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BOZEMAN LAND

Judge staying on rezoning appeal

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A request by county supervisor asking a judge to recuse himself in an appeal by the city of Madison over the rezoning of 350 acres on Bozeman Road has been denied.

Circuit Judge Steve Ratcliff issued the order on Dec.

27. Earlier this summer, supervisors voted 3-2 to change the zoning of land near the proposed Reunion interchange on Bozeman Road from a Special-Use District (SU-1) to a Highway Commercial District (C-2) that will allow everything from convenience stores to strip malls.

The land in question is owned by the Minnie J. Bozeman Family Limited Partnership and was zoned as a Special Use District (SU-1) that allows for educational institutions, retirement facilities, and colleges.

The city of Madison argues the petitioner didn't meet the burden of proof for the re-zoning, which is that

there has been a significant change in the character of the area.

The supervisors in August filed a motion seeking to have Ratcliff and the other judges in the 20th Circuit District recuse themselves from the case, arguing that there are "inherent perceived relationships" with the individuals and political entities

involved.

"The perceived political relationships involved in this matter present a potential conflict of interest and would cause a reasonable person knowing all the circumstances to question the Circuit Court Judge's impartiality or, stated another way, to speculate that political issues influenced the decision on

this appeal one way or another, regardless of the truth of the matter," the brief filed by the county stated. "Thus, no Circuit Court Judge of the Twentieth Circuit District (of which Madison is a part) should preside over this cause of action due to the perceived familiarity and

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GLUCKSTADT

Aldermen to review business saturation

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Gluckstadt aldermen discussed the possibility of making zoning changes in the future to limit the number of types of businesses within the city during Tuesday's board meeting.

Alderman Miya Warfield Bates began by discussing the possibility of placing a moratorium on similar businesses within the city.

She pointed to the fact two pending nail salons will bring the total within the city to eight.

"How do we as a small city determine what our need is to prevent excessive amounts of businesses," she said. "Let's look at all the different types of businesses."

Planning and Zoning Administrator William Hall told aldermen that he would like some controls at the planning level.

He said in addition to the nail salons, the city has seven hair salons and eight gas stations.

Hall added he wasn't against businesses coming to the city, he just didn't want to see empty shells where businesses used to be because of over-saturation. "I want to see businesses thrive," he said.

Board Attorney John Scanlon told aldermen they could consider a moratorium to look at zoning changes, essentially pressing pause on certain businesses for a period of time, but several board members and the mayor were opposed.

"I just think it's a slippery slope," Alderman John Taylor said.

Mayor Walter Morrison chimed in, saying the people who invest their time and money into the businesses may think it's worth it.

He said he didn't think the city should be "picking winners and losers."

Bates responded by saying some businesses that have opened in the city have already closed and she was just looking to find a happy medium.

Morrison then brought up the now-shuttered Pot & Paddle Jambalaya Kitchen, saying that it was the only business of its kind and the market spoke and it's no longer open.

Alderman Lisa Williams then asked if the board could instead focus on conditional use permits as a way to control business similar to what the city did when they required liquor stores to be 4,000 feet away from each other.

Businesses subject to conditional use permits would then be required to come before the city before receiving a permit.

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Grace Mansell, Savannah Rimmer, Scarlett Jacobs, Caroline Redding, and Anna Marie Gentry were among the nearly 80 Madison-Ridgeland Academy seniors who recently attended the Passion 2024 Christian conference in Atlanta.

MRA seniors participate in Passion 2024 Christian conference

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@onlinemadison.com

A fresh group of almost 80 Madison-Ridgeland Academy seniors recently attended Passion 2024 in Atlanta, a large Christian worship conference for students ages 18 to 25.

"Honestly it was so moving," said Courtlyn Taylor, an MRA senior who went on the trip.

This year, Passion 2024 was held at the Mercedes Benz Stadium in Atlanta from Wednesday, Jan. 3, through Friday, Jan. 5. Nathan Stamper, MRA Spiritual Life Director and the chaperone for the trip, said there were upwards of 55,000 people at this year's conference.

"I started tearing up," Taylor said. "Just to see so many passionate about Jesus."

Stamper said MRA has taken a group of seniors to Passion for about 11 years. Stamper said he has only missed one of those trips. The first group of seniors the school took was about five, this year Stamper said they brought something like 80 percent of the senior class.

"I think they were overwhelmed by the amount of people there," Stamper said.

Christian Franklin, a student on the trip, said it was one of her first experiences in a place with that many people.

"It was cool to see everyone worshipping one name," Franklin said. "It was a taste of heaven."

Over the three-day conference, the students sang songs and heard speakers.

"The speakers were really good,"

Taylor said. "They did a good job of speaking to young adults, selecting topics that would resonate with us and delivering a message we can carry with us for the rest of our lives."

The overwhelming response has been to the music, led by the Passion Band and featuring several Christian artists like Brandon Lake.

For Joe Koury, Brandon Lake's performance of his song "Gratitude" was the highlight of the three-day trip.

"Everyone knew the lyrics," Koury said.

He said he and some of his best friends locked arms and sang along.

"It was moving for me," Koury said.

Franklin remembers a truly communal experience. At the end of a

song, the praise band led the crowd in singing the lyrics "Holy, holy, holy, worthy is the Lamb." Franklin said the crowd and the band were in complete unison synching up exactly for long pauses and other changes. Franklin said that based on a clock above the stage the crowd of close to 55,000 students had just sang in unison for close to 15 minutes.

The conference involves a lot of "long days and short nights" Stamper said. He noted that after the group returned and caught up on their sleep there has been a renewed enthusiasm for the conference on the MRA campus among the senior class.

"It has been great to come back to school and hear the students talk about their experience," Stamper said.



Cancer survivor telling story with new book

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A Madison County woman is telling her harrowing story of surviving breast cancer in her new book published in September.

"I learned not to waste my moments," author Nicole Wilson said. "If there is something I want to do and I feel up to it, I am going to do it."

Wilson has lived in Madison County for 20 years with her husband Lionel. They now live in Gluckstadt and they have two daughters, Shalyn and Kristyn.

In her book "Epiphany: Don't Waste Your Cancer," Wilson tells the story of surviving cancer, wrestles with big topics like "good people don't deserve cancer" and talks honestly about her experience and the lessons it taught her.

"I hope this book can reach anyone facing an uncertain diagnosis," Wilson said. "I want to tell them don't give up and don't waste the moment."

Wilson said she first faced cancer in 2020 when she was doing some training out of town in Dallas. She said she went to the doctor for a routine checkup

and was soon diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I remember going in for a checkup the year before and everything was fine and then here comes cancer," Wilson said.

By December she had undergone double mastectomy surgery in New Orleans and was informed the doctors found another cancerous spot that was more aggressive.

"It was not the breast cancer that really scared me it was the loss of my independence," Wilson said. "The ability to drive myself around and walk. I am a mother and we try to fix things but cancer takes a lot out of you."

By February 2021, she was preparing to undergo chemotherapy when she went to the doctor with abdomen pain and they found cancer in her lymph nodes.

"Two weeks later I couldn't walk," Wilson said.

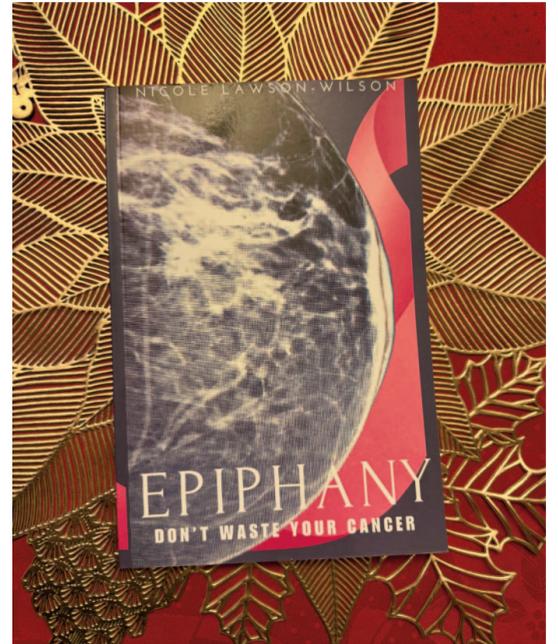
On Her birthday, Feb. 27, 2021, she was rushed to the hospital wheelchair-bound and running a 105 fever.

"My body was shutting down," she said.

Wilson would spend 10 days in the hospital before being



Nicole Wilson recently published a book where she describes her battle with breast cancer.



released to get back into the routine of regular doctor visits and chemotherapy treatments.

She said she finished chemo in June of 2021.

During a lengthy recovery process, she modified her diet and made an effort to make regular trips to the gym.

By September of 2022, she was back in the workforce at GA Carmichael Family Health in Canton where she works today as their Integrative Behavioral Health Coordinator.

At this job, she found she

had a story to tell. Shortly after she started, an offhand comment to a coworker about surviving cancer landed her a speaking gig at a televised Breast Cancer Awareness Month event in October 2022 sponsored and organized in part by her employer.

Wilson said she received so much support after her talk that she thought she could reach a larger audience by writing a

book.

"After I saw how people responded I had to take some time to think and pray," Wilson said.

She soon had a writing coach and plan. In 90 days she had a workable manuscript.

"The book just wrote itself," Wilson said.

"Epiphany: Don't Waste Your Cancer" is available on Amazon.

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Zoning

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Alderman Wesley Slay liked that idea and said he wanted to make sure that city was open for business but they were also thinking decades down the road. "I hate to see a dozen busi-

nesses and end up half of them closing," he said. "That really does kind of blight our community. A closed business is a really, really red flag. It's a bad sign."

Slay was anti-moratorium

but entertained the idea of using conditional-use permits to develop the city.

Hall was then asked to put together a list of businesses and zoning areas for presentation to the board at a future date.

No action was taken by the aldermen.

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Tuk Tuk Boom to build new restaurant in Madison

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A popular Jackson-based fast-casual Thai food and sushi restaurant is bringing a second location to Madison at the end of the year.

Will Puckett, the owner of Tuk Tuk Boom, said they hope to start construction on their 2,800-square-foot restaurant space soon.

“Hopefully we will start construction in the next month or so,” Puckett said. “I know they have already started working on the parking lot and some of the site work.”

He said the new location will be on Madison Avenue between Harley Rae’s Boutique and Madison Market Place.

“We just think Madison has a lot of opportunities,” Puckett said. “It’s a growing part of the metro Jackson area and we think it is a good fit for where we are.”

Puckett opened Tuk Tuk Boom in Highland Village about



Tuk Tuk Boom will feature outdoor patio seating.

two and a half years ago. He said they serve fast-casual Thai food and sushi.

He said the Madison location will offer a bar, dining room, and outdoor seating and will have a

takeout window.

“We offer fun, friendly, quick service and do a lot of takeout,” Puckett said.



A rendering shows what the bar area of Tuk Tuk Boom will look like.

kitchen tune-up

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two new directors to its leadership team

Matthews, Cutrer & Lindsay is pleased to announce the addition of Shannon L. Adams, CPA and Tolliver C. McMullen, CPA, CFE as new directors effective January 1, 2024. Adams and McMullen have over 32 combined years of experience with MC&L and public accounting.

Adams has been with MC&L since January 2007 and currently holds the role of Senior Manager. She has over 17 years of extensive expertise working with and auditing governmental and nonprofit organizations including foundations, charities, trade associations, religious organizations, Rural Development, and HUD family housing projects. She is always giving back to the community or paying it forward in the industry.

Adams is the current Chair and past Millennial Chair of the MS Society of CPAs Accounting and Auditing Committee, and a past president of the MSCPA Young CPA Network.

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McMullen joined MC&L in 2021 after the merger with a local Jackson area firm and is currently serving in the role of Senior Manager. With over 15 years of experience, he focuses on small to medium sized businesses which include construction, hospitality, oil and gas, real estate and retail industries as well as large nonprofits. His services provided a range from financial statement audits or reviews, forensic investigations, tax planning to transaction advisory including bankruptcy and distressed business taxation consulting. He is the current Chair and past Millennial Chair of the MS Society of CPAs Professional Conduct Committee. McMullen is also a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors.

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Strengthening U.S. steel

Lawmakers are having a panic attack over the possibility a Japanese company may own U.S. Steel. That's the iconic firm J.P. Morgan forged in 1901 from the merger of nine major steelmakers, including the extensive holdings of Andrew Carnegie.

U.S. Steel, once ranked among the world's largest corporations, is being sold for a comparatively paltry \$14 billion. The company, and U.S. domestic steel industry as a whole, has ceded market share to foreign competitors in past decades, which plays into the controversy over Nippon Steel's proposed acquisition.

Steel is an essential component of America's infrastructure. As we discovered once the pandemic took hold, problems arise when critical resources available only from places like China suddenly become unavailable.

Japan is not China. Tokyo has become one of America's most dependable allies in matters of foreign policy. While there are occasional hiccups in trade relations, they're solid enough for the House Select Committee on China to recommend easing standards the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, or CFIUS, uses to evaluate the national security implications of Japanese investment.

A few prominent politicians and union bosses want to go in the opposite direction and use CFIUS to torpedo the deal. They'd prefer to force U.S. Steel to accept the unsolicited \$7 billion offer it already rejected from Ohio-based Cleveland-Cliffs.

While it would keep the company in U.S. hands, such a move would also consolidate the steel marketplace, as 100% of American iron ore deposits and more than half of the steel made for the American auto industry would be in the hands of a

single company.

Such things don't concern those intent on hijacking the issue to grab votes.

"Steel is always about security, both our national security and the economic security of our steel communities," said Sen. John Fetterman, Pennsylvania Democrat. "I am committed to doing anything I can do, using my platform and my position, to block this foreign sale."

His home state Democratic colleague, Sen. Bob Casey, is just as blunt, saying, "This deal appears to be a bad deal for Pennsylvania and for Pennsylvania workers." Neither has put much thought into what happens to U.S. Steel's workers if the administration blocks the sale to Nippon.

Perhaps they prefer consolidation because it makes it easier for government regulators to keep their thumb on the industry. Consolidation also gives labor bosses far more leverage at the bargaining table when negotiating contracts, as there would be nowhere else to turn for domestic steel in the event of a strike.

U.S. Steel executives are obligated to make the best deal they can for the company's shareholders. If their chosen course of action also benefits the economy as a whole and the company's thousands of employees, so much the better. At a 40% premium on the company's share price, Nippon Steel's offer appears fair.

Americans are justifiably more skeptical than ever of globalism, but there are times when foreign investment in our industrial infrastructure makes sense. President Biden, who has talked out of both sides of his mouth since the proposed sale was announced, ought to let U.S. Steel decide what's best for U.S. steel.

— *The Washington Times*

Tax increases on autopilot

Among Washington lawmakers' most irritating habits is their inability to do the job right the first time. Former President Donald Trump's Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was a big success, taking effect in 2018 and priming the economic growth that characterized his term — at least until the COVID hit.

Those tax cuts and the prosperity they set in motion are already vanishing. In 2020, businesses were able to invest in the future and deduct 100% of that expense upfront. As of last week, they are allowed to deduct only 40% upfront. Next year, it drops to 20% before going away entirely in 2026.

That's bad for business and the economy as a whole. The National Bureau of Economic Research reviewed corporate tax returns to conclude in a recent study that companies taking advantage of this tax break boosted domestic investment 20% compared with firms that didn't.

But businesses aren't alone in feeling the pain. The personal income tax cuts championed by the former president also expire at the end of next year. That means filers earning as little as \$9,525 would see Uncle Sam's share of their paychecks rise from 12% to 15%. Contrary to the left's tired "tax cuts for the rich" trope, the greatest relief is found in the lower brackets.

Pulling off the first major overhaul of the tax code since 1986 was no small feat. The bill squeaked through the Senate 51-48, with all Republicans voting in favor and all Democrats opposed. Left-wing protesters even interrupted congressional proceedings to shout "kill the bill" and "shame" inside the Senate chamber. Capitol Police removed 80 rabble-rousers by

force, but for some reason, none were charged with insurrection.

Such antics influence squishy Republicans who fear allowing people to keep too much of their own money might be considered extreme. Last-minute holdouts whined about the impact on the deficit, fooled by the inadequate method Congress uses to calculate the budgetary impact of legislation. As a result, the only way to ram the bill through in the absence of Democratic support was to sunset the tax cuts.

We now know static scoring of the legislation got it wrong. Even though tax rates dropped across the board, federal revenue skyrocketed 18% in 2021.

Still clinging to obsolete figures, Democrats insist the reckless, ongoing spending spree that started under COVID isn't the cause of our shocking \$34 trillion national debt.

"Republican tax cuts are responsible for about 90% of it," White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre asserted on Wednesday. She even tried to coin the phrase "MAGAnomics" to shift the blame for the woeful state of the economy away from "Bidenomics."

The only upside of the tax cut expiration is the clear choice it presents in an election season that so far has been light on policy discussion. One side will restore tax relief and the prosperity it brings, while the other party needs those automatic tax increases so it can spend more of your money.

If the GOP can catch one of those elusive "red waves," perhaps it will have the muscle needed to get the job done right for a change.

— *The Washington Times*

CAL THOMAS

Harvard president symptom not cause

The resignation of Harvard president Claudine Gay after "facing national backlash for her administration's response to Hamas' Oct. 7 attack and allegations of plagiarism in her scholarly work" does not solve the problem at America's oldest college and other elite schools. She and many other university presidents are only a symptom of what's wrong with our system of education, from bottom to top.

Education, like a building or a life, must have a firm foundation or whatever is built on it will collapse when storms or other challenges come.

Ivy League schools, especially, were established on a foundation of biblical principles. From its founding in 1636, Harvard's motto has been "Veritas," or Truth. It was meant to demonstrate not only that objective truth exists, but where to find it. A proper education was thought to require attention to body, mind and spirit. Today, the body is cared for at the gym, the mind has been poisoned by propaganda forged from a secular-progressive worldview, and the spirit is more likely to be found in a bottle of beer than in anything holy.

Yale traveled the same path as Harvard. Founded in 1701, the New Haven school has as its motto "Lux et veritas," or "light and truth." It was believed by Yale's founders that the essentials of proper learning should include the light of a liberal education (liberal meant something different then) and the truth could be found in New England's religious tradition.

It was the same for Princeton and Dartmouth. Princeton, founded in 1746, subscribed to

Ivy League schools, especially, were established on a foundation of biblical principles. From its founding in 1636, Harvard's motto has been "Veritas," or Truth.

this motto: DEI SUB NUMINE VIGET, which means "Under God's power she flourishes." Princeton seminary, built on a foundation of biblical truth, went liberal (in the bad sense of the word) with professors questioning the authority of Scripture.

Dartmouth, founded in 1769, had as its motto "Vox clamantis in deserto," which means "a voice crying in the wilderness." It is a biblical reference to John the Baptist who introduced Jesus Christ to the world. While the school was originally established to educate Native Americans in Christian theology and what was called the English way of life, the university primarily trained congregationalist ministers during its early history before it gradually secularized like so many others, following the spirit of the age.

These and many other once great universities have departed from their founding principles and what once defined a well-rounded education. For this and other reasons, college degrees are seemingly not worth what they once were and that is why — along with increasing costs — many young people are pursuing other avenues, including trade schools.

Forbes magazine reported:

"Nationwide, undergraduate college enrollment dropped 8% from 2019 to 2022, with declines even after returning to in-person classes, according to data from the National Student Clearinghouse. The slide in the college-going rate since 2018 is the steepest on record, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics."

American public schools have followed the path of these universities, incorporating subjects that have little to do with a proper education, and in too many instances indoctrinating young people with a secular progressive worldview that produces votes for Democrats.

Need proof to support that assertion? According to Pew Research Center, "In 2022, voters with a college degree or more education favored Democratic candidates while those with no college degree preferred Republicans — continuing a long-standing trend in polarization among American voters by education."

If you are a conservative parent, you would be wise not to send your child to one of these colleges and expect them to return with the values and beliefs you taught them. If you're a liberal, sending your kids to these schools will simply reinforce what you and they already believe, which is not a real education.

Gay's resignation will make no difference without a fundamental restructuring of what is taught. The same goes for other institutions of "higher learning."

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CHARLES HURT

Biden goes full Hitler

Indeed, as the old saying goes, the child is the father of the man, which explains why President Biden learned his modesty from his son Hunter.

Only a crackhead, whore-loving sex tape star who shakes down corrupt foreign governments for millions of dollars, selling access to his lifelong politician father, could be father to the president we have witnessed these past few days. And just when you thought our president could not get any more dishonest, self-serving and delusional in his quest to destroy former President Donald Trump and anyone who supports him.

On Friday, Mr. Biden traveled to Valley Forge to rewrite history and pretend he is some kind of George Washington. Mr. Biden is not worthy to clean George Washington's wooden teeth.

Mr. Biden has come unglued with hateful rage for American citizens who support his political adversary — a dangerous new low for our country.

Even in the throes of the actual Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln never stooped to attack those who dared not support his political campaigns. On the contrary, after Gettysburg, Lincoln reverentially expressed gratitude to all the soldiers who died in that battle, consecrating the battlefield in ways that he could not.

Trump supporters today, Mr. Biden said, "represent an

President Biden's Department of Justice has imprisoned hundreds of his political opponents and this past weekend vowed to imprison even more.

extremism that threatens the very foundations of our republic."

What politician talks like that about American citizens — just because they don't support him?

Worse, Mr. Biden's Department of Justice has imprisoned hundreds of his political opponents and this past weekend vowed to imprison even more.

This is the kind of dangerous political demagoguery that inspired Democratic voter James Hodgkinson to shoot six people at a baseball field in an attempt to assassinate as many Republican members of the House of Representatives as he could.

Hoping to ratchet the political rhetoric to even higher religious fervor, The New York Times wondered aloud: "Is Trump Hell?"

In other words, if you are not willing to murder American citizens who are "threat to the very foundations of our republic," then maybe you would be willing to murder Satan himself.

Mr. Biden was so engorged on vitriol after his trip to Valley

Forge that when he returned, he had to be led away from his helicopter on the tarmac in a blind stupor.

Lunatic Liz Cheney, meanwhile, tried reasoning with Trump voters by warning that if they vote for Mr. Trump again, it will be "the last vote you'll ever cast."

Well, if that doesn't inspire people to take up arms, nothing will.

"He won't leave office," Ms. Cheney said of Mr. Trump's impending reelection. "He already tried not to leave office once. So I think there's a lot of living in a fantasy world that's going on with Republicans telling themselves, 'Look, we'll vote for him, it won't be so bad.' It may well be the last real vote you ever get to cast. It will be that bad."

This is coming from someone who has long demonstrated an ability to get people to kill one another.

As if that were not bad enough, Mr. Biden traveled to Charleston, South Carolina, to politicize the horrifying murders of nine African American parishioners at a church nearly a decade ago.

Who desecrates the innocent dead like this? The same person who imprisons his political enemies. And the same person who sells access to public office for millions of dollars.

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Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

— Amos 5:14-15 (ESV)

St. Joe senior selected for U.S. Military Academy

By STAFF REPORTS
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St. Joseph Catholic School senior Jameson Clancy has been appointed to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point as a member of the Class of 2028 and will report July 1.

Clancy, the son of Stephen and Dawn Clancy of Brandon, is expected to graduate from St. Joseph Catholic School in May along with other members of the senior class. Clancy, 17, has attended St. Joe since the seventh grade.

"Going to a service academy was always a dream of mine," Clancy said. "They produced so many great leaders and just multiple CEOs of companies today. To be a part

of that history and to make a future for myself and America is great."

Dr. Dena Kinsey, principal of St. Joe, said she is proud to see one of her students achieve such an important honor. Clancy is one example of the high quality, well-prepared students that St. Joe graduates and helps ready for college every year.

"Jameson is a stand-out student who has excelled in everything he has done," Kinsey said. "I am so proud of him and the hard work he has done to make it to this point in his academic career. We wish him well the rest of this year and at



Jameson Clancy

West Point."

While at St. Joe, Clancy has been a member of the Bruin band, the swim team, the cross country team and the Astronomy Club. Clancy said he plans to major in chemical engineering.

"I was happy I got to achieve (something) that I've been working on for months," he said. "To be able to complete everything – the physical requirements, the medical requirements and then talking to state congressmen – I was just ecstatic. I'm just happy for this new chapter in my life."

Holmes receives ed awards

By STAFF REPORTS
news@onlinemadison.com

Holmes Community College recently received three top-ranked awards for 2024 by Intelligent.com, a resource for program rankings and higher education planning. Specifically, Holmes was ranked #6 in Best Community Colleges in Mississippi, #8 in Cheapest

Online Associate Degree Programs and #11 Best Online Paralegal Associate Degree Programs.

According to the website, Intelligent.com's institutional rankings are deemed the benchmark of academic evaluations for online and hybrid programs. An exclusive methodology is used to rank each institution on a scale from

0 to 100 across six categories. Evaluations are based on quantitative measures such as academic quality, graduation rate, cost and ROI, and student resources. With top picks that are highly-regarded, affordable, and offer the tools and resources students need to successfully graduate and excel in their fields.

OBITUARIES

Walter Phil Reeves, Jr.

Phil Reeves, 60, passed away Monday, January 1, 2024 at his residence in Canton.

Graveside services are 12:00 noon Saturday, January 6, 2024 at Raytown Cemetery in Canton. Visitation will be 10:00 am until 11:30 am at Culpepper Funeral Home in Canton prior to the service.

He graduated from Canton Academy in 1981. He attended Holmes Community College where he played baseball and graduated in 1984 with an Associate of Arts degree. Phil then earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the MS University for Women in Columbus. He worked as a Medical Technologist at Oktibbeha County Hospital in Starkville and Merit Health in Canton.

Phil is survived by his daughters Hailey Willis (Ryan) and Sommer Reeves, son Trae Reeves (Shelby), parents Barbara and Mike Ray, brothers Larry Reeves and Michael Ray, Jr., and his grandchildren Jordan, Paisley, Piper, Annlynn, Charli Brooke, and Hattie Grace.

He was preceded in death by his father Walter Phil Reeves.

For online condolences visit culpepperfuneralhome.com.

Andrew B. Brown III

Andrew B. Brown III, 73, of Flowood, died on December 31, 2023 at The Arbor in Ridgeland.

Born in Sharkey County in 1950 to A.B. and Margaret Brown, Andy and his three older siblings grew up in the farming community of Delta City. He attended Anguilla High School where he met Elizabeth White, who became his wife of 51 years.

He attended Delta State University where he graduated in 1973 and then began his medical training at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, earning his M.D. in 1977. After a year's general surgery internship at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Andy completed an otolaryngology residency at

Duke University in 1982. With his wife and two young children, Andy returned to the Jackson area and joined the Ear Nose and Throat Surgical Group in 1982 where he enjoyed a successful career for 31 years until his retirement in 2013.

Andy served as Chief of Staff at River Oaks Hospital in Flowood, where he also served on the Board of Directors. His surgical expertise was recognized by his ENT colleagues when he was elected to serve as President of the Mississippi Society of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery (2004–2005).

In addition to Elizabeth, Andy is survived by two children, Keith (Ali) Brown of Ridgeland, and Lauren (Jonathan) Randle of Madison; and four grandchildren, William and Wyatt Brown, and Fiona and Ellie Randle. Andy was preceded in death by his older siblings Billie K. Chantoney, Dewey Brown, and Paul Brown; and his grandson Myles Little.

A memorial service was held in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, on January 6, 2023. The family encourages memorial gifts to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163-4777.

William Thaddeus (Thad) McLaurin

William Thaddeus (Thad) McLaurin was born December 27, 1938, and died December 27, 2023, on his 85th birthday.

He was a Jackson native and graduate of Murrah High School, the University of Oklahoma, and the School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University.

He served in the United States Air Force as a commissioned officer and as a petroleum engineer with Humble Oil and Refining Company in New Orleans before returning to Jackson as an officer with the First National Bank, now Trustmark.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Max McLaurin and

son, Douglass McLaurin.

His survivors include his wife, Sandra; sons – Thad McLaurin III (Mary), Thomas McLaurin and Thad Freeman (Cindy); Grandchildren – Grant and Chris Carraway, Thomas and Connor McLaurin, and Jessica Malone (Josh). He leaves behind one great-granddaughter, Kadence Malone, one sister, Nicki M. Green, and two nieces, Adrian Mann (Ryan) and Carson Morton (Joe).

Thad co-founded Doty, McLaurin & Taylor, Inc., a municipal bond underwriting firm. Later he was an officer in Doty, McLaurin & Taylor Management Company, president of The Madison Group, president of Orchard Care and managing partner of The Orchard, Ltd.

As the developer and co-founder, Thad was instrumental in creating The Orchard, Mississippi's premier luxury retirement community, which has since become the standard model for development of retirement communities throughout the United States. Thad was active in many civic and professional organizations. He had served as commissioner of the Jackson Redevelopment Authority, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Museum of Art and the Hinds County Heart Association. Additionally, he served on the boards of the Jackson Arts Alliance, the National Leased Housing Association, the Jackson YMCA, chairman of the Board of Directors of New Stage Theater and Central MS American Red Cross Chapter. He had also served on the Business Conduct Committee of the National Association of Securities Dealers, National Leased Housing Association, Chambers of Commerce in both Ridgeland and Jackson, The Rotary Club of Jackson, and on the Vestry of St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral. He was a recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award for Goodwill Industries and the Chamber of Commerce in Ridgeland.

A funeral was held on January 5, 2023 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral. Memorial donations may be made to St. Andrew's Cathedral or a charity of your choice.

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

The ends

If you have your Bibles, I would invite you to turn with me to Psalm 73. This great Psalm is the story of a bitter and even a despairing search by a believer in Israel, which has now been rewarded far beyond all of his expectations. The opening verse of this song declares the biblical truth that is going to be sorely tested by the psalmist's experience in this world. The psalmist in Psalm 73 is asking some of the most searching questions that a distressed Christian could possibly ask. Questions like, "Well, why did God allow that?" or "Why did God do that?" or "How could that have happened in the world that was created by the good and sovereign God?" You see, God's government of this world is filled with insoluble mysteries because He has not revealed to us the secrets of His mind; but He has revealed to us that He is good.

This Psalm breaks into two parts with an introductory verse. Verse 1 serves as the initial theological statement by which the whole Psalm is understood. Then, verses 2 – 14 give us this conundrum, this predicament, this problem which is faced by the psalmist. He looks around at the wicked and he sees them prospering. He looks around at the righteous — in fact, he looks at himself, and he sees himself weighed down by troubles, and he questions the goodness of God.

The second half of the Psalm, verses 15 – 28, gives us the solution to the conundrum that he is facing. **I. The Conundrum** We can summarize the first part of the Psalm by looking at verse 3 and verse 12. Look at what the psalmist says: "I was envious of the arrogant as I saw the prosperity of the wicked." And then in verse 12: "Behold, these are the wicked; and always at ease, they have increased in wealth." The psalmist looks around and he is envious of those who are not committed to God. Why? Because they are prospering, because they are the recipients of great wealth and blessing, and gifts and talents in abundance, and it provokes in him envy and consternation. Here's the problem: the problem is that the wicked often enjoy blessings in this life — indeed, the wicked often enjoy more of the blessings of this life than those committed to God — and so it raises this problem in the psalmist's heart. How

can God be said to be uniquely good to those who are committed to Him when the wicked are enjoying these blessings?

But it also causes an experiential problem in his heart, and the experiential problem is this: He is looking at worldlings and he is looking at circumstances, and he is measuring the goodness of God by worldlings and by circumstances. He is taking stock of the goodness of God by his interpretation of providence.

But it doesn't stop there, does it? It gets worse! Look at verses 13 – 14. Here's the other problem that we run into in the first half of the Psalm: "Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure, and washed my hands in innocence; for I have been stricken all day long, and chastened every morning." So he's not only envious of the prosperous wicked and consternated by the fact that those who aren't committed to God experience blessings in this world. He looks at his own life and he is bitter, and he's confused, and he's consternated because of his own circumstances. He says, "All of this commitment to God has got me nothing! Hasn't done me a bit of good! I have washed my hands, I have kept clean, I've followed the way of truth and righteousness in vain. Hasn't done me a bit of good."

You see, he looks out and he not only sees the prosperity of the wicked, but he sees those committed to God openly experience great distress and chastening in life. His problem here is self-focus. He is totally focused on himself, and that's how he is going to measure the goodness of God. He's looking at his hard personal circumstances and he's going to measure God's goodness by them and it's a complete failure.

II. The Solution

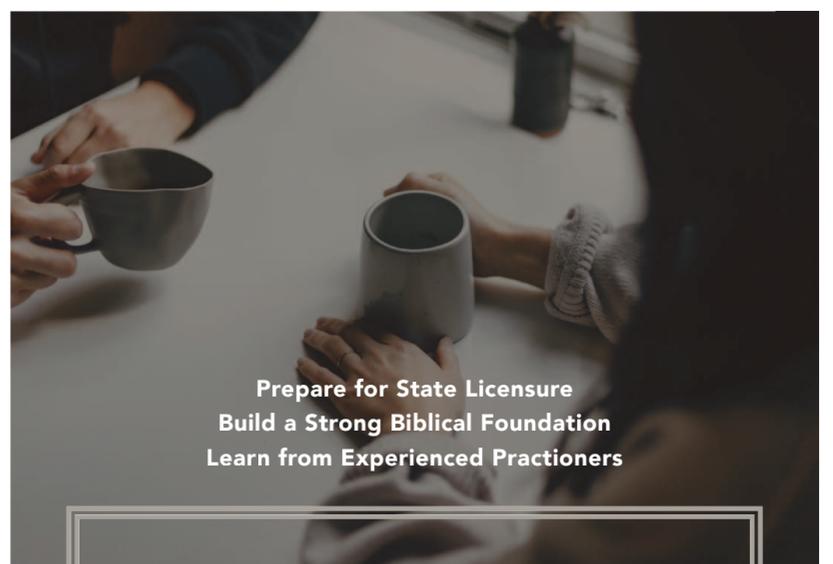
But then the second part of the Psalm comes to our rescue. Isn't it interesting how God lets this psalmist utter these thoughts before Him, and then He corrects them? And the key to this second half of the Psalm will be found in verses 15 – 17. In those verses you will find the key that explains the principle that you learned in verse 1, in the context of believers facing grievous trials. The psalmist cries, "If I had said, 'I will speak thus'; behold, I should have betrayed the generation of Thy children. When I pondered to understand this, it

was troublesome in my sight until I came into the sanctuary of God. Then I perceived their end."

What's the key there? "Until I came into the sanctuary of God." What happens when you're in the sanctuary? You worship God. What is worship called in the Bible? It's called a lot of things. One of them is drawing near to God. Now, what was the principle that we learned in verse 1? "That God is good to Israel." So what did he learn in drawing near to God? He tells you in verse 28, "That God Himself is the good to Israel." When he drew near to God, he suddenly realized that God is the goodness that cannot be taken away from those who are committed to God. You can take their houses away, you can take their families away, you can take their friendships away, you can take their livelihoods away, you can take their lives away, but you cannot take God away from them, because He is the good of His people. And it's right there in the worship service that it suddenly dawns on this man, and what dawns on him is that the wicked never experience that good. They may have bigger houses, bigger bank accounts, bigger cars, more land, more fun — as the world estimates it — but they don't have the one goodness that matters: fellowship with the living God, communion with the living God, nearness to the living God. They never, ever, experience that, and that leads him to notice their end.

Suddenly he realized the ends. If you were wondering why in the world this was entitled "The Ends" instead of "The End," it's because there are two. There is one end of the wicked and there is one end of the righteous. And that end of the wicked will not involve nearness to God in blessings. But the end of the righteous, no matter what his experience in this world, will involve eternal communion and fellowship with the living God. Now this psalmist's questions about providence were never answered, but his questions about the goodness of God were emphatically answered, and so are ours.

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close connections and relationships involved with all of the parties involved."

Multiple homeowner associations also have appealed the decision, including Belle Terre, Cherry Hill, Ingleside, Reunion and Reserve.

In Ratcliff's response ultimately denying the request, he cited the Mississippi Supreme Court's stance on judicial recusal requiring evidence that produces reason-

able doubt of a judge's impartiality.

"Because no evidence has been produced and only the specter of public perception of partiality argued, the Court finds the motion should be denied," Ratcliff wrote.

In late August, Madison Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler filed a lawsuit in her personal and official capacity against District 3 Supervisor Gerald Steen, District 4 Supervisor Karl Banks and District 5 Supervisor Paul Griffin and the supervisors' bonding company in an effort to have them repay the

county \$965,000 she alleges was illegally paid to the Bozeman Family Trust for property the county already owned.

The lawsuit also alleges the county was involved in a pay-to-play scheme that involved the transfer of land to the county in exchange for rezoning of the 350 acres in question.

Hawkins-Butler's lawsuit pointed out that 35 acres of right-of-way the county paid for was already owned by the county, thus any payments to the Bozeman Partnership were inappropriate and illegal.

Ridgeland Police phone lines knocked out, 9-1-1 safe

By **DUNCAN DENT**
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While administrative phone lines for the Ridgeland Police Department were down for about three hours on Friday, 911 was

working, officials said. RPD announced on social media on Friday, Jan. 5, that the main telephone lines for the building were down, but 911 was working. “Our admin lines were down

for about three hours,” RPD Chief Brian Myers said. “911 didn’t go down.” Myers said the lines went down about 10:45 a.m. and were back operational by 2:15 p.m. The post noted that RPD was

working to get the lines back up and running and noted that 911 was still working for emergency calls. “Sorry for the inconvenience,” the social media post said.

Myers said he is not aware of any issues related to the administrative lines being down, and no other capabilities of the police department were seriously impacted by the outage. RPD later offered an update

that the lines were up and running again. The non-emergency line for the Ridgeland Police Department located at 115 West School Street is 601-856-2121.

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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 Highleadon 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

THOMAS M. MILAM (MSB #3264) Milam Law Office, PLLC P. O. Box 1247 Madison, Mississippi 39130-1247 Phone: (601) 853-1268

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi

Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the

following: 2002 MERCURY GR. MARQUIS, VIN

#2MEFM74W72X661095, \$ 2789.49. Public sale of this

abandoned/unclaimed vehicle and its contents will be held on

Friday January 19, 2024 at Big Byrd Towing LLC

located at 120 E. State St. Ridgeland, MS 39157 at 10:00 A.M.

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 Peryman 921 Adriatic Universal City, Texas 78148 Tanya Yvette Williams Serchion 2788 Idlewood Road Decatur, Georgia 30034 and any UNKNOWN HEIRS of Glassgo 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) Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk

146 W. Center St. Canton, Mississippi 39046 601-855-1177

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

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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 or all Proposals, to waive irregularities 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

Publish Thursday January 4th and Thursday January 11th IN THE MADISON COUNTY JOURNAL.

Furnish proof of publication to: Paula Tierce, City Clerk, City of Ridgeland; P.O. Box 217; Ridgeland, MS 39158-0217

Send invoice to: Paula Tierce, City Clerk, City of Ridgeland; P.O. Box 217; Ridgeland, MS 39158. **CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI BY: /s/ Paula Tierce** Paula Tierce, City Clerk

NOTICE OF ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THOSE PARTIES IN INTEREST that there will be a public hearing at the regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., before the Gluckstadt Mayor and Board of Aldermen, at the Gluckstadt City Hall, 343 Distribution Drive, Gluckstadt, MS 39110, for the purpose of hearing the appeal under Section 806.06 of the City’s Zoning Ordinance in determining whether or not a parcel currently zoned as C-1, or General Commercial District, should be rezoned to C-2, or Highway Commercial District, within the City of Gluckstadt, under section 806 of the City’s Zoning Ordinance, and whether an amendment to the Official Zoning Map should be made reflecting the change, for the following described parcel(s):

Madison County Parcel No. 082D-20-002/03.00, located on Gluckstadt Road.

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

/s/ Lindsay Kellum, City Clerk’s Signature

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF LEAKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

In the Matter of the Estate of PHILLIP WALLACE CAUSE NO.: 23-23 (B) **CHERYL WALLACE** PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 16th day of October 2023, by the Chancery Court of Leake County, State of Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator upon the Estate of Phillip Wallace, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days after the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 18th day of December 2023.

/s/ Cheryl Wallace Cheryl Wallace, Executor Estate of Phillip Wallace

Publish: 01/11, 01/18, 01/25/2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH ANN BRISTER BEGGIANI, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23-1306B

WILLIAM HARON BEGGIANI, PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 3rd day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to WILLIAM HARON BEGGIANI, as Administrator, on the Estate of ELIZABETH ANN BRISTER BEGGIANI, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred. **THIS, the 3rd day of January, 2024.**

William Haron Beggiani, Administrator Estate of Elizabeth Ann Brister Beg-

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Prepared by: RYAN VANDEBURGH, MSB #104875 ASPEN LAW GROUP, PLLC 660 Katherine Drive, Suite 404 Flowood, MS 39232 Office: (601) 460-0900 Ext. 103

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** P.O. Box 5142 **Brandon, MS 39047** (601) 992-1437 **Richard@theelderlawfirm.net**

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2000 NISSAN MAXIMA, VIN # JN1CA31D1Y T539091, \$2889.00, and a 2009 HONDA ACCORD, VIN # 1HGCP26819 A081794, \$4360.25. Public sale of these abandoned/unclaimed vehicles and their contents will be held on Friday January 19, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at Gilmore Towing & Recovery, 124 E. State Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

Substituted Trustee’s Notice Of Sale Whereas, on 10/4/2019, Chishoner 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

/s/ Rebecca Weeks King REBECCA WEEKS KING

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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. Baldrige (MSB #: 102636) Baldrige Law Firm, PLLC

P.O. Box 4026 Madison, MS 39130 Phone: 601-706-9063

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY JONES PITTMAN BYRD,

DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23-991 (W)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 27th day of October, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Shirley Jones Pittman Byrd, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 4th day of January, 2024

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Signed: Doris Jacobs Thomas Administratrix of the Estate of Jean Deloris Jacobs, Deceased

Paul David Hastings Attorney for Administratrix (MSB #2075) 321 Hwy. 51, Ste. B Ridgeland, MS 39157 Tel: (601) 60702996 Email: pdhastings@bellsouth.net

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA GOULET CLARK, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-1246(B)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO: 23-1246(B)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA GOULET CLARK, DECEASED Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 18th day of December, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of **PATRICIA GOULET CLARK, Deceased**, notice is hereby given to all persons or parties having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred. The 2nd day of January, 2024. **s/ Bartlett B. Clark** BARTLETT B. CLARK Executor of the Estate of **PATRICIA GOULET CLARK, Deceased**

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JULIA BLACK WEEKS CAUSE NO.: 23-1188B **REBECCA WEEKS KING** EXECUTRIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in the Estate of Julia Black Weeks, on the 15th day of December, 2023, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said Estate to have their claims probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, and that failure to probate and register their claims with the Clerk within that time will forever bar the claim. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the 29th day of December 2023.

/s/ Rebecca Weeks King REBECCA WEEKS KING

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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. Baldrige (MSB #: 102636) Baldrige Law Firm, PLLC

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY JONES PITTMAN BYRD,

DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23-991 (W)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 27th day of October, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Shirley Jones Pittman Byrd, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 4th day of January, 2024

Public Notices

DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23-991 (W)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 27th day of October, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Shirley Jones Pittman Byrd, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. THIS, the 9th day of January, 2024.

/s/ Charles G. Pittman, Jr. CHARLES G. PITTMAN, JR., Administrator of the Estate of Shirley Jones Pittman Byrd

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATSY CALDWELL AUCOIN , DECEASED CAUSE NO. 23-1354-B

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 **Patsy Caldwell Aucoin , 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.

Michael Karl Aucoin , Executor of the Estate of Patsy Caldwell Aucoin , Deceased

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Bids may be submitted by either of the following methods:

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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:

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Our great need for forgiveness

Psalm 130 teaches us how great our need for forgiveness is. The wages of sin is death. That truth alone is a constant reminder of how terrible sin is. This psalm shows us someone who comes under deep conviction of his sin. What are you to do? The psalm is given to answer that question.

The psalm begins, “Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. O Lord, hear my voice!” “The depths” conveys the despair and misery the psalmist is in. It is analogous to a drowning man floundering in turbulent waters.

Many things can be the cause of a soul in despair. Verse 3 makes it clear that the psalmist is in the depths because of his sin. He has seen and is convicted of the evil of it. Sin causes all the groans and miseries in the world. If you feel its guilt, it will put you into the depths.

There is a sense where the psalmist is a blessed man in this condition. Jesus said the Holy Spirit will convict the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment. That is what has happened to the psalmist here. The Lord has convicted him of these truths. The psalmist is heading to the presence of the Lord. That reality has given him anguish over his sin. It should do the same for us.

Imagine a man walking with people singing to the Lord. All are worshipping, but his heart lacks the joy and assurance of the song. This is the state of the man in the psalm. His thoughts are pre-occupied by his guilt. So, he cries out to the Lord, beseeching the Lord to hear his pleas for mercy (verse 2). We are all on our way to the presence of the Lord. No one can go for us. We must all appear before Him. The psalmist tells you how he prepared for that day.

In verse 3, the psalmist considers being in the presence of God: “If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?” The word for “mark” in his statement refers to someone keeping a meticulous accounting of something or a careful observance. Who can stand if God does a careful searching of all our sin, not overlooking any of it?

This is exactly what we see happening in Revelation 20:12 where men are judged according to what they had done. “What

they had done” refers to their sin since they are cast into the judgment of hell immediately afterwards. It’s a terrible thing for your sins to be numbered by God in judgment.

The psalmist has an if/but conclusion: “If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities ... But with you is forgiveness, that you may be feared” (verse 4). These are powerful, blessed words to our souls: “with you is forgiveness.” This doesn’t mean that God acts like sin never happened. Forgiveness comes at a great cost. It requires the shedding of blood, the penalty of death for sin.

God provides Christ out of pity and love. The psalmist, faced with the dilemma of approaching God, does the only thing a sinner can do: he asks for mercy. He knows from Exodus 34 that God delights in mercy and is full of steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.

God is disposed this way toward sinners because He has provided a sacrifice that is pleasing to Him, the righteous Son of God offering Himself up for the guilt of their sin. God is pleased with all who come to Christ for salvation. The Lord encourages us in every way that we will be welcomed if we come.

Those who have received forgiveness know how great a thing salvation is. The psalmist says to God, “With you is forgiveness, that you may be feared.” Feared, not in a servile, cringing way, but such that God is regarded as God: the object of all devotion and praise.

Through the prophet Jeremiah, God gives promises that will accompany the new covenant (Chapters 31-32) in Christ Jesus for men. “I will put my fear in them, and they will not depart from me.” Why will they not depart? Because “They will all know me, I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.”

The fear of the Lord is a gift we are in need of. It is sorely lacking in our day. The fear of the Lord gives us wisdom for our soul. It teaches us to cry out to the Lord for forgiveness of sins, knowing that the Lord is merciful and kind. Verse 7 tells us to “Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.”

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670	7179.90	612.50 PILEUM CORPORATION	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE
671	275.10	7179.90 U.S.NEXT, INC.	SERVER HOSTING SUPPORT
672	144.10	275.10 DEBRA M. NESTER	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
673	171.80	144.10 DAN DICKINSON	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
674	500.00	171.80 COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	LEGAL AD
675	4500.00	500.00 ALCORN COUNTY	DETENTION/SECURITY COSTS
676	9600.00	4500.00 JONES COUNTY JUVENILE DET	DETENTION/SECURITY COSTS
677	72.86	9600.00 FORREST COUNTY JUVENILE D	DETENTION/SECURITY COSTS
678	11550.00	72.86 REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY	DRUG TESTING FEES
679	984.45	11550.00 RANKIN SHERIFFS JUVENILE	DETENTION/SECURITY COSTS
680	6750.00	984.45 ADAPTS ELECTRONIC MONITOR	DETENTION/ANKLE BRACELETS
681	1177.27	6750.00 WARREN COUNTY GENERAL FUND	DETENTION/SECURITY COSTS
682	293.45	1177.27 OFFICE DEPOT INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES
683	500.00	293.45 ALEX BREELAND	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
684	300.13	500.00 PAT SINGH	MEDICAL FEES
685	149.13	300.13 AMANDA BROOK-VANLANDINGHA	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
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689	2352.00	24815.00 GRANTHAMPOOLE PLLC	ACCOUNTING & AUDITING FEE
690	383.02	2352.00 SHRED-IT COPY STEROCYCLE	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE
691	13.98	383.02 FEDCORP INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE
692	80.00	13.98 WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLIES
693	55.72	80.00 CAROUSEL INDUSTRIES OF NO PHONE	SERVICE
694	3734.15	55.72 MIKE'S AUTO PARTS	REPAIR PARTS
695	328.82	3734.15 DIVERSIFIED COMPANIES, LL	PROCESSING TAG RENEWALS
696	202.50	328.82 OFFICE DEPOT INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES
697	1000.00	202.50 JOSE F. LOPEZ	INTERPRETER
698	135.00	1000.00 CRASH CHAMPIONS	VEHICLE REPAIRS
699	450.00	135.00 CAPITOL TOWING INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE
700	12107.95	450.00 DELOACH FAMILY CLINIC	DRUG TESTING FEES
701	360.00	12107.95 DEPENDABLE REST SERVICE	PEST CONTROL
702	360.00	360.00 JD JOHNSON REALTY, LLC	PACKER PROPERTIES
703	116.88	360.00 DPS CRIME LAB	ANALYTICAL FEES
704	61.06	116.88 GRENADA COUNTY SHERIFF'S	DETENTION/SECURITY COSTS
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710	90.00	17764.14 SOUTHERN CONNECTION POLIC	UNIFORMS/WEARING APPAREL
711	686.55	90.00 SUMMIT FOOD SERVICES LLC	FEEDING PRISONERS
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Hays, Carpenter named to new leadership roles

By STAFF REPORTS
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RIDGELAND — C Spire has promoted two longtime executives to important leadership roles — Suzy Hays to president of the company, and Brad Carpenter to chief operating officer.

“These two remarkable technology leaders bring to their new roles a long track record of excellence and uncompromising faithfulness to the C Spire vision and brand. I look forward to seeing them work together with our talented leadership team to continue to meet company goals and objectives,” said Hu Meena, CEO of C Spire. “They are visionary leaders, highly committed to our customers and to fellow team members at C Spire.”

In her new role, Hays will provide direct collaborative guidance and lead revenue and profit generation efforts of C Spire’s three operating units – Wireless, Home and Business. Hays has been with the company for more than 30 years and has served in several management and executive roles. She has led the three individual units at one time or another and most recently served as executive vice president, responsible for Home and Business. For many years she served as chief marketing officer and led the transition from Cellular South to the C Spire



Suzy Hays



Brad Carpenter

brand in 2011 when the company began its diversification into non-wireless services.

Carpenter, who previously served as chief information officer, will be responsible for effectively utilizing and deploying C Spire’s full stack of telecom and technology assets to do

good and generate the highest return. He brings more than two decades of technology management leadership to the company’s network and IT teams. Carpenter’s vast understanding of technology has been a fundamental part of leading IT and digital transformation initiatives. He also serves on the board of trustees for the Base Camp Coding Academy (BCCA), a nonprofit vocational education training program that delivers fast-paced, focused computer programming to under-advantaged youth in north Mississippi.



Madison Beautification Committee

The Madison Beautification Committee planted 420 tulip bulbs around the sign at Strawberry Patch in Madison. The Beatification Committee also planted 75 tulip bulbs at the Community Center. Taking part in the project were, seated from left, Sherryl Webster, Linda Townsend, Kim Moore, Sherron Rodgers, and Tona Becker (Back) Christine Barron, Mary Lee, Laura Rolison, Mary Ann Blackney, Marion Wofford, Steve Greenough, Kathy Sue Wells, and Mike Rodgers.



Madison County Soil and Water Tree Week 2024

January 31-February 3, 2024

Wednesday, January 31, 2024: Flora, MS – Across from Corner Street Market Main Street
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 1, 2024: Canton, MS at the Courthouse Square
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friday, February 2, 2024: Ridgeland, MS at Ridgeland City Hall (100 W. School St.)
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 3, 2024: Madison, MS-at Kroger- Colony Crossing
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 or until all trees are gone. Whichever comes first.

The "give-away" bundle contains: 2- Sawtooth Oak, 2- Shumard Oak, and 2- Redbud.

Sawtooth Oak



Shumard Oak



Redbud



The "flowering" bundle will sale for \$5 a bundle. It will contain: 2- Persimmon, 2- Wax Myrtle and 2 - Dogwood

Persimmon



Wax Myrtle



Dogwood



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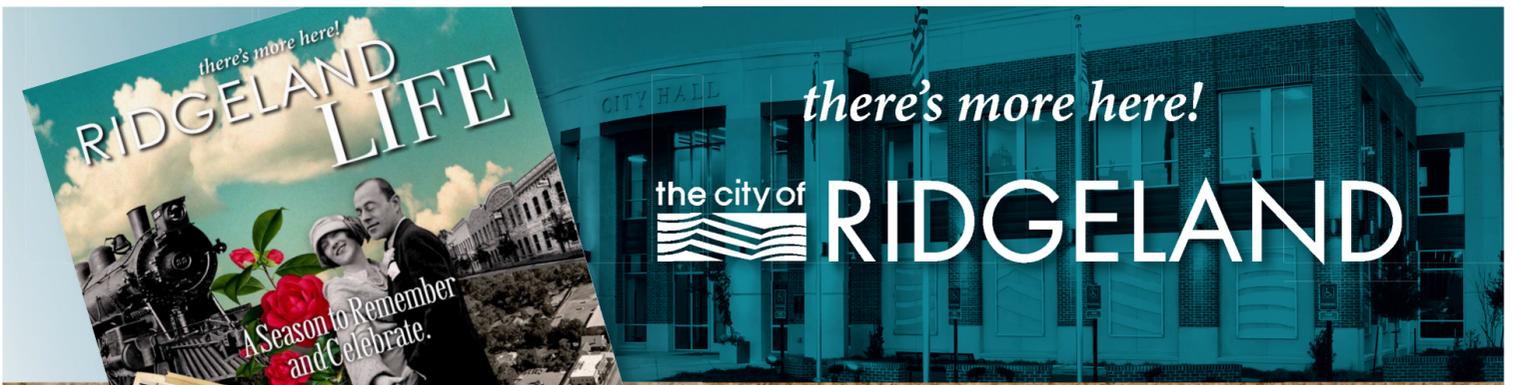
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A CELEBRATION OF RIDGELAND'S HISTORY

What started out to be a dedication and celebration of new exhibits by The Historical Society of Ridgeland was more like a family reunion!

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RECRE8**



Dog Obedience
Jackson Obedience Training Club (JOTC)
Info: jotc.org
Register: Feb. - Mar.
Time & Place: Mar. Ridgeland Rec Center Old Trace Park

Spring Soccer League
Mississippi Rush Soccer
Info: mfcsooccer.com
Register: Closed
Time & Place: Feb. 10 Ridgeland Rec Center Liberty Park & Freedom Ridge Park

Spring Baseball
Madison Ridgeland Youth Club
Info: mryouthbaseball.com
Register: Dec. 5 - Feb. 11
Time & Place: Mar. - May Ridgeland Rec Center Liberty Park & Freedom Ridge Park

Hoops Basketball
League for individuals with disabilities
Info: ridgelandms.org
Register: Open Now
Time & Place: Feb. Old Town Middle School

Miracle League Baseball
League for individuals with disabilities.
Info: ridgelandms.org
Register: Feb. 1 - Early Mar.
Time & Place: Apr. Ridgeland Rec Center & Hite Wolcott on the Parker Miracle Field

TOP Soccer
League for individuals with disabilities.
Info: topsoccerms.com
Register: Feb. - Mar.
Time & Place: Mar. Ridgeland Rec Center Freedom Ridge Park

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