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SUPERVISORS

Citizens threatened with removal

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Tensions erupted Tuesday over plans for a controversial Lake Caroline convenience store with the president of the Board of Supervisors threatening to remove residents.

The meeting room was once again packed with Lake

Caroline and other nearby residents as they continue to oppose the planned eight-pump Stribling Market developers have been seeking approval on for months.

A state ethics opinion, traffic study, and pavement investigation were all discussed and one supervisor recused himself and left the room.

Judith M. Fouladi, an attorney in opposition to the store and who has appeared before the board previously, began the meeting by pointing to an ethics opinion that requires supervisors to recuse themselves from all discussions involving a development in which a supervisor resides because of the possible effect on the value of the

property. District 4 Supervisor Karl Banks lives at Lake Caroline. Fouladi pointed to a recent motion by Banks to schedule a public hearing on Jan. 16, as a violation of the ethics opinion. "Mr. Banks should have recused himself," she said. She then passed around social media comments in

printout which she said showed Banks commenting on Facebook and Nextdoor about the proposed Lake Caroline store. "Who policies you but yourselves, other than your honor or sense of integrity," she said. "It was inappropriate for Mr. Banks not only to have brought motions but engage in discussions...on

anything related to Lake Caroline." Robert DeCoster, another Lake Caroline resident who has been actively challenging the development, then raised questions about a traffic study ordered by the county that was completed in October but released at the end of See BOARD, page A5

Supervisor questions attorney's contract

By MICHAEL SIMMONS msimmons@onlinemadison.com

Newly-seated District 1 Supervisor Casey Brannon came out swinging Tuesday against Board Attorney Mike Espy over concerns about billing and representation for the county.

Brannon initially tried to halt the appointment of Espy as board attorney by making a motion to issue a Request for Qualifications, but his effort failed in a 3-2 motion, with District 2 Supervisor Trey Baxter the other yes vote.

"We need to possibly put an RFQ out for our county attorney so that we can get the most qualified person in to do this, somebody who wants to be here," Brannon said.

After Espy's appointment, Brannon then requested the attorney's contract be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.

"This is not the best contract for the benefit of the county and the taxpayers and I would like for it to be tabled until the next meeting," he said.

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Teenagers injured in golf cart accident

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@onlinemadison.com

REUNION — One of several juveniles involved in a golf cart crash here last month suffered injuries requiring stitches, the authorities said.

Madison Police Lt. Micah Taylor said he could not comment further on the case due to the ages of those involved.

"The case is in the hands of a juvenile investigator who will refer all of the facts to youth court," Taylor said.

The incident occurred on Friday, Dec. 22, at about 5 p.m. near the intersection of Laird Avenue and Vick Drive in Reunion, according to Taylor.

The incident involved two golf carts and several juveniles, Taylor said.

"All juveniles involved suffered some sort of minor scrape mark and one juvenile required stitches from a local hospital," Taylor said.

He did not say how many individuals were involved.



Madison-Ridgeland Academy Head Football Coach Herbert Davis makes laps around the hospital after surgery.

MRA football coach among historic seven-way kidney swap at UMMC

By RACHEL VANDERFORD rvanderford@umc.edu

A series of kidney transplants at the University of Medical Center could be described as the work of a higher power, a twist of fate or a lucky chance from the perspectives of all involved but no matter the point of view, it's undeniable that 14 lives were changed over the course of four days. Two of those were from Madison.

This incredible story of hope began with one person.

Jennifer McCaffrey's desire to help a friend in need became an act of altruism that catalyzed the historic 7-way swap. When she found out that her friend needed a kidney transplant, McCaffrey of Raymond volunteered to be her donor. While she was a match for the recipient, she had to undergo additional screening to ensure her kidney was viable for operation. During that time, her friend was matched to another donor—but McCaffrey remained dedicated to donating.

"When they determined me to be an eligible donor, I felt like that was God's plan all along," McCaffrey said. "I was led down this path and if I could give my kidney to someone who needs it, that's what I was going to do."

It was because of McCaffrey's selfless decision that this miraculous series of transplants was made possible.

"Living donors—they're my

heroes," said Dr. Christopher Anderson, James D. Hardy professor and chair of the Department of Surgery. "It's a very selfless act. It's a gift that I can't imagine comparing to any other gift. What I have realized over my career is that a motivated live donor is a force to be reckoned with. They will modify their lifestyle, travel long distances if they need to."

Charting new territory

This expansive internal donor swap stands as one of the largest coordinated by a single center, demanding meticulous planning and coordination. While UMMC executed a two-way internal swap previously, this endeavor involved a more intricate web of logistics.

"It's resource intensive, but it proves we can do it," said Anderson. "I've been very impressed with not only our transplant team, but all of the teams that help us with transplant—our anesthesia team; our patient placement team, who governs the bed board and flow in and out of the hospital; our nursing teams. We ran an extra OR to get it done. Everyone involved came together to make sure this happened."

Donor swaps are most commonly done through agencies such as the National Kidney Registry, where participating centers will submit donor and recipient pairs, Anderson said. Occasionally, there will be instances where there are enough mismatched pairs within UMMC that some of them can swap with each other inter-

nally. As the medical director of kidney transplant, Dr. Pradeep Vaitla laid out the plan for the swap, drafting the pairs of compatible donors and recipients, planning all pre-donation testing and work up, assuring that each patient was ready for transplant.

"We have been very intentional and proactive in increasing living donor awareness," Vaitla said. "We conduct a monthly virtual event to provide living donor education. Our program prompted significant donor interest. However, in this case, not all donors were compatible with their intended recipients. Over the last year, we approved several living donors, but we could not find a matching pair."

Vaitla said that after continuously searching for approved donor and recipient pairs, the 7-way swap was made possible by a couple of altruistic donors who did not have a family member or friend receiving a kidney in exchange for their donation.

"So the way that it works, for example, is if I need a kidney transplant and I have a willing living donor, but they are incompatible with me for whatever reason that may be, there may be another donor and recipient pair that are also incompatible—but my donor may be compatible with another recipient and their donor may be compatible with me," explained Anderson.

Tackling renal disease Herbert Davis, head football

coach at Madison-Ridgeland Academy, has waited four years to receive a kidney transplant. Suffering from chronic kidney disease for nearly a decade, his health reached a critical point in August 2023 when he was hospitalized for 12 days for an infection that caused fluid to collect around his heart.

Known for his competitive drive and love of football, the Patriots coach hasn't let his health stand in the way of his dedication to his team. During his stay at UMMC, Davis missed the first and only two football games he's ever missed in his 30 years as a coach. But even while undergoing treatment in the hospital, he couldn't keep his head out of the game.

"I was calling some of the coaches on the sideline during the first game while they were stopped at half time," Davis recalled. "They did a great job and that really helped me. And it helped them grow, too. I'm blessed to have good coaches, but it was tough not being there."

As his health deteriorated, Davis balanced coaching with nightly four-hour home hemodialysis treatments, after returning home late from practice and waking up early the next morning. Thursdays, Davis said, were particularly difficult when the team had practice at 6:30 a.m.

Davis credits his family, especially his supportive wife, his coaching staff, and his faith for sustaining him

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# UMMC

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through some very difficult times.

“My family, my wife... she’s stayed up with me a lot of late nights,” Davis said. “I’ve been blessed by the Lord to be able to have energy to continue coaching and do what I enjoy doing. My coaching staff has also really helped me pull through. I work for some really good friends who are good, Christian people and they’ve understood what I needed in order to be successful.”

Davis said it was during those two weeks in the hospital that his story really began circulating on social media. “I think everyone realized, then, how serious it really was,” said Davis. “I really thought I was going to die.”

In his absence, the community championed to raise awareness about living donation—even inviting representatives from UMMC Transplant to set up an information booth at football games. The news about the beloved football coach travelled fast, leading to several individuals putting their names forward to donate a kidney.

“I think a lot of people put their name in to be a donor,” said Davis. “But it turned out that my match was right here in my own school.”

It was Leah Cox, the mother of one of Davis’ players, who turned out to be the missing piece in this extraordinary puzzle.

### Close-knit strangers

“We only joined the MRA family in August 2021, but it feels like everything has aligned like this for a reason,” Leah Cox said.

She and her husband, Jason, have three sons at the school—Jonas, Fletcher and Asher. Cox said it was her middle son, Fletcher, who first pushed to attend MRA. Fletcher, who is

now in tenth grade, has played football since his eighth grade year on the junior high team, but this was his first year playing for Coach Davis. His mom admits that even though she had seen the coach around, she had never had more than one conversation with him prior to this fall.

Cox said that she was unaware of the severity of Davis’ health problems when they got to MRA. “Someone told me when we were attending our first varsity football game after becoming Patriots that he was in need of a kidney and I just have had this feeling in my gut ever since,” she said. “It has always been in the back of my mind. He was doing well but you don’t realize how much work he had to do to be at the level of health that he was during that time.”

When Davis was hospitalized in August, the administrative staff at MRA informed the MRA families of the severity of the situation and asked for prayer for Coach Davis. The Cox family had recently read an article from Mississippi Scoreboard about one of their staff members’ lives being saved by organ donation over 10 years ago. Cox said that after reading of the status of Coach Davis’ health, and reading the Mississippi Scoreboard article, she and her husband thought “why not us?”

Because her husband works full time in his dentist practice, Cox said she had better availability of the two to go through the screening process. After getting in touch with Davis’ family, she was put in touch with Nikki Little, the living transplant coordinator at UMMC—who guided her through the process. Cox revealed that she had only come into the hospital a couple of times before she received a call saying that she was a



Donor, Leah Cox, poses with kidney recipient Jason Smith.

match to the coach.

In the months leading up to that moment, Cox said that she was never afraid. “I just felt complete peace,” she said. “I have a motto in life: follow the peace. So I was excited to get that phone call. I just went forward with it and trusted the process,” Cox said. “My husband and I are Spirit people, and we choose to follow His leading.”

Although she was a match for Davis, there was a larger plan coming together for the UMMC Transplant team. During a follow-up appointment, Cox found out that she had an additional recipient match.

“Dr. Vaitla told me there was a very large puzzle, but it

was missing a piece,” Cox said. “He said I was the missing puzzle piece of a large donor swap. If I chose to donate my kidney to the other match, all these people will also be able to receive a kidney. I was at a college tour with my oldest son, Jonas, earlier that day and I just kept praying that if this wasn’t my plan, to let me know—but I just kept getting signs that this was the plan all along.”

As a mom of three and designated holiday host for the family, Cox wanted to make a few phone calls before committing to moving forward. Her family, she said, was nothing but supportive.

“There was no question about it. It was the most peaceful decision I’ve ever had to make in my life,” she said. “It

shifted from ‘OMG we’re going forward with this’ to just being honored to have even been one part of it.”

“I think she really got a calling to try to help me get a kidney—even if it wasn’t going to be hers,” Davis said. “She’s kind of like an angel on Earth. She’s an unbelievable person.”

Cox states that the bow on top of the entire journey was when she found out who her surgeon was. Her car tag references Psalm 104:33 “I will sing praise to my God all the days of my life. I will sing praise to the Lord as long as I have breath.” Leah’s surgeon was Dr. Praise Matemavi, assistant professor of transplant surgery.

Instead of Davis, Cox’s kidney went to Jason Smith of Magee, who had waited two and a half years to receive a new kidney—since his first kidney transplant 25 years ago. “I found out about my donor through I guess what you’d call ‘the grapevine,’” Smith said.

The identity of organ donors is kept confidential—although, the donors have the choice to reveal themselves to recipients. As fate would have it, Smith’s niece, who works at MRA, is friends with Cox. After hearing that Cox would be donating her kidney on the same day her uncle was receiving one, the two worked out that her kidney was likely going to him.

An added confirmation for Cox as she moved toward surgery day was to find out that her recipient was married to a dental school classmate of her husband.

### From friends to family

Smith’s wife, Kimberly Smith, donated a kidney on behalf of her husband to James Windham, of Oxford, who, due to a genetic condition, was only born with one kidney.

The kidney has served Windham well, his wife Rose-

mary said. But he began experiencing some renal issues after developing diabetes. She said his health declined rather quickly and somewhat unexpectedly shortly after that.

“I think a lot of people don’t realize this is happening to them,” she said. “And then it’s at the door.”

On behalf of her husband, Rosemary Windham donated a kidney to Linda Boone of New Augusta.

“It didn’t bother me that it wasn’t going to be him that got my kidney,” Windham said. “God has a plan and I think things fall within God’s plan.”

The kidney transplant was Boone’s second at UMMC, after receiving a liver transplant in 2015.

Boone was able to meet her donor soon after receiving the new kidney. Grateful beyond words and eager to keep in touch, Boone’s husband, Christopher, asked Rosemary Windham to add him as a friend on Facebook. But when she typed in his name, she discovered that they were already friends.

“She works in real estate and he’s a land surveyor,” Boone explained. “Those kind of work hand-in-hand so they crossed paths at some point.”

### Life after donation

Procedures on this scale wouldn’t be possible without the benevolence of living donors.

“More than 60% of people with kidney failure needing dialysis do not make it to five years while a living donor transplant increases the survival to greater than 90% at five years,” said Vaitla.

It was because of each of the seven donors, that recipients and their families can begin a new journey.

“I think what a lot of people don’t realize is that kidney transplant lengthens the lives of people with end stage renal disease compared to being on dialysis,” Anderson said. “Every year you’re off dialysis with a transplant, you gain a survival benefit.”

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# Espy

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Board President Gerald Steen asked Brannon if he would expound on why he thought that way.

"During the prior administration, Mike Espy was paid over \$1 million," Brannon responded. "It's our responsibility to be good stewards of taxpayers' money."

"His billing is exorbitant," he continued. "I think we need to re-evaluate this contract."

Brannon also pointed to the fact that the contract was with Espy and his law firm and questioned whether or not the county was being "double billed" in some instances.

"We've already approved Mike," he said. "What I want to do is table this contract, maybe re-evaluate this contract, and make sure we are not being overbilled. I'm certain we can have a better contract to save the county money."

Brannon then took issue with Espy's performance as it relates to issues with the county, calling him a "black hole" where issues go to sit for long periods of time.

He said Espy doesn't ever "seem prepared for meetings, never has answers, and he always seems surprised."

He said issues always seem to be put off for the next meeting and questioned if that was a "billing tactic."

"I also happen to know from several good sources that Mr.

Espy does not reply and get back to people in a timely fashion," he continued. "Seems to be a black hole of things falling in his lap that never get done."

Brannon pointed to a specific issue at the playground at Madison Avenue Upper Elementary that went ignored for over a month.

"He's been approved, there's nothing I can do about that," he said. "There needs to be leverage in his contract to make sure the county is a priority for him."

Steen asked Espy if there was any rate change from the previous contract, to which Espy affirmed there were no changes.

According to the contract, Espy receives \$250 per hour as board attorney, attorneys with his firm receive \$150 per hour, and paralegals receive \$50 per hour.

From 2020-2024, Espy received a total of \$1,269,715.89 from the county. The yearly breakdown was as follows:

- 2020 — \$231,246
- 2021 — \$384,181.17
- 2022 — \$342,492.69
- 2023 — \$311,796.03

Espy had previously served as board attorney for Madison County from 2012 to 2016 before he was replaced by Katie Bryant Snell.

During that four-year term, Espy charged the county \$195 per hour, and in 2015 billed the

county approximately \$380,000 for legal work.

Snell, who served as board attorney from 2016-2020, had an hourly rate of \$140 per hour, and once she had made \$150,000, her hourly rate was reduced to \$100 per hour.

The Journal has since asked the county for a list of payments made to Snell during her tenure, as well as payments made to outside counsel, in addition to payments made to outside counsel during Espy's most recent term.

District 5 Supervisor Paul Griffin later made a motion to approve the contract as-is, telling Brannon that Espy puts in a lot of hours with the county.

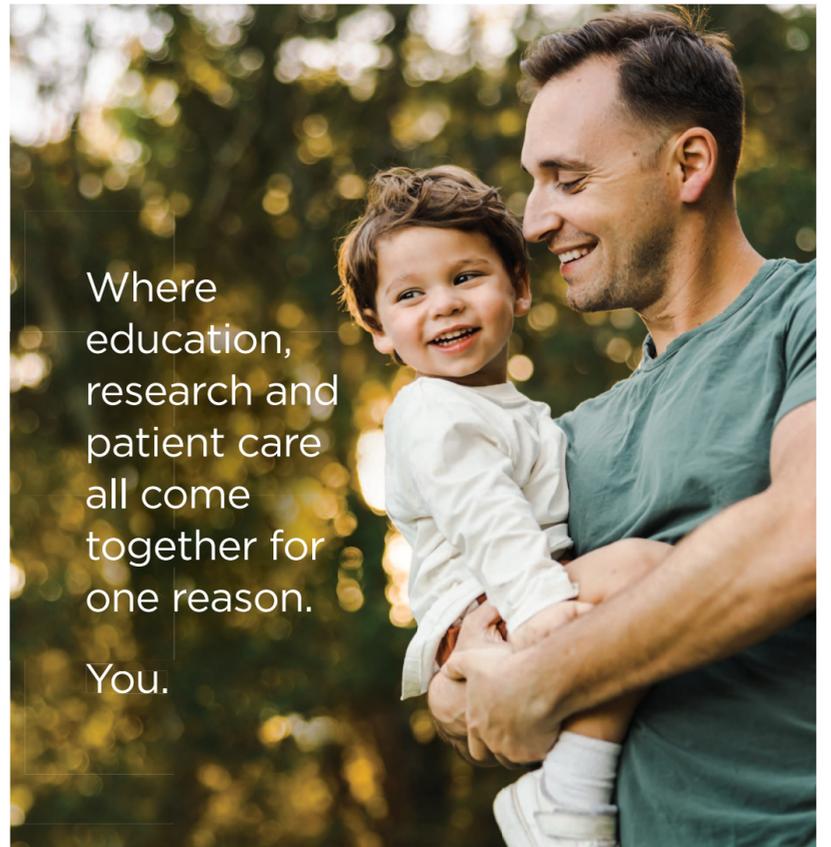
Steen then defended Espy as well, saying a lot is going on in the county, including several lawsuits.

"It costs to do that type of business," he said. "There's something going on every day."

He said the \$250 per hour is not a lot for being an attorney.

"That's very reasonable," he said. "And Mike gives the supervisors the information, all of us. He's an attorney for all supervisors."

Steen, Griffin, and District 4 Supervisor Karl Banks ultimately approved Espy's contract, with Brannon and Baxter voting against it.



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## Biden's impeachment defense

President Biden's defenders have their work cut out for them.

Three House committees have thus far turned up bank records suggesting millions in foreign cash flowed into shell companies associated with Biden family members. At least \$240,000 in checks drawn from family accounts found their way into Mr. Biden's pocket.

Rep. Jamie Raskin of Maryland, ranking Democrat on the House Oversight Committee, sees no misconduct at all. "The price of this stupidity," Mr. Raskin said in a statement earlier in the month, "is huge constitutional damage as Republicans try to turn the extraordinary device of impeachment into a meaningless political event."

Even Republicans like Sen. Markwayne Mullin of Oklahoma oppose the effort, saying Mr. Biden's conduct occurred before he was president, and an offense "has to be committed while he was in office" to be impeachable.

It is true that Andrew Johnson, Bill Clinton and Donald Trump were all impeached for actions they took while serving as president, but the story does not end there. A more complete recounting of the precedent tells of a pair of federal judges who were ousted for offenses they committed before taking office.

In 1912, the House impeached 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Robert W. Archbald on 13 articles related to his use of office to acquire business favors from litigants, including actions he took as a circuit judge and judge for the U.S. Middle District of Pennsylvania. The Senate convicted and removed him on five of the counts, including offenses committed during his district judgeship.

Almost 100 years later, the House

impeached and the Senate removed U.S. District Judge Thomas Porteous of the Eastern District of Louisiana for receiving things of value from attorneys with cases he was presiding over — including payoffs accepted while he was a Louisiana state court judge. The fourth impeachment article against Porteous said he made false statements to the Senate and FBI in connection with his nomination and confirmation.

A key part of the Porteous defense in the Senate trial was that conduct that predated his time as a federal judge couldn't be impeachable.

Senate Democrats didn't buy this argument. Then-Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy of Vermont told his colleagues he rejected "any notion of impeachment immunity [for pre-federal behavior] if misconduct was hidden, or otherwise went undiscovered during the confirmation process, and it is relevant to a judge's ability to serve as an impartial arbiter."

A little over a decade later, Mr. Leahy presided over the second Trump impeachment trial in 2021 after Chief Justice John Roberts made clear he wasn't interested in participating — the Constitution requires the chief justice to preside only over the trial of a sitting president.

The bar for impeachment is lower — as it perhaps should be — for appointed judges than for an elected president. Now that the House is weighing the potential of impeaching Mr. Biden, it's worth debating whether actions taken prior to the presidency are relevant — so long as the president's defenders don't try to get away with claiming doing so would be "unprecedented."

— *The Washington Times*

## Blue state influence wanes

More people than ever are calling the United States home. That's because America remains an exceptional place — the shining city on a hill.

The Census Bureau says the population expanded by 1.6 million in 2023, attributing the difference to a welcome downturn in mortality and return to normalcy following the COVID-19 scare.

The resurgence is centered in the South in what the government agency euphemistically calls "net domestic migration." That's their phrase for blue state residents so uncomfortable with burden of high taxation, high crime and lockdowns that they packed their belongings and headed for greener pastures.

In 9 out of 10 cases, blue state refugees were drawn to the greater economic and personal freedoms on offer in the states led by Republican governors or legislatures. Often, it's the best educated and wealthiest making the move.

In percentage terms, the biggest winners last year were South Carolina, Florida, Texas, Idaho and North Carolina. The biggest net losers have been Massachusetts, New Jersey, Illinois, New York and California. The Committee to Unleash Prosperity tallied the figures and found that 6 million Americans have traded the blue state lifestyle for red states since 2011.

The political consequences are significant. Control of Congress rests on razor-thin margins. Just four seats in the House keep the speaker's gavel in the hands of Rep. Mike Johnson, Louisiana Republican, rather than those of Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, New York Democrat.

In 2020, reapportionment gave Texas

two more seats in Congress, while Florida and North Carolina each added a representative to their delegation. These changes came at the expense of California, New York and Illinois.

As long as one the blue states continue their tax-and-spend ways, their influence will wane at the federal level. When congressional districts are redrawn once again for the 2030 Census, expect a further reduction in blue state influence.

It's no accident that the ideas of faith, family and freedom will win in the long term. Nihilistic, big-government policies are unsustainable and ultimately self-destructive. They're losers by definition.

While it's easy to become discouraged each time someone with bad ideas takes office, it's only temporary. Overall, we've done pretty well for a nation that will celebrate its 250th birthday, or semiquincentennial, two years from now.

We've had the choice of altering our national course every four years since 1788. We're blessed with that same opportunity once again this November. Americans can choose to promote prosperity and enhance respect for our republic on the world stage. We can choose to secure our borders and walk the streets without fear.

As President Ronald Reagan once explained, "there was some divine plan that placed this great continent between two oceans to be sought out by those who were possessed of an abiding love of freedom and a special kind of courage." America remains that nation.

The votes that really matter, the votes people cast with their feet, are the reason to be optimistic about better days ahead.

— *The Washington Times*

### CAL THOMAS

## Looking back, looking forward

At the end of the year, we hear predictions about the future, many of which have been proven wrong — from the end of the world due to climate change, to the telephone is just a toy. (There is a story, probably apocryphal, that in 1876, the President of Western Union, William Orton, dismissed phones as a "toy" when Alexander Graham Bell offered to sell him the patent for \$100,000).

The past is a better teacher if we will pay attention to successes and mistakes that we might avoid one and embrace the other.

A hundred years ago, the '20s were roaring and President Calvin Coolidge did things the current president and Congress would do well to emulate. Coolidge won a landslide victory running on a platform of limited government, reduced taxes, and less regulation. He followed through on all three, creating an economic boom. (Where have you gone, Silent Cal, our nation turns its lonely eyes to you).

Coolidge also signed an immigration law that regulated the number of foreigners who could come to America. Asian people were especially targeted, but one must understand the challenges of the time which involved civil war in China and growing unrest in Japan. According to *Densho Encyclopedia*, the announced motivation of the legislation was the "widespread fear of radicalism that contributed to anti-foreign sentiment and exclusionist demands. Supporters of immigration legislation stressed recurring themes: Anglo-Saxon superiority and foreigners as threats to jobs and

*As with any other year, 1924 contained the good, the bad and the ugly, but it also contained lessons we should learn, because we sometimes repeat too many of the bad ones.*

wages." Sound familiar?

A lot happened in 1924.

Vladimir Lenin died at 53 from a stroke. Lenin's body was embalmed and put on display in Red Square for public viewing. He seems to have been reincarnated as Vladimir Putin.

Adolf Hitler is sentenced to five years in prison for his role in the Beer Hall Putsch. He is released after just nine months, but uses his time while incarcerated to write "Mein Kampf," which, among other things, describes how he became antisemitic. His poison still infects us.

J. Edgar Hoover is named head of the FBI.

George H.W. Bush was born in Milton, Massachusetts. Woodrow Wilson dies.

Jimmy Carter was born in Plains, Georgia.

Actor Marlon Brando, who would change the way many actors performed, was born in Omaha, Nebraska.

Also born this year is American novelist and playwright James Baldwin in Harlem, New York, as is Truman Capote.

The comic strip "Little Orphan Annie" debuts in the *New York Daily News*. In the 1970s it would become a hit

musical on Broadway and a movie.

The first newsreel pictures of American presidential candidates are taken, forecasting the age of television and its use during election campaigns.

The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is held in New York.

In sports, Dallas Cowboys head coach Tom Landry was born, and the Washington Senators won their first World Series. It would be 95 years until they win another one under a different name (Washington Nationals).

Johnny Weissmuller sets the 100-meter world freestyle record at 57.4 seconds. His fame would increase when he played Tarzan in the movies.

Carol Taylor invents the ice cream cone rolling machine. Yum.

The first crossword puzzle is published, offering distractions from daily concerns to millions of people over several generations.

At the end of 1924, Judy Garland made her acting debut as a 2-1/2-year-old.

As with any other year, 1924 contained the good, the bad and the ugly, but it also contained lessons we should learn, because we sometimes repeat too many of the bad ones.

May those good lessons lead us to a happier, peaceful and prosperous 2024.

*Readers may email Cal Thomas at tcaeditors@tribpub.com. Look for Cal Thomas' latest book "A Waichman in the Night: What I've Seen Over 50 Years Reporting on America" (HumanixBooks).*

### CHARLES HURT

## Zombie apocalypse vs. MAGA, part II

Hell hath no fury like a Democrat scorned.

Long bankrupt of a hopeful vision for America or any productive ideas, Democratic politicians in Washington are left selling nothing but fear and vindictiveness.

That's why President Biden is tapping Hillary Clinton to help him in his doomed reelection campaign. Nothing says "hope" and "change" like Hillary Clinton, queen of the zombie apocalypse. No matter how many stakes American voters drive into her political heart, she keeps charging back with crazed eyes and flashing fangs.

Hillary Clinton gives nightmares nightmares.

Now Democrats are freaking out because former and future President Donald Trump is vowing to be "your retribution."

Seriously? These are the people who put their political enemies in actual, real-life jail for trespassing through the Capitol. And they are upset that Donald Trump vows to be the "retribution" of the people? Against the overreach of government?

And their immediate solution to this threat of "retribution" is to hurry up and put Mr. Trump in actual, real-life jail? Amazing.

As always, the problem with Donald Trump in this broken world is not that he is a narcissist or a fabulist or says mean things about political opponents. It's that he does it openly, without apology, and so much more effectively than all the politicians in Washington who have been doing the exact same thing for decades.

He's a narcissist! Really? Have you ever met a politician?

*Long bankrupt of a hopeful vision for America or any productive ideas, Democrat politicians in Washington are left selling nothing but fear and vindictiveness.*

And they just kicked George Santos out of Congress for being a liar and a thief. If that is the new standard, Washington is going to turn into a ghost town.

Hello, tumbleweeds. There will be nobody left in the nation's capital for armed 13-year-olds to carjack.

The media in particular have been apoplectic over Mr. Trump's vowed retribution. Yet they report not a word about Mr. Biden's Department of Justice locking up Trump supporters for trespassing inside the Capitol instead of teenagers carjacking innocent citizens driving the streets of D.C.

As the reality of a Trump return to the White House settles into the minds of people around here, they have agreed upon their new line of attack. Mr. Trump is a threat to democracy who will rule as a dictator and throw his enemies in jail.

Forget for the moment how uninspiring this line of attack is and forget for the moment that it is Democrats who are doing the very thing they are warning that Mr. Trump will do.

This line of attack is most obviously absurd because voters already know exactly how Mr. Trump will behave if he

gets into the White House: exactly as he behaved the last time he was in the White House.

Let us, for the moment, consider the case of Hillary Clinton, queen of the zombie apocalypse.

During the 2016 campaign, Mr. Trump said Mrs. Clinton belonged in jail for her nefarious deeds spanning a long, corrupt political career. He said publicly that if it were up to him, she would be jailed. And during massive campaign rallies, Mr. Trump savored thunderous chants to "lock her up" from his supporters.

Being merely a candidate for president of the United States, however, Mr. Trump did not jail Mrs. Clinton. He did not have the authority.

In that election, voters drove the biggest stake into Mrs. Clinton's political heart. Mr. Trump became president.

As president, Mr. Trump may have had the raw power to jail Mrs. Clinton and his other political enemies. But he wisely understood that it would be reckless political persecution. It would destroy the country.

So, Mr. Trump did not lock up Hillary Clinton.

Everything Mr. Trump touches turns to gold, including the toilet on his Boeing 757. He has excelled at real estate, celebrity self-promotion, reality television, golf, parenting and presidential politics.

Finally, we have found something the former and future president is not very good at: being a dictator.

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### BIBLE SELECTION

he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

— **Luke 2:28-32 (ESV)**

# Gluckstadt police arrest 1 in theft at auto dealership

By STAFF REPORTS  
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GLUCKSTADT — A Yazoo City man has been charged with grand larceny after a new Camaro was driven off the lot after hours at Mac Haik Chevrolet here in early December.

The man, Ricardo Lamonte Jones, 21, of Yazoo City was charged with grand larceny and remains in jail on a \$35,000 bond, according to Gluckstadt

Police Chief Barry Hale.

Jones and three others are believed to be involved in the auto theft. Jones was arrested in Flowood following a high-speed chase there.

A juvenile involved in the chase and possibly connected to the stolen vehicle was able to elude capture by Flowood Police, according to Hale.

“Charges will be forthcoming when the other two suspects are released from Rankin County,” Hale said.

Hale said he has no further information about the incident in Flowood and noted that the suspects face charges in multiple jurisdictions.

On Dec. 03, 2023, a blue Chevrolet Camaro SS was stolen from Mac Haik Chevrolet after hours at the dealership off of Autobahn Loop in Gluckstadt.

They are all suspected of being involved in several other auto thefts in the metro area, according to Hale.

# No suspects in Canton murder

By DUNCAN DENT  
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CANTON — The body of a man with a gunshot wound who was dumped out of a vehicle here on Christmas Eve remains under investigation.

The victim has been identified as 32-year-old Levor Taylor.

“This is an ongoing investigation,” Canton Police Chief

Otha Brown said.

Brown said Taylor’s body was discovered at about 2:15 p.m. on Dec. 24 near the corner of West Dinkins Street and Jewell Williams Boulevard.

He said police were responding to a call reporting a body had been dumped at that location.

The investigation showed the victim had a single gunshot wound that went through his

left side with an exit wound through his chest.

As of Wednesday, Brown said there are no suspects and they don’t have a vehicle description.

Anyone with information about this or any other potential crime is encouraged to call the Canton Police Department or Central Mississippi Crime Stoppers at (601) 355-8477.

# Jackson man suspected in car burglaries

By STAFF REPORTS  
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RIDGELAND — A Jackson man has been arrested after he fled authorities on foot with a stolen rifle last month.

The man, Quatyn Tschajwn Hill, 27, of Jackson, was arrested and charged with two counts of burglary, fleeing law enforcement, two counts of felony carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a stolen firearm, credit card fraud, and failure to comply with a request from a law enforcement officer, the authorities said.

Hill is currently being held at the Madison County Detention Center pending an initial court appearance.

Hill is believed to be con-

nected to several auto burglaries being investigated by Ridgeland Police “over the last few weeks,” according to a statement from Ridgeland Police. Firearms, credit cards, and other personal property were among the items reported taken, the statement said.

“Hill’s actions put himself, our officers, and the general public in danger,” the statement said in part. “The Ridgeland Police Department is grateful that this situation was resolved without serious injury to anyone involved.”

On Saturday, Dec. 21, investigators observed Hill traveling in a suspicious vehicle which was later parked at Staybridge Suites, 801 Ridgewood Road. As they attempted to make contact with Hill, he

fled on foot.

Officers pursued Hill, who ran away carrying an AR-15 pattern rifle. During the chase, Hill tripped and dropped the rifle, at which point he was taken into custody by RPD officers.

A bystander who saw the commotion assisted officers in detaining Hill, who continued to be combative.

Hill was placed into custody without further incident, according to the RPD statement.

The rifle he carried was stolen in a recent string of burglaries. Numerous other stolen items were also collected at the scene, RPD said.

## OBITUARIES

### KaTrina Smith

KaTrina Smith, 54 of Madison, Mississippi passed away on December 29, 2023.

Trina was born in Alexandria, Virginia on August 19, 1969 to Don and Joyce Fenton. She received her Associates degree in early childhood education from Wake Technical Community College.

Trina married the love of her life Kyle Smith on June 2, 1990. They have two sons, Nathan Smith (J’Lissia), Nick,

who predeceased her in April of 2022, and their daughter Ashlyn.

Trina worked for Madison Station Elementary School, as a teacher’s assistant and in the front office. She was a member of the Madison Church of Christ.

Trina is survived by her husband Kyle Smith, children Nathan Smith (J’Lissia) and Ashlyn Smith, Karen



KaTrina Smith

Chauvaux, sister, Kirby Smith, Keith Smith, brothers in law and Kelly Akin (Dave) sister-in-law.

Funeral services will be held at Madison Church of Christ on Saturday, January 6, 2024. Visitation will begin promptly at 10:00 am followed by the funeral service beginning at 12:00 pm.

## BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

# The great commission

If you have your Bibles I’d invite you to turn with me to Matthew chapter 28 verses 16 – 20. We finally come to the end of our study in the gospel of Matthew. We’re going to look at two parts in this passage. In verses 16 and 17 we are going to see the mission to the Gentiles, the weakness of the disciples, and the worship of Christ. In verses 18 – 20 we’re going to see Jesus declaring His authority, Jesus giving a command, and Jesus issuing a comforting encouragement and promise to the disciples.

### I. Mission, Weakness, and Worship

And verses 16 and 17 emphasize the mission to the Gentiles, the weakness of the disciples, and the worship of Christ.

Look at the first part of verse 16. There we’re told that the eleven disciples obediently made their way to Galilee. It was where their ministry had begun in Galilee of the Gentiles, and by calling them back to Galilee I want to suggest to you that even in that action, Jesus is emphasizing the worldwide mission that He is calling them to. He is calling them to a mission to the Gentiles. They’re not simply to minister to the Jews. He is inaugurating an explicitly worldwide mission, as we’ll see especially in verse 19. And so Matthew is emphasizing for us here the Gentile mission, even in this last picture that he gives of the church.

And then if you look at the end of verse 17, you see Matthew tell you something astonishing. We were not expecting to hear that some were doubting. Now why in the world does Matthew tell you that? He is telling us this in order to indicate the weakness of the disciples. They continue to struggle in their quest to believe and understand by their own effort. And it reminds us that the commission which Jesus gives in this passage cannot be done in human strength. It must be done wholly and only in the strength of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lastly, this section speaks to the issue of worship. Worship clearly for Matthew is at the very center of what discipleship entails. To be a disciple is first and foremost to worship the Lord God through Jesus Christ above all else with every fiber of our being. Not just one hour or one day of the week, but every day of the week,

every waking hour with all that we are and have. When you have experienced the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, you cannot help but give yourself to Him in worship. That’s what His disciples did. And it’s so poignant that we so rarely worship in our day and age. And so I would suggest to you that gospel of Matthew is for us. And that’s what we see in this first section of the great commission, Matthew giving us a picture emphasizing the Gentile mission, emphasizing the weakness of the disciples, and emphasizing the worship of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### II. Claim, Command, and Comfort

I’d like you to look at verses 18 – 20. And I want to suggest to you that the whole mission of the church is based upon Jesus’ claim here, Jesus’ commands here, and Jesus’ comfort here.

At the end of verse 18 you see the claim that He makes. I want you to stop and I want you to think of the radical nature of this claim. It is an astounding claim that He makes. He says, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and earth.” The implications of that are staggering. The Lord Jesus is saying to His disciples, “All authority belongs to Me.” And it’s so important that these disciples understand that because He is about to ask these eleven trembling men to become the foundation of a world-wide movement that will end up in causing the nations to bow the knee before Him and to profess Him as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. And so, there’s this astounding claim. That’s the first thing we see.

And then there is this command. And I want you to notice the focus of the command. The one imperative in this passage is to make disciples. The going, baptizing, and teaching are how you make disciples. The imperative is what Jesus wants the church to do until He comes again: Make disciples. He doesn’t say, “Go build up the rolls of your church. Go get as many names on it as possible. He doesn’t say, “Go out and get as many people to ascent to the gospel as you can.” He doesn’t say, “Go out and get people to pray a prayer. Or go out and get people to sign a card.” No, he says, “Make disciples. I don’t want people who will merely mouth a few words.

I want people who will be followers of Me. I want people who are consumed with the desire to do the will of my Father, just like I’m consumed with the desire to do the will of My Heavenly Father.” You see one of our problems in evangelism and missions is we stop short of the goal that Christ has given in the great commission. We’re satisfied when somebody makes a profession of faith. Jesus is not. He wants disciples, not just people who make professions of faith. Disciples of Christ. Why? Because missions is a means to an end. What’s our great end in life? To glorify God and enjoy Him forever. To worship Him. You can only worship God if you’re a disciple. And, therefore, because we want everybody to worship God and everybody to be caught up in the eternal worship of heaven forever and ever, we want them to be disciples. And so we go to the ends of the earth to disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And then Jesus comes to the comfort. He says to them, “I am with you the whole of everyday, all the days, until My coming again.” The Lord Jesus Christ’s promise of His presence is designed to comfort His disciples. And I can’t imagine more comforting words than that, especially in light of the commission that He has given to them. And I wonder if the reason that we don’t often sense that presence is because our hearts are not where His is. Do we have a heart to disciple the nations? Are we ready to go to people who are not like us to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ? Are our lives caught up in that? Are we wholly invested? In Christian discipleship, all of your hope is vested in the company of the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. Maybe we would experience more of the presence of Christ if our hearts were more there in the company of His kingdom. May God enable us to realize the radical implications of the great commission, and may those radical implications transform the evangelical church today.

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# Board

Continued from page A1

December.

DeCoster asked why there was a two-month lag between the completion of the report and releasing it to the public.

He accused the board of trying to bury the report at a time when nobody was paying attention.

He then said a pavement study ordered by the county was so technical the public hasn’t had an opportunity to digest it.

“A lot of this is being done in the dark of the night or not very transparent,” he said. “Transparency should be something very important to this board.”

DeCoster said the public is “no longer asleep” and they are prepared to continue to fight. He asked repeatedly for the board to hold a public discussion about the different reports.

“We’re waking up and we want answers,” he said.

Supervisors didn’t engage during the public comments section but later in the meeting discussed the traffic study and pavement report, which resulted in outbursts from the audience.

Banks began by explaining when he voted for the traffic study, it wasn’t a study to decide whether a gas station was viable for the area, but to figure out how to

solve the traffic problem.

In July, Banks requested the traffic study for all of Stribling Road, at the time saying there was a traffic problem with 55 acres of commercial property currently undeveloped.

“The county must do a traffic study — period,” he said back in the summer. “We have 55 acres of commercial property there to be developed. We have a traffic issue that has been growing for the last 10 years, getting worse and worse.”

He reiterated those comments on Tuesday, saying he never asked for a Lake Caroline gas station traffic study.

“The traffic is a problem,” he said. “If you’re going to tie the traffic study to Lake Caroline then I need to leave. If the traffic study is for traffic then I need to hear what needs to be done to solve the traffic problem.”

Board President Gerald Steen then defended Banks, saying he didn’t consider the traffic study to be a Lake Caroline study either, which caused a mild uproar in the audience.

Fouladi began making statements in the crowd before Steen hammered the gavel and told her to be quiet. He then asked Sheriff Randy Tucker to escort her from the room.

“Mam, you have to quiet down or I’ll clear the room,” Tucker interjected, causing more tension in the crowd, with District 5 Supervisor Paul Griffin then saying to

Tucker, “Hope you have some room in that jail.”

County Engineer Tim Bryan then told supervisors that Stribling Road, which was the focus of the traffic study, was not part of Lake Caroline.

“Does it help Lake Caroline, absolutely,” Bryan said. “It is a collector road outside Lake Caroline and that is what we were looking at.”

Despite the back and forth, Banks ultimately recused himself and left the room.

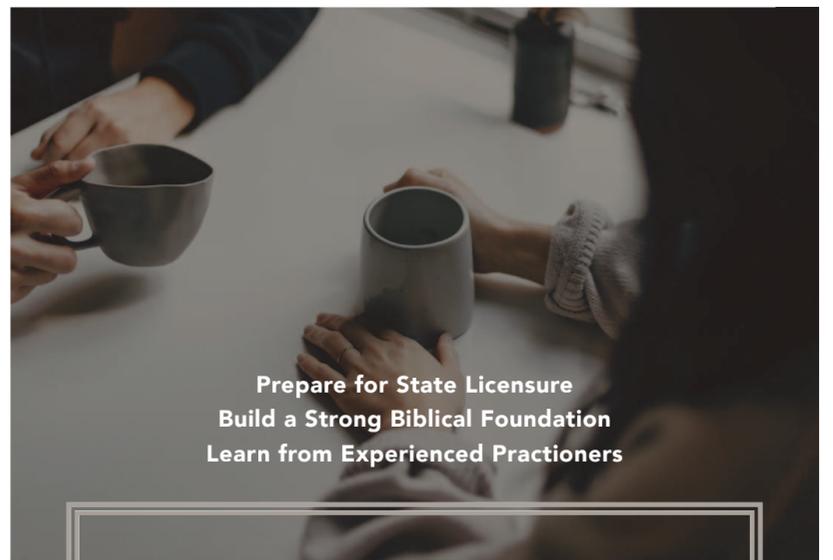
“I’ll look at (the traffic study) at a later date,” Banks said. “I think it would make them more comfortable if I’m not there. I’ll leave, that’s fine.”

Banks left the room and supervisors were then presented with the traffic study, which was ultimately tabled to remove certain zoning language, as well as a pavement report.

The traffic report revealed that traffic on Stribling Road is already over capacity by 100 to 200 cars per hour.

The pavement report indicated the road would hold up with an increase in everything from passenger cars to semi-trucks.

A public hearing is planned for Jan. 16 to address a zoning classification and commercial definition for the property in question located on the corner of Stribling Road and Caroline Boulevard where developers plan to put Stribling Market.



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# SWEARING-IN CEREMONY



District 1 Supervisor Casey Brannon is sworn into his first term as county supervisor with the help of his daughter, Sawyer Kate Brannon.



Members of the judiciary representing Madison County were on-hand to swear in elected officials on Dec. 27. Pictured, from left are Chancery Judge Robert G. Clark III, Circuit Judge Steve Ratcliff, Circuit Judge Dewey Arthur, Justice Court Judge Marsha Weems Stacey, Justice Court Judge Martina Griffin, Canton Municipal Judge Kamesha Mumford, Circuit Judge Bradley Mills, Justice Court Judge Bruce McKinley and Justice Court Judge Lloyd Spivey III.

## Public Notices

### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

**IN RE: DANA MOHAMED AHMED HUSSEIN, A MINOR**  
**CAUSE NO.: 2023-1348 W**  
**SONYA ALAMMARY, PETITIONER**

#### RULE 81 SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

**TO: MOHAMED AHMED HUSSEIN GHONEIM**  
**WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN**

#### 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 **9:00 AM on the 30th day of January 2024** at the courthouse at the **Chancery Court of Madison County**, located at **146 W Center Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046, USA** 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 18th day of December, 2023.

Ronny Lott  
Chancery Clerk,  
Madison County, Mississippi

Substituted Trustee's Notice Of Sale  
Whereas, on 10/4/2019, Chrishoner M Singleton single woman, executed a certain deed of trust to Terry L Caves, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for The First - a National Banking Association, its successors and assigns, which Deed of Trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, State of Mississippi as Instrument No 877356, Book 3774, Page 131; and Whereas, said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned Freedom Mortgage Corporation and recorded 12/2/2022 as Instrument No. 973100, Book T - 4282, Page 839; and Whereas, Freedom Mortgage Corporation has heretofore substituted Nestor Solutions, LLC, as Trustee by Instrument recorded on 12/20/2023 in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office as Instrument No. 996351, Book 4396, Page 359 and Whereas, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, Freedom Mortgage Corporation, the legal holder of said indebtedness, 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 and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale. Now, Therefore, Nestor Solutions, LLC, Substituted Trustee in said Deed of Trust, will on 2/1/2024 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the County Courthouse of Madison County, Mississippi, located at South Door of the Madison County Courthouse, 128 West North Street, Canton, MS 39046, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Madison County, State of Mississippi, to-wit: Lot 21, White Oak, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the Chancery Clerk of Madison County at Canton, Mississippi in Plat Cabinet F at Slide 17A and 17B, reference to which is hereby made. I Will Convey only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee. Witness My Signature on this 26 day of December, 2023. /s/ Paul Khamsook, its Sr. Trustee Sale Officer Nestor Solutions, LLC, Substituted Trustee 214 5th Street, Suite 205 Huntington Beach, CA 92648 Publication Dates: 1/4/2024 1/11/2024 1/18/2024 1/25/2024

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2005 FORD FOCUS, VIN # 1FAPP34N95W144346, \$2824.80, and a 2003 ACURA TL, VIN # 19UUA56613A010978, \$2782.00. Public sale of these abandoned/un-

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claimed vehicles and their contents will be held on Friday January 5, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at Gilmore Towing & Recovery, 124 E. State Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF MADISON

**IN RE: JANA BRUCE HOOPS, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE MILTON H. AND DAPHNE M. BRUCE REVOCABLE TRUST, DATED OCTOBER 25, 2001, AS AMENDED**

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PURSUANT TO MISS. CODE ANN. SECTION 91-8-504, and other applicable rules, notice is hereby given to all persons or parties having claims against Jana Bruce Hoops, Successor Trustee of the Milton H. and Daphne M. Bruce Revocable Trust dated October 25, 2001, as amended. Said Daphne M. Bruce was an adult resident citizen of Madison County, MS, owning real property in Claiborne County, MS, who departed this life on October 8, 2023. Daphne M. Bruce's said husband, Milton H. Bruce predeceased said Daphne M. Bruce. The failure to present any such claims to the Successor Trustee, whose address is 647 Highleadow Drive, Madison, MS 39110, in writing within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice shall forever bar the claim and any person from asserting or recovering on the claim from the Trustee, the Trust property, or the beneficiaries of the Trust. The 4th day of December, 2023.

**S/JANA BRUCE HOOPS**  
**JANA BRUCE HOOPS, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE**  
**OF THE MILTON H. AND DAPHNE M. BRUCE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED OCTOBER 25, 2001, AS AMENDED**

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#### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES JOSEPH FOUGEROUSSE, DECEASED**  
**C.A. NO. 2023-711 B**

#### SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
**TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF JAMES JOSEPH FOUGEROUSSE**  
**YOU HAVE BEEN MADE A DEFENDANT IN THE SUIT FILED**  
**IN THIS COURT BY JOHN PAUL FOUGEROUSSE, THE DULY APPOINTED ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES JOSEPH FOUGEROUSSE, DECEASED, SEEKING A DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP OF JAMES JOSEPH FOUGEROUSSE.**  
You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Determine Heirship (MEC #13) filed against you in this action at 9 a.m. on the 26th day of January, 2024, before the Honorable Cynthia Brewer of the Chancery Court of Madison County, 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 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 14th day of December, 2023.**

Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk  
Madison County, Mississippi  
*/s/ Kim Sievers, D.C.*

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**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY**  
**ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**IN THE INTEREST OF R.N., A MINOR CHILD**  
**CAUSE NO. 23-450 (C)**  
**SARAH HARVEY**

## Public Notices

### PETITIONER

#### SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
**TO: JACOB NORMAN**

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Sarah Harvey, Petitioner, seeking the appointment of a guardian for the minor identified in the Petition. There are no defendants or respondents in this action other than you.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 14th day of February, 2024, in the courtroom of Judge Robert G. Clark, III in the Madison County Chancery Court in Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment may be entered against you for the things demanded in the Petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 14 day of December, 2023.

Ronnie Lott  
Chancery Clerk of Madison County

(Seal)

#### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

**SCOTT GREGORY STIFFLER**  
**PLAINTIFF**  
**VS.**  
**CAUSE NO. 2018-811-C**  
**ELIZABETH ST. CLAIR STIFFLER**  
**DEFENDANT**

#### SUMMONS (Rule 81)

**To: SCOTT G. STIFFLER**  
**Wherever He May Be Found**

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT**  
**THE COMPLAINT, PETITION, OR MOTION WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS (INCLUDING THE CORRECTED SECOND AMENDED MOTION FOR CITATION FOR CONTEMPT F ILED ON NOVEMBER 8, 2023 [MEC# 135], AND ELIZABETH'S PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF CHILD VISITATION AND FOR OTHER RELIEF AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED HEARING OF ALL TIME SENSITIVE MATTERS FILED APRIL 28, 2023 [MEC #123] IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.**  
You are summoned to appear and defend against said Complaint/Petition/Motion at **1:30 p.m. on the 25th day of January, 2024**, in the courtroom of the Holmes County Chancery Court in Lexington, 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 9th day of November, 2023.  
**RONNY LOTT, MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK**

By:  
Kim Sievers  
(Seal)  
**DEPUTY CLERK**

#### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY

**ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**IN THE INTEREST OF K.N., A MINOR CHILD**  
**CAUSE NO. 23-449 (C)**  
**SARAH HARVEY**  
**PETITIONER**

#### SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
**TO: JACOB NORMAN**

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Sarah Harvey, Petitioner, seeking the appointment of a guardian for the minor identified in the Petition. There are no defendants or respondents in this action other than you.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 14th day of February, 2024, in the courtroom of Judge Robert G. Clark, III in the Madison County Chancery

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Court in Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment may be entered against you for the things demanded in the Petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 14 day of December, 2023.

Ronnie Lott  
Chancery Clerk of Madison County

(Seal)

#### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

**RICHARD WILBOURN III**  
**PLAINTIFF**  
**VS.**  
**CAUSE NO. 2006-951 (B)**  
**VICTORIA WILBOURN**  
**DEFENDANT**  
**RULE 81 SUMMONS**  
**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF MADISON

TO:

VICTORIA WILBOURN

#### NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Plaintiff Richard Wilbourn III seeking modification of custody and child support and asking the Court to find you in contempt.  
You are summoned to appear and defend said complaint or petition at 9:00 a.m. on the 9th day of February, 2024, in the courtroom of the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi before the Honorable Cynthia Brewer located in Canton, Mississippi and in case of your failure to appear, 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 20th day of December, 2023.

**RONNY LOTT**  
**CLERK OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

Prepared By:  
Matt A. Baldridge (MSB #: 102636)  
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#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**INTEGRATED MOSQUITO MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**  
**FOR THE CITY OF RIDGELAND**  
Sealed Proposals are invited and will be received by the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, (herein after known as "City"), in the Office of Public Works, located at City Hall 100 West School Street, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157.

To be considered, the Request for Proposals Response must respond to all requirements listed within the RFP Guidelines and Specifications, and be submitted via Central Bidding or in a sealed envelope marked on the outside as: *RFP Response to Integrated Mosquito Management Program, City of Ridgeland*. Interested parties or persons are encouraged to contact Alan Hart, Director of Public Works via email at alan.hart@ridgelandms.org for a copy of the Complete RFP. Proposals shall be made on the Proposal Forms included in the RFP. The terms and form of those proposals and documents apply to all proposers. Proposals shall be delivered to, and be on file with, the City on or before 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2024.

Proposals will be publicly opened and read at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, in the Public Works Conference Room, 100 West School Street, Ridgeland, MS. The selected Contractor will be awarded in the discretion of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The contract is pursuant to state and federal law.

The proposal shall include a bid security in the form of a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total proposal. The bid bond shall be issued by a surety company licensed to do business in the State of Mississippi.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, to waive irregular

## Public Notices

ties and/or informalities in any Proposal, and to make an award in any manner, consistent with law, deemed in the best interest of the City. By submitting a proposal, a proposer waives any right to seek damages or other relief against or from the City concerning a rejection or decision or act by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to not accept that bid. The City shall not be liable for any costs incurred by any Respondent prior to the Notice to Proceed effective date. The City of Ridgeland is an equal opportunity employer.

**BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI, ON THIS THE 2nd DAY OF JANUARY 2024.**  
**CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI**  
**BY: (s) Paula Tierce**  
**Paula Tierce, CITY CLERK**

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**CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI**  
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**Paula Tierce, City Clerk**

#### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

**IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF IDA MAE BENNETT CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021-1041-C**  
**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
**TO: Kelly Perryman**  
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**Tanya Yvette Williams Serchion**  
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**and any UNKNOWN HEIRS of Glassgow Williams,**

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

You are summoned to appear and defend against said Complaint or Petition at 9:00 a.m. on the 9th day of February, 2024, in the Courtroom of the Madison County Chancery and Administrative Building, 146 West Center Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Complaint 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 27th day of December, 2023.

Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk  
By: /s/ Kelsey Rodriguez, D.C. (SEAL)  
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#### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN I. ZACHRY, DECEASED**  
**CAUSE NO. 23-1345-C**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 20th day of December, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned on the **Estate of John I. Zachry, Deceased**, late of Madison County, Mississippi, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate of said Decedent to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for filing and registration, according to law, within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication, or they will be forever barred.  
This the 20th day of December, 2023.

**Ashton Foy, Executrix of the Estate of John I. Zachry, Deceased**

**Prepared By:**  
**RICHARD YOUNG, MSB# 6660**  
**The Elder Law Firm**  
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#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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Madison County Board of Supervisors until **10 A.M. Thursday, February 1, 2024**, for supplying labor, materials and equipment as required to perform all related items of work covered under the plans and specifications for the **YANDELL ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**, consisting of the removal and construction of two bridges on Yandell Road. All bids so received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids may be submitted by either of the following methods:

1. Sealed bids, submitted in duplicate, will be received by Madison County Board of Supervisors until **10 A.M. Thursday, February 1, 2024**, at Madison County Chancery Clerk's Office, Rooms 225-228, 146 West North Street, Canton, MS 39046. All bid envelopes shall be marked on the outside face " **BID - YANDELL ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**," and shall have the bidders Certificate of Responsibility Number written on the outside of the envelope. If any envelope is not so marked, said bid shall not be opened and considered. **Stripped proposals are acceptable.**

2. Electronic Bids will be received until **10:00 A.M. Thursday, February 1, 2024**, as a PDF file via Madison County's website at <http://www.madison-co.com/bids>. Each bidder submitting a bid electronically as a PDF file shall include its Certificate of Responsibility Number as part of its PDF electronic bid submittal. Any electronic PDF bid that does not include the bidder's Certificate of Responsibility Number shall not be considered.

Plans, specifications, and contract documents are on file and open to public inspection at Madison County Chancery Clerk's Office, Rooms 225-228, 146 West North Street, Canton, MS 39046, and at Madison County Road Department, 3137 South Liberty Street, Canton, MS, 39046. One copy of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be procured upon payment of One Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$100) at the office of Stantec Consulting Services Inc., 396 Business Park Drive, Suite E, Madison, Mississippi, 39110, or at the office of Stantec Consulting Services Inc., 2600 Lakeland Terrace, Suite 200, Jackson, MS 39216. The payment is non-refundable. Plans, specifications, and contract documents may also be secured at no charge by either of the following methods:

1. Download a copy from Madison County's website at <http://www.madison-co.com/bids>.  
2. Email a request to [kesha.jackson@madison-co.com](mailto:kesha.jackson@madison-co.com).

Each bidder must deposit with its proposal a bid bond or certified check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid for the work, payable to Madison County Board of Supervisors, as bid security. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount awarded. Attorneys-in-fact who sign Bid Bonds, Payment Bonds, and/or Performance Bonds must file with each bond a certified and effective dated copy of their power of attorney.

Bidders must be qualified under Mississippi State law and possess a Certificate of Responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors establishing its classification as to the value and type of construction on which it is authorized to bid.

The contract time for the work included in this contract is **70 calendar days**. The contract will be subject to liquidated damages in the amount of **\$2,000** per calendar day for each day in default after the agreed upon completion date. The contract time will begin on **May 24, 2024**.

Madison County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Madison County Board of Supervisors  
By: Gerald Steen  
Board President

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**Worship Christ the King**

The passage in Matthew 2:1-12 about the Magi coming to worship Christ when He was an infant is a fascinating story. In verse 2, they come to Jerusalem saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” The star rising and the interpretation by the Magi is mysterious. But we shouldn’t miss the main points.

The first being that the Lord God gave light to these Gentiles to come to Christ. Isaiah 42 speaks of the coming of Christ. There we read that the Lord, who “created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it,” promises a Savior to the world. He will be “a covenant for the people, a light for the Gentiles, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.”

The Magi are a fulfillment of this promise. Their faith is evidence that their eyes have been opened to the glory of Christ. It’s plain to all in Jerusalem that they are not looking for just any king, but the promised King of Kings who will rule forever, the Messiah, the Christ.

They came from the east, probably meaning the area of the former Babylonian kingdom. The stories of Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar were well known from the days when many Jews were captives in Babylon. Many Jews stayed in Babylon after Jerusalem was rebuilt five centuries before the arrival of the Magi to Jerusalem. So, the Magi, men who would have been counselors to kings or authorities, would have known of the promised Messiah or king of the Jews.

The amazing thing about their faith is how impractical it seemed. They traveled a very long distance. It was a very hazardous, expensive undertaking, and they didn’t stay long once they had seen the child who was the King. But the trip wasn’t a labor to them, nor was it a burden to give to Christ; they considered it a favor done to them, and they rejoiced in it.

You can examine your own faith in light of these wise men. It is a mark of Christ’s sheep that they hear Christ’s voice and are drawn to Him. It is also a mark of His people that they receive the orders for their life from heaven and they act upon what they

know.

King Herod’s reaction to the coming of a foretold king is demonic (verses 7-8). He calls the Magi secretly, pretending to be a fellow worshipper of the promised king. His real purpose, seen in the subsequent passages, is to ascertain the age of the child so that he can dispose of this king as soon as possible.

This has application to our faith. Satan prowls around like a roaring lion seeking whom he might devour. This means to devour faith in Christ. He would cut off your faith in whatever way he can, tribulation, temptation, or deception. The devil would take Christ from you by hook or crook, so consider that we battle not against flesh and blood. He sometimes appears as an angel of light.

In verses 11-12, we see the reaction of the Magi when they see the infant Christ. They fall to the ground and worship. They open their treasures and give gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These were appropriate gifts for a great king. The Queen of Sheba brought similar gifts to Solomon. But one greater than Solomon is here, and these wise men know it.

Scholars tell us that myrrh was the most expensive of the three gifts at the time. Myrrh was used as a gift of love to anoint one at a wedding or in death. It also was a symbol for the love of a king toward his people.

Psalm 45 is about the Lord as the divine king who loves His people. His robes are laced with myrrh. Song of Songs is about the love of Christ for His people, and their love for Him. In Chapter 5, the believer is asleep in bed, a sign she has neglected Christ. The Lord isn’t content with this spiritual state in one of His sheep, so He knocks on the door.

She makes excuses at first not to get up, but when she does and reaches for the latch to open the door, her hand comes back dripping with myrrh. Now she is spiritually awake. She opens the door, but he is gone. So, she seeks after him. When she meets with people who ask about him, she tells of his greatness and his love. Christ’s love drew her to him. And so it was with the Magi, and so it is with us.




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**CITY OF RIDGELAND  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the City of Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce is to encourage an economic environment conducive to the continuing development of new and existing business.

**ANNUAL MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**



**The Goodness of God**  
With William Hawkins as the Potter & Jeff Buchwald as the Prophet

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**AND A SPECIAL 'THANK YOU' TO**

Colonial Heights Baptist Church, Olivia's Food Emporium, Inc., Vestis Uniform Service, Green Oak Florist & Garden Center and the Ridgeland Chamber Junior Diplomats.



**THANK YOU** to our local pastors for their inspirational scripture readings. Pictured from left, 2023 Ridgeland Chamber President Ray Balentine, Michael Baker International; Chaplain David Morris, Old Town Wesley Church; Rev. CJ Meaders, St. Columb's Episcopal Church; Cathy Halford, St. Columb's Episcopal Church; Dr. Bennie Ervin, Mt. Charity Baptist Church; Dr. Mark Byrd, First Ridgeland; Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee; Dr. Chad Hunsberger, Colonial Heights Baptist Church and Rev. Dean Williams, Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church.

**JUNIOR DIPLOMATS**



Junior Diplomats volunteer for Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast



Pafford EMS hosted the groups December meeting.



FROM THE  
Ridgeland Chamber  
Board and Staff!

**WHAT TO DO & WHEN TO DO IT**

- Friday, January 5 • 11:30 A.M.**  
**Diplomat's First Friday**  
Bulldog Burger  
879 Lake Harbour Drive
- Tuesday, January 9 • 7:15 A.M.**  
**Junior Diplomat's First Tuesday**  
Northpark Eatery  
1200 E. County Line Road
- Tuesday, January 9 • 10:30 A.M.**  
**Ribbon Cutting**  
Mosley Realty Co. LLC  
196 Charmant Place, Suite 3
- Wednesday, January 10 • 11:30 A.M.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Harper, Rains, Knight & Company, P.A.  
1052 Highland Colony Parkway
- Thursday, January 11 • 10:30 A.M.**  
**Ribbon Cutting**  
ReBourne Aesthetics and Wellness  
357 Town Center Boulevard, Suite 204
- Monday, January 15 • Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- Thursday, January 18 • 10:30 A.M.**  
**Ribbon Cutting**  
Lou's Southern Sandwich Co.  
1067 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite B

**RIBBON CUTTING**



**OnTargetTV of Mississippi** - Fred and Becky Davis, owners, (601) 624-2300, Fred@OnTargetTV.com, OnTargetTV.com.

**GROUNDBREAKING**



**Guaranty Bank & Trust Company** - 405 West Parkway Place, Ridgeland, CEO and President Hue Townsend; Nicky Cobb, Market President, (601) 707-9400, gbtonline.com.

**DIPLOMAT OF THE MONTH  
DECEMBER 2023**



**DAVID BROADAWAY**  
Members Exchange Credit Union

**JUNIOR DIPLOMAT OF THE MONTH  
DECEMBER 2023**



**KRISTION BROWDER**  
Ridgeland High School

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**

**TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

6:30 P.M. Reception  
7:00 P.M. Dinner and Awards  
Country Club of Jackson  
345 St. Andrews Drive

**WE'RE PAINTING THE TOWN BLUE & GOLD WITH OUR 2024 MEMBERSHIP PLAQUES!**



Thank you, Ridgeland Chamber members for renewing your 2024 membership! Please take advantage of all our many benefits designed to help your business succeed!



**COMING SOON!**

**2024 - 2025  
Community Profile & Membership Directory**

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**Deonte Oscar**  
Community Bank of Mississippi

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**VICE-PRESIDENT**  
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State Farm Insurance

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**THE VOTES ARE IN!**



The 2024 Ridgeland Chamber Board will include two new members who will serve three-year terms.

- Nicky Cobb, Guaranty Bank & Trust Company
- John Dorsa, State Farm Insurance



**Harper, Rains, Knight & Company**

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