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RURAL INTERNET

County secures \$4M broadband grant

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Madison County is receiving over \$4 million from the state to provide broadband internet to homes in the rural northeast part of the county currently unserved.

Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) is the state office

created to administer over \$1.2 billion in federal monies that were part of the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure and Jobs Act passed by Congress in 2021.

Supervisors on Friday were given an update by Comcast, the provider selected by supervisors to install the broadband network.

"We feel that we are mov-

ing forward at a very good, productive pace," Mike Mitchell of Comcast told supervisors.

Mitchell said the county received a grant of over \$4 million from BEAM but they are hoping to get an additional amount of about \$800,000 to cover the costs the county would have to incur.

The number of homes and

businesses the project was going to impact was about 3,175, but Mitchell said that number has increased to 4,433.

Mitchell said of the \$19 million cost of the project, Comcast is covering \$4.8 million, with a county match of up to \$10 million. They are continuing to pursue grant opportunities.

Madison County allocated \$10 million of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the project.

Mitchell said once they finalize details with the BEAM office they will continue with the buildout, though he noted a lot of work has been taking place behind the scenes.

He said Comcast has

invested \$2.2 million to date, with the purchase of land on East Peace Street in Canton for a building to house the electronics, as well as design and permitting for the fiber network.

"All engineering and design has been completed," he said. "Permit applications

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SECOND RAISE

Supervisors vote to give themselves pay raise

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Three county supervisors voted to give themselves a pay raise, the second pay raise in three months, on Friday, with no discussion during the public meeting.

District 5 Supervisor Paul Griffin made the motion for the pay raise and Board President Gerald Steen looked to District 4 Supervisor Karl Banks to second, with Banks responding, "I ain't got nothing to do with that."

Steen ultimately seconded the motion himself and the motion passed unanimously.

District 1 Supervisor Casey Brannon and District 2 Supervisor Trey Baxter were absent from the meeting.

Supervisors have voted to increase their pay several times amounting to a nearly 20 percent increase since 2020.

In January 2020, supervisors voted to increase their pay for the first time since 2003, thanks to legislation passed by the Leg-

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JAIL ASSAULT

Man attacks female guard at breakfast

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A Madison attorney serving a 12-day jail sentence for shooting a rifle at a neighbor's dog in 2018 has since been charged with aggravated assault of a corrections officer and escape after allegedly attacking a female guard



Barry Wade Gilmer, 77, was initially charged with disturbing the peace and discharging a firearm in April 2018, arguing that he was defending his property from his neighbor's dog.

Madison County Justice Court Judge Lloyd Spivey sentenced him to serve 12 days in jail, in addition to a \$1,000 fine for the discharging of a firearm. Spivey fined Gilmer \$500 and sentenced him to serve six months in jail for disturbing the peace, though that sentence was

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Madison-Ridgeland Academy held an induction ceremony last week for the school's Athletic Hall of Fame. Pictured from left are Ruston Webster (Distinguished Alumnus of the Year), Valerie Webb Henry (inductee) and Suzy Kelly Bradley (inductee). The late Sam Rea was also inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Madison-Ridgeland Academy inducts members into Athletic Hall of Fame

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Three people were inducted into the Madison-Ridgeland Academy Hall of Fame last week.

The 2024 MRA Hall of Fame inductees were Suzy Kelly Bradley and Valerie Webb Henry — both from the class of 1982 — and the late Sam Rea of the 1987 class.

Ruston Webster from the class of 1981 was named the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year.

Rea, a standout running back who wore #26, was a team favorite and took his talents to Delta State University where he excelled on special teams over his career there.

He was tragically killed in a farm accident in 1992 at age 29. His son, CJ, was only three months old at the time and never got to know his father but has learned of his legend and love for life from family and his dad's friends.

CJ and his grandfather, Jimmy Rea, were on hand to accept the award.

"He still holds a lot of records at MRA," CJ Rea said. "My daddy never met a stranger and didn't have an enemy in the world. I've been on this earth for

26 years and I've met random people in random places and I've never heard one single bad thing from anybody. He was a remarkable man. I feel like I know him so well because of the stories and memories all his friends have told me. I still hear stories and I love it."

Rea was honored to introduce his late father to the crowd.

"I talked about his teammates and I told them we are here to celebrate my daddy's accomplishments and the cliché, there is no 'I' in team in reference to my daddy and his commitment to his Patriot teammates," Rea said.

"His accomplishments on the gridiron were great but he left a good impression on everyone he met. He died when he was 29 and my grandmother always said, 'he lived 80 years in those 29.' He was a salt of the earth person and people were the most important thing to him."

In his acceptance speech for his father, Rea pointed out that "all these accomplishments are worthy of being celebrated but in the end, there's only one that's important. I encouraged everyone to go home and read The Gospels and try to live a little more like Jesus."

A plaque commemorating Sam Rea at the MRA football field includes a quote from his former coach, the now late Jack Carlisle.

"Sam's exploits on the football field are Legendary in the minds of all who knew him. It is only fitting that his creed for life be included here: ONE WORLD — ONE CHANCE."

During the banquet, MRA established the Distinguished Alumnus Award this year to honor MRA graduates whose commitment to their profession, community, and service to others sets them apart.

John Weaver, Director of Athletic Development at MRA introduced the recipients.

"Our first inductee into our Hall of Fame was MRA Boys Basketball Coach Richard Duease in 2015," Weaver said. "We wanted to honor and recognize high school athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, teams, and others for their extraordinary achievements in high school athletics on Old Canton Road. This honor is becoming one of the most cherished traditions for MRA Athletics. Inductees are now part of a distinguished circle of individuals or teams who have made a distinct and

lasting contribution to MRA in the field of athletics. All three of these former student-athletes proudly wore the MRA jersey and maintained the high standard that comes with the Patriots name in competition. They are now cemented into Patriot Athletic History."

"Through a commitment to excellence, our Distinguished Alumnus Award recipients truly exemplify the phrase, 'What starts here, changes the world,'" Weaver said. "MRA's vision includes being committed to excellence in teaching the mind, reaching the heart, and inspiring servant leaders who will impact the world for Jesus Christ. Our first recipient of this award truly embodies this vision. Our first inductee of the Distinguished Alumnus Award goes to Mr. Ruston Webster, MRA Class of 1981."

Webster currently serves as the Senior Personnel Executive for the Atlanta Falcons.

He previously was the General Manager for the Tennessee Titans and VP of player personnel with the Seattle Seahawks. Webster cut his teeth in the NFL with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1988-2005 serving in multiple roles throughout those years.



Developers discuss vision for sports dome

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GLUCKSTADT — Developers will have to submit a rezoning application for a \$100 million sports facility off of Highway 51 here.

828 Sports Ventures and Turn Key Properties have agreed on a 43-acre site for the future home of the proposed travel sports destination.

The project announced last week is called the Gluckstadt MegaDome Sports Complex.

Developers presented a plan to the city last Thursday evening.

Mayor Walter C. Morrison said the response he got was “very positive.” He said the next move will be for developers to petition to rezone the property.

“I hope it comes to fruition,” Morrison said. “It will be a great addition to the city.”

He went on to say he is “encouraged and hopeful” after last week’s presentation. Morrison said he does not know when the developers will seek the rezoning petition.



A rendering of the proposed 828 Sports Mega Dome planned for Gluckstadt

Tim Gelt, a spokesman for the project said they are currently working with local, state, and regional officials to continue to push the project forward.

“At the moment,” Gelt said, “We are currently accomplishing standard pre-construction action items for this project. We are working

diligently with all necessary infrastructure affiliates to prepare our land site for development and we look forward to building this unique destination to serve this community, the state of Mississippi as well as the southern region of the United States.”

Developers showed those in attendance a rendering and

maps of the campus. Maps showed it will go up at the southwest corner of Highway 51 and Weisenberger Road.

The land belongs to Stuart and Katie Warren who are Gluckstadt residents and owners of Turn Key Properties in Madison.

Morrison said the development has not asked for any public funds at this point and

said that is something he would likely voice his opposition to.

“I would not recommend the city make a financial commitment to this project at this time,” Morrison said, noting that he has already told the developers that and said they said, “We don’t need your money.”

Developers say the spot is

the I-55 and I-20 corridor. Their facility will benefit from being a six-hour drive time from all the major Southern markets of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee and Texas.

The facility will feature “a multitude” of amenities, including indoor courts for basketball, volleyball, and pickleball, as well as fields for football, baseball, and softball. Developers say swimming pools, meeting space, an on-site hotel, unique Mississippi-curated restaurants, and other amenities will be offered.

Developers project the facility will create upwards of \$50 million in annual economic impact for the Gluckstadt community, as well as the Central Mississippi region as a whole.

For example, a representative of the development noted that they did not “come in with a hotel in our pocket” but have talked to multiple hotel developers since last week’s announcement.

No charges expected after officers revive woman

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GLUCKSTADT — No charges are expected in an incident where two police officers revived a young woman who overdosed.

The officers administered NARCAN and performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation in the Friday night incident.

Gluckstadt Police Chief Barry Hale said his office has no further updates on the matter.

Gluckstadt Police received a call at about 9 p.m. on Jan. 26, about a drug overdose inside a vehicle on Catlett Road just north of the First Colony subdivision.

Sgt. Kyrie Lucas and Officer Duane Montgomery were dispatched and found a young

female lying on the ground unresponsive with no pulse.

A passenger told officers she had taken some type of narcotic.

Montgomery immediately started CPR while Lucas administered multiple doses of NARCAN (Naloxone), a medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose.

Montgomery continued with CPR until the Gluckstadt Fire Department arrived. After multiple doses of NARCAN along with CPR, the woman was revived and was transported to

St. Dominic.

“If it weren’t for the quick actions of Sergeant Kyrie Lucas and Officer Duane Montgomery with assistance from the Gluckstadt Fire Department, this young female would possibly not be alive today,” GPD said in a Facebook post.

Officials said the patient has since been released from the hospital and is doing fine.

The Gluckstadt Police Department had just been recertified on CPR this past week during in-service training. Offi-

cers had also recently received training on administering NARCAN and received several free doses of NARCAN for immediate use in the field.

“We are blessed with the best,” a statement on social media said. “We are grateful that the young lady is ok, thanks to the quick reaction & training of our officers! Great job.”

If you or someone you know is suffering from drug addiction, please reach out to a loved one, a friend, or even someone in the medical field for help, officials

urged.

There are also local and national hotlines available to listen and help with whatever addiction it is you may be dealing with, they said.

Listed below are a few options for help:

- Mississippi Addiction Hotline 24/7 call 866-210-1303
- Mississippi Department of Mental Health 24/7 call 877-210-8513
- Substance Abuse Hotline Mississippi call 866-531-7211

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Jail

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suspended.

Gilmer fought the sentence before the Mississippi Court of Appeals ended Gilmer’s battle forcing him to jail. Constables picked him up on Jan. 24.

On Friday, Sheriff Randy Tucker said Gilmer attacked a guard while she was serving breakfast.

According to Tucker, the guard turned around to get a tray off the cart and that’s when Gilmer attempted to get out of his jail cell.

“She tried to keep him from opening the door,” Tucker said. “He got the tray away from her and hit her with it. He then grabbed her by the hair and back and the neck. He bent her over and was upercutting her in the face.”

Tucker said other guards then came in and had to deploy a Taser on Gilmer because he

wouldn’t show his hands.

He said when Gilmer first arrived for his brief sentence, “there was no indication he was going to give us any trouble.”

The guard suffered a fractured collarbone, broken rib, facial contusion, and a possible busted eardrum.

Gilmer has since been given a bond of \$750,000 for the assault charge and a \$1,000 bond for the escape charge. He remains in custody at the Madison County Detention Center.

Raises

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islature in 2019. Then, supervisors voted to increase their pay from \$45,700 to \$47,071 annually.

In 2022, Senate Bill 2719 allowed supervisors in a county with a total assessed valuation of \$2 billion to have a salary not to exceed \$54,000.

On Oct. 2, 2023, supervisors voted to increase their salary to the statutory limit of \$54,000.

Senate Bill 2719 also allowed for an increase of up to \$2,000 beginning in January

2024, which supervisors approved on Friday, bringing their new salary up to \$56,000 per year.

Pending new legislation, supervisors will be unable to increase their salary until January 2028, when they can increase their pay by another \$2,000 per year.

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EDITORIALS

Supervisor Gerald Fauci

District 3 Supervisor Gerald Steen spoke to the Madison County Republican Women last week and, predictably, talked out of both sides of his mouth.

Wishy-washy is a polite way to describe Mr. Steen, elected District 3 Supervisor as a Republican but who is in practice a Democrat.

At the gathering, Steen compared this newspaper to CNN’s fake news and urged the Republican women to trust him and the government, not a free and independent press.

If citizens want to know what is going on in the county they should trust him, Steen said.

He runs for office with an “R” by his name, but Steen is Liz Cheney with a beard. And without any challengers, Steen, has gone full-donkey.

So we decided to compile Steen’s Top 10 List of donkey moves. Ladies and gentlemen, Democrat Supervisor Gerald Steen’s Top 10 Donkey Moves:

10.) This past Friday Steen, president of the board, seconded the motion — when nobody else would — to give himself and other county supervisors a pay raise. This as the two Republican supervisors were absent. Grab that money, you earned it, Gerald!

9.) In 2019, Steen voted in favor of hiring the fourth-best-ranked engineers for the Reunion Parkway project. Not the best, the *fourth best*. Oh, the firm’s principle happens to be a campaign contributor of Mr. Steen’s, documents show. Grab that cash, Gerald!

8.) In 2017, Steen was against lowering taxes despite epic growth and support for the tax cut from Republican supervisors.

7.) In 2017, Steen rammed through a \$13 million pork paving deal financed over 20 years. Only 12 of the roads included were on the top 200 worst. Do those political favors, Gerald.

6.) In 2015, Steen helped push his former campaign manager, Heath Hall, into a cushy \$40,000 per year contract job to provide public relations services for the county.

In 2017, after being fired, Hall rejected a \$30,000 contract, but in 2019, was fine with a

\$60,000 per year contract. In 2020, Steen pushed through approval of a \$175 per month fee to pay Hall to make Facebook posts. Never mind the Constitution and a check on government, Gerald. Write your own news!

5.) In 2013, he was a proponent of Sulphur Springs Lake, first billed as a \$1.5 million good thing that quickly turned into a multi-million dollar boondoggle with former County Engineer Rudy Warnock — currently awaiting trial on federal bribery and wire fraud charges — leading that charge.

4.) In June 2012, Steen voted with another Democrat and one Republican to hire former Bill Clinton Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy as Board Attorney in a surprise move, ousting Board Attorney Eric Hamer.

3.) In 2020, Steen hired Espy back at a \$55 per hour higher pay than before and \$110 per hour higher than his predecessor. This was at the same time Espy was challenging U.S. Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith. And we wonder why the Reunion project didn’t get funded by Congress.

2.) In February 2022, Gerrymandering Gerald help turn a 50-50 supervisor district into a 60-30 black majority district by carving out the predominately Republican Lake Caroline assuring another solid Democrat seat on the board.

1.) In September 2012, Steen made the motion and voted with the other two Democrats to raise taxes for only the second time in two decades. Sorry, there wasn’t a pay raise there, Gerry.

Mr. Steen has the credibility of Dr. Anthony Fauci with the same delusions of grandeur and hunger for power and control.

Steen’s Top 10 List is factual and he doesn’t like anybody telling the truth, just like the other good ole boys over the decades. He prefers to have taxpayers funding a propagandist to spin the news in his favor.

Steen calling an independent newspaper fake news is a badge of honor because even the crooks know he’s wrong.

Thankfully, we still have fair elections and a real Republican should challenge Mr. Fauci in District 3.

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*

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.

Email Cal Thomas at tcaeditors@tribpub.com. Look for Cal Thomas’ latest book “A Watchman in the Night: What I’ve Seen Over 50 Years Reporting on America” (HumanixBooks).

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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BIBLE SELECTION

“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)**

Lawmakers approve plan for \$10B Amazon project

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A \$10 billion investment by Amazon Web Services in Madison County was announced last Thursday after state lawmakers last convened in a special session to approve an incentive package.

The incentive package includes \$44 million from the state and a \$215 million loan from the state to Madison County.

Billed "Project Atlas," it wasn't announced until after the session that Amazon was the company that would be building two data centers.

The investment by AWS is the single largest capital investment in Mississippi history and four times the size of the previous largest economic development project.

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 the Madison County School District.

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 786 acres located along the southern boundary of Madison County near Tougaloo College on the corner of Highland Colony Parkway and West County Line Road.

Gov. Tate Reeves intimated that \$10 billion could be just the beginning of the investment. The estimated completion date is 2027.

In addition to Amazon's investment, Entergy Mississippi will be investing a couple of billion dollars into building new substations to provide power for the project.

Entergy will also be investing in Hinds County and parts of the Delta, including solar farms.

"I'm tremendously proud of our teams for their years of efforts in helping to recruit the largest economic investment in Missis-

issippi history," Haley Fisackerly, president and CEO, Entergy Mississippi, said. "The impacts of this sizeable investment will reach across our service territory, creating support for economic development and clean, modern power generation investments. Most importantly, this will allow us to produce reliable power, with the most advanced technology available, while keeping rates affordable and further helping all of our customers."

This should result in lower rates for all Entergy Mississippi customers down the road, too, officials said.

"Just as Nissan did for the automotive industry, AWS will help cloud technology flourish in our state – making Mississippi a technology industry leader in the Southeast United States," said Fisackerly. "We're proud to be a partner in this historic investment in our communities and appreciate the fantastic collaboration with Governor Tate Reeves, the Mississippi Legislature, the Mississippi Public Service Commission, the Mississippi Public Utilities staff, Mississippi Development Authority, Madison County Economic Development Authority and others to bring this transformative project to the state."

R'land adding minority wards

By DUNCAN DENT
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RIDGELAND — Officials here will consider a redistricting plan that will create two majority-minority wards in the city.

City officials and their legal council will draft a resolution that will adopt a new map for the wards following a public hearing held on Tuesday evening at City Hall.

The map, known as "Concept 4", was drafted by the city and is the result of a roughly a year-and-a-half-long process.

Ward 4 and Ward 5 will become majority-minority wards.

Ward 4 is represented by Alderman Brian Ramsey and Ward 5 is represented by Alderman Bill Lee.

Mayor Gene F. McGee said he appreciated the public response and thinks the city has approved a plan that is headed in the right direction.

"I think we did a good job drafting a redistricting plan that is fair and equitable but won't cause too much confusion," McGee said.

A motion accepting the plan was approved unanimously after the public hearing.

The ordinance will go before the board for consideration at the second meeting in February. If approved, the ward lines will be redrawn and the city will work with county officials to ensure polling places are established and information is properly distributed to voters.

Chris Watson presented information from four proposed redistricting maps at the public hearing. Watson is a consultant for the city with Bridge & Watson Inc. out of Oxford.

About a dozen maps were produced for the hearing, all of which were eligible for consideration and were made available to the public, though the hearing concentrated on four specific concepts.

Public response was generally positive, though one woman suggested the current wards were fine as is.

McGee said the Department of Justice sent a letter during the process saying they had been made aware of demographic changes in Ridgeland and suggested the city consider majority-minority districts in its redistricting plans.

McGee said the city worked closely with the DOJ sharing

maps and participating in several Zoom calls.

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 city elections.

"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."

Redistricting principles discussed by Watson 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."

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have been submitted."

Mitchell asked supervisors and specifically Board Attorney Mike Espy for assistance to expedite the approval process with the city of Canton for their building permit.

District 5 Supervisor Paul Griffin asked if Comcast was still going to meet the September 2025 deadline to be online and operational.

Ronnie Colvin, senior director of external affairs for Comcast, said they hope to get half of the network

completed this year and the other half next year.

He said this project will primarily be for those that are currently unserved with some that are underserved.

According to a broadband audit from BEAM, Madison County currently has 4,344 unserved homes and 1,139 underserved homes. There are 37,092 (87.1 percent) that are served.

Griffin said they already are looking at Phase II of the project in western Madison County but want to get done

with this phase first.

Colvin asked supervisors to get a boundary map and they could look at areas and see which homes are eligible and they can work together with a plan moving forward.

District 4 Supervisor Karl Banks represents the area for Phase 2 and said a lot of those are underserved.

He said there was a lot of "fill-in" needed in places such as south of Canton and on the west side.

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

Knowing God

If you have your Bibles, I'd invite you to turn with me to Psalm 76. 200,000 Assyrians were hard pressed against Israel. Hezekiah lifted up a prayer, and the Lord answered, "Because you have prayed to Me, I have heard, and I will answer." And He answered in the most remarkable way, and in the wake of that answer came this Psalm which celebrates God's judgment on the wicked and His vindication of His people.

Let me outline the Psalm for you. In verses 1 – 3, the psalmist stresses that God's people have an intimate, saving knowledge of Him. Secondly, the psalmist explains in verses 4 – 9 that God's people trust in His matchlessness and judgment. Lastly, in verses 10 – 12, the psalmist highlights that God's people respond to His judgments in generous giving.

I. God's People Know Him

In the first section, we are told three ways in which God reveals Himself to His people. First of all, we know Him because He has revealed Himself uniquely in His name. Secondly, we know Him in His ordinances. And lastly, we know Him in His deliverances.

Verse 1 says, "God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel." The Psalmist is reminding us there of the greatest blessing that we enjoy as the people of God. He has revealed His name to us. And this is one of the ancient themes of God's word: that God is known among His people. This is the very foundation of our praise. And it is something that we need to cultivate in our reading of the word. We ought to pray as we're reading through the word, "Lord, reveal Yourself to us, and give me the faith to believe it." God has revealed Himself to His people by His name.

Also, He has revealed Himself by His ordinances. Verse 2 says, "His tabernacle is in Salem (Salem is a short term for Jerusalem), His dwelling place is in Zion." The tabernacle was the place where God visibly manifested His nearness to His people. And here the Psalmist is reminding the people of God that the tabernacle that once traveled through the wilderness is right in their midst. And the tabernacle is an ordinance: it was something that God ordered to be done. But He

did it not only for His glory, but for His people's comfort and good, so that they would know that He was near to them. Today there is no longer a tabernacle...at least, not a tabernacle made with hands. No, the temple of God's presence now is God's people, so that when you gather in the name of Jesus Christ for His praise, you become His tabernacle. And that is why it is such a special blessing to gather for worship, because there we know the presence of God.

Thirdly, God reveals Himself by His deliverance. Notice how the Psalmist speaks of God "breaking the flaming arrows, the shield, and the sword, and the weapons of war." They can look and see how God has miraculously delivered them, and in this they see God make Himself known. And we may not have deliverances like the children of Israel did with the Assyrians, but we have our deliverances, and we praise God for them.

II. God's People Trust Him

If you look at verses 4 – 9, the Psalmist celebrates this truth: That no aggressor is a match for God. God delivered His people in the days of Moses and "cast the horse and rider into the sea." God delivered David from all his enemies, and in 2 Samuel 5 and 7 we are told that, "He gave David rest from all his enemies." And then God delivered Hezekiah. Over and over, God miraculously delivered His people. No enemy of the people of God is a match for Him, and this confidence causes the people of God to trust in His promises.

And then the psalmist goes on to say, "But You, You, are to be feared; and who may stand in Your presence once You are angry? You cause judgment to be heard from heaven." This is the assurance that God will judge the world, and even has judged the Assyrians in their arrogance. Therefore, He is to be held in reverence and awe.

But we see another aspect to His judgment as we look at verse 9, "The earth feared and was still, when God arose to establish judgment, to save all the humble of the earth." So, God's judgment is going to be salvation for His people. The world stands dumbstruck as God arises to reward and vindicate His people. I think

most of us who have grown up in the evangelical church have grown up trembling somewhat at our thoughts of the Judgment Day, and of course it is an appropriate thing to do. But equally, it ought to be a Day that we look forward to if we understand justification by faith. Since our justification rests upon the righteousness of Christ, it is going to be a Day of vindication. There will be no accusation that will stand, and God's people will be vindicated.

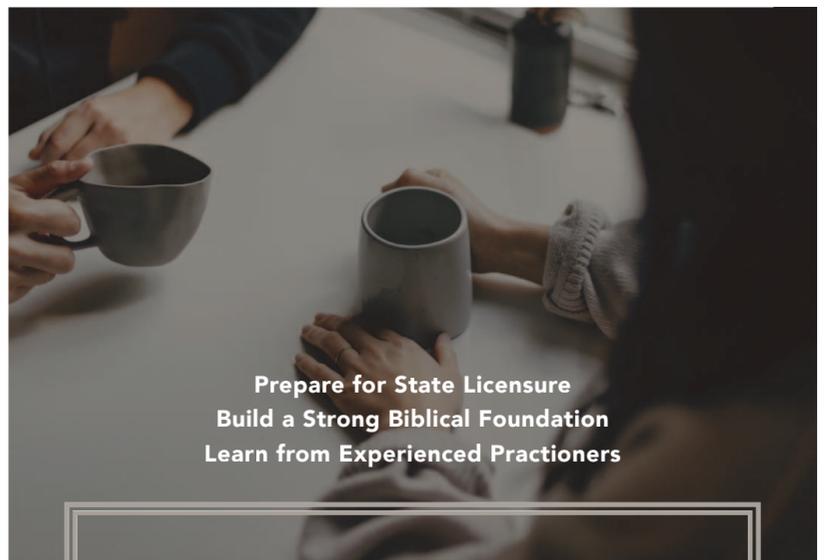
III. God's People Respond to Him

In verse 10, we're told that even the wrath of man will be to the praise of God. The picture in the Book of Revelation is that of the wicked standing before God's great throne and gnashing their teeth against Him in anger. And we are told that even that wrath will serve His praise, for He will visit just judgment on them. And so even the anger of unbelievers against God will bring Him praise.

And in the face of God's judgment against His enemies, in light of God's vindication of His people, what are we to do? Well, the Psalmist tells us in verse 11, "Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them; let all who are around Him bring gifts to Him who is to be feared." The response of God's people to this great judgment and victory is to bring gifts to God. Those gifts confirm that the people of God recognize that everything they have comes from God, and so a portion of what they have is vowed back to Him.

This is not the sly strategy of televangelists who want you to send them a thousand dollars. No, this is the people of God being told to bring gifts to Him in recognition of the fact that everything that they have, God has given them, and in recognition of the fact that God has promised to bless them; and, therefore, they are to give to Him because of His judgment. This is part of the worship of the people of God, and it continues to this day as we give alms to those in need, and we give to the work of His kingdom in response to the greatness of the victory that He has won on our behalf.

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OBITUARIES

Charles "Mike" Gaia

Charles "Mike" Gaia, age 75, was born in Memphis, Tennessee and was the son of Louis and Mary Dimarco Gaia. Mike married Sheila Hicks in 1985 and they moved to Madison 26 years ago.

He served in the US Army and was a Vietnam veteran. Mike was a long time employee at HeavyQuip and later worked at Value Parts. He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Louis J. Gaia.

Surviving family members

include his wife of 38 years, Sheila Hicks Gaia, daughter Keri Jenkins (Gregg) and grandchildren, Meaghan Blan-

co and Jacob Corley. Mike passed from this life suddenly on January 25, 2024.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF ALICIA NOHEMY MARAVILLA-GONZALEZ, A MINOR, BY PETITIONER, ALMA LIZET SERVIN GUTIERREZ CAUSE NO. 23-986

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: Marta Alicia Gonzalez Martinez, WHOSE POST OFFICE AND STREET ADDRESS ARE UNKNOWN TO THE PETITIONER AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY.

You have been made an interested Party in a civil action filed in this Court by Alma Lizet Servin Gutierrez, seeking to become the guardian of minor child Alicia Nohemy Marvilla-Gonzalez.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or amended petition filed in this action at 8:45 a.m., on the 4th day of March, 2024, before the Honorable James C. Walker, in the courtroom located in the Madison County Chancery Courthouse in Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or amended petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 29th day of January, 2024.

RONNY LOTT MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK

BY: Stacey Totem, D.C.

SUBMITTED BY: David Ford Berry, IV (MSB # 102990) J. Michael Duncan (MSB #102959) Deaton & Berry, PLLC 229 Katherine Drive Flowood, MS 39232 Telephone: (601) 988-0000 Facsimile: (601) 988-0001 Email: dberry@dg-law.com

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: A. J. S., A MINOR BY AND THROUGH HER MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND, ELISE SUMMERS C AUSE NO.: 23-1005

RULE 81 summons BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Alexander Frazier 201 Bradford Road Joliet, IL 60433

You have been made a Respondent in the matter filed in this Court by Petitioner Elise Summers, mother, and next friend of A.J.S., a Minor seeking authority to settle and compromise a doubtful claim of said minor.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 1:00 p.m. on the 25th day of March 2024, at the Madison County Chancery Court, 146 West Center Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for money or other things demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 24th day of January 2024.

RONNY LOTT, Chancery Court Clerk MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: KELSEY RODRIQUEZ, D.C.

Submitted by: MALLORY M. STREET (MSB# 014488) CORY L. RADICIONI (MSB# 101761) WISE CARTER CHILD & CARAWAY, P. A. Post Office Box 651 Jackson, Mississippi 39205 T: (601) 968-5525 F: (601) 968-5593 mms@wisecarter.com clr@wisecarter.com

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: A. S., A MINOR BY AND THROUGH HER MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND, ELISE SUMMERS C AUSE NO.: 23-1015

RULE 81 summons BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Anthony J. Phillips 3000 Cumberland Club Drive, Apt. 1108 Atlanta, GA 30339

You have been made a Respondent in the matter filed in this Court by Petitioner Elise Summers, mother, and next friend of A.S., a Minor seeking authority to settle and compromise a doubtful claim of said minor.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 1:00 p.m. on the 25th day of March 2024, at the Madison County Chancery Court, 146 West Center Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for money or other things demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 24th day of January 2024.

RONNY LOTT, Chancery Court Clerk MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT AND FIRST 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

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SOLICITOR

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD S. LYBARGER, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NO. 2024-0005 (W)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO: 2024-0005 (W)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD S. LYBARGER, DECEASED

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 23rd day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of RICHARD S. LYBARGER, 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 24th day of January, 2024. /s/ Houston M. Powers HOUSTON M. POWERS Executor of the Estate of Richard S. Lybarger, 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 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

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: A. R. S., A MINOR BY AND THROUGH HER MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND, ELISE SUMMERS C AUSE NO.: 23-990

RULE 81 summons BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Alexander Frazier 201 Bradford Road Joliet, IL 60433

You have been made a Respondent in the matter filed in this Court by Petitioner Elise Summers, mother, and next friend of A.R.S., a Minor seeking authority to settle and compromise a doubtful claim of said minor.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 1:00 p.m. on the 25th day of March 2024, at the Madison County Chancery Court, 146 West Center Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for money or other things demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 24th day of January 2024.

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RONNY LOTT, Chancery Court Clerk MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: KELSEY RODRIQUEZ, D.C.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE RURAL AREA PROGRAM

Grenada Tours, LLC of Grenada, MS, is considering applying to the Mississippi Department of Transportation, for assistance through its Rural Area Program to provide public transportation services within Madison and Hinds Counties. Funding is available to state agencies, local public bodies and agencies thereof, non-profit organizations, operators of public transportation services in locations other than urbanized areas, and, under special circumstances, private operators of public transportation on a competitive basis to undertake eligible transportation activities.

The goals of the Rural Area Program are: to enhance the access of people in non-urbanized areas to health care, shopping, education, employment, public services, and recreation; to assist in the maintenance, development, improvement, and use of public transportation systems in rural and small urban areas; to encourage and facilitate the most efficient use of all Federal funds used to provide passenger transportation in non-urbanized areas through the coordination of programs and services; and to provide for the participation of private transportation providers in non-urbanized transportation to the maximum extent feasible.

The purposes for which these funds can be used are capital purchases that include such items as vehicles, communications equipment, wheelchair lifts, etc., administrative costs that include such items as office supplies, insurance, etc., and operating expenses that include such items as fuel and oil. More specific details regarding eligible activities, program requirements and the program criteria will be provided at a virtual public hearing which will be held via Zoom on Friday February 02, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call 662.809.5683.

The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the application.

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 1990 PONTIAC FIREBIRD FORMULA, VIN # 1G2FS23E1LL209973, \$4333.50. Public sale of this abandoned/unclaimed vehicle and its contents will be held on Friday February 9, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at Gilmore Towing & Recovery, 124 E. State Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LAURETTA S. HUMPHREY, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 24-30 SONIA H. WOLD, ADMINISTRATRIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 25th day of January 2024 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for Probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred pursuant to Miss. Code. Ann 91-7-151.

This the 26th day of January 2024.

/s/ Sonia H. Wold, Administratrix

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

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 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.

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CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI

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

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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

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 Shirwood 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 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)

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, EX REL. MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF NARCOTICS PLAINTIFF VS. NO. CO-2023-1371-JH

ONE GLOCK 43 X 9MM SEMI-AUTO SN BWLB363 DEFENDANT

S U M M O N S

TO: Owazorious Bouldin 428 N. Union St. Canton, MS 39 110 or Any Unknown Owners

NOTICE

A Complaint for Forfeiture has been filed in this Court by the State of Mississippi, by and through the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, seeking the forfeiture of the above-described property, which was seized September 7, 2023, in Madison County, Mississippi.

If you are the owner of the defendant property and you wish to contest the forfeiture of said property then you are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint for Forfeiture to Morton W. Smith, General Counsel, Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, P. O. Box 720519, Byram, MS 39272.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DAY OF 2024, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR HAND DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE PROPERTY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORFEITURE. You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within the aforesaid time.

Issued under my hand and the official seal of this Court December 28, 2023. CIRCUIT CLERK, by Monica Henderson D.C.

MORTON W. SMITH, MSB #101646 General Counsel Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics P. O. Box 720519 Byram, Mississippi 39272-0519 mosmith@dps.ms.gov

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Telephone: (601) 371-3696 Publish Three (3) Times: 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2024

Take Notice that: anyone with an equal, prior or superior equitable or legal right or interest in/to/off for the title VERNITA ACOFF, V. ACOFF, ACOFF VERNITA, VERNITA ACOFF-BROOKS, ACOFF-BROOKS VERNITA, VERNITA ROBINSON, ROBINSON VERNITA, any style variations, thereof capable to confuse, suspend or clog said title, right or interest in/to/off for said above title is hereby requested to present their claim to witness to address 300 Pelham Ave SW ste A4, PMB 102, Huntsville, Alabama, 35801, before expiration of 30 days of this publication. Registered owner Veranita 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 off/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 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.

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/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: 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 _____

CITY OF MADISON, MISSISSIPPI

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR Liberty Park Splashpad

Introduction Purpose

The City of Madison desires to enter into a Professional Services Agreement for the purpose of providing the city with 2 splashpad designs. The first design being a "free flow" system pad and the second design being a "recirculating" system. The budget for either design shall not exceed \$250,000.00. The budget is for a turnkey project from design to installation. The selected Individual/Company shall, with advice from the City's Parks and Recreation Director, provide, coordinate, and manage the installation of both the equipment and safety surfacing in a timely manner.

Guidelines

All proposals shall be submitted in writing. Responders shall complete the requested information as close to the format and structure provided but are not required to submit information on this form. Request for clarification shall be submitted in writing. Verbal explanations or instructions given before the award of the contract will not be binding. Any information given to a prospective proposer concerning a solicitation shall be furnished to all prospective proposers. Requests for clarification and inspections of the property may be made by contacting: Cole Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation 1239 Highway 51 N Madison, MS 39110 csmith@madisonthecity.com (601) 853-9109 (Request for Inspections Only)

Award of an Agreement for Services resulting from this RFP shall be based on the most responsive Individual or Company who presents the offer most advantageous to the City. The City of Madison reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any informality. The City of Madison is an equal opportunity employer.

VENDOR SUBMISSION

Contact Information

Please provide the following information:

Individual/Company Name Authorized Representative Address (Primary Office) Address (Other Office(s)) Phone Number Facsimile Number Email Website (if available)

Qualifications

1. Provide a brief description of the Individual/Company history. 2. Describe the range of services you or your Company provides for clients. Identify any particular areas you consider to be areas of special emphasis or expertise.

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3. Describe any experience you or your Company has with providing and installing the requested splashpads. 4. Describe any work you or your Company has done for or adverse to our City.

Proposal Terms

The City seeks a proposal that, if accepted, will result in an Agreement for Equipment and Installation of Splashpad and its components. Designs should include the following criteria: 3 bench seating areas with overhead cantilever shade structures. Splashpad with at least 5 above ground features; 1 of the 5 features must be some form of water dumping system. The rest of the spray features are at the choice of the vendor's design. Designs should be, but not limited to nature based themes. Pumping and valve system for the splashpad to include fencing around the pump system for security purposes.

Designs should be suitable for children between the ages of 2-12 years of age. The designed splash pad must meet the safety, design, and construction standards for quality splash pad designs. The splash pad must be built in full compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations during the construction phase.

The splash pad must be designed to make efficient water consumption. The proposal should include the amount of gallons per minute used during the highest run time for each design.

For installation, the contractor shall make all necessary utility connections (electric and water).

Region 8 honors Madison County employees

By STAFF REPORTS
news@onlinemadison.com

Region 8 Mental Health recently held its 2023 Annual Awards Ceremony. Employees were honored for outstanding performance, professionalism, and tenure.

Among those awards was the Melvin Ray Commissioners' Award of Excellence, presented to an administrative employee that exemplifies, through their actions, a model of leadership and whom has made significant contributions through their giving spirit to the Region

8 Commission, its employees, and citizens served by the agency.

The Emile Craig Professional Excellence Award was given to the most dedicated to their profession and has the interest of every individual as their number one priority. They

exemplify integrity, compassion and commitment, while also consistently striving to go above and beyond to meet consumer and family needs.

The Milinda Clark "Power of 8" Memorial Award was given to a Region 8 employee that embodied the true "Spirit

and Heart" of Region 8. The specific criteria for this award were the true, undeniable characteristics of former employee, Milinda Clark. She motivated others to achieve and always led by example.

One of the most esteemed awards presented at the ceremony

was the Power of 8 Awards. Only a select few from Region 8's five counties are recognized with this award for their unwavering commitment to outstanding performance. These employees exhibited strong character, leadership and integrity.



Pictured, front row left to right, are John Kelly, IDD Employee of the Year; Deshannon Winston, 20 Year tenure and Madison County Employee of the Year; Alexia Lucious, 5 year tenure and Shamika Conley, 5 year tenure (Back) Dave Van, Region 8 Executive Director, Dr. Nelson Cauthen, Madison County Region 8 Commissioner; Greg Morgan, 5 year tenure; Wesley Dodd, Power of 8 Award Winner, Region 8 Madison County Administrator; Sonya Summerlin, and Region 8 Madison County Coordinator. Not pictured is Edward Clarke, Power of 8 Award.



Among those awards was the Melvin Ray Commissioners' Award of Excellence, presented to an administrative employee that exemplifies, through their actions, a model of leadership and who has made significant contributions through their giving spirit to the Region 8 Commission, its employees, and citizens served by the agency. The Commissioners Award of Excellence will carry the name of Mr. Melvin Ray, Region 8 Madison County Commissioner, due to a unanimous resolution by the Region 8 Commission after his death in 2021. Pictured, from left, are Clifton Reed, Steve Amos, Alisha McGehee, Award Recipient Adam Milner, Jason Womack and Dave Van, and Region 8 Executive Director.

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Site Location

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Madison at the Denson Robinson Public Services Complex located at 1239 Highway 51, Madison, Mississippi, 39110 until 2:00 p.m. on March 5, 2024, for the project known as:

City of Madison Liberty Park Renovation

The bids will be publicly opened and read on Tuesday March 5, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at the Denson Robinson Public Services Complex located at 1239 Highway 51, Madison, Mississippi, 39110. Plans and specifications are on file at certain plan rooms and copies thereof may be obtained by contacting:

Dean Architecture, P.A.
661 Sunnybrook Road Suite 140
Ridgeland, MS 39157

Plans and Specifications are available via Planroom at Jackson Blueprint Co. www.jaxblue.com. No partial sets of documents will be issued.

Proposals shall be submitted on Bid Forms provided in the specifications. The current Certificate of Responsibility Number of the bidder shall appear on the outside of each sealed envelope containing a proposal, said envelope being plainly marked "PROPOSAL FOR" City of Madison Liberty Park Renovation.

Electronic Proposals will be accepted through Central Bidding s at https://www.centralbidding.com

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid bond or certified check in an amount equal to 5% of the bid, payable to the City of Madison as bid security.

A Payment and Performance Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price shall be required of the successful bidder.

The Contract will be awarded to the lowest, best and acceptable bidder, except that the City of Madison reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding and to reject any and all bids.

BY: s/ Mary Hawkins Butler
Mayor

CITY OF MADISON, MISSISSIPPI
ADVERTISING DATES:
February 1, 2024
February 8, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: WAYNE SCOTT SANDIFER, DECEASED

ROBERT ANDREW LASETER, PETITIONER NO. 23-01350

EXECUTORS' NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 24 th day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Wayne Scott Sandifer, 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 the law, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. THIS 24 th day of January, 2024.

s/ Robert Andrew Laseter
Robert Andrew Laseter, Executor of the Estate of Wayne Scott Sandifer

Prepared by:

s/ John D. Moore
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Attorney for Petitioner

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 ca-

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shier'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 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.

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Ridgeland, MS 39158 (601-856-7113)

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

CAUSE NO. 24-21 (B)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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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

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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)
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Brandon, Mississippi 39042
Telephone: (601) 421-5452

Attorney for the Executrix

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE DETERMINATION OF HEIRS OF TOMMY LEE DAVIS, DECEASED

CAUSE NO.: 2023-1304W

RULE 81 SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

To: The Heirs at Law of Tommy Lee Davis, Deceased

You have been made a party/respondent to a Petition for Determination of Heirship filed in this Court by Jasmine Jones. The only known Respondent other than yourself in this action is True Legend Davis. All heirs at law of Tommy Lee Davis, deceased, are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 8:45 a.m. on the 7th day of March, 2024, in the courtroom of the Madison County Chancery Court-house, 146 W. Center Street, Canton, Mississippi 39406, before the Honorable James C. Walker, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the relief requested in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and the Seal of said Court, this the 23rd day of January, 2024.

BY: Kelsey Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk
Ronny Lott
Madison County Chancery Clerk
146 W. Center St.
Canton, MS 39406

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 Chan-

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cery 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

Prepared by:
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Flowood, MS 39232
Office: (601) 460-0900 Ext. 103

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

RULE 81 SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: MOHAMED AHMED HUSSEIN GHONEIM WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

NOTICE TO PARTY OF INTEREST

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

YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and defend against said Complaint at 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 39406, 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

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, STATE OF 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, WESLEY 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 Court-house in 146 W Center St, Canton, MS 39406 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 19 th day of January 2024.

Ronny Lott
Madison County Chancery Clerk
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Canton, MS 39406

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By: _____
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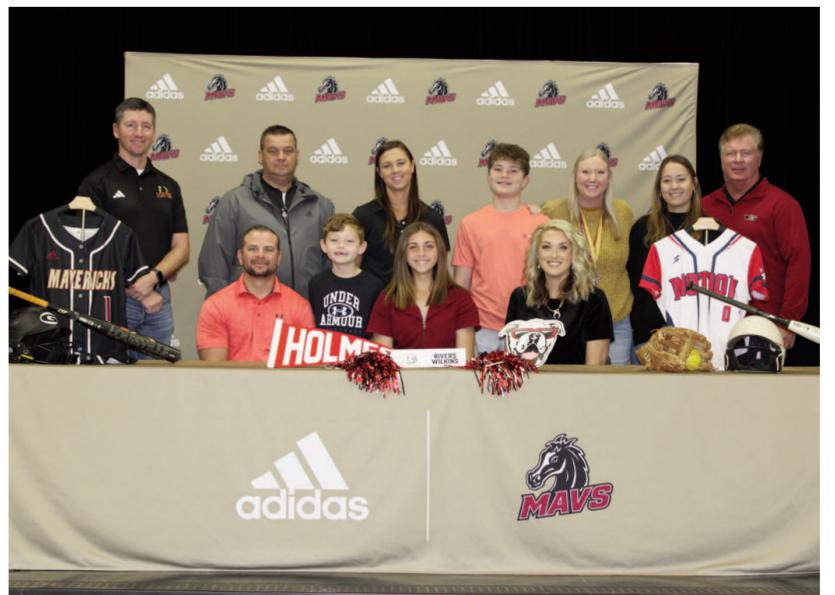
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Dodds signs with Saint Mary of the Woods College

Samantha Dodds, senior at Germantown High School, signed to play softball at Saint Mary of the Woods College. Pictured with Samantha are Sean and Amanda Dodds (parents), Gavin Dodds (brother), Brad Smothermon (Asst. Coach), Whitney Davis (Head Coach), Tori Pettit (Asst. Coach), Natalie Duvall (Asst. Coach), Kenny Perry (Asst. Coach).



Wilkins signs with Holmes Community College

Rivers Wilkins, senior at Germantown High School, signed to play softball at Holmes Community College. Pictured with Rivers are Bradley and Whitney Wilkins (parents), John Tyson and Walker Wilkins (siblings), Brad Smothermon (Asst. Coach), Gregg Perry (Athletic Director), Whitney Davis (Head Coach), Tori Pettit (Asst. Coach), Natalie Duvall (Asst. Coach), Kenny Perry (Asst. Coach).



Madison County Soil and Water Tree Week 2024

January 31-February 3, 2024

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

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

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

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



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

Sawtooth Oak



Shumard Oak



Redbud



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

Persimmon



Wax Myrtle



Dogwood



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
MADISON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 601-859-4272 EXT. 3**



Mr. and Miss Madison Central

Congratulations to Mr. and Miss Madison Central, Ellis Nichols and Brooke Bumgarner. Ellis is the son of Tisha and Adam Cox, Jarret Nichols. Brooke is the daughter of Kami and Brad Bumgarner.

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Jesus sought, then taught sinners

Psalm 110 is one of the most quoted psalms in the New Testament. It teaches the divinity of the promised Messiah. That is an incredibly deep truth to contemplate. But what we see is that the Bible clearly teaches that Christ is the eternal Son of God, very God of very God.

In Mark 12, Jesus says that David was speaking in the Holy Spirit when he wrote this psalm. Psalm 110:1 says, “The Lord said to my Lord: ‘Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.’” God had promised David (2nd Samuel 7) that one of his descendants would rule over God’s people forever.

Jesus says in Mark 12, “David himself calls him Lord. So how is he his son?” Jesus is teaching that the Messiah already had existence as the eternal Son of God when David spoke of him. In John 10, Jesus says that he was before Abraham. When Jesus was speaking of these things he had not yet been exalted to the right hand of God.

Psalm 110:1 is speaking of the exaltation of Christ after his resurrection and ascension into heaven. His “sitting at the right hand of God” indicates he is resting from his work of suffering for sinners, but now has been given all power and authority to build his church. His exaltation means he has been exalted in our nature.

This has vital application for us. The Son of God came into this world to save sinners. When Jesus taught, he was teaching sinners. He taught us that our soul was our most important possession and need: “What can a man give in exchange for his soul” (Mark 8)?

The main problem with man in this world is that he is not concerned about his soul. The Scriptures are not only clear in their teaching about the divinity of Christ, but also explicit in stating that Christ is the only Savior of sinners. He took our nature in order to represent us and reconcile us to God. There is no other name under heaven whereby men can be saved.

There is a dire warning in this verse: Christ will judge all his enemies. Whoever doesn’t know the power of his salva-

tion will know the power of his wrath against sin. We learn what misery and wretchedness there is in sin that would make men enemies to Christ, who is full of goodness and love. Christ died in order to save men from such opposition to God.

All who come to Christ will be welcomed. There is great encouragement here for us. Although the Son of God is infinitely above us, he is not unfamiliar with our weakness and struggles with sin. He experienced the frailty of our nature. He knew the assaults of the devil, betrayal by men, the allurements of sin and the world, and so on. He is not unsympathetic to sinners.

Psalm 110:4 speaks of his intercession for us: “The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, ‘You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.’” In the Old Testament the high priest would sacrifice an animal and then take the blood into the holy of holies (the presence of God) to sprinkle it on the mercy seat. It represented the need for atonement for sin.

Christ after he offered himself on the cross for his people, went into the presence of God with his offering as the Lamb slain for sinners. The blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin. The oath of God that Christ will be a priest forever assures us that we have eternal life in his name. How else can we enter into the presence of God? There is no communion between darkness and light, between sin and a Holy God. But Christ takes away all our corruption, takes away the offense.

We have in this psalm clearly laid out for us both the majesty of Christ, and the condescension of Christ to come and take our sins upon himself. The question is do you believe it? Do you know Christ? Have you called on his name?

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