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MADISON EXCLUDED

## Rice Road pulled from new road plan

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MADISON — Heavily-trafficked Rice Road here was excluded from a road plan in favor of rural roads in northern Madison County and roads in Ridgeland.

Three Madison County supervisors voted on Monday to use the county's state aid

road monies appropriated for the next four years for their districts, leaving the badly-needed Rice work unfunded since 2003.

District 3 Supervisor Gerald Steen of Ridgeland, District 4 Supervisor Karl Banks, and District 5 Supervisor Paul Griffin all voted to fund projects in Ridgeland and more rural parts of the

county Griffin and Banks represent despite a plea from newly-seated District 1 Supervisor Casey Brannon to fund roads based on need and traffic count.

Madison County is receiving \$4.7 million for the new four-year board term from the state for state aid road work.

Rice Road from St.

Augustine Drive to Hoy Road hasn't been worked on in over 20 years.

The work required on Rice includes milling, overlay, and re-striping.

According to the state aid paperwork, the road has an average daily traffic count of 7,600 vehicles a day and would cost an estimated \$887,272.73.

Brannon told his fellow supervisors that he spent four hours on Sunday driving all of the roads being presented on the plan and Rice Road is in the third worst shape of them all.

"It is very poor," he said, adding school busses are driven on those roads each day.

Despite an initial motion

by Brannon to fund Rice Road, as well as roads in District 4 and District 5 which he called the worst, Steen was able to push through a substitute motion to vote in order on the agenda.

The road projects began at District 5, moving down to

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COURTS

### Warnock trial now set for April 1

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A federal trial for former Madison County engineer Rudy Warnock scheduled to begin on Monday has once again been continued.

Warnock, who was indicted in November 2022 on federal bribery and wire charges, is now scheduled to stand trial on April 1, U.S. District Judge Henry T. Wingate ruled on Friday.

Former Canton Municipal Utilities Chair Cleveland Anderson, also facing felony bribery charges, is also scheduled to stand trial on April 1 after he also sought a continuance in the case.

On Monday, a Washington D.C. prosecutor was appointed as counsel for the U.S. in the case, court records show.

Kathryn E. Fifield with the Public Integrity Section of the U.S. Department of Justice was appointed to the case.

The case against Warnock has been continued now seven

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ROADS

### Steen pitches Bozeman work delay

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Delaying and breaking the long-awaited Bozeman Road widening project into pieces because of funding concerns was suggested by one county supervisor on Monday.

A heated exchange among the three Republican members of the board over roads got hotter when District 3 Supervisor Gerald Steen announced he wanted to chop up the long-awaited Bozeman Road project into pieces.

Casey Brannon of District 1 and Trey Baxter of District 2 attempted to re-advertise for bids on the project after the lone bidder came in several million dollars above construction estimates in the fall.

Steen made a substitute motion though to have the county engineer come back with options on moving forward in phases instead.

"We can move forward with bidding and still bring information back," Baxter said.

Steen then chastised the pair, saying if they were really interested in the project they would

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## fun at madison station



Students at Madison Station Elementary had so much fun last month. The Kindergarteners celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing like superheroes and Zero the Hero. First graders celebrated the 101st day of school by dressing like dalmatians (101 Dalmatians). Second graders concluded their unit of study on Space and the planets by having their space program. Above, Mrs. Adcock's kindergarten class celebrates the 100th day of school. At right, Elsie Litton, Peyton Rasmussen, and Ashton Harris, enjoy the 101st day of school. Below, Beckham Rosenblatt performs during the Space program.



# Ridgeland receives donation of oak trees

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RIDGELAND — A man who raised his children here has donated more than \$10,000 in trees to the city. Brad Chism, who lived in Ridgeland for 15 years before recently moving to Madison, donated 103 oak trees to the city worth an estimated \$11,330.

Chism raised his family in Ridgeland and said they all have enjoyed the city's many outdoor amenities including ball fields and walking trails.

When his family was looking to get rid of some inventory at their tree farm, Chism said he "saw an opportunity" to give back to the city.

"We wanted to help the city out in some way with their ongoing beautification efforts," Chism said.

He noted he first reached out to the city about two weeks ago. The donation was unanimously accepted by



Over 100 oak trees were recently donated to the city of Ridgeland.

aldermen at their Feb. 6 regular meeting.

"We have a place to plant them," Mayor Gene F. McGee said.

Public Works Director Alan Hart said they had uses

for the trees "all over" the city. Specifically he said about 40 trees would go on the south end of the Highland Colony Parkway.

The trees will replace dead trees throughout the city and populate other areas with new tree cover.

Hart said other locations include Colony Park Boulevard, Ridgeland City Hall, and in the city parks.

City officials said they

hope to start planting trees soon.

Alderman-at-Large D.I. Smith said Chism was a long-time neighbor and friend of his.

"He is very community-focused and is proud of what we have done here and said he wanted to do something to help," Smith said. "We are really excited to get these trees planted."

Along with accepting the

donation, city officials also issued a "thank you" letter to Chism signed by McGee acknowledging the "generous donation."

The letter goes on to say, "The city has long been an advocate for promoting the importance and value of trees in the community. I am proud to say that this year marks our 16th consecutive year as being designated as a Tree City from the National Arbor

Day Foundation.

And concludes with, "Once again, thank you for this generous donation and your support of the City of Ridgeland and by helping to keep us a Tree City. The trees you donated today will be enjoyed by many Ridgeland generations to come."

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## Fentanyl seized from man walking down 55

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GLUCKSTADT — An Illinois man accused of trafficking fentanyl after he was arrested on foot along Interstate 55 here early Monday remains in jail on a \$1 million bond.

The man, Dylan Scott Wetzel, 21, was arrested and charged with trafficking fentanyl, possession with intent to distribute marijuana, and felon

in possession of a firearm, according to Gluckstadt Police Chief Barry Hale.

Gluckstadt Police first encountered Wetzel early Monday morning on foot along Interstate 55 just south of Gluckstadt Road when he attempted to flee.

Wetzel was arrested with a backpack that contained



Dylan Wetzel

over 100 Fentanyl pills, over a pound of marijuana individually packaged, and \$2,700 in cash, Hale said.

A 9 mm handgun was also recovered in the bushes after a canvass of the area, according to Hale.

Wetzel was transported to the Madison County Detention Center where he remains.

## Steen

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know where all the money is coming from to pay for it.

"It would be nice if you would vote with the Republi-

cans," Baxter fired back, pointing to the fact that Steen often aligns himself with the two Democrats on the board.

Steen later responded to what he called "Supervisor Baxter's ridiculous statement."

"From the very beginning, when a project comes in front of me, I don't look at Republican, Democrat, black or white, male

or female," he said. "That's what's wrong with the county, with the country nowadays. Instead of looking at everything, everybody looks at left or right. I don't look at it that way. Not going to start today and won't change tomorrow. That's where I stand on these issues, that's where I'll continue to be."

## Trial

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times. Indictments against Warnock, Anderson and former Canton aldermen Eric Gilkey and Andrew Grant were unsealed in November 2022.

Warnock was indicted on

two counts of conspiracy to commit bribery, one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, and one count of wire fraud.

Warnock pleaded not guilty at his initial appearance. He faces up to 30 years in prison if convicted.

Gilkey and Grant have both pleaded guilty and are awaiting sentencing, presumably following the conclusion of Warnock

and Anderson's criminal trial.

Anderson initially pleaded guilty, but his plea was rejected by the court after telling the judge he didn't do anything wrong.

According to the indictments, Warnock is alleged to have gifted cash, football tickets and concert tickets to the three in exchange for engineering contracts with the city of Canton and CMU.

# FAMILY MATTERS

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CAL THOMAS

## Let us all pray

*The number of President Biden's gaffes and flip-flops on issues would fill a book.*

The number of President Biden's gaffes and flip-flops on issues would fill a book, but he combined several categories of verbal meanderings at last week's National Prayer Breakfast.

The gathering took place in the Capitol's National Statuary Hall. Biden pronounced it "statutory hall." He must have had son Hunter's legal problems and the possibility of his own impeachment in mind. The annual event has been moved from a downtown hotel after allegations were made that some attendees were selling their tickets to people who wanted to lobby Members of Congress. The event is now restricted to members and some staff.

Near the end of his remarks, Biden mentioned Psalm 22, which was a prophetic Psalm written by King David. It foretells the crucifixion of Jesus Christ 1,000 years in the future. One of its verses is quoted by Jesus on the cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Biden didn't just misquote it, he rewrote it: "In my church we've turned (it) into a hymn — He will raise you up on Eagles wings..." He also blended in a line from the Irish Blessing.

Other statements contradict Biden's behavior, including his call for us to "...see ourselves as fellow human beings, each made in the image of God." Apparently, that only applies after one is born as Biden has flipped from pro-life to pro-abortion (as Donald Trump has flipped in the opposite direction, both

with no convincing argument, other than political pragmatism).

Biden added: "There is nothing beyond our capacity if we act together." To Democrats that mostly means Republicans giving in to them. Consider the latest tax bill in the House where Republicans have caved on several programs favored by Democrats, including expansion of the child tax credit, resulting in further bloating of the welfare state.

Politico reports that in private Biden uses "salty language" and has called Trump a sick f--k." Apparently to Biden some human beings are worth more than others.

The misuse of Scripture to baptize a president's political positions goes back to early America. In modern times, as reported by Christianity Today magazine: "The 1992 political season has witnessed spectacularly crass abuse of Scripture. George (H.W.) Bush began the charade at the convention of the National Religious Broadcasters in January. The President concluded a defense of the Gulf War with an outrageous application of Matthew 5:14: 'I want to thank you for helping America, as Christ ordained, to be a light unto the world.'

"Six months later at the Democratic convention, the scandal continued. In his

acceptance speech, Albert Gore mishled and mashed several scriptural phrases when he affirmed, 'In the words of the Bible, "Do not lose heart. This nation will be renewed" (there is no such verse). And Bill Clinton messed up 1 Corinthians 2:9 just as badly, asserting that 'Scripture says: "Our eyes have not seen, nor our ears heard, nor our minds imagined what we can build.'" The actual verse says "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." Big difference.

Biden concluded what one critic called his "plattitudinous and hypocritical" remarks by making an appeal for Congress to "work together." We've heard that before, but what does it mean when it comes to disagreement over policies? He didn't say.

These types of meetings that include the National Day of Prayer and other religious events may make participants feel good and in the case of Members of Congress, send a positive signal to their constituents that they're not heathens, but in the end — to quote Hillary Clinton in a different context — what difference does it make?

The members returned to the House and Senate chambers, resuming the same arguments with the most extreme calling each other names.

Let the rest of us pray. Even better, vote the bad ones out in November.

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## EDITORIALS

### 'Get Trump' effort fizzles

The extraordinary efforts to jail and bankrupt former President Donald Trump aren't having the expected impact. An NBC News poll released over the weekend shows President Biden's popularity sliding. In a fair fight, Mr. Biden is clobbered by his likely rival with only the prospect of imprisoning Mr. Trump offering hope to the Big Guy's chances, and barely so.

Against this political backdrop, the Manhattan jury's recent \$83 million verdict against Mr. Trump makes more sense. E. Jean Carroll set the stage in 2019 when she wrote a book asserting publicly for the first time that Mr. Trump raped her in a Bergdorf Goodman dressing room in the 1990s. Mr. Trump has denied the claim.

It's a classic he-said, she-said. At trial, Ms. Carroll had only her word to back the accusation — no security camera footage, no physical evidence and no witnesses. Jurors weighed the facts under the loose legal standard of whether the allegation was more likely true than not to conclude there was no rape. Even so, they awarded Ms. Carroll \$2 million in case some kind of sexual misconduct potentially happened.

Mr. Trump has maintained his innocence, saying the charges were part of a "hoax" meant to sell her book. For this, he was hauled back in to court for a trial weighing whether these denials constituted defamation.

It would seem fair to deny a rape charge with a jury verdict in hand saying there was no rape, but such is not the case when you're up against the Democratic machine. New York passed the Adult Survivors Act to override the statute of limitations so that lawsuits like the one against Mr. Trump could be filed.

U.S. District Judge Lewis A. Kaplan had to stand language on its head to achieve his preferred outcome. He wrote, "The finding that Ms. Carroll failed to prove that she was 'raped' within the meaning of the New York Penal Law does not mean that she failed to prove that Mr. Trump 'raped' her as many people commonly understand the word 'rape.'"

The judge's ruling recalls then-President Bill Clinton's famous equivocation, "It depends on what the meaning of the word 'is' is." Appropriately enough, Judge Kaplan owes his present job to Mr. Clinton.

So it comes as no surprise that billionaire Reid Hoffman is bankrolling Ms. Carroll's case. This is the left-wing activist who spent over \$600,000 assisting Fusion GPS, the Democratic law firm that fabricated the Steele dossier, which in turn invented a lurid tale about Mr. Trump cavorting with ladies of the evening in a Russian hotel room.

The dossier spread these lies as if they were true, but the best efforts of thoroughly anti-Trump FBI agents couldn't find a single true sentence in the dossier. At this point, there's no way of knowing decades after the fact whether Ms. Carroll is telling the truth, but her willing collaboration with a dishonest political machine undermines her complaint.

Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh faced similar evidence-free accusations against his character in his confirmation hearing, and one of his accusers eventually confessed that she lied in the hopes of stopping the right-of-center judge from taking a spot on the high court.

The machine's efforts failed then. Let's hope they fail again.

— *The Washington Times*

### Undeclared wars

Three U.S. soldiers were killed and dozens more wounded in a drone attack in Jordan over the weekend. President Biden blames Iran, and powerful politicians, including Sen. Mitch McConnell, Kentucky Republican, are insisting on lethal retaliation.

One thing is certain: Neither Mr. McConnell nor Mr. Biden will seek the constitutionally required declaration of war before the bombs drop. No such declaration has been made since World War II some 80 years ago. Formal declarations of war have been replaced by vague, after-the-fact congressional resolutions that merely underscore the legislative branch's abdication of its responsibility.

Congress doesn't like taking difficult votes, and thanks to its lack of oversight, overseas military entanglements have spiraled out of control. More than 55,000 U.S. troops are stationed in Japan; 30,000 are operating in the Middle East — many in harm's way — and 100,000 are in Europe, including many that may be drawn into the war between Russia and Ukraine.

The United States is involved in centuries-old blood feuds across the globe, including some that have faded from the headlines. For 25 years, American troops have been stationed in Kosovo, a hotbed of ethnic tension that declared its independence from Serbia and is recognized as a legitimate country by only half of U.N. member states. There is no sign our forces there will return in the near future.

Undeclared wars in Afghanistan and Iraq proved the U.S. military can swiftly defeat its enemies, but these actions also raised the vital question of whether Afghanistan, Iraq and the United States are any better off after the deaths of 7,000 U.S. personnel and \$1.6 trillion spent. The Defense Department estimates the cost of these wars at \$8,278 for each U.S. taxpayer.

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State lawmakers have found a clever way to coerce Congress into weighing these costs. Earlier this month, the New Hampshire House of Representatives voted 187-182 to adopt "Defend the Guard" legislation that would recognize the governor's power to refuse to deploy the state's National Guard troops in overseas combat without a formal declaration of war.

A similar bill is set for introduction in the Arizona State Legislature. It is championed by state Sen. Wendy Rogers, a Republican and former Air Force pilot who wants political accountability before Arizona Guardsmen are called up to spill their blood on foreign soil.

Today, 22,000 Guard members find themselves overseas, and in times of armed conflict, they make up as much as one-third of deployed personnel. As commander in chief of their respective Guard troops, the governors of the 50 states ought to exercise their authority to strong-arm Congress into respecting the Constitution.

If there were a national vote before these troops find themselves in the line of fire, members of Congress could be held accountable for that decision — and for its aftermath. They may even be inclined to insist troops come home when the mission is complete.

The U.S. has a direct interest in many of the combat operations. For example, keeping Red Sea shipping lanes free from Iran's proxy attacks mirrors Thomas Jefferson's battle against radical Islamic piracy on the Barbary Coast.

War declarations in these instances shouldn't be a problem. The only reason for Congress to duck responsibility is to engage in wars that are not in the public interest.

— *The Washington Times*

## RICH LOWRY

### TikTok is a danger to U.S. children

Mark Zuckerberg is very sorry.

His apology at a Senate hearing to the families of victims of online child sex abuse was dramatic, and the human thing to do in the moment, although he was pressured into it under persistent questioning from Sen. Josh Hawley, a Republican from Missouri.

Zuckerberg's contrition — whether real, fake or somewhere in between — doesn't really matter one way or the other, though. The key question is why we are subjecting our children to a vast, real-time experiment in exposure to a radically new medium that evidence suggests is harmful to their emotional and mental health.

This dubious venture is unquestionably a boon to the bottom line of Meta and its peer companies, but it's doubtful that any parent in America has ever thought it was good for their kid. "Gosh, how can I get my tween to spend more time on Instagram?" is, needless to say, a thought most parents don't have.

Social scientist Jonathan Haidt has been on this case for some time now and points out a marked increase in teen depression and anxiety that coincides with the rise of social media, particularly among girls. It is, to be sure, difficult to nail down with absolute certainty a direct relationship between social media and these distressing outcomes, but many studies find a connection, and the lived experiences of families is, overwhelmingly, that the takeover of adolescence by social media hasn't been a healthy phenomenon.

*Kids shouldn't be on social media at all. And, apparently, Facebook founder Zuckerberg is very sorry.*

At the very least, social media is addictive and represents an opportunity cost compared to time that could be spent talking with friends, going outside or even reading a book.

Congress should press the brakes on the revolution that has given Mark Zuckerberg and other tech titans an outsized role in raising our kids and require that users of social media be age 18 or older. Surely, it's not too much to ask that Zuckerberg and Co. make their fortunes exclusively off adults.

Congress has already imposed an age limit, just in the wrong place. The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act prevents the companies from collecting personal information from children under age 13, effectively prohibiting them from social media. But 13 draws the line much too young.

Regardless, the companies have been happy to make a mockery of the rule. About 40% of kids age 8-12 use social media, while usage by teens age 13-18 is nearly ubiquitous.

For social-media companies, these kids are just another market. According to a Wall Street Journal report a couple of years ago, "Inside the company, teams of employees have for years been laying plans to attract preteens that

go beyond what is publicly known, spurred by fear that Facebook could lose a new generation of users critical to its future."

Let's say the research and everyone's intuition is wrong, and social media isn't driving worse outcomes for kids.

What's the harm in staying off social media until they're older? That kids will miss out on the latest absurd and perhaps dangerous TikTok trend? That they won't get to envy people posting photos on Instagram to make themselves look more interesting and beautiful than they really are? That they will talk to their families and friends more and engage in more activities in the real world?

As Yuval Levin of the American Enterprise Institute points out, there are ways to put teeth in a more stringent age restriction, create a reliable mechanism for age verification, and give those parents who desperately want their young kids on social media a way to opt in. Once every teen isn't on social media, it becomes easier to stop teens from using social media.

Perhaps, over time, it will become clear that the teen mental health crisis wasn't driven by social media and — more improbably — being on TikTok is good for 15-year-olds. If so, we can go back and repeal the age-18 restriction — and apologize, if we must, to Mark Zuckerberg.

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## BIBLE SELECTION

For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

— **Psalm 33:4-5 (ESV)**

# Jackson man sentenced to 15 years for gun, cocaine

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A Jackson man arrested in Madison in 2022 with cocaine and a stolen handgun was sentenced to 15 years in prison, Madison County District Attorney Bubba Bramlett announced.

The man, Damarius Rashon Graham, 32, of Jackson, will spend “every day of the next 15 years of his life in prison” for the crimes of trafficking in controlled substances and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in Madison County, Bramlett said.

“This individual had been twice convicted of felony crimes and yet he did not learn his lesson those first two times,” Bramlett said.

On Tuesday, Jan. 30, Graham pleaded guilty to one count of trafficking in cocaine and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, Bramlett said. He was sentenced to 25 years with 10 suspended for the drug charge and

10 years for the possession of a firearm by a felon charge.

“The court ordered that the sentences were to be served concurrently with another,” Bramlett said. “The time will be served day for day without the possibility of early release or parole.”

On Sept. 30, 2022, an officer with the Madison Police Department made a traffic stop on a vehicle driving northbound on I-55.

While explaining the traffic violation to the female driver, the officer smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Officers also noticed that Graham, who was sitting in the front passenger seat, was sitting on top of a firearm.

Officers asked both individuals to exit the vehicle. Once out of the vehicle Graham stated he was cold, and requested the officer retrieve his jacket from the front passenger seat.

The officer patted down the jacket before handing it to Graham. Inside the jacket, officers

located a bag containing marijuana.

Upon further inspection of the car, officers found a purple Crown Royal bag in the backseat that contained a large amount of what appeared to be cocaine.

Officers took custody of the firearm and discovered that it had been reported stolen in Starkville.

“He was sitting on top of a stolen firearm while knowing it was against the law for him to be in possession of one,” Bramlett said. “He was also knowingly transporting over two hundred grams of cocaine which we can only infer he intended to sell.”

They also later learned that Graham had been twice convicted of felony offenses. The suspected drugs were sent to the Mississippi Crime Laboratory and, after a forensic evaluation and testing, the substance was confirmed to be cocaine and weighed over 200 grams, leading to the indictment for aggravated trafficking in controlled substances.

# Police arrest alleged shoplifter

By DUNCAN DENT  
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MADISON — A Vicksburg man arrested here on felony shoplifting charges is also wanted in multiple other jurisdictions.

The man, Colby M. Ashley, 37, has been charged in Madison with one count of felony shoplifting, according to Madison Police Capt. Kevin Newman.

After his initial appearance in Madison Municipal Court on Feb. 1, Ashley was released to the custody of the Warren

County Sheriff’s Office for additional charges in that jurisdiction.

On Tuesday, Jan. 30, at about 7:15 p.m. Madison Police officers conducted a traffic stop for a traffic violation on a vehicle that had been reported to have possibly been involved in earlier shoplifting incidents in Flowood.

Investigation by officers determined that stolen merchandise valued at about \$745



Colby Ashley

from the Madison Lowes store was in the stopped vehicle.

During the investigation, further information was obtained from the Warren County Sheriff’s Office that the subject may have also been involved in auto burglary incidents in that jurisdiction.

A search warrant was obtained for the vehicle and evidence was found that was involved in the Warren County auto burglaries.

# G’stadt gets more body cams

By DUNCAN DENT  
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GLUCKSTADT — City officials approved the purchase of five more police body cameras bringing the total number to 15.

Gluckstadt Police Chief

Barry Hale hopes to put the new cameras in service soon.

The cameras are already compatible with bullet-proof vests officers wear and work with the Motorola computer system the city already has.

The cameras will be purchased from Axon Enterprise

for \$4,794.63 and will be paid for with money from the JAG Fiscal Year 2022 grant.

The cameras were approved in a 5-0 vote at the Jan. 9 city board meeting. Alderman Jayce Powell motioned to accept the bid and Alderwoman Miya Warfield Bates seconded.

# Roads

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District 1.

Supervisors started by approving Loring Road in District 5 from Stump Bridge Road to Highway 17. The road work, with an average daily vehicle count of 470, will cost \$1,774,545.45.

Brannon admitted Loring Road was in horrible shape.

“This is a definite no-brainer,” he said, adding there is also a school on that road and nobody should feel safe driving there.

That road was approved unanimously.

From there, the 3-2 votes began, with Virililia Road in District 4. The average daily vehicle count is 150, with a cost of \$582,272.73.

There was no discussion among Steen, Banks, or Griffin on the Virililia project. Brannon previously said that he would like to use leftover funds from a few other projects to go towards Virililia, admitting parts of Virililia resembled a third-world country.

Next up was Cox Ferry Road in District 4 from the Madison County line to Joe Hall Road. With an average daily vehicle count of 550, overlay and re-striping will cost \$887,272.73.

Moving into District 3, Rice Road from Pear Orchard Road to Old Canton Road was discussed. The cost, with an unknown traffic count, is about \$776,000, according to County Engineer Tim Bryan.

The initial application on the county agenda was amended, but not added to the agenda.

The initial application was from U.S. 51 to Harbor Drive, with an average of 7,300 vehicles per day for \$1.025 million.

Brannon said he drove the road and found nothing wrong with it.

“I would let my grandmother eat hot soup in the back of this car,” he said.

Brannon said the last time work was done on the road was in 2014-2015, meaning it’s not even 10 years old.

He then launched into Mississippi code, saying it “shall be the duty” of the board to “properly maintain all state aid roads.”

He made another appeal for Rice Road in Madison, which hasn’t had work in over 20 years, to be approved.

“I think we need to vote “no” on any roads that do not need maintenance,” he said.

Steen, speaking to Brannon, interjected, suggesting he must be the only one with a “thought and opinion” on

the board before adding that Ridgeland officials had requested the road be added.

“We’ll just move forward with it and go from there,” Steen said. “You’ll learn as you go forward. You’ll learn along the way there’s never enough money to do all of the state aid roads.”

Brannon fired back, “You do not care about what the citizens of Madison County need.”

District 2 Supervisor Trey Baxter then jumped in, asking what the total paving cost for roads in Districts 3-5 add up to, which Brannon responded was \$4,685,907 — leaving approximately \$14,000 left for District 1 and District 2.

Steen then moved the meeting on, where the board voted to add Pear Orchard Road from Lake Harbour Drive to Rice Road in District 3 to be funded. The road has 5,800 vehicles on average per day and overlay and re-striping will cost an estimated \$415,909.09.

Rice Road in Madison was pulled from the agenda for lack of funding, as was Parkway East Road from the Madison city limits to Gluckstadt city limits. The average daily vehicle count there is 2,200, with an estimated cost of \$1,053,636.36.

“We’re out of state aid money,” Steen said.

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

# Comfort in trouble

If you have your Bibles, please open them with me to Psalm 77. This Psalm is one of those Psalms that teaches us how to live the Christian life in the darkest of days. We learn here that when we are wrapped in despondency and at the edge of all hope, we must do three things. In verses 1 – 3 we learn that we must look up to the throne. In verses 4 – 10 we learn to look into our hearts and face our deepest fears. And finally in verses 11 – 20 we learn to look back to the future.

**I. Up to the Throne**

First, we must look up to the throne. In verses 1 – 3 we find the burdened believer’s cry of distress, “My voice rises to God, and I will cry aloud; My voice rises to God, and He will hear me.” Notice these loud cries. If this man had been praying in his house, nobody in his house would have been unaware of it! With loud cries he lifts his voice, he remonstrates with God. This reminds us that our prayer needs to be earnest and verbal in these dark nights of the soul. The psalmist is telling us that the days of his trouble were days of prayer, and that’s a great lesson for us. Our mourning, our sighing, our complaint does no good until we lift that mourning and sigh and complaint up to the throne. And that’s what the psalmist did. He took his mourning and his sighs and his complaints, his troubles, his darkness, to God.

And notice his words, “My soul refused to be comforted.” When God did not answer, when he didn’t feel like his prayer was getting through, he didn’t stop praying. He didn’t slacken. He refused any comfort apart from the word of God, and Christians who have learned the secret of prayer are inflamed, not weakened, by the lack of an immediate answer.

And then he utters these dark words in verse 3, “When I remember God, then I am disturbed; When I sigh, then my spirit grows faint.” He is so low that at this point the very thought of God troubles him. He doesn’t know what God is doing. He can’t explain it; he’s puzzled by what’s happening in his life. He feels far from God, as if the Lord is against him. It is a dreadful thing when the thought

of God disturbs. There is no trouble more grievous to the soul. And yet, perhaps some of you know exactly where the psalmist was. But even when we feel that our trouble emanates from the throne of God itself, even when we are troubled by our thoughts of the One who is on the throne, we must run straightway up to that throne and spread our broken hearts before Him and beg for His help.

**II. Into the Heart**

But then you’ll also notice in verses 4 – 10 how the believer now turns into his own heart, and he examines himself and admits the questions that are circulating in his inner man. We’ve gotten a hint of his anguish, but now he is going to express to us his deepest inner doubts and questionings. He starts off by saying, “You have held my eyelids open...” Sleepless nights are no new thing, are they? He lays in bed pondering questions like, “Will the Lord reject forever? Will He never be favorable again? Has His lovingkindness ceased forever? Has His promise come to an end forever? Has God forgotten to be gracious?” The psalmist has turned in to examine his own heart, and he is allowing himself to ask the hard questions that are realities in his soul.

Now, the true believer will ultimately reject the conclusions of unbelief in answer to these questions, but the psalmist’s honesty compels him to lay these questions before the Lord. Very often we think the Christian life isn’t supposed to be filled with hard things that make us think like this — dark nights of the soul, wounds, and disappointments — and so we try and cope, when we ask these questions, with denial. But that is not God’s way. We must own our brokenness and our unbelief, and our fears and our failures; we must look deep into our hearts and face them, and then take them up to the throne.

**III. Back to the Future**

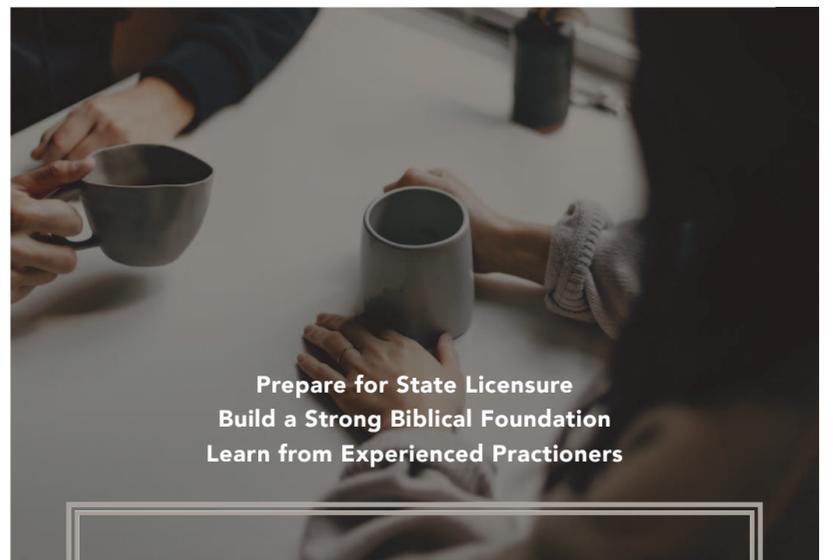
Then, if you notice, lastly, in verses 11 – 20, he goes in his next step back to the future. In these verses we see a burdened believer’s sanctified remembrance of the Lord’s past works, “I shall remember the deeds of the Lord,” he says. The psalmist is showing us the way out of the pit. If you

are going to experience divine comfort amid trial, then you are going to have to meditate on God’s deliverances. And so the psalmist says, “I shall remember the deeds of the Lord; surely I will remember Thy wonders of old.” He’s going to remember and reflect on what God has done in the past.

And then you’ll notice in verses 13 – 15 that the psalmist is lost in the character of God. He says, “Your way, O God, is holy.” In other words, “God, the way that You do things is the right way. I accept that. I see how you dealt with me in the past. I see how You’ve dealt with Your people in the past. The way that You deal with us is the right way.” And then he meditates on God’s character. God is what? Holy. God is what? He is great. The psalmist first reflects on God’s past dealings with His people and with him, and then he turns to meditate on God Himself, and he meditates until he believes, and he thinks until he knows, and he seeks until he finds, and he prays until he is able to feel it in his bones. He surmises that if God can shepherd His people through the Red Sea, then God can shepherd him, even in the valley of the shadow of death.

But there’s a great irony for those of us struggling and looking for comfort today, and that great irony is that we have something far greater to look back to that brings us comfort. In fact, we don’t look back to it, we look up to it — and that is the cross. The new covenant believer runs to the cross, and we find there an even deeper comfort, because we find when we look to the cross that the antidote to our sin and to our grief was in what the Lord Jesus Christ absorbed. When we realize that, we suddenly understand that we ourselves have never been where this psalmist describes. In fact, this psalmist has never been where he describes. The only One who has been there is Jesus. This Psalm, lacking comfort in bitter darkness, only measures up to Jesus’ experience, because He’s been there for us.

*The Rev. Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III is Chancellor and CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary. He can be reached at 601-923-1600 or by email at jhyde@rts.edu.*



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# OBITUARIES

## Patricia Barrett Austin

Patricia Barrett Austin, 90, passed away on January 27, 2024 at her daughter’s home in Panama City, FL.

Services were held on February 2, 2024 at First Baptist Church in Flora. Pat was born and raised in South Jackson MS, then later settled in Flora, MS with her family.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband, Sidney Austin, of 69 years. She is survived by her son, Sidney Herbert Austin III (Mary); daughters, Donna Lynne Austin and Julia Kaye Mobley (Frank). She is also

survived by two grandchildren, Scott Mobley and Julia Thompson (Phillip), six great-grandchildren and one great

great-grandchild. Memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospital in Shreveport, Louisiana.

## Cemetery plot available

Single grave space offered  
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Parkway Memorial Cemetery  
Contact (601) 941-1206

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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. S., A MINOR BY AND THROUGH HER MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND, ELISE SUMMERS CAUSE 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

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 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 23 rd 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 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 BWL363 DEFENDANT

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SUMMONS

TO: Qwazorious 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 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/of/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/of/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 Vernita Acoff, attained the age of majority September 15th 1973, and is the sole beneficial owner of Certificate of Title of Registered Securities and claims all rights, titles, and interest of/for any/all above said variations/derivatives of VERNITA ACOFF, legal person born September 15th, of the year nineteen hundred and fifty five.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

CAUSE NO. 24-37 (B)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 11th day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Gloria Harrison Morgan, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

THIS, the 19th day of January, 2024.

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

PUBLISHED:

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

SOLICITOR

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Mississippi Senate Bill Number 1138 that the following will be attached by Storage Depot LLC 1048 Gluckstadt Rd. Madison Ms. 39110 and will be sold on February 29, 2024 at 10:00am to satisfy the lien claimed by Storage Depot LLC on the following units: D. Burns unit #113, J. Beasley unit #327, L. Brown unit #701, J. Godrich unit #406

SLEDGE'S WRECKER SERVICE LLC.

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

- 2014 CHEVROLET TREVERSE VIN# 1GNKRFD1EJ346388
2006 CHEVROLET MAILBU VIN# 1G1ZT61846F11459
1991 TOYOTA PICKUP VIN# JT4RN81A8M0075405
2017 HONDA ACCORD VIN# 1HGCR2F30HA240964

Date of Sale: February 28, 2024 Time: 9:30 am Place: 308 N Wheatley Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157

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 # 1G2F523E1LL209973, \$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.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEAN DELORIS JACOBS, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 23-1025 B

DORIS JACOBS THOMAS PETITIONER

VS.

THE KNOWN AND UNKNOW HEIRS AT LAW OF JEAN DELORIS JACOBS, DECEASED RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JEAN DELORIS JACOBS, DECEASED, WHOSE POST OFFICE AND STREET ADDRESS AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY REMAIN UNKNOWN

You have been made Respondents in the Petition filed in this Court by Doris Jacobs Thomas, Administratrix of the Estate of Jean Deloris Jacobs, deceased, seeking to determine heirship. Respondents other than you in this action are not known, if any.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Determine Heirs filed herein against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 15th day of March, 2024, at the Madison County Chancery Court House located in Canton, Mississippi, before the Honorable Cynthia Brewer, Chancellor, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money and other things demanded in the Petition.

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

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 1st day of February, 2024.

Ronny Lott Madison County Chancery Clerk By: Kim Streveir D.C.

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 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, Executrix Angela Hayes Bass, Executrix

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

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SUSAN LINDA RIDDELL, DECEASED NO. 2023-1347-C

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 5 th day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Susan Linda Riddell, 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 forever be barred. This the 1 st day of February, 2024. Thomas Allen Riddell, Executor of the Estate of Susan Linda Riddell, Deceased

John B. Dongieux, Attorney 933 S. College St. Brandon, MS 39042 601-825-8696

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

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ONE (1) 2012 TOYOTA PRIUS BEARING VIN# JTDKN3D5C1609107 DEFENDANT

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Marquail Marquest Clifton, 5115 Shirliwood 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 CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

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

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

SUBMITTED BY: RAYMOND H.B. FRASER, (MSB 102020)

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES M. LONGINO, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 24-28

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 30th day of January 2024 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned, upon the Estate of James M. Longino, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

Witness my signature, this the 31st day of January 2024.

/s/ William Durham William Durham, Co-Executor of the Estate of James M. Longino, Deceased

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 31st day of January 2024.

/s/ T. McCall Stern NOTARY PUBLIC My Commission Expires: 6.5.27

Counsel for Co-Executors: McCall Stern, PLLC Post Office Box 5173 Brandon, Mississippi 39047 Telephone No. (601) 345-3001 mccall@mccallstern.com

PUBLISHED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: February 8, 15, and 22; 2024.

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.

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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, March C Raglin, Willie Jones, Martisha Grover, Lynn Stover, Sophia Jones, Leslie Jones, Paul Jones Jr., London Raglin, Henry Odell Murphy III and Walter Harrison and the unknown heirs of Richard Jones , and if there be any other interested parties whose names, post office and street addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry. You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Chancery Court of Madison County, March 1, 2024 9:00am at the Madison County Courthouse in 146 W Center St, Canton, MS 39046 then there to plead, answer or demur to that certain Amended Petition for Determination of Heirship, being Cause Number 99-688, wherein you are the Defendant. You are not required to answer said petition, but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 19 th day of January 2024.

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

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

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on or about November 20, 2020, Eazy Rider Trucking, LLC, by its Member Ernest White, executed a Correction Deed of Trust to Granville Tate, Jr., Trustee for the benefit of Trustmark National Bank, as recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, as Instrument # 918206 in Book 3989 at Page 453; and,

WHEREAS, Trustmark National Bank, the holder of said Deed of Trust and the Note secured thereby, substituted J. Mark Franklin, III as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument dated January 3, 2024, and recorded as Instrument # 996922 in Book T-4399 at Page 551 in the office of the Chancery Clerk aforesaid; and,

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the Trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustee's fees and expenses of sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned J. Mark Franklin, III, being the Substitute Trustee, do hereby give notice that on March 7, 2024, between 11:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m., being the legal hours of sale, I will proceed to sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the Madison County Courthouse in Canton, State of Mississippi, the following real property described and conveyed in said Deed of Trust, lying and being situated in Madison County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

That certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the West half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24 of Township 11 North, Range 4 East, Madison County, Mississippi, more particularly described below.

Commencing at the intersection of the West line of Section 24 and the South side of Cooper Rd Section 24, Township 11 North, Range 4 East, Madison County, Mississippi; said point also being the Point of Beginning.

Thence along the South side of said road, N 89°59'10" E for a distance of 1348.80 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod

Thence, S 00°14'25" E for a distance of 942.88 feet to a fence post

Thence, S 89°59'10" W for a distance of 1348.66 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod

Thence, N 00°14'55" W for a distance of 942.88 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing a net total of 29.19 acres, more or less.

I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 30th day of January, 2024.

/s/ J. Mark Franklin, III J. MARK FRANKLIN, III SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE

J. Mark Franklin, III MCKAY LAWLER FRANKLIN & FOREMAN, PLLC Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 2488 Ridgeland, Mississippi 39158-2488 (601) 572-8778

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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.

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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

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 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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# Symphony hosting winter concert Feb. 24

By STAFF REPORTS  
news@onlinemadison.com

Mississippi Symphony Orchestra's "Striking Surprises" concert, 7:30 p.m. February 24 at St. James' Episcopal Church, warms to classical music with a hint of the unexpected, in a con-

cert that showcases MSO Principal Timpanist Bud Berthold and delivers Haydn's best-known symphony.

Concert opener Entr'acte for Strings by contemporary Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Caroline Shaw continues this season's "Fresh Voices" theme.

Her evocative work riffs on the classical form and takes it forward, with captivated listeners relishing the ride. "It's a lovely piece for the strings," said MSO Maestro Crafton Beck. "It really sets up the rest of the program beautifully."

Soloist Berthold, MSO's

principal timpanist for decades, takes the spotlight in Jiri Druzicky's Concerto for Six Timpani, a classical-era composition pioneering for its percussion focus and charming in its buoyant appeal.

The timpani does not often get a shot at a featured solo, par-

ticularly in a chamber concert. "That is pretty unique," MSO President and Executive Director Jenny Mann said. Druzicky's concerto centers the pitched percussion instrument out front, maximizing its melodic potential and expanding its usual baseline and punctuation

role with the orchestra. General admission tickets are \$25 for adults and \$5 for students, kindergarten through college (with valid student ID). Visit msorchestra.com for advance tickets and information. Tickets will be on sale at the door if capacity permits.



## Odom serves as Senate Page

Connor Scott Odom of Madison recently served as a page for the Mississippi Senate. Pages generally run errands for officials and Senate staff. Connor is pictured with Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann, who sponsored his visit. Connor is the son of Ben and Susie Odom and attends St. Joseph Catholic School. Connor is pictured with Lt. Governor Hosemann.



Three St. Andrew's students competed for scholarships on January 13 at Distinguished Young Women of Madison County 2025. Junior Vahita Anand was named 2025 Distinguished Young Woman of Madison County. She also won the Scholastic Award, Talent Award, and the Self-Expression Award. Claudia Maron won Spirit of DYW Award and was named 1st Alternate, and Pegah Vasighi-Ansarifar won the BYBS (Be Your Best Self) Award. Distinguished Young Women of Madison County is "part of a national scholarship program that promotes and rewards scholastics, leadership, and talent in young women. Participants are evaluated in the areas of scholastics, interview, talent, self-expression, and fitness." Pictured are Claudia Maron, Vahita Anand, and Pegah Vasighi-Ansarifar.

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

PUBLISHED:

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### 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 17th day of January, 2024.

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

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

### 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.

RONNY LOTT, Chancery Court Clerk  
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

**BY:** KELSEY RODRIQUEZ, D.C.

Submitted by:  
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### 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

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**Court of Madison County**, located at 146 W Center Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046, USA and in your failing to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or things demanded in the Complaint or Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you so desire. If you choose to file an answer the original must be filed with the Madison County Chancery Clerk, Canton, Mississippi. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 22nd day of January, 2024.  
Ronny Lott  
Chancery Clerk,  
Madison County, Mississippi

### 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.
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

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(electric and water).

The contractor shall install the splash pad in an order that will ensure proper installation of equipment, establish correct heights, provide adequate drainage, and prevent contamination of all circulation system lines.

Winning proposals shall work with the City to obtain access agreements and applicable liability insurance policies.

The Contractor shall provide Certificate of Liability equal to or exceeding \$1,000,000 for General Liability, which will cover performance of its services under this agreement. The contractor will carry complete, adequate workmen's compensation insurance covering all employees of the contractor. Current certificates of all insurance, showing the City as an additional insured, must be submitted to and maintained on file with the City.

The Contractor will comply with all applicable federal, state, county and city ordinances and regulations in performing all services to be rendered by the Contractor under this Agreement. The City will comply with all applicable federal, state, county, and city ordinances and regulations in maintaining the Splash Pad.

### References

1. Provide a list of representative clients, specifying any client who has received services from your company.

2. Identify at least three references we may contract regarding the Individual or Company's integrity, quality of work, quality of service, cost-consciousness, and overall performance.

### Other Information

Individual/Company may provide any other information not specifically requested that may aid the City in the review of the submission.

### PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND SELECTION

### Committee

The Selection Committee is comprised of the Parks and Recreation Director, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, Senior Director of Operations, and Deputy City Clerk. Each responding entity to this request is asked to submit four (4) copies of its response for evaluation. The Selection Committee shall evaluate all proposals submitted and make a recommendation to the Mayor to submit to the Board of Aldermen for approval. Any contract entered into as a result of this proposal shall be governed under the State Laws of Mississippi. Only the Governing Authority for the City of Madison can approve and authorize the execution of an Agreement for Professional Services.

Individuals/Companies may be asked to provide additional information and may be asked to meet with members of the committee for interviews. The references provided by the Individual/Company will be contacted.

### Scoring Criteria

Proposals shall be evaluated on the following scoring criteria:

1. Vendor Experience 50 Points
2. Quality & Responsiveness of Management Proposal 20 Points
3. Pricing/Cost 20 Points
4. Individual/Company Location 10 Points

All bids shall be marked "LIBERTY PARK SPLASHPAD PROJECT BID OPENING, March 6, 2024," on the outside of the envelope. Bids submitted in person shall be hand delivered to: Meg Williams  
City of Madison Public Works Department  
1239 Highway 51, Madison, MS 39110-9092

Bids may also be submitted by mail to: Ruth Gibbons  
Post Office Box 40  
Madison, MS 39130.

All bids must be received by 9:30 am local time on Tuesday, March 6, 2024. Electronic bids can be submitted at [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com).

Bids will be opened at Denson Robinson Public Services Complex, 1239 Highway 51, Madison, MS 39110 at 10:00 am local time, Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Any bid received after 9:30 am on the date will not be opened. The project will be awarded to the lowest and best bid. The City reserves the right to waive any informality or technicality or to reject any or all bids.

Dates for Publication  
February 1, 2024  
February 8, 2024

### 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 High-

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way 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](http://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

FOR:  
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 24th 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 24th 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*  
John D. Moore, MSB No. 10610  
217 Draperton Drive, Suite 100 (39157)  
Post Office Box 3344  
Ridgeland, MS 39158-3344  
601-853-9131  
Fax: 601-853-9139  
E-Mail: [john@johndmoorepa.com](mailto:john@johndmoorepa.com)

Attorney for Petitioner

**I, Jason Dean intend to make application for an On-Premise Retailer permit as provided for by the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, §67-1-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated.**

**If granted such permit, I or We propose to operate as a Sole Ownership under the trade name of Parlor 1886 located at 4840B Main Street Flora Madison.**

**The name(s), title(s), and address(es) of all owners/ partners/ officer(s)/ members and/or majority stockholders/ trustee of the above are as follows:**

**Name: Jason Dean**  
**Address: 4840B Main Street Flora, MS 39071**

**If any person wishes to request a hearing to object to the issuance of this permit a request for a hearing must be made in writing and received by the Department of Revenue within (15) fifteen days from the first date this notice was published.**

**Requests shall be sent to: Chief Counsel, Legal Division**  
**Department of Revenue**  
**P. O. Box 22828**  
**Jackson, MS 39225**  
**Date of First Publication: 8th February, 2024**



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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

Bringing good out of evil

It is the wisdom of God to bring good out of evil. The ultimate example of that is the Son of God being put to death by men, but God accomplishing the salvation of sinners through it. In the life of a believer the Lord also brings good out of bad. In Psalm 4, we see the Lord turning the distress of David into spiritual benefits for David.

In verse 1, David calls on the Lord. He remembers a time in the past when God gave him relief in distress. The word for distressed means in a tight place or weighed down, the feeling that everything is closing in on you. We don't know the cause of David's distress, but it was severe.

David knows the Lord has always helped him; "O God of my righteousness." David is bringing up the relationship he has with the Lord. The Lord leads him in "paths of righteousness" (Psalm 23). David knows God is the source of his righteousness, the maintainer of his righteousness, and the judge of his righteousness. He is in a covenant relationship with the God of righteousness. So, he appeals to it.

Distress is turned into a benefit when it drives us to call on the Lord to draw near to us. David asks the Lord to be gracious or merciful to him. In the rest of the Psalm, David looks at everything from the perspective of God's glory and how blessed it is to know God. This doesn't mean the cause of his distress was taken away, but it does show us that if the Lord gives us views of his glory and favor, we will know we are blessed, whatever the present situation. The Lord responded favorably to David's prayer.

You can ask yourself if you pray this way. Do you pray that the Lord would make himself your portion; that if you have him, it is enough? In distress, do you say to the Lord, "Lord, I am one of your people, be gracious to me." We are to know this: If the Lord pours out his blessing on us, we can endure all things in this world. So, call on the Lord this way.

In verse 2-3, we see David looking at his situation and the world from God's perspective. People may reject David as king, but he realizes that it goes deeper than that. Men have no regard for the glory of God nor the truth of God's word: "How long

will you turn my glory into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies."

The apostle Paul speaks of this in Romans 1. The nations have exchanged the glory the immortal God for idols and shameful passions. The Jews boasting of their own righteousness denied the glory of God's perfect righteousness. All men fall short of the glory of God.

God made all things for his glory and men have no regard for it. Rather, they seek after lies. In other words, they are under a delusion. As William Plumer says, "Sinners are always practicing deception on themselves. They are false to all their own best interests. All they do is against them." Men write books like "The God delusion" and receive laud and praise for it.

But God will not be mocked. The Bible says, "The glory of man is like the grass." It will quickly fade away. Thankfully, Christ is no delusion. The gospel calls men to abandon vanity and lies, come to Christ, and be reconciled to God.

David says to men, "But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself." God will have a people who know him, who love his name and seek his glory. The godly love God because he has revealed himself to them and forgiven their sins. They know the Lord hears them when they pray

The godly know that salvation is of the Lord. They don't leave the vanity of the world to boast that they made themselves different from other men. No, the godly know that the Lord made them to differ, called them by his grace. That they are now blessed instead cursed is all to the praise of God.

David's consolation in distress comes from seeing the difference in the blessedness of knowing God. The unbeliever may have many comforts and yet still is cursed. On the other hand, the believer may be under a cross, yet he is blessed. The very day you become godly, you become blessed. When you are in distress, follow David. Ask the Lord to be merciful to you and hear your prayer.

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### RECREATION & PARKS RECRE8



**Dog Obedience**  
Jackson Obedience Training Club (JOTC)  
Info: jotc.org  
Register: Feb. - Mar.  
Time & Place: Mar. 26  
Ridgeland Rec Center  
Old Trace Park

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

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

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

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

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5-6 YEARS • 6:30 P.M.  
7-10 YEARS • 6:40 P.M.



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