Board of Nursing, which is located at 713 S. Pear Orchard Road, Ste. 300, Ridgeland, Mississippi. Failure to appear may result in the revocation of your nursing license.

Signed: Phyllis Johnson Executive Director, MS Board of Nursing

To Viktoria Martinez: You are summoned to appear before the Mississippi Board of Nursing on December 6, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. to answer charges brought against you. The hearing will be held in the hearing room at the office of the Mississippi Board of Nursing, which is located at 713 S. Pear Orchard Road, Ste. 300, Ridgeland, Mississippi. Failure to appear may result in the revocation of your nursing license.

Signed: Phyllis Johnson Executive Director, MS Board of Nursing

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RANDY LEE KNOUSE, DECEASED NO. 21-cv-00559

S U M M O N S (By Publication)

TO: ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RANDY LEE KNOUSE, DECEASED

You have been made respondents to a Petition filed in this Court by David Samuel Knouse, the duly appointed Administrator of the Estate of Randy Lee Knouse, Deceased, seeking to declare the above-referenced Estate insolvent. Defendants other than you in this action are Barclays Bank Delaware, New Equipment Leasing, Inc., Bancorpsouth Bank, Kelli Luckett Nelson, BankPlus, Bailey Lumber & Supply Co. d/b/a Frierson Bailey, American Express National Bank, and AscensionPoint Recovery Services, LLC. You are required to file any claim you may have against the Estate with the Madison County Chancery Clerk on or before December 4, 2023. All claims not required by law to be probated and registered must be filed with the Clerk on or before December 4, 2023. You are further summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on the 4th day of December, 2023, in the courtroom of the Chancery Court at the Madison County Chancery/Administrative Building in Canton, Mississippi, where all claims will be taken up for examination and adjudication by the Court and funds distributed to the creditors on a pro-rata basis after payment of administration costs and other preference payments. In case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition. All creditors may attend. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 27th day of October, 2023.

CHANCERY CLERK OF MADISON COUNTY

By: /s/ Kelsey Rodriguez (SEAL)

Alec K. Rawlings, MSB #105976 Rawlings & MacInnis, P.A. Post Office Box 1789 Madison, Mississippi 39130-1789 Telephone No. (601) 898-1180

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS, on or about July 31, 2013, Leighton Township Fund One, LLC executed that certain Deed of Trust to Stephen Van Sickle, Trustee, in favor of Bank of Montgomery which was filed for record on July 31, 2013, at Instrument 710185, in Book 2983 at Page 488, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the Madison County, Mississippi, (the "Deed of Trust"); and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2018, Bank of Montgomery changed its name to BOM Bank ("BOM Bank"); and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2022, BOM Bank executed a Partial Release as to a certain tract containing 0.055 acres, more or less, as more particularly described in that certain Partial Release, which was filed for record on November 15, 2022, at Instrument 972261, in Book T-4278 at Page 310.00, in the Chancery Clerk's office of Madison County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2023, BOM Bank appointed and substituted Jim F. Spencer, Jr. as Substituted Trustee in the place and stead of Stephen Van Sickle, the original trustee of the Deed of Trust as was its right to do under the terms of said Deed of Trust, said Substitution of Trustee being recorded on September 18, 2023 at Instrument 989601, in Book T-4370 at Page 832.00, in the Chancery Clerk's office of Madison County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and the entire debt secured having been declared due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, BOM Bank, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising sums due thereunder together with attorney's fees and expenses of sale; NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim F. Spencer, Jr., the undersigned Substituted Trustee, will sell during the legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) on the 6th day of November, 2023, at the south main front door of the Madison County Courthouse, 128 W. North Street, Canton, Mississippi, for cash to the highest and best bidder, the following described land and property located and being situated in Madison County, State of Mississippi and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

A parcel of land lying and situated in Section 8, Township 8 North, Range 1 East, Madison County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows:

Start at a cotton picker spindle designated as reference point #1 and run thence S 46 degrees 07 minutes 52 seconds E for a distance 1189.02 feet to a cotton picker spindle designated as reference point #2; thence run S 31 degrees 42 minutes 30 seconds E for a distance of 283.57 feet to a cotton picker spindle designated as reference point #3; thence run S 24 degrees 48 minutes 41 seconds E for a distance of 809.02 feet to a concrete monument at the northeast plat corner of Chestnut Hill Part IA, a subdivision of which the map or plat is of record and on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, said plat corner being the Point of Commencement for the parcel herein described. From said Point of Commencement run along the westerly right-of-way of Highway 463 for a distance of 303.23 feet to a point; N 24 degrees 59 minutes 50 seconds W for a distance of 504.18 feet to a point; northwesterly along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 1382.39 feet, a delta angle of 28 degrees 49 minutes 49 seconds, a chord bearing of N 40 degrees 08 minutes 06 seconds W, a chord length of 688.28 feet, and an arc length of 695.60 feet, for a

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distance of 695.60 feet to a point; N 53 degrees 12 minutes 24 seconds W for a distance of 312.49 feet to a point; northwesterly along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 1195.92 feet, a delta angle of 19 degrees 51 minutes 14 seconds, a chord bearing of N 43 degrees 06 minutes 20 seconds W, a chord length of 412.33 feet, and an arc length of 414.40 feet, for a distance of 414.40 feet to an iron pin; thence run northwesterly, along the said westerly right-of-way of Highway 463 and the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 1195.92 feet, a delta angle of 13 degrees 04 minutes 06 seconds, a chord bearing of N 26 degrees 38 minutes 40 seconds W, a chord length of 272.77 feet, and an arc length of 272.77 feet, for a distance of 272.77 feet to a point; thence run N 56 degrees 18 minutes 51 seconds W, along said westerly right-of-way, for a distance of 204.84 feet to an iron pin which is the Point of Beginning of the parcel herein described. From said Point of Beginning run thence S 46 degrees 14 minutes 15 seconds W for a distance of 223.12 feet to a point; thence run S 43 degrees 45 minutes 45 seconds E for a distance of 92.80 feet to a point; thence run S 46 degrees 14 minutes 15 seconds W for a distance of 115A4 feet to a point; thence run N 43 degrees 45 minutes 45 seconds E for a distance of 30.50 feet to a point; thence run S 46 degrees 14 minutes 15 seconds W for a distance of 291.58 feet to an iron pin; thence run N 47 degrees 32 minutes 00 seconds W for a distance of 165.46 feet to an iron pin; thence run S 50 degrees 39 minutes 00 seconds W for a distance of 56.77 feet to a point; thence run N 43 degrees 45 minutes 45 seconds W for a distance of 116.40 feet to a point; thence run N 46 degrees 14 minutes 15 seconds E for a distance of 240.00 feet to an iron pin; thence run S 43 degrees 45 minutes 45 seconds E for a distance of 189.25 feet to a point; thence run N 46 degrees 14 minutes 15 seconds E for a distance of 77.06 feet to a point; thence run N 43 degrees 45 minutes 45 seconds W for a distance of 189.58 feet to a point; thence run northwesterly along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 81.00 feet, a delta angle of 50 degrees 53 minutes 58 seconds, a chord bearing of N 18 degrees 18 minutes 46 seconds W, a chord length of 69.61 feet, and an arc length of 71.96 feet, for a distance of 71.96 feet to a point; thence run N 13 degrees 59 minutes 44 seconds E for a distance of 35.18 feet to a point; thence run N 07 degrees 28 minutes 09 seconds E for a distance of 78.42 feet to an iron pin on the southerly right-of-way of Highway 22 per Federal Aid Secondary Project #S-515-(1); thence run easterly along said southerly right-of-way and the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 119.92 feet, a delta angle of 16 degrees 18 minutes 43 seconds, a chord bearing of N 89 degrees 41 minutes 22 seconds E, a chord length of 339.32 feet, and an arc length of 340.47 feet, for a distance of 340.47 feet to a point at the intersection of said southerly right-of-way of Highway 22 with the said westerly right-of-way of Highway 22, thence run 18 degrees 18 minutes 51 seconds E, along said westerly right-of-way, for a distance of 61.73 feet to the Point of Beginning.

LESS AND EXCEPT

The following described tract or parcel of land being located and situated in MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, to-wit:

0.055 acres located in Section 8, Township 8 North Range 1 East, Madison County, Mississippi, and being further described as follows:

Commencing at a 1/2" iron rebar found marking the northeast corner of Lot 67, Chestnut Hill, Part 1D as referenced in Plat Cabinet "E" at slide 141B and 142A, and as recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County at Canton, Mississippi and thence run North 31 degrees 45 minutes 07 seconds West for a distance of 1,745.07 feet to a 1/2" iron rebar set and also being the POINT OF BEGINNING of the tract herein described:

From the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence continue North 43 degrees 44 minutes 57 seconds West for a distance of 92.80 feet to a 1/2" iron rebar set; thence run North 46 degrees 15 minutes 03 seconds East for a distance of 25.82 feet to a 1/2" iron rebar set; thence run South 43 degrees 44 minutes 57 seconds East for a distance of 92.80 feet to a 1/2" iron rebar set; thence run South 46 degrees 15 minutes 03 seconds West for a distance of 25.82 feet back to the POINT OF BEGINNING and being 0.055 acres, more or less

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF PAUL BESSENBACHER, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 45CHI:23-CV-00798

TIM ADAMS PETITIONER

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: All Unknown Heirs Address Unknown

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

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 the Petition for Determination of Heirship at 9:45 a.m. on the 4th day of November, 2023, in the courtroom of the Madison County Chancery Courthouse in Canton, Mississippi, before Judge James C. Walker and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court this the 16th, day of October, 2023.

Ronny Lott CHANCERY CLERK OF MADISON COUNTY, MS

By: Deputy Clerk

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF PAUL BESSENBACHER, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 45CHI:23-cv-00798

TIM ADAMS PETITIONER

SUMMONS

TO: UNKNOWN WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF PAUL BESSENBACHER.

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Tim Adams, Petitioner, seeking determination of Paul BesseNBacher's statutory wrongful death beneficiaries. Respondents/wrongful death beneficiaries other than you in this action are: Tim Adams, widower of the decedent. You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Petition to Adam A. Bollaert, the attorney handling said Petition, whose post office

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address is P. O. Box 900, Jackson, MS 39206-0900, and whose street address is 401 E. Capitol Street, Suite 415, Jackson, MS 39201. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 26th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023 WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOU SA 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 16th, day of October, 2023.

Ronny Lott CHANCERY CLERK OF MADISON COUNTY, MS

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI NAVIDAD IBARRA CAMPOS PLAINTIFF

v. Cause no. 22-cv-1101 ALEJANDRO AMBRIZ CRUZ MISSEY BOARD OF VITAL STATISTICS DEFENDANTS RULE 81 SUMMONS NAVIDAD IBARRA CAMPOS TO: ALEJANDRO AMBRIZ CRUZ WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

You have been made a Respondent in this suit filed in this Court by Navidad Ibarra Campos, Petitioner, petitioning for the custody of your children, a two (2) year-old female, and a fifteen (15) year old female, and an eleven (11) year old female. YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and defend against said Complaint at 9:00 AM on the 1st day of December 2023, in the courtroom of the Chancery Court of Madison County, at the Courthouse located at 146 W 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 20th day of October, 2023. MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK, CANTON, MS BY: KELSEY RODRIGUEZ, D.C. (SEAL)

CASE NO 2023SC000303

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF Harry Stewart Baldwin, Jr. CIVIL ACTION NO. 2023-1049-W NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Harry Stewart Baldwin, Jr., deceased, having on the 29 th day of September, 2023, been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in Cause Number 2023-1049-W, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of said Court within ninety (90) days from the first day of this publication, or the same will be forever barred. Dated this 16 th day




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**Paul directs us to Christ**

The famous golfer Jack Nicklaus said that at the beginning of each year he would get his coach to go over the fundamentals of the game. His coach would treat him as if he had never played. He explained how to hold a golf club, how to line up, the basics of the swing, and so on. Nicklaus said the repetition of the basics gave him the proper foundation to keep playing well.

Some things need to be constantly said to us. Paul instructs Timothy in 2nd Timothy 2:14 to “Remind them of these things.” Paul is referring to the basics of the Christian faith that he has just reminded Timothy of in the previous verses. The gospel is about the grace of God in Christ Jesus. How often we need to be strengthened by the simple truths of the gospel!

It is faith to believe the gospel truth, which is “that Christ is able to save to the utmost all that come to him” (Hebrews 7:25). As someone once said, sin doesn’t control the door to heaven: grace keeps the keys. Sin may object to my coming to God because I am undeserving, but none can object to Christ’s rich deserving. The gospel directs me to look away from my deserving to Christ and what he has done on my behalf. Salvation in Christ has eternal glory (2nd Timothy 2:10).

The grace that is in Christ is the foundation of us walking as holy, godly servants of our Lord. No gospel precept is available without grace. Therefore, Paul directs Timothy to warn Christians about arguments over words or the law and ungodly chatter (verses 14, 16-17). In his first epistle to Timothy, Paul warned Timothy away from those who had unhealthy cravings for controversy and caused dissension in the church.

It is grace that enables us to live by the Holy Spirit and be godly. We can understand this by thinking of the warnings in this passage and others about the tongue or our speech. Our speech reveals to us what sinners we are. Yes, we all have made uncharitable remarks or indulged in godless chatter. But God also sees the sin in our thoughts. I have never prayed a sinless prayer or performed a sinless good deed, according to that standard.

Christ alone was sinless. He fulfilled all

righteousness. He took upon Himself all the sins of my tongue and in my heart that deserved condemnation. What is it that I can find to boast about? It is in Christ alone. When I consider this, and believe it, it produces thanksgiving, humility, and love toward my Lord Jesus. Then I have strength to serve and honor Him, though I must struggle with sin all my days.

Christians live by grace. We return to Christ this way again and again. Paul mentions two men who produced ungodliness by their teaching in verses 17-18 to warn us how easy it is for us to catch a bad spirit from false teaching, which will always foster pride in its hearers in some way or the other.

The opposition and success of false teachers can disturb the church, so Paul reminds us in verse 19 that, “The Lord knows who are his,” and “Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity.” The Lord knows who truly has faith and do depart from the boasting that is endemic in the sinful souls of men.

In verses 20-21, Paul describes a house with vessels of honorable use (gold, silver) and those of dishonorable use (wood, clay). He is speaking of the church. The wood and clay vessels need reformation or cleansing. The gold and silver vessels have been made fit for the temple of the Lord.

We may oftentimes feel like wood and clay vessels. The imagery of being a gold vessel to honor the Lord helps us to “flee youthful passions” and “pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace” (verse 22). If we know the Lord, let us seek to honor the Lord. We are a work in progress, so we stumble and fall, but since we begin by grace, let us seek to be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ.

We shouldn’t forget the warning in the passage. Of all fools, the conceited fool is the worst. A proud heart is not one who learns of Christ. Ungodliness does not proceed from the spring of Christ but from a root of bitterness. A man cannot be full of self-confidence and self-abasement together. Paul directs us to Christ who dwells in us by faith. The growth of grace is the best evidence of the truth of it.

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## HEALTH

# Med student's life changed by epilepsy, and physician

By GARY PETTUS  
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In a few years, Gabrielle "Gabi" Morris will graduate from medical school, having arrived there, in a way, because of an Easter Sunday when she fainted in her mother's arms.

And having arrived there because of the doctor who bore her up when she was angry at the hand life had dealt them both: epilepsy.

In the years following their encounters, the patient never forgot the physician whose compassion helped bring her into the fold of medicine, but never knew if she would see Dr. Brad Ingram of Madison again — until she did, at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, the place where his star has risen and where she is reaching for hers.

A first-year student in the UMMC School of Medicine, Morris, 22, was a young girl when she learned she had a disorder that could deaden the senses — but which also made her prospects come alive.

"Without epilepsy, I wouldn't have met Dr. Ingram," she said. "I wouldn't have realized that I wanted to be a doctor, and I wouldn't be sharing my story with others."

The plot of her story advanced dramatically when she was 10, on a day that celebrates victory over the grave; it buried her hopes instead, or so she believed.

She had just finished enjoying an Easter brunch

with her family when her secret came out of hiding.

"After helping clear the dishes, I felt as though I was going to faint," she wrote in an essay years later. "The last thing I remember was looking at my grandmother's face, unable to respond, while I seized in my mother's arms."

"I had never felt so helpless in my life." Afterward, she made her family promise to keep this a secret, telling only her teachers, in case she had an episode at school.

Brought up in Jackson since she was 6, Morris had suffered seizures since she was 8 or 9. Only her younger sister, Sydney, who often slept in the same room with her, knew how bad they were. The first one had come in the middle of the night with her dad, who, believing she was just choking, patted her on the back.

But they got worse. Bruises and bumps and fleeting fears of demon possession disturbed her nights. Sydney would call to her parents for help, but by the time they reached Gabi upstairs, the seizures were over.

During each one, she could see and hear everything around her, but had no command of her body. After falling out of bed, she would convulse on the floor. She couldn't respond to questions. But she could hear her sister crying.

After witnessing the Easter attack, though, her parents took her to the emergency room at what is now Children's of Mississippi. They



Dr. Brad Ingram of Madison and Gabrielle "Gabi" Morris

learned she had benign rolandic epilepsy. Her brief seizures were triggered by lack of sleep.

She was diagnosed at an age when driving a car was no distant dream, when the rewards of adolescence, of freedom and control, were like gifts waiting under a tree. Now, her future promised a loss of control, a descent into embarrassment; people would laugh at her. That's what epilepsy meant to her.

Until she met Ingram. "I was diagnosed with epilepsy at 16," said Ingram of Madison, a professor of pediatric neurology at UMMC. "I felt like my whole future had evaporated."

"I was angry at God. Because there's no one else to be angry with. You feel like your body can turn on you at any moment. And it takes so much from you."

"You don't get invited to sleepovers anymore. You

want to do what he does."

Over the course of a few years, the two saw each other maybe 90 minutes altogether — about 15 minutes each appointment. In little more time than it takes to drink a cup of coffee, a doctor's visit can be eye-opening, Ingram said.

"A patient will remember that 15 minutes the rest of their lives. I remember the doctor who diagnosed my particular type of epilepsy. She changed my life; she gave me hope that I could still do whatever I wanted to do."

"I saw her one time, but I remember everything about her — and that was 1997."

It's been some 20 years since Ingram's last seizure. But he will be on medications for the rest of his life. "I'm fine with that," he said. "It's worth it to be able to drive and do the things I like to do."

Medications helped Morris too. "Dr. Ingram told me I could do anything I wanted as long as I stayed on them," she said. And she did: soccer, basketball, volleyball, cross country.

Epilepsy did not stop her; it motivated her, as it had motivated Ingram: to pursue the call they couldn't resist.

On Morris' medical school orientation day in August, Ingram's smile and words were still with her. Her seizures were not.

By her early teens, the episodes had disappeared, but their influence endures. Morris shares her story publicly

now and anticipates the day when she can help her patients meet their own struggles — and prevail.

But she did not foresee meeting Ingram again.

"On orientation day, I heard that a 'Dr. Ingram' would be speaking to the M1s," she said. "I wondered, 'is that him?'"

Before his talk to the first-year medical students, as Ingram recalls, "this radiant young woman comes up to me and says, 'You don't remember me.'"

"But, whenever there's an interesting diagnosis and intense conversations — those patients I will never forget," he said.

In fact, he remembered Morris' entire family, especially her mom, who "reminded me of mine," Ingram said. "Because of how worried for their child both had been."

"I always looked forward to seeing Gabi's family; they were formative for me." As he had been for Morris.

"At orientation," she said, "I told him that, without him, I wouldn't be here today."

Ingram believes Morris will be "an amazing physician, a rock star" — in a future he helped ignite. Which is perhaps another reason her words touched him so.

"I have to admit, she wrecked me," he said. "I was barely able to give my talk. What she said was such a gift and out of the blue and so kind."

## Madison professor honored with Early Career Achievement Award

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For the first time, the School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences at the University of Mississippi Medical Center has honored two faculty members during its annual Research Day.

Dr. Babbette LaMarca of Clinton, chair and professor of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, received the Distinguished Alumna Award.

Dr. Erin Taylor of Madison, assistant professor of physiology and biophysics, received the inaugural Early Career Achievement Award.

"I feel very honored to receive the Early Career Achievement Award from the SGSHS," Taylor said. "I'm fortunate to have trained with great mentors and professors here at UMMC who have helped me throughout my career."

The new award was created because there was no

mechanism in place to honor the achievements of young graduates, said Dr. Sydney Murphy, SGSHS dean. To qualify, alumni must be no more than five years beyond graduation or post-doctoral fellowship training.

"Erin has been wildly successful and has remained funded throughout her research career," said Murphy. "She's not only a fantastic researcher but also a great educator and mentor. She is also respected by our senior professors within her department for her expertise and knowledge."

Taylor earned a PhD in microbiology and immunology and completed her post-doctoral training in physiology at UMMC.

The two honorees are "outstanding representatives for research," said Dr. Caroline Compretta, assistant vice chancellor for research.

Dr. Larry McDaniel, professor of cell and molecular biology, said he has known LaMarca since she spent time in his lab as a student while he served on her dissertation committee. Well-funded throughout her career, she has authored more than 135 peer-reviewed articles and mentored nearly 50 trainees.

"She has had a meteoric rise through the ranks," McDaniel said.

During her keynote address, LaMarca, who earned a PhD in microbiology and immunology in 2004 and completed her postdoctoral training in physiology at UMMC, shared advice gained while matriculating through graduate school.

"Three things I took away from my graduate training were, number one, always work hard," she said. "Study mechanisms and look at how things happen and create good collaborations with people who are experts in areas in which you are not and ask for their help."

In charting her journey from PhD student to department chair, the distinguished alumna said she was not particularly interested in physiology until a friend, Dr. Barbara Alexander, now professor of physiology and biophysics, urged her to talk to Dr. Joey Granger, then professor in the department.

The deal was sealed after Granger asked about her family — she and her husband had two young children at the time, wanting to add another soon — and proudly showed her pictures of his own three children and wife.

"I thought to myself, 'this is the environment I needed to continue my training in.'"



Dr. Erin Taylor of Madison and Dr. Babbette LaMarca

In his lab, LaMarca said Granger surrounded her with experts, taught her how to create models of disease and allowed her to use her own expertise from molecular biology to develop techniques and apply them to physiology.

During those post-doctoral years, she learned a lot more than hypertension and physiology.

Most memorable, she said, was not to get caught up in negativity.

"You're not always going to win the award, your paper's not always going to get accepted," she told the audience of emerging researchers. "But don't become absorbed with the negativity. Find the positive in what you do and where you are."

SGSHS students filled the Norman G. Nelson Student Union gymnasium with their poster presentations during the school's annual Research Day. Lindsay McMurtry/UMMC Communications

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Other nuggets she shared with the audience were to use previous training to create their own niche and think outside the box.

LaMarca also implored students to create small circles of trust by selecting mentors they can confide in and learn from, and as they become mentors themselves, to widen that circle, providing an environment in which mentees can flourish.

"Be happy for other people in their success," she added. "Don't compare your trajectory to somebody else's, because we are all different."

She also stressed the importance of prioritizing family and allowing staff to do the same.

"Without my husband, I certainly wouldn't be standing here today as a distinguished alumna. He played both mom and pop while I was in school. And I'm very thankful for that."

Her final words of wisdom were to enjoy their training.

"That's what academic medicine is all about. Right now, you're the next generation, so wherever you are in your career, enjoy being there. Learn as much as you absolutely can from the wonderful mentors we have here at UMMC," LaMarca said.

During the day-long event, Compretta told the room full of white-coated students and post-doctoral fellows, faculty and staff that they all contribute to the success of the research mission, illustrating that fact through numbers.

During the last fiscal year, UMMC researchers submitted 350 proposals and received 311 awards. They have also activated 58 clinical trials and authored 1,176 publications.

"At UMMC, we publish 10 peer-reviewed articles for every \$1 million of funding that we receive," Compretta continued. "That's an excellent percentage when medical schools across the country only average five or six publications per \$1 million."

She told the students and fellows, who presented 74 oral and poster presentations throughout the day, that they were "learning from mentors who are incredibly successful and have extensive track records for both getting their research funded and publishing it for the wider scientific community. So, I hope you're taking advantage of those opportunities to learn from such outstanding faculty mentors."



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*Madison Central students attend conference*

Madison Central High School journalism staffs attended Mississippi Scholastic Press Association fall conference at the University of Southern Mississippi Thursday, October 19. Pawprint yearbook staff won the following awards. Rachael Carpenter was the winner for the best student life spread in the state. The staff was the winner of best yearbook copy in the state as well as best yearbook cover design in the state. Rebecca Warren was a finalist for best feature spread. Angel Kaur and Izzy Goddard were finalists for sports writing/reporting. Staff members are pictured back row left to right: Michaela Edmonston, Lola Gates, Landry Gates, Angel Kaur, Lucy Hawk, Anna Edgar, Sarah Corley, and Evie Edgar; front row left to right are Isabel Welch, Lola Williams, Baleigh Adams, Rebecca Warren, and Rachael Carpenter.



*Gluckstadt officer visits Girl Scouts*

Lt. Stephen Tucker with the Gluckstadt Police Department made a stop to provide safety tips in case of an emergency with Girl Scout Troop 4367 recently. Pictured, back row from left, are Lt. Tucker, Gracie Shaffer, Lanie Washington, Ella Burke Jones, Aubree Walker, Caleigha Thompson, Ann Lyles Gray, Addison Henrikson, Mary Elle Berry, Molly Grace Reiber (Front) Brantley Hamil, Aubri Devries, Laurel Hamil, Caylee Thompson, Briley Daniel, and Chancellor Caston.



*Canton church receives healthy living grant*

Priestley Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Canton received a grant from the Mississippi State Department of Health to implement healthy living activities for the congregation and the community. Priestley Chapel was one of fifty churches in Mississippi to receive funding from the Office of Health Equity. Pictured from left are Sylvester Jackson, Tiffany Jackson, Rochelle Thompson, Chariesse Bester, Sherlonda King, Romelle Britton, Katie Hamlin, Tona Powell, Doris Gilliam, and James Martin.



*NSDAR donates flag to Madison*

As part of the NSDAR Constitution Week Celebration, the Annandale Chapter, NSDAR donated an American Flag, which was flown at the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution's National Day of Service. The DAR was founded on October 11, 1890 in Washington, D.C. during a time that was marked by a revival in patriotism and an interest in the beginnings of the United States of America, therefore the date for our National Day of Service! There's nothing better than having a fun time and being of service to those who served our country! Pictured from left are Lynn Holliday, Myra Cook Annandale Chapter Regent, Amy Michaud, Mayor Mary Hawking-Butler, Liz Covington, and Beth Herring.



*Students receive NAARA Award*

Madison Central High School is proud to announce its recipients of the National African American Recognition Award (NAARA) for the 2023-2024 school year. Front row left to right are Nyla Wilson, Carrington Burke, and Nyja Wilson. Back row left to right are Jonathon Nondo, Ahmed Sall, and Umar Qureshi. This award is given for the student's strong academic performance in the classroom and on College Board assessments like the PSAT and Advanced Placement exams.



*NSDAR participates in Day of Service*

Annandale Chapter members went to the Jackson Veterans Home to play bingo and share cupcakes and snacks with our special veterans on Oct. 11, which is the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution's National Day of Service. The DAR was founded on October 11, 1890 in Washington, D.C. during a time that was marked by a revival in patriotism and an interest in the beginnings of the United States of America, therefore the date for our National Day of Service! There's nothing better than having a fun time and being of service to those who served our country! Pictured from left are Debbie Cannon, Margaret Collier, Tayla Davis and Yasma Clark with the VA Nursing Home, Beth Herring, and Amy Michaud.



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