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THE OAKS Livingston facility sent back to committee

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A heartfelt plea about providing aid to disabled senior citizens likely saved a project from being denied by county supervisors after a lengthy hearing last week that pitted residents from the Livingston area against the developer of a proposed assisted living facility.

A motion was on the table to deny a conditional use permit for The Oaks, a 15-bed assisted living facility proposed in the Town of Livingston before the developer, Chad Phillips, addressed county supervisors.

“By the grace of God I have my purpose here on earth,” Phillips, the RN supervisor at Madison Health and Rehab said, saying he wants to have an impact on “seniors with disabilities for the duration of their life.”

“We have amazing plans for them,” Phillips said passionately. “We plan on customer service being the highest and top priority and some unique features within the facility itself.”

Phillips explained that 85 percent of assisted living residents live within 15 miles of their homes.

“There are no options for these disabled seniors,” he said of those in the area, outside of in-home care that can run upwards of \$10,000 a month. “I want to give an option for people with disabilities.”

He told supervisors the area is already short 30 or more beds and most places have waiting lists.

“We don’t have the beds for these people,” he said. “Since when did taking care of our disabled seniors become so controversial. It saddens me to see the leaders in our community say

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CRIME MAP Police launch phone app to pay tickets

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RIDGELAND — A smartphone app that will allow citizens to view a crime map, pay tickets, and submit tips was officially announced last week.

“The city of Ridgeland Police Department is excited to announce the release of a custom smartphone application,” Ridgeland Police Chief Brian Myers said.

This app will serve as an innovative way for the police department to connect with Ridgeland residents and visitors, providing information quickly and efficiently to anyone with a smartphone.

The city of Ridgeland Police Department app is available to download for free in the App Store and Google Play by searching “Ridgeland Police, MS.” The city officially announced the app was live on Jan. 18.

The app was developed by ThePoliceApp.com, a brand of OCV, LLC., which specializes in mobile app development for police departments and public safety organizations across the

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Construction crews were busy at work Monday at the Madison County Mega Site in advance of the rain. Gov. Tate Reeves announced the Mega Site was one of two locations where a new \$10 billion economic development project would be locating in the county.

\$10 billion economic development project coming to Madison County

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A \$10 billion economic development project that will generate 1,000 new jobs is coming to Madison County at two sites, Gov. Tate Reeves announced this week.

Reeves called a special session of the Legislature for today (Thursday) to pass an incentive package that includes \$44 million from the state and a \$215 million loan from the state to Madison County.

The name of the company won't be released publicly until after the Legislature adopts the package.

“The size of this new investment is unlike anything we’ve ever seen before,” Reeves said at a Wednesday press conference. “It’s the single, largest capital investment that has ever been made in the state of Mississippi — by a lot.”

Reeves said the investment is four times larger than the second largest project — Steel Dynamics located in Lowndes County at \$2.5 billion.

Reeves called this project a “game changer” not only for the county and metro but for the entire state.

“This is a big deal and together we have an amazing opportunity to put another win in the books for our state,” he said.

Speaker of the House Jason White said it was exciting to be a part of the project.

“No doubt Mississippi is open for diverse, dynamic, and dedicated businesses,” he said.

Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann said the project wasn't a result of getting lucky, but a result of all the work the state has done in recent years such as cutting taxes, investing in infrastructure, and raising graduation rates.

“We’ve earned this,” he said. “It’s really just the start. We’re looking forward to the session and expediting this through the Mississippi Senate.”

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An aerial view of the Madison County Mega Site shows the location of the economic development project.

investment isn't counted in the \$10 billion, meaning this project will have widespread implications.

“They have worked relentlessly on this project,” Reeves said, adding capital investment could be expanding to Hinds County, Washington County and other parts of the Delta as a result.

The incentive package includes \$44 million in state appropriations, of which \$32 million will go toward jobs training, Reeves said.

Madison County will borrow \$215.1 million from the state at a 4 percent interest rate that will go toward infrastructure. The company will pay a fee in lieu of taxes which will go toward paying down the note. It is unknown at this time how much ad valorem revenue will be

generated until the fee-in-lieu agreement is executed but millions of dollars will be poured into Madison County, the Canton Public School District, and Madison County School.

Reeves said the largest portion of that will be \$171.5 million for a brand-new sewer system. Beatties Bluff, the current wastewater facility located on the Big Black River is near capacity.

Another \$15 million will be spent on grounds around the sites and \$14.8 million on water systems.

The first site will be in the Madison County Mega Site located off Highway 22 and Nissan Parkway.

The second location is known as the Costas property, which is 334 acres located along the southern

boundary of Madison County near Tougaloo College on the corner of Highland Colony Parkway and West County Line Road.

Reeves intimated that \$10 billion could be just the beginning of the investment for this property, with the sites estimated to be completed by 2027.

“We are excited that Mississippi has been selected for this massive, world-class technology project,” state Rep. Jill Ford said. “This is further evidence that Mississippi is open for business and can compete on a global scale. I’m ecstatic that Madison County will serve as the anchor for this transformational investment.”

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Ridgeland aldermen prepping for redistricting

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RIDGELAND — A consultant will present proposed maps and discuss guiding principles of redistricting during a public hearing set for Tuesday at City Hall.

The city's redistricting process began with new and updated population data from the 2020 Census and preparation for the 2025 election cycle, said City Planner Jordan Lohman.

Lohman said ward lines are redrawn when new census data is available primarily to ensure a ratio of "one person — one vote" in elections held in the city.

"The new census data demonstrated that ward boundaries must adjust in order to more equally distribute population throughout the city's wards," Lohman said. "One of the more important elements of any redistricting is to ensure equal voting strength of each person."

A consultant will make a presentation to Mayor Gene F. McGee and the alderman during the public hearing

scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 30, in the board room at Ridgeland City Hall.

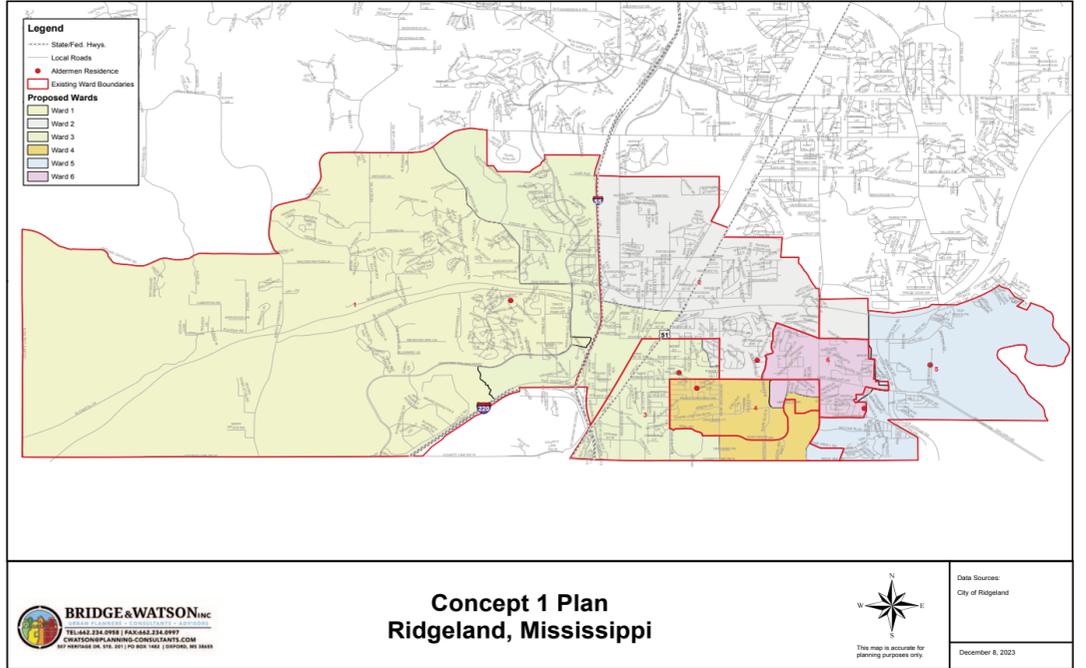
The consultant plans to discuss the guiding principles of redistricting including the legal principles and the "traditional districting principles", Lohman said.

These principles include minimizing the degree of change or disruption, utilizing visible lines of demarcation, maintaining core constituency, avoiding dividing communities of interest, avoiding pitting incumbents against each other, compactness and contiguity as well as the previously stated goal of "One person — one vote."

The consultant will review a total of 10 plans at the meeting.

"He will likely concentrate the majority of his presentation on the four most recent versions and associated data as it pertains to redistricting principles," Lohman said.

The public hearing was set unanimously on the consent agenda by the city board at the Dec. 5 meeting.



Ridgeland aldermen will consider a concept plan for redistricting.

Oaks

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disabled seniors need help, just not in this area. As of right now, where else am I going to put it?"

Phillips didn't speak at the initial public hearing held right before the matter was taken up for a vote, instead allowing his attorney to argue on his behalf.

District 5 Supervisor Paul Griffin said Phillips could have

saved money on hiring a lawyer and spoken to the board himself before removing his initial motion to deny the project.

Newly-seated District 1 Supervisor Casey Brannon, who had seconded the motion to deny the project, agreed with Griffin and removed his second as well, saying Phillips should have spoken to the board.

Supervisors didn't approve the project, though, instead kicking it back to the Mansdale-Livingston Historic Preservation District and requesting

they take action on the proposal within the next two weeks.

The MLHPD previously denied the project in August, saying the information presented to the advisory board was incomplete. Up until last week they would not take the matter up again, which Board President Gerald Steen pointed out was concerning.

Rita McGuffie with the MLHPD spoke to supervisors and explained that they met with the Phillips many times but the proposal was incomplete.

Steen asked what exactly was incomplete, to which McGuffie responded with several items from a certificate of appropriateness to PUD documentation.

"My biggest concern is with the MLHPD committee," Steen said. "That's where it should have been discussed very thoroughly with a decision made and put in the minutes. We don't have that today. Out of due respect to Mrs. Rita...I'm still getting this 'incomplete.'"

Steen ultimately made the motion requesting the MLHPD meet and make a recommendation one way or another on the project so the board can make a determination on whether to approve the conditional use or not.



A rendering shows what The Oaks would look like if approved by supervisors.

In October 2023, the Madison County Planning & Zoning Commission approved the project 3-1.

P&Z Board Attorney Andy Clark told supervisors the approval or denial from both P&Z and MLHPD are advisory and not mutually exclusive. That means, he said, the board could approve or deny the project regardless of the findings from the other boards.

Absent Phillips' last-minute plea, aside from his attorney, the other speakers at the public hearing were against the project and asked supervisors to deny.

J. Kevin Watson, an attorney representing a number of businesses and individuals opposed to the project, focused his argu-

ment on the deed to the property, which said for a period of 50 years it had to "meet the standards of the MLHPD." Since the project wasn't approved by MLHPD, he said that means the project should be denied.

He also argued an assisted living facility wasn't compatible with the restaurants and shops currently located at Livingston.

Clark and Board Attorney Mike Espy disagreed with the deed argument, though, telling supervisors that would ultimately be a civil disagreement between the Phillips and the prior holder of the deed and that would have no bearing on the supervisors' approval if they went that route.

Baxter Burns, a resident of adjacent Chestnut Hill, told supervisors the facility doesn't fit within the neighborhood.

He said Livingston was an entertainment venue and older people in assisted living facilities wouldn't enjoy the loud music.

Greta Mills, a member of the Greaves family that used to own the land and added the 50-year requirement to the land, said she had a petition of about 400 people from the area opposing the project.

"We have no objections to new construction as long as it meets the approval of MLHPD, which The Oaks clearly does not," she said.

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apps offer agencies a better way to alert, inform and prepare the public. Apps allow public safety agencies the ability to reach and serve their citizens where they are: their smartphones."

Myers received unanimous approval from the city board to develop the app at the Sept. 19, regularly scheduled meeting, he said it would cost the depart-

ment about \$17,000 to implement this year and an additional \$5,000 to keep it live.

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

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Gardner serves as Senate Page

Jada Gardner of Ridgeland recently served as a page for the Mississippi Senate. Jada is pictured with Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann who sponsored her visit. Jada is the daughter Brenita Lindsay and attends Ridgeland High School.

2 arrested for Canton murder

By DUNCAN DENT
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CANTON — No motive has been established after two Jackson men were arrested in connection with a fatal shooting here last month.



Donnell Prisley



Calvin Jones

Canton Police Chief Otha Brown said Calvin Donnell Prisley, 50, was arrested by U.S. Marshalls at about 6 a.m. on Jan. 8 on Cedar Park Drive in Jackson. Brown said Prisley has been charged with the murder of 32-year-old Levor Taylor of Canton.

Another man, Calvin Reco Jones, 49, turned himself in on Jan. 8 at about 5 p.m., according to Brown, and jail records show he has been charged with accessory after the fact.

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.

An investigation showed the victim had a single gunshot wound that went through his left side with an exit wound through his chest.

Both men remain in the Madison County Detention Center.

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Opinion & Editorials

CAL THOMAS

Democrats and abortion

With the economy, the border and foreign policy not working for them in this election cycle, Democrats are counting on the abortion issue to save their hides in November.

Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) has announced a “Winning Pro-Life Strategy” to counter their game plan. In a memo reported by The Washington Times, Rubio says Republicans “need to develop and fight for a compassionate, pro-family agenda that counters caricatures of our beliefs and makes life easier for mothers and their children. Second, we need to put Democrats on the defensive about their extreme support for abortion. Third, we need to tell the truth about what abortion is — the taking of innocent life — and advocate for limits to the practice.”

A fourth way could be approaching the issue from an angle rarely heard in the ongoing abortion debate. Melissa Ohden is doing that. Her new book, “Abortion Survivors Break Their Silence,” tells the stories of several women and men who survived abortions, along with the backstories of who and what persuaded their mothers to terminate their pregnancies.

Ohden says she survived a saline abortion and was put aside to die but was saved by a nurse who took her to a neonatal intensive care unit. Now in her 40s, married with two daughters, she writes: “The truth has been swept so far under the rug that abortion survivors are silenced, or just plain ignored. The same is true about almost anyone whose experience doesn’t support the popular narrative

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that abortion is synonymous with women’s empowerment.”

The book is not a political screed, but personal accounts of healing and reconciliation between the women who at first wanted to get rid of “The Dreaded Complication,” as some abortion doctors call those who survive, and their sons and daughters.

Ohden writes about her mother being pressured by her mother, an ob-gyn nurse, into having an abortion in 1977. Her grandmother, she says, was able to bypass normal procedures at a local hospital to fast track her abortion. Many years later after meeting her birth mother, she writes about their reconciliation.

When Ohden discovered she was not alone in her experience, she founded the Abortion Survivors Network.

Ohden quotes a 1981 story in the Philadelphia Inquirer: “(Abortion live births) are little known because organized medicine, from fear of public clamor and legal action, treats them more as an embarrassment to be hushed up than a problem to be solved.”

The number of abortion survivors in the U.S. is unknown, but Canada and Australia are among countries that keep records. While their numbers are relatively small, Ohden notes every life is precious and none of those whose stories she tells regrets being

given a chance at life.

One of the few abortion survival stories that made national news, because it was too grisly to ignore, was about Philadelphia abortion doctor Dr. Kenneth Gosnell, who was convicted of murdering babies that survived abortions in his rogue clinic by “snipping” their spinal cords. He was sentenced in 2013 to three life terms in prison.

Instead of cowering in fear or arguing about the number of gestational weeks after which abortions should be limited or outlawed, Republicans and pro-lifers should attach the left’s favorite word “extreme” to pro-choice Democrats. Why don’t they do more to support adoption? Why won’t congressional Democrats vote for “The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act,” which passed the Republican majority House a year ago, but has languished in the Democrat majority Senate?

During campaigns, Republicans — from their presidential nominee to House and Senate races — should feature abortion survivors. Polls show a large majority of Americans want some restrictions on abortion after viability. They would likely support protections for survivors of abortion if they were aware of them.

Republicans should follow Melissa Ohden’s example and help her tell their stories.

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EDITORIALS

More expensive travel

The next destination for Spirit Airlines may be bankruptcy. The scrappy low-fare carrier denies it, but experts see this as the likely way out from billions in debt. You can thank the Biden administration and a federal judge in Massachusetts for this unfortunate state of affairs.

Last week, U.S. District Judge William G. Young sided with the Justice and Transportation departments in deciding to shoot down the proposed merger between JetBlue Airways and Spirit. These low-cost aviation underdogs intended to unite their strengths to become a more disruptive force in the marketplace, better able to force the likes of American, Delta and United to up their game — and lower their fares — to compete.

Those big players stopped worrying after Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced his intention to invoke antitrust laws to block the deal. “We can use this authority to combat anti-competitive practices that fall outside of antitrust laws,” he said in a speech, “and do so at their incipency, before the negative impact ripples across the market.”

It’s a bit unclear how allowing the nation’s sixth-largest airline to combine with the seventh-largest could possibly create a monopoly worthy of invoking trust-busting power. There are a lot of ways to measure an airline’s strength, but a good place to start is the size of its jet fleet.

JetBlue operates 280 aircraft, and Spirit has 202, for a total of 482 combined. American, Delta and United have an average of 960 jets each. A merged JetBlue-Spirit would still be half the size of any of the three big players.

That’s why American, Delta and United are relieved. They realize they won’t have

to improve service to stay competitive. From their own history, they know relative newcomers grow into major players through mergers. Famous names from the past such as Continental, Northwest, TWA and US Airways faded from memory as they were folded one by one into the American, Delta and United we know today.

When airlines join forces, they gain access to three critical and difficult-to-acquire resources: pilots, airplanes and landing slots at key airports. By integrating those resources, Spirit and JetBlue would have more national reach. The deal made even more sense as both companies made the same decision to keep costs down by flying one type of long-haul jet from Airbus. This means pilots and mechanics wouldn’t need to go through the expensive process of learning to deal with multiple systems.

Of course, the biggest winner in a blocked merger isn’t the incumbent airlines, it’s the Transportation Workers Union, which a year ago wrote to inform Mr. Buttigieg and Attorney General Merrick Garland of “the possibility that hard-fought collective bargaining agreements — which also enhances customer experience — may be at risk” from the JetBlue-Spirit deal.

Labor bosses would rather see a company go down under the weight of bloated union contracts than see their influence diminish in a reformed company with the strength required for survival. And when unions call, the administration answers — even if that sends “negative impact ripples” across the market or increases costs for consumers.

— *The Washington Times*

Blinken’s dreamscape

The president’s envoy to the Middle East served up a rosy assessment of the troubled corner of the globe at the World Economic Forum’s annual confab in Davos, Switzerland, last week.

“There is a profound opportunity for regionalization in the Middle East, in the greater Middle East, that we have not had before,” Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in an onstage interview. “The challenge is realizing it.” The key condition, America’s top diplomat said, is “a pathway to a Palestinian state.”

“Regionalization” is a vision of a historically fractured Middle East made whole through the establishment of a Palestinian state, which would supposedly engender a willingness of Arab nations to normalize relations with Israel. Enthralling though the scenario may appear on the surface, Iran’s proxy war against the Jewish state, combined with its incipient aggression against fellow Islamic neighbors, means current prospects for such a peace are little more than a dreamscape.

What appears as a profound opportunity to President Biden’s foreign policy team has the look of a holy war — the culmination of Iran’s 50-year struggle to purge the Middle East of unbelievers and reconstitute the Prophet Muhammad’s historical caliphate.

Mr. Blinken’s fantastical pronouncements can be explained only as an instinctual urge to follow the Obama-era principle of never letting a crisis go to waste. In the harsh light of 2024, though, suggesting that a modern Palestinian state can be erected atop the smoking wreckage of Gaza’s subterranean military installations — from which Hamas still vows to exterminate the Jews — is an insult to common sense.

It is particularly so since Iran is behind

the unfolding turmoil, having spent years equipping Hamas for its Oct. 7 attack on Israel. Next have come dozens of drone and missile attacks launched by its Houthi co-religionists on shipping in the Red Sea, a critical chokepoint for global commerce. And in recent days, Iran has bombed targets in Iraq, Syria and Pakistan that it claims are havens for groups unfriendly to Tehran.

Moreover, the regime is reportedly accelerating its nuclear weapons program to where it can rapidly crank out enough enriched uranium to arm warheads.

“The unfortunate reality is that Iran already knows how to build nuclear weapons, although there are some unfinished tasks related to the actual construction of them,” writes David Albright, a former International Atomic Energy Agency inspector of Iran’s nuclear program. Only perfecting trigger and missile technology remains on the to-do list, he adds.

Most maddening for Americans, Mr. Biden’s foolish decision to return \$6 billion in frozen funds to Iran, plus his annual \$250 million aid packages to Palestinian organizations, mean U.S. dollars are helping to finance the escalating capacity for violence.

The insular Davos set may find merit in the establishment of a Palestinian state, partnered with Israel in a two-state solution, as a “regionalization” step toward the broader dream of globalization.

The Biden-Blinken dreamscape, however, is unlikely to survive a sobering collision with reality. Iran’s aim is a one-state solution — “Palestine” — in a Middle East expunged of Israel. It is a hellscape soon to be bolstered with nuclear weapons.

— *The Washington Times*

RICH LOWRY

Jack Smith is an arsonist

Jack Smith is a threat to American democracy.

He is blatantly seeking, as a prosecutor, to influence the outcome of the 2024 election. This is not his role and, in fact, is against Justice Department guidelines. If Smith succeeds, the consequences will be long-lasting — the special counsel will have delivered a devastating blow to the legitimacy of our electoral system, in the name of defending it.

Donald Trump and his allies were able to fashion a narrative of a rigged election in 2020 with much less material than Jack Smith is now going to give them in 2024.

He clearly is not playing it straight, and is not proceeding at anything like a normal pace. Fairly routine Jan. 6 cases have taken longer to get from indictment to trial. There is no reason that the question of criminal immunity — a big, consequential question never taken up directly by the Supreme Court — needs to be decided with lightning-quick rapidity.

Of course, Smith has to worry that Trump will get elected again and, as president, squash the case. This was a foreseeable eventuality, though, and the Justice Department could have addressed it by indicting Trump years ago. It didn’t only recently emerge, after all, that Trump gave a speech on Jan. 6 to a crowd that went on to storm the U.S. Capitol.

Once the timing of the case pushed hard up against a national election in which Trump was likely to run, forbearance would have been the proper and public-spirited course.

Smith’s prosecution would be much more consequential than, say, how Twitter handled the Hunter Biden laptop story prior to the election in 2020.

Trump didn’t shoot someone on Fifth Avenue. He engaged in unworthy and impeachable acts, but nothing that is straightforwardly criminal. There was no reason that this absolutely had to be prosecuted no matter what; at best, the case is discretionary.

But influencing the outcome of the election is clearly a feature, not a bug, for Smith and his minders.

There is no way President Biden, Merrick Garland, Jack Smith and Judge Tanya Chutkan would be going down this route if they thought doing so would help Donald Trump become president again. But nearly everyone assumes that a conviction would, at a minimum, hurt Trump’s chances and perhaps destroy them.

The posture of the Biden administration is, basically, it’d be really awful if Republicans supported a felon for president, and, by the way, we are going to move heaven and earth to make your likely candidate a felon.

Democrats fear losing the election but apparently haven’t thought about what it would mean to win this way, or maybe they just don’t care.

Now, if he loses, Trump won’t accept the result, even if it is a strictly by-the-books affair, and his rhetoric will be

angry and irresponsible. But after a conviction and a 2024 loss, Trump would have legitimate reason to complain — to wit, he was targeted in a politicized prosecution that succeeded in its goal of taking him down in a national election.

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Imagine if, because Chutkan has to wait on a Supreme Court ruling on obstruction, the trial doesn’t start until July or August, and a guilty verdict comes down in October? Smith will have fashioned a classic October surprise. Even on the current timetable, sentencing easily could take place in October. The most extreme scenario, of course, is that they actually jail Joe Biden’s opponent.

And how do they expect any of this to be received by the roughly 47% of the country that would support Donald Trump in a rematch with Joe Biden? Are these people supposed to believe in the neutrality of Joe Biden’s Justice Department, even though that’s absurd, or simply accept that this is how the system works now?

Exactly how this plays out this year is impossible to predict, but what’s clear is that Jack Smith has foolishly and unnecessarily set in motion a dangerous dynamic.

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“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

— **Matthew 7:7-8 (ESV)**



MRA students fill stockings for Boys and Girls Club

Students from Madison-Ridgeland Academy involved in MRA's Student Leadership Institute dedicate a morning to actively expressing their love for the community. In the image, several SLI members are seen filling stockings for the Boys and Girls Club. Pictured from left are Britton Dickerson, Charles Simpson, and Molly McPherson.

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

Joy in God's great reversals

If you have your Bibles, I'd invite you to turn with me to Psalm 75 as we continue our way through the Book of the Psalms. In Psalm 75, the psalmist rejoices in God's providential rule over the world. We will look at this Psalm in three parts. Firstly, in verse 1 we will see the psalmist praise the God who has drawn near. Secondly, in verse 2 - 5, we will see God's own words of encouragement and warning. Lastly, in verses 6 - 10, we will see the people of God respond to God's rule with praise and thanksgiving.

I. Praise God Who is Near

The Psalm begins with praise: praise for a God who is near. This is very different than how our world functions today. Our world is filled with practical atheism, not outright denials that God exists. Even the USA Today polls taken on a regular basis in recent times show that most people still believe in God. It's just that they don't live like He exists. It's just that their attitude and outlook on the world is as if He does not exist. It's just that they don't trust and live as if there were a God. Few men really believe that God is and governs the world, that everything happens by His ordering, and that all the causes and agents and means that we see in the world are nothing without Him. But the psalmist has been brought to praise in the very first verse of this Psalm because of that truth. Even with the backdrop of the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple emblazoned upon his eyes and on his heart, he is able to praise, and he tells us he is able to praise God.

Notice what he goes on to say in verse 1: "Men declare Your wondrous works." What's happening there? God's wondrous works are being retold in the songs and in the praises of the people of God who are gathered there to worship, and as he hears that, it enables him to worship. The psalmist is telling us that the praise and worship of the people of God prompted his thanksgiving to God. It was when he heard the wondrous acts of God retold in the worship of God that his outlook on the world was reoriented.

Doesn't that tell us something about the importance of gathering together Lord's Day after

Lord's Day? Because all during the week there are things that occur in our lives that are susceptible to very different interpretations than that which we hear from God's word. We are tempted to doubt, we are tempted to wonder, we are tempted to question, we are tempted to bitterness. And the psalmist is saying, "It's in the context of the worship of God where I hear God reveal who He really is. I am strengthened to worship the Lord rather than to scramble for cover." It's this retelling of who God is and what He has done that strengthens this man to face this cataclysmic crisis in the history of Israel. And so we see praise for a God who is near.

II. God's Encouragement and Warning

In verses 2 - 5, God speaks in comfort and in warning. And notice what He tells us here. God's speech in verses 2 - 3 is encouraging, it's reassuring to the people of God: "When I select an appointed time, it is I who will judge with equity." He is a Judge who dispenses justice with fairness, so that the wicked are judged and the righteous are acquitted. He goes on to say, "The earth and all who dwell in it melt; it is I who have firmly set its pillars." We are told here that though those who view themselves as the pillars of society melt away, it is God who has established the pillars of the earth. Though this earth seems with its inhabitants and cultures to be going crazy, God has established the structure and the order of this world, and He will administer justice. That is good news for the people of God, that justice will be done, that God will set things to rights.

But now there's the warning side. You see it in verses 4 - 5, "I said to the boastful, 'Do not boast,' and to the wicked, 'Do not lift up the horn; do not lift up your horn on high, do not speak with insolent pride.'" The Lord here speaks to the proud and to the wicked; and notice how He links those together — the proud and the wicked. To be prideful is to be wicked; to be wicked is to be prideful. And He says to them, "Do not be arrogant. Do not speak arrogantly." This is one reason why humility is the quintessential Christian grace; why it's so important for all of us to cultivate that humili-

ty. For God will exalt the humble, and He will abase the proud. To be prideful is to be raised up against God. May God grant to us grace-wrought, gospel humility.

III. Praise and Thanksgiving

The psalmist in verses 6 - 10 responds to God's rule with praise and thanksgiving. Here the psalmist, after hearing God announce His just judgment, instead of standing back and saying, "God, how could You have let the wicked Babylonians bring judgment on Your people and destroy Your temple?" responds by saying, "Lord, I know You're going to bring the wicked down. I know the prideful who set up their own banners in the temple of God are going to be brought low because I know that You rule the world in righteousness." There's only one place where you can go where things will be put right for the people of God, and that's to God the Judge. That's the One who is going to come and exalt you in your abasement and humility. That's the One who is going to come and set things right. Search where you will, but there is no Arbiter but God: He alone exalts the humble; He alone abases the proud. And the psalmist praises God for this fact.

Also this reality evokes thanksgiving. Listen to what the psalmist says: "But as for me, I will declare it forever, I will sing praises to the God of Jacob." He is remembering the promises that God made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: that He would make them a people, and that He would give them a permanent dwelling place, and that He would be their inheritance. Our God is the same God who promised this to Abraham and to Jacob, who sustained Daniel, who heard Paul, who was there with John at the very end. And so in the midst of all of the world's crises, we continue to believe in His just judgment because He has drawn near to us and we hear the people of God in all generations singing praises to Him for those wondrous works.

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OBITUARIES

Margaret Beryl Cassell

Margaret Beryl Cassell, 97, passed away peacefully in her sleep on 1/17/2024.

She was born on 1/25/1926 to Joseph and Mary Ella Wood of McComb, MS.

She was employed by the railroad for over 40 years but would proudly claim her true occupation as homemaker.

Margaret is survived by her children Michael D. Cassell (spouse Dawn) of Madison, MS; V. Jeanne Halliwell (spouse Allan) of Ridgeland, MS; Sara E. Cassell (widow of Robert) Memphis, TN; Donna K. Cassell of Ridgeland, MS; Kenneth A. Cassell (spouse Valerie) of San Francisco, CA; Joseph E. Falconer-Cassell (spouse Blas) of West Toluca Lake, CA and by her grandchildren Christopher B. Cassell (spouse Tammila) of Hubert, NC; Robert M. Cassell (spouse Holly) of Nashville, TN; Justin C. Halliwell of Ridgeland, MS; Matthew W. Halliwell of Ridgeland, MS; Mary E. Crenshaw (spouse Clay) of Aledo, TX; Nathan C. Cassell (spouse Kelly) of Houston, TX; Lucas R. Falconer of West Toluca Lake, CA; Elliot G. Falconer of West Toluca Lake, CA and by her great-grandchildren Cameryn Cassell, Tyler Cassell, Morgan Cassell, Michael Cassell, Dylan Cassell, Maya Cassell, Graham Crenshaw, Henry Crenshaw, Jaden Cassell and Olivia Cassell.

She also leaves behind her adored sister Ella Mae Elmore of McComb, MS and her sister-in-law Harriet Wood of Summit, MS, as well as numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

She is preceded in her passing by her precious husband Marvin E. Cassell and her loving son Robert G. Cassell.

A funeral service celebrating her life was held January 23, 2024 at Natchez Trace Funeral Home. Interment followed in Natchez Trace Memorial Gardens.

Memorial gifts and donations may be made to St. Matthews United Methodist Church, Madison, MS or to one of your choosing.

Frederick William "Fred" Johnson Jr

Frederick William "Fred" Johnson Jr., age 82 of Ridgeland, MS passed away peacefully January 16, 2024 after a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease.

He was born March 11th, 1941, in Jackson, MS. Fred grew up in Jackson, MS where he graduated from Murrah High School. Following graduation, he attended Georgia Tech where he graduated in 1963 with a B.S. degree in Industrial Management.

Fred was active in ROTC and received his commission into the Army September 25th, 1963. He was a member of the 82nd Airborne. Fred received the prestigious Bronze Star and Silver Star for his gallantry in combat in 1966. He was honorably discharged in 1968.

Following his military service, he moved his young family to Oxford, MS where he earned his law degree from the University of Mississippi. Fred practiced law for many years. He and Sam lived in Ridgeland, MS for the remainder of his life.

Fred was a founding member of Snake Creek Duck Club along with his dear friends Paul Hopping and Henry Shotts. He later hunted as a member of Delta Marsh.

Fred is survived by his wife Lynne "Sam" Fortenberry Johnson of Ridgeland, MS; his sons, Frederick William Johnson III (Tripp) and Robert Todd Johnson of Clarksville, TN. Also his four grandchildren, Wade Johnson of New Orleans, LA, Hollis Johnson of New Orleans, LA, Zach Johnson of Clarksville, TN and Nathan Johnson of Clarksville, TN.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Fred W Johnson Sr. and Edna Earle Johnson, and his sister Nancy Christine Johnson.

A funeral service was held in the chapel at First Baptist Jackson on January 22, 2024.

Memorial donations may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation online at give.michaeljfox.org/give or to Sam and Fred's favorite no kill animal shelters Animal Rescue Fund (Pippa Jackson) by mail to 395 West Mayes St., Jackson, MS 39213 or Cheshire Abbey (Chrissy Cheshire) on Facebook.

Shelton Stanley "Stan" Sullivan, Jr.

Shelton Stanley "Stan" Sullivan, Jr., 60, passed away on January 14, 2024. Visitation will be 12pm-2pm Sunday at Stringer Family Funeral Home in Crystal Springs. The service will be 2pm Sunday at Stringer Family Chapel with burial at New Zion Cemetery.

Mr. Sullivan loved hunting, fishing and any activities he could do outdoors. He loved being around his family and making everyone laugh. He retired from the USPS after over 32 years as a rural carrier.

He was preceded in death by his father, Shelton Stanley Sullivan, Sr. He is survived by his wife, Bianca Simmons Sullivan; sons, Jonathan Sullivan and Tyler Sullivan (Zoe); daughter, Anne Marie Sullivan; mother, Peggy Wall Kimes; brother, Andy Sullivan; sister, Dixie Criddle; grandchildren, Jonah Sullivan and John Luke Sullivan; and many nieces and nephews that he loved dearly.

Ramona Louise Waters

Ramona Waters, 72, of Canton, MS passed away January 14, 2024 at St. Dominic Hospital.

Funeral services were 1:00 pm Friday, January 19, 2024 at the Apostolic Lighthouse Church in Canton. Visitation was held from 11:00 am until service time. Burial followed at the Canton City Cemetery.

She was a homemaker and was a member of Apostolic Lighthouse Church.

Ramona is survived by her husband Doug Waters.

She was preceded in death by her parents J R and Bobbie Warren Clark, her son Jimmy, and her brothers Roger and Larry.

Culpepper Funeral Home in Canton was in charge of arrangements.

For online condolences please visit www.culpepperfuneralhome.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in or in anyway affected thereby, that applicant John Hertel representing owner Allison Kelly has filed with the City Clerk/Administrative Director of the City of Madison, Mississippi, an application for a variance to increase the accessory building height from 10 feet to 23 feet in a RE-A (Residential Estate District) zoning district and the Sundial Overlay, as provided by the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Madison and the Sundial Overlay, Mississippi. Property located at 174 Sundial Road, Sundial Subdivision, 4.3 acres, Parcel Number 072B-10B-009/00.00.

Notice is further given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Madison, Madison County, Mississippi, will have a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024, in the Municipal Courtroom of the Madison Justice Complex, at 2001 Main Street in Madison, Mississippi, and at such time, date and place hold and conduct a public hearing at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard thereon, either in person, by petition, or by counsel.

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

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

Publication: January 25, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAZEL BROWN, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 45CH1:23-cv-00765 BILLIE BROWN, ADMINISTRATOR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION of the Estate of Hazel Brown, Deceased, having on the 20 th day of September, 2023, been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi in Cause No. 45CH1:23-cv-00765, notice is therefore, hereby given to all persons, having claims against said Estate to have the same probated and registered by Clerk of said Court within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or the same will be forever barred.

/s/ Billie Brown Billie Brown, Administrator Estate of Hazel Brown, Deceased

SUBMITTED BY: RAYMOND H.B. FRASER, (MSB 102020) THE FRASER LAW FIRM, PLLC P.O. BOX 12688 JACKSON, MS. 39236 (601)914-9989 (601)510-1570/FAX

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in or in anyway affected thereby, that owner Hutchins Irrevocable Trust has filed with the City Clerk/Administrative Director of the City of Madison, Mississippi, an application for a variance to allow for a width of the road decrease from 28 feet to 14 feet to continue Deer Ridge Road, for the purposes of subdividing/plating property in a RE-A (Residential Estate District) as provided by the Subdivision Regulations of the City of Madison, Mississippi. Property to be subdivided/platted located near Picnic Hill Road on Deer Ridge Road. Parcel Number 072A-11C-001/01.00.

Notice is further given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Madison, Madison County, Mississippi, will have a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024, in the Municipal Courtroom of the Madison Justice Complex, at 2001 Main Street in Madison, Mississippi, and at such time, date and place hold and conduct a public hearing at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard thereon, either in person, by petition, or by counsel.

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

Publication: January 25, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in or in anyway affected thereby, that applicant McMaster and Associates, Inc. representing Owner Baptist Health Systems/Michael Stevens has filed with the City Clerk/Administrative Director of the City of Madison, Mississippi, an application for a special exception (conditional use) to allow for a quasi-public facility, specifically a 40-bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation hospital, in a C-1 (Restricted Commercial District) zoning district, as provided by the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Madison, Mississippi. Property located on Highland Colony Parkway just west of Keifers Restaurant, across from Broadmoor Baptist Church. Parcel Number 071A-12A-011/28.00.

Notice is further given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Madison, Madison County, Mississippi, will have a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024, in the Municipal Courtroom of the Madison Justice Complex, at 2001 Main Street in Madison, Mississippi, and at such time, date and place hold and conduct a public hearing at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard thereon, either in person, by petition, or by counsel.

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

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT AND FIRST

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CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF DAN MATT MORGAN, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 2023-1317 (B)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 15th day of December, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Dan Matt Morgan, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. THIS, the 22nd day of January, 2024. /s/ Jeffrey D. Miller

JEFFREY D. MILLER, Executor under the Last Will and Testament and First Codicil to Last Will and Testament of Dan Matt Morgan, deceased

PUBLISHED:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in or in anyway affected thereby, that applicant Nolan Williamson representing owner Bear Creek Water Association has filed with the City Clerk/Administrative Director of the City of Madison, Mississippi, an application for a special exception (conditional use) to allow for a quasi-public facility/use, specifically a water tower/utility, in a PUD R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) as provided by the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Madison, Mississippi. Property located at 1365 Mannsdale Road (Madison Middle School), 1.1 acres, Parcel Number 071A-02 -021/04.00.

Notice is further given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Madison, Madison County, Mississippi, will have a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024, in the Municipal Courtroom of the Madison Justice Complex, at 2001 Main Street in Madison, Mississippi, and at such time, date and place hold and conduct a public hearing at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard thereon, either in person, by petition, or by counsel.

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

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

Publication: January 25, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CURTIS BROWN, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 45CH1:23-cv-00882 BILLIE BROWN, ADMINISTRATOR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION of the Estate of Curtis Brown, Deceased, having on the 20 th day of September, 2023, been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi in Cause No. 45CH1:23-cv-00882, notice is therefore, hereby given to all persons, having claims against said Estate to have the same probated and registered by Clerk of said Court within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or the same will be forever barred.

/s/ Billie Brown Billie Brown, Administrator Estate of Curtis Brown, Deceased

SUBMITTED BY: RAYMOND H.B. FRASER, (MSB 102020) THE FRASER LAW FIRM, PLLC P.O. BOX 12688 JACKSON, MS. 39236 (601)914-9989 (601)510-1570/FAX

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: DANA MOHAMED AHMED HUSSEIN GHONEIM, A MINOR CAUSE NO.: 2023-1348 W SONYA ALAMMARRY , 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 8:45 AM on the 22nd day of February 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 22nd day of January, 2024.

Ronny Lott Chancery Clerk, Madison County, Mississippi

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in or in anyway affected thereby, that owner Hutchins Irrevocable Trust has filed with the City Clerk/Administrative Director of the City of Madison, Mississippi, an ap-

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plication for a variance to allow for a deviation from the right-of-way requirement of 50 feet to 35 feet on Deer Ridge Road, for the purposes of subdividing/plating property in a RE-A (Residential Estate District) as provided by the Subdivision Development Regulations of the City of Madison, Mississippi. Property to be platted located near Picnic Hill Road on Deer Ridge Road. Parcel Number 072A-11C-001/01.00.

Notice is further given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Madison, Madison County, Mississippi, will have a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024, in the Municipal Courtroom of the Madison Justice Complex, at 2001 Main Street in Madison, Mississippi, and at such time, date and place hold and conduct a public hearing at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard thereon, either in person, by petition, or by counsel.

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

Publication: January 25, 2024

ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RIDGELAND, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI APPROVING AND GRANTING PETITION AND APPLICATION FOR DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE IN REGARD TO THE PETITION OF LARRY AND GAIL GILBERT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 316 KELLY'S GLEN (PARCEL NO. 0721-30A-044/03.00) IN THE CITY OF RIDGELAND, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, Larry and Gail Gilbert (the "Petitioners") did file a Petition and Application for Dimensional Variance to reduce the required minimum 10 ' side and rear yard setback to 1' side and rear yard setback on the subject property ; and, WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen referred the Petition to the Zoning Board of the City of Ridgeland (the "Zoning Board"), which Board scheduled a hearing on said Petition for January 4, 2024, at 6:00 o'clock p.m.; and, WHEREAS, the City Clerk did cause notice of the January 4, 2024, hearing to be published in the Madison County Journal, a newspaper published in the City of Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi, in the manner and for the time required by law, and the Zoning Administrator did post notice of same upon the affected property in the manner and for the time required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, did conduct a full and complete hearing on the Petition at the January 4, 2024, meeting, and received comments and heard evidence presented by the Petitioners and all others who appeared at said hearing and thereafter forwarded its recommendation thereon to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen; and, WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are familiar with the property and existing land uses within the City of Ridgeland and in the area of the city where the property is located and in acting on this Ordinance, have duly considered the matters and facts within their personal knowledge as same affect the land uses requested in the Petition filed herein; and, WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the discussion of the Zoning Board's recommendation, the Mayor asked whether the Board of Aldermen desired to take any action regarding the Petition and the recommendation of the Zoning Board, and after discussion thereof, Alderman D.L. Smith offered the following Ordinance and moved that it be adopted, to-wit:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi as follows, to-wit: SECTION 1. That the matters and facts stated in the preamble hereof are found, determined, and adjudicated to be true and correct. SECTION 2. That a dimensional variance be, and same is hereby granted to change the dimensional requirements of Section 31.05 of the Zoning Regulations Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland to reduce the required minimum 10 ' side and rear yard setback to 1' side and rear yard setback on the subject property in the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi. The granting of this dimensional variance does not grant or approve any encroachment into or over neighboring property.

SECTION 3. The property affected by this Ordinance is located in the City of Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi and described as: Lot 3, Kelly's Glen Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, in Plat Cabinet B, Slide 85, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

SECTION 4. That it is hereby found and determined that the conditions precedent to the granting of a dimensional variance as required in Section 600.08 of the City of Ridgeland Zoning Regulations Ordinance of February 2014, exist, and have been satisfied in regard to the granting of the dimensional variance described herein.

SECTION 5. That, with the sole exception of the dimensional variance granted herein, the property shall be subject to all of the provisions of the City of Ridgeland Zoning Regulations Ordinance of February, 2014.

ORDAINED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi at a regular meeting thereof held on the 17th day of January, 2024. The motion for adoption was seconded by Alderman Chuck Gautier and the foregoing Ordinance having been first reduced to writing, was submitted to the Board of Aldermen for passage or rejection on roll call vote with the following results: Alderman Ken Heard (Ward 1) voted: YEAH _____ Alderman Chuck Gautier (Ward 2) voted: YEAH _____ Alderman Kevin Holder (Ward 3) voted: YEAH _____ Alderman Brian Ramsey (Ward 4) voted: _____

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YEAH _____ Alderman Bill Lee (Ward 5) voted: YEAH _____ Alderman Wesley Hamlin (Ward 6) voted: YEAH _____ Alderman D.I. Smith (At large) voted: YEAH _____

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Ordinance adopted.

The foregoing Ordinance is approved, this the 17 TH _____ day of January _____, 2024.

/s/ Gene F. McGee, Mayor of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi

ATTEST:

/s/ Paula Tierce, City Clerk (SEAL)

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM ALXANDER GOWAN, JR., DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 24-21 (B)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 11th day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor under the Last Will and Testament of William Alexander Gowan, Jr., 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 18th day of January, 2024.

/s/ Lauren Dupre LAUREN DUPRE, Executor under the Last Will and Testament of William Alexander Gowan, Jr., deceased

PUBLISHED:

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, will receive written and electronic sealed bids for the purchase of services and commodities for Public Works as listed below. Bids will be received until the hour of 10:00 am, Wednesday, February 28, 2024, in the Public Works Conference Room at City Hall located at 100 W. School Street, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157 or may be submitted electronically at www.centralbidding.com .

Asphalt (FOB – Plant) (6 month) Asphalt (FOB - City of Ridgeland) (6 month)

Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com and electronic bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com . For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process and to register, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. All Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Sealed Bid" with the item you are bidding listed on the envelope. Please put only one bid form in each envelope. All bids shall be submitted in duplicate. Bids will only be accepted on forms provided by the City and downloaded from www.centralbidding.com and the prices quoted will be binding for the period from April 1, 2024 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, unless otherwise indicated. Contracts for purchase will be made from the lowest and/or best bids submitted, but the Mayor and Board of Aldermen reserve the right to reject any and all bids, and accept or reject any part of a bid.

Electronic Bidding: www.centralbidding.com Hand Delivery : City of Ridgeland, Attn: Renee Buckner, 100 W. School Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157 Mailing Address: City of Ridgeland, Attn: Renee Buckner P.O. Box 217, Ridgeland, MS 39158

CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI

BY: /s/ Paula Tierce Paula Tierce, City Clerk

Publish: January 25, 2024 and February 1, 2024

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF NORMA LORITA HAYES, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2024-46

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been issued on the 18th day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Norma Lorita Hayes, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to probate and register the same, as provided by law, with the Clerk of said Court, within ninety (90) days after the first publication of this Notice. Failure to probate and register any such claim within said ninety (90) day period will forever bar the claim. WITNESS THE SIGNATURE of the Executrix this 22nd day of January, 2024.

/s/ Angela Hayes Bass Angela Hayes Bass, Executrix

Ronald E. McMillan (MSB #10712) McMILLAN LAW FIRM, PLLC 201 N. College Street, Suite 204 Brandon, Mississippi 39042 Telephone: (601) 421-5452

Attorney for the Executrix

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COME THIS DAY, on the 15TH of September in the Julian Period of 1955 (2435366.171528), under the Virgo sign (12° 8') Moon conjuncting Mars, house of Elul (Naphthali), at 33N 24' 36.091 W03°42.1'. Greenville, in the Territory of Washington County, in Mississippi, one of the several states of the United States of America, Baby Ray Acoff (mother and "birthing person") gave birth to a single female, known as Vernita Acoff of Mississippi at approximately 18:00 UT, precisely at 629 S. Shelby St, Greenville, Mississippi, 38701. It is hereby declared by Baby Ray Acoff (mother) a Mississippian National but not a citizen of the District of Columbia give testament to the witness of the birth of Vernita Acoff of Mississippi and has no connection to the after birth of born-alive person, for any claims of salvaging under Pope Boniface VIII, any Papal Bulls of Birth Certificate existence within the State of Mississippi Certification of Vital Records or with the County of Washington Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. This Birth Announcement and its property is held in ButteRican Express Trust and shall stand as true with any City, Town, Borough, County, State municipality or United States Department of State.

We, the undersigned, declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Signed/Mark: Baby Ray Acoff Executed: January 21, 2024 Signed/Mark: Rosie Smith Executed: January 21, 2024 January 21, 2024 R#####

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF GLORIA HARRISON MORGAN, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 24-37 (B)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 11th day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Gloria Harrison Morgan, 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 19th day of January, 2024.

/s/ Jeffrey D. Miller JEFFREY D. MILLER, Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Gloria Harrison Morgan, deceased

PUBLISHED:

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

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi, will receive written and electronic sealed bids for the purchase of services, commodities, and/or supplies for Public Works and contracts for public construction as listed below. Bids will be received until the hour of 10:00 am, Tuesday, February 20, 2024, in the Conference Room of the City of Gluckstadt Public Works Building located at 107 Lone Wolf Drive, Gluckstadt, MS, 39110.

Asphalt (FOB – Plant) (6 month) Asphalt (FOB - City of Gluckstadt) (6 month)

Official bid documents can be downloaded and electric bids can be submitted at Central Bidding www.centralauctionhouse.com . For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process and to register, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. All Bids that are mailed or hand delivered must be sealed and clearly marked "Sealed Bid" with the item you are bidding listed on the envelope. Please put only one bid form in each envelope. All bids shall be submitted in duplicate. Bids will only be accepted on forms provided by the City or downloaded from www.centralbidding.com and the prices quoted will be binding for the period from APRIL 1, 2024 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, unless otherwise indicated. Contracts for purchase will be made from the lowest and/or best bids submitted, but the Mayor and Board of Aldermen reserve the right to reject any and all bids, and accept or reject any part of a bid.

All bids properly submitted in accordance with this notice will be opened at 10:00 am, February 20, 2024, in the Conference Room of the City of Gluckstadt Public Works Building located at 107 Lone Wolf Drive, Gluckstadt, MS 39110.

Electronic Bidding: www.centralbidding.com

Hand Delivery : City of Gluckstadt, Attn: Vikki Good, 107 Lone Wolf Drive, Gluckstadt, MS 39110 Mailing Address: City of Gluckstadt, Attn: Vikki Good, 107 Lone Wolf Drive, Gluckstadt, MS 39110

CITY OF GLUCKSTADT, MISSISSIPPI

BY: /s/Lindsay Kellum Lindsay Kellum, City Clerk

Publish: January 18 and January 25, 2024

Furnish 2 proofs of publication/City of Gluckstadt

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RICHARD JONES , DECEASED NO. 99-688B

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: SHIRLEY HARRIS, RAPHEAL CARTHON, VINCENT RAGLIN, WES-

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LEY RAGLIN, ULITHA JEAN BALIR EICKBUSH, DANIEL RAGLIN, LESTER RAGLIN, NELSON RAGLIN, GERRICK RAGLIN, WILLIAM C. RAGLIN, WILLIE JONES, MARTISHA GROVER, LYNN STOVER, SOPHIA JONES, LESLIE JONES, PAUL JONES JR. LONDON RAGLIN, WALTER HARRISON, NON-RESIDENT, ABSENT, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF Richard Jones, and All other interested parties;

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

All known heirs of Richard Jones ; Timothy Jones Sr. , Barbara White, Kenyon Ford, Richard Jones Jr., Yolanda Morgan, Midred McNeal, Nina Brown, Betty Adams, Ophelia Jones, Florence Winters, Tony Jones, Clara Jones, Hattie Raglin Vaughn, Cleo Jones, Shirley Harris, Rapheal Carthon, Vincent Raglin, Wesley Raglin, Ulitha Jean Balir Eickbush, Daniel Raglin, Lester Raglin, Nelson Raglin, Joshua Murphy, Henry Murphy, Gerrick Raglin, Chauncey Raglin, William C Raglin, Willie Jones, Martisha Grover, Lynn Stover, Sophia Jones, Leslie Jones, Paul Jones Jr., London Raglin, Henry Odell Murphy III and Walter Harrison and the unknown heirs of Richard Jones , and if there be any other interested parties whose names, post office and street addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry.

You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Chancery Court of Madison County, March 1, 2024 9:00am at the Madison County Courthouse in 146 W Center St, Canton, MS 39046 then there to plead, answer or demur to that certain Amended Petition for Determination of Heirship, being Cause Number 99-688, wherein you are the Defendant.

You are not required to answer said petition, but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 19th day of January 2024.

Ronny Lott Madison County Chancery Clerk P.O. Box 404 Canton, MS 39046

(S E A L) By: Stacy Toten Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE REGARDING PROPOSED REDISTRICTING OF ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, will hold a public hearing to give the citizens of the city an opportunity to provide input regarding a proposed redistricting plan which divides the city into six equally apportioned election districts to be utilized for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Aldermen. This public hearing will be held in the Board Room at Ridgeland City Hall, 100 W School St, Ridgeland, MS 39157 during a special called public meeting on January 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen are calling this public hearing for the purpose of enabling citizens to comment, be heard, provide input on, and participate in the redistricting process of establishing equally apportioned election districts for the Alderman positions. This upcoming public hearing and the opportunity to participate in the decision to adopt a proposed redistricting plan concerns every citizen of the City.

The Board has developed proposed redistricting plans to correct any population imbalance among the various election districts revealed by the 2020 Census data. Federal law requires that the population of election districts vary by less than ten (10%) percent to ensure equal representation and

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da Tours, LLC P O Box 2087 Grenada, MS 38902. Details regarding eligible activities, program requirements, and the program criteria will be provided by a virtual public hearing. Interested personnel should call 662.809.5683 for further information .

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in or in anywise affected thereby, that owner Hutchins Irrevocable Trust has filed with the City Clerk/Administrative Director of the City of Madison, Mississippi, an application for a **variance to change from asphalt to limestone or rock aggregate to continue Deer Ridge Road**, for the purposes of subdividing/platting property in a RE-A (Residential Estate District) as provided by the Subdivision Regulations of the City of Madison, Mississippi. Property to be platted/subdivided located near Picnic Hill Road on Deer Ridge Road. Parcel Number 072A-11C-001/01.00.

Notice is further given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Madison, Madison County, Mississippi, will have a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024, in the Municipal Courtroom of the Madison Justice Complex, at 2001 Main Street in Madison, Mississippi, and at such time, date and place hold and conduct a public hearing at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard thereon, either in person, by petition, or by counsel.

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

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

Publication: January 25, 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

FOR HIGHLAND COLONY TANK & WELL CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi will receive written and electronic sealed bids for the construction of that certain project designated as "Highland Colony Tank & Well" until the hour of **2:00 PM, local time, on 27 th day, February 2024** , in the Ridgeland City Hall Board room, 100 West School Street, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157; or electronically at www.centralbidding.com. Registration and a valid email address are required for electronic id submission. Bids are to be stated for the construction of a tank and well and all other related items of work required to complete the project as shown and specified in the Contract Documents.

The **Total Contract Time will be 700 consecutive calendar days and the liquidated damages will be \$700 per consecutive calendar day thereafter.** A non-mandatory **pre-bid conference will at 2:00 P.M., local time, on 13 th day, February 2024** at the Ridgeland City Hall. A bid bond or a certified cashier's check in the amount of 5% of the total bid price is required.

Bid documents are being made available via paper copy or digital copy through www.centralbidding.com. Plans can be viewed for no charge or physically purchased at this website location. All plan holders are required to have a valid e-mail address to register for an account and log in at www.centralbidding.com. Purchased bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website.

The City of Ridgeland reserves the right to amend the specifications and contract documents as necessary prior to bid and agrees to notify all having requested bid packets. The City of Ridgeland reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive any and all informalities.

The City of Ridgeland, Mississippi hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen reserve the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive any and all informalities.

The BID SCHEDULE may be examined at the following locations:

A. Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MPTAP) Mississippi Development Authority, Minority & Small Business Development, Woolfolk Building 501 North West Street, Suite B 01, Jackson, MS 39201

Minority and women's business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are

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encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities and equipment, material, and/or supply needs.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in whole or in part by anticipated funds from the Mississippi Municipality & County Water Infrastructure Grant Program (MCWI) and the Environment Protection Agency's State and Tribal Assistance Grant Program (EPA-STAG). This procurement will be subject to all applicable sections of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, as they apply to local governments, in accordance with MCWI and EPA-STAG Program Regulations.

Based on the Assistance Listing: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and Part 2 of the US Treasury State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Compliance and Reporting Guidance (v3.0 February 2022) (Compliance Guide), the following Uniform Guidance provisions will be required in all contracts:

Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions

Subpart B, General Provisions

Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 CFR 200.204, .205, .210, and .213)

Subpart D, Post Federal; Award Requirements (except 2 CFR 200.305(b) (8) & (9), 3.08, 3.09, and .320(c)(4))

Subpart E, Cost Principles

Subpart F, Audit Requirements

2 CFR 25 (Universal Identifier & System for Award Management)

2 CFR 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information)

2 CFR 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement))

2 CFR 200 Appendix ii

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, ON THIS THE 16 TH DAY OF January 2024 .

CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI

By:

(s) Gene F. McGee, Mayor

PUBLISH: THURSDAY, January 25, 2024 and THURSDAY, February 1, 2024. IN THE MADISON COUNTY JOURNAL & The Clarion Ledger.

Furnish proof of publication to: Paula Tierce, City Clerk, paula.tierce@ridgelandms.org (601-856-7113) Ridgeland City Hall 304 Highway 51 Ridgeland, MS 39157 Jamie McInnis, jamie.mcinnis@waggonereng.com (601-355-9526) Waggoner Engineering, Inc. PO Box 12227 Jackson, MS 39236-2227

Send invoice to: Paula Tierce, City Clerk, City of Ridgeland, P.O. Box 217 Ridgeland, MS 39158 (601-856-7113)

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, EX REL. RIDGELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT PLAINTIFF VS. Civil Cause No. 2023-1210 JO

ONE (1) 2012 TOYOTA PRIUS BEARING VIN# JTDKN3DU5C1609107 DEFENDANT

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Marquail Marquest Clifton, 5115 Shirlwood Dr., Jackson, MS 39211

A PETITION FOR FORFEITURE OR COMPLAINT HAS BEEN FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. You are required by law to mail or hand-deliver a written response to the Complaint filed in this action to the lawyer for the Plaintiff, whose name and address is: **Todd McAlpin, Assistant District Attorney, Post Office Box 121, Canton, Mississippi 39046.**

A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR HAND-DELIVERED TO SAID LAWYER WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS SUMMONS AND PETITION ARE SERVED UPON YOU, OR A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE CURRENCY AND PROPERTY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION OR COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your

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response with the Clerk of the Court within a reasonable time afterward. The name and address of the Clerk of this Court is Honorable Anita Wray, Madison County Circuit Court, Post Office Box 1626, Canton, Mississippi, 39046.

Issued under my hand and the official seal of this Court this the 18th day of January 2024.

ANITA WRAY
MADISON COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

By: Wanda Jefferson D.C.
Wanda Jefferson (SEAL)

Take Notice that: anyone with an equal, prior or superior equitable or legal right or interest in/to/of/for the title VERNITA ACOFF, V. ACOFF, ACOFF VERNITA, VERNITA ACOFF-BROOKS, ACOFF-BROOKS VERNITA, VERNITA ACOFF, ROBINSON VERNITA, any style variations, thereof capable to confuse, suspend or clog said title, right or interest in/to/of/for said above title is hereby requested to present their claim to witness to address 300 Palham Ave SW ste A4, PMB 102, Huntsville, Alabama, 35801, before expiration of 30 days of this publication. Registered owner Vernita Acoff, attained the age of majority September 15th 1973, and is the sole beneficial owner of Certificate of Title of Registered Securities and claims all rights, titles, and interest of/for any/all above said variations/derivatives of VERNITA ACOFF, legal person born September 15th, of the year nineteen hundred and fifty five.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN AUSTIN HOOD, JR., DECEASED NO. 2024-41W NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary of the estate of the above decedent having been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi on January 12, 2024, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent to have the same probated, registered and allowed by the Clerk of said Court within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice; and failure to do so within said period will forever bar all claims. THIS THE 17 th day of January, 2024.

/s/ John Austin Hood, III, Executor of the Estate of John Austin Hood, Jr., Deceased

Publish: January 25 th , February 1 st , 8 th _____

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/Barlett B. Clark BARTLETT B. CLARK Executor of the Estate of PATRICIA GOULET CLARK, Deceased

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

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,

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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 29 th day of December 2023.

/s/ Rebecca Weeks King
REBECCA WEEKS KING

Prepared by:
DOUGLAS J. GRAHAM
SETTLEMIRE & GRAHAM, PLLC
410 East Beacon Street
Philadelphia, MS 39350
(601) 656-9597
MSBN: 101965

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 16 th 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 18 th 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 Beggiani

Prepared by:
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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 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 9th day of January, 2024.

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

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

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATSY CALDWELL AUCOIN , DECEASED CAUSE NO.

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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

Prepared By:
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Substituted Trustee's Notice Of Sale Whereas, on 10/4/2019, Chrishoner M Singleton single woman, executrix 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 Khamsouk, 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

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

EN RE:

KEILA HANANI MENDEZ MARTINEZ, MENOR CAUSA NO. 2023-1358

LEONOR ESTHER MARTINEZ MEL-LADO, PETICIONARIA

REGLA 81 CITACIÓN POR PUBLICACION

EL ESTADO DE MISSISSIPPI

PARA: Rigoberto Javier Jaime Mendez Ramirez Veracruz, Mexico

AVISO AL DEMANDADO

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

Usted está convocado para comparecer y defenderse contra la Petición para Nombrar Tutor radicada en su contra en esta acción a las **9 a.m. el día 29 th de Febrero 2024, en el Tribunal de la Cancillería del Condado de Yazoo en Yazoo City, Mississippi, ante Su Señoría Robert G. Clark III** , y en caso de que usted no aparezca y se defienda, un fallo será dictado en su contra por el dinero u otras cosas exigidas en la **Petición para Nombrar Tutor Verificada**. No es necesario que presente una respuesta u otro alegato, pero puede hacerlo si lo desea.

Emitted bajo mi mano y el sello de dicho Tribunal, este día 4 de Enero, 2024.

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

This the 4th day of January, 2024

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEAN DELORIS JACOBS, DECEASED

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 23-1025 b

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 4th day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Jean Deloris Jacobs, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said estate to present the same to the Clerk of the said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 4th day of January, 2024

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

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Tel: (601) 60702996
Email: pdhastings@bellsouth.net

SLEDGE'S WRECKER SERVICE LLC.

P. O. BOX 1694
MADISON, MS 39130
TELE (601) 856-8220
NOTICE OF SALE is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles, that the following vehicles, bearing their respective serial numbers and registration will be sold along with all contents of said vehicles for towing and storing charges and costs of this sale as follows:

2001 JAGUAR S-TYPE VIN# SAJDA01N01FM08197
2016 CHEVROLET SONIC VIN# 1G1JA6SH7G4146690

Date of Sale: **January 31 , 2024**
Time: 9:30 am
Place: 308 N Wheatley Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157

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

SUMMONS

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ELIZABETH ANN BRISTER BEGGIANI, DECEASED

You have been made Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by William Haron Beggiani, seeking to determine the heirs at law of Elizabeth Ann Brister Beggiani, Deceased. Defendants other than you are: none.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed in this matter at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 16th day of February, 2024, in the courtroom of the Honorable Cynthia Brewer at the Madison County Chancery Court in Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment or order will be entered 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 this Court, this the 9 th day of January, 2024.

RONNY LOTT, Chancery Clerk
Madison County, Mississippi

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Emitted bajo mi mano y el sello de dicho Tribunal, este día 4 de Enero, 2024.

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

Paul David Hastings
Attorney for Administratrix (MSB #2075)
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God’s love for His people

Song of Songs should be taken allegorically or typically. This means it was inspired by the Holy Spirit to depict the relationship between Christ and His church. To the Christian, Christ is glorious, a great King and Savior; to Christ, the church is beautiful, the people He loves and saves.

In this verse, the Lord uses parts of the body to describe His love for His people. Verse 1 reads, “Behold, you are beautiful, my love, behold, you are beautiful!” The Lord Jesus would often preface an emphatic point with the words, “Truly, Truly, I say to you.” Beautiful is emphatic here.

We know that by nature there is no beauty in us; nothing to commend us to God. We are unclean, corrupted by sin. The Christian is conscious of his moral failings and his spiritual faults. And when God calls a person beautiful, He means the beauty of holiness. So, it is plain that if God calls me beautiful, it is because He has done a work in me.

The work God does in a believer is alluded to in the rest of verse one. First, He says, “Your eyes are doves behind your veil.” The eyes of a Syrian dove were considered beautiful, but the word dove points us to the Holy Spirit. It was a dove that brought back an emblem of peace to Noah as the waters of judgment receded.

When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came down to rest upon Him. The Holy Spirit is invisible. How did He choose to represent His presence? It was in the form of a dove. It is the Holy Spirit who works new life in us to unite us to Christ. He seals the work that makes us holy and beautiful to God. The apostle Paul says in Ephesians one: “He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.” Are you beautiful to God? If you have Christ in you, yes, you are.

Next in verse one we read, “Your hair is like a flock of goats leaping down the slopes of Gilead.” You might not think that comparing your hair to a flock of goats is flattering. But some historians tell us that goats in that region had a silky fineness to their hair with ringlets that were striking. And the hills of Gilead were renown for their beauty. So, it’s a beautiful sight to

see. But Gilead is important in church history. When the Lord told Jacob to take his family, leave Laban, and return to the land of his kindred, Jacob left without telling his miserly father-in-law. When Laban found out, he pursued Jacob and caught up with him in the “hill country of Gilead” (Genesis 31). Jacob had Esau threatening death before him, and a hostile Laban behind him.

But Jacob and his family were the Lord’s church, the Lord’s people. The Lord warned Laban in a dream to be careful how he even spoke to Jacob. Then, after Jacob wrestled with God, the Lord softened Esau’s heart toward Jacob. So, the Lord preserved His people. Christ would come from them. The slopes of Gilead are indeed beautiful.

Later in Genesis, when Jacob’s children had grown, out of jealousy Joseph’s brothers threw him in a pit. Then they sold him to men from Gilead on their way to Egypt. The Scriptures tell us that these men were traders in balm and myrrh. Gilead was renowned for its healing balm. Joseph would later prove to be the real healing balm of Gilead by saving his brothers.

The prophet Jeremiah would ask, “Is there no balm in Gilead” (Jeremiah 8)? The spiritual health of Judah was such that no medicine could be found to cure it. There was no savior for Judah at that time. Babylon was coming, and Jerusalem would be overthrown. But there was the promise of one to come. One like Joseph, only greater.

Edgar Allen Poe, in his famous poem, “The Raven,” asked the same question that Jeremiah did. But in looking into the abyss of death, Poe saw neither light nor hope. But when God looks at his people, He sees a healing balm in the soul. He sees Christ, the Son of God, and Savior of sinners. He sees everlasting life in them. He sees one who conquered death.

Through Scripture, the Holy Spirit reveals Christ to us. All these types, metaphors, stories, and words are to lead us to Christ, to form Christ in us. Christ is the healing balm we must have.

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