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**REUNION PARKWAY FUNDS**

## County hoodwinked out of \$2.7M

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The nearly \$3 million stolen from Madison County in a cyber scam came from state bond monies designated for the Reunion Parkway project.

The money was repaid to the bond account on Monday from the county's general

fund. The Board of Supervisors announced the scam Monday morning after an executive session lasting nearly 90 minutes.

"The Madison County Board of Supervisors was informed of a fraudulent financial cyber event Tuesday, March 19, 2024," Board President Gerald Steen said

reading from a prepared statement.

"The event resulted in \$2,741,243.69 in funds being sent to a fraudulent vendor who represented himself as a current vendor."

Steen said the first thing the county did was contact law enforcement officials and the case is currently being investigated by local,

state, and federal authorities.

"We're confident that we can recover some, if not all the funds," Sheriff Randy Tucker said. "We have confidence that moving forward we won't have to face this again. It does stretch across the country and possibly internationally."

According to the Sheriff's Department incident report

which was made public, Comptroller Na'Son White sent electronic ACH payments to someone claiming to be Jay Hemphill, the CEO of Hemphill Construction Co., the contractor currently working on the Reunion Parkway project.

White sent three payments beginning on Feb. 20, 2024, for \$128,989.97. A second

payment of \$1,073,870.66 was made on March 5, and a final payment of \$1,538,383.06 was made on March 12.

According to the incident report, the county purchasing clerk received an initial email which was later forwarded to County Adminis-

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**RIDGELAND**  
**Minority wards to be created**

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RIDGELAND — Two minority wards will be created and an additional polling place will be added in Ward 3 under a redistricting plan approved earlier this month.

Mayor Gene F. McGee said he 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.

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.

A new polling place will be established in Ward 3 at Trace Ridge Baptist Church located at 238 Lake Harbour Drive in addition to the existing polling place in the Pat McGowan Workforce Training Center on the Holmes Community College Campus at 150 College Drive. Ward 3 is Alderman

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**CRIME**  
**Road rage arrest in Madison**

By **DUNCAN DENT**  
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MADISON — A Brandon woman remains in custody after she was arrested here and charged in connection with firing a gun during a road rage incident Monday morning on the I-55 southbound exit ramp at Deemmareld Highway 463.



The woman, Deemmareld Charlae Blackmore, 25, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault, according to Madison

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## league and legislature



The Madison County Business League & Foundation hosted the annual League & Legislature luncheon on Wednesday, March 20, at the Old Capitol Inn in Jackson. Speaker of the House Rep. Jason White was the keynote speaker. Pictured, clockwise from top: State Rep. Jonathan McMillan, State Rep. Kenji Holloway, State Rep. Justis Gibbs, State Rep. Jill Ford, Speaker White, State Rep. Celeste Hurst, State Rep. Lawrence Blackmon, and State Rep. Clay Mansell. Speaker White speaks to the audience. Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee and Gluckstadt Mayor Walter Morrison pose for a picture. The luncheon was attended by over 360 Madison County Business League & Foundation members, guests, local and statewide elected officials and legislators from all over the state.



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# DAR donates washing machine to Buddy Center

By DUNCAN DENT  
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RIDGELAND — The River of Pearls Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution made a recent donation to the Buddy Center here.

Donna Russell, Regent of the River of Pearls Chapter, called the washer and dryer “much needed” and said the donation was made to commemorate National Down Syndrome Day on March 21.

When working with the Buddy Center, she said the members of her chapter are “always blessed more than the children.”

The Buddy Center is the Central Mississippi Down Syndrome Society’s community center in Ridgeland.

The facility opened in August 2022 and provides Down Syndrome children and their families with support and programming. Central Mississippi Down Syndrome Society relies on volunteers from the community, local schools, and organizations to help with programs, which include educational events, exercise and dance classes, arts and crafts, family socials, and enrichment opportunities, Russell said.



Presenting a new washing machine and dryer on behalf of the chapter's JAC Club to the Central Mississippi Down's Syndrome Society's Buddy Center offices are: (left to right) Donna Russell, Regent of River of Pearls

Chapter, NSDAR; Jenny Babl, Executive Director of CMDSS, Kay Ewing and Sarah Clark, Chair of the JAC Club.

The River of Pearls Chapter teamed up with the Buddy Center in 2022 to organize a Junior American Citizen (JAC) club for

special needs children, Russell said.

“JAC clubs teach America’s school children the principles of good citizenship and appreciation of American heritage and history,” Russell said.

Each monthly meeting begins

with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Next month, the chapter will sponsor a field trip with some of the JAC members to the John C. Stennis Space Center as part of their ongoing study of the space

program.

This year they submitted a poster on the Artemis II Space Program to the National DAR Awards in Washington, D.C. The Artemis II Space Program has been a focus of study for the club, Russell said.

In 2023, the Buddy Center JAC Club won a national DAR award in Washington, D.C. for their study and poster of the Oregon Trail, which was entered in the Special Needs Category.

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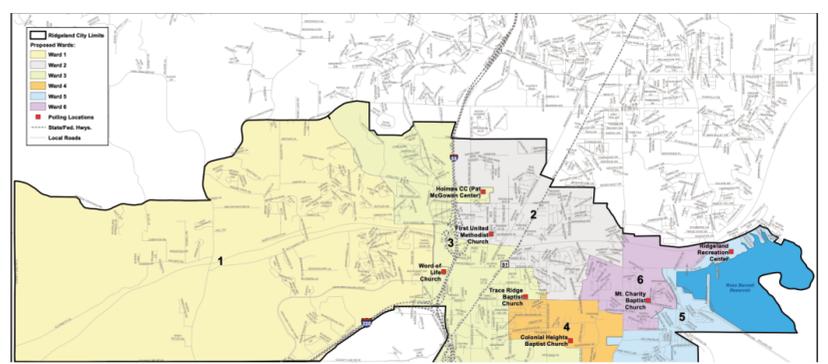
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Ridgeland aldermen have created two new majority-minority wards in the city.

## Wards

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Kevin Holder’s ward.

A resolution was approved by aldermen during their meeting on Tuesday, March 19. It was the only item on the regular agenda and was swiftly accepted as part of a meeting lasting about five minutes.

“The City of Ridgeland, Mississippi has received information from the 2020 decennial census that shows population growth sufficient to require redistricting to comply with the one person one vote principles of the United States Constitution,” the resolution reads in part.

The resolution goes on to say, “Whereas the City of Ridgeland has taken into

account traditional redistricting principles.”

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. The map was one of four at the focus of a public hearing held in January.

McGee said the Department of Justice sent a letter during the process saying they had been made aware of demographical 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 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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# Child rapist sentenced to 20 years in prison

By **DUNCAN DENT**  
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CANTON — A 27-year-old man here was sentenced to 20 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to having sex with two underage girls, Madison County District Attorney Bubba Bramlett, announced.

The man, Bruce Jermal Thompson, 27, was sentenced to serve 20 years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections without the possibility of early release or parole, Bramlett said on March 25.

“All time will be served day

for day with no chance for early release or parole,” Bramlett said. “Upon release, he will be required to register and report as a sex offender for the rest of his life.”

In February 2019, the University of Mississippi Medical Center reported to the Canton Police Department that they had a 15-year-old female miscarry a child while at the hospital, Bramlett said.

CPD then began an investigation to determine who the father of the child was due to the mother still being under the age of consent.

Their investigation and DNA

testing confirmed that Thompson was the father. He was 22 years old at the time the baby was conceived, and the victim would have been 14, the authorities said.

Before the indictment was served on the defendant, officers

received a complaint from another juvenile’s mother that Thompson had been having sex with her child since the child was 12 years old, according to Bramlett.

“Thompson and the juvenile were cousins,” Bramlett said.

Officers searched Facebook and text messages which revealed explicit text messages between Thompson and the underage female indicating that he had been engaging in sexual acts with the child since 2021, Bramlett said.

“Neither victim wished to testify against Thompson, who pleaded guilty in each case,” Bramlett said.

He was sentenced to serve 20 years on each case with the sentences to run concurrently.

## Rage

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Police Lt. Micah Taylor.

Officers from the Madison Police Department responded to a call regarding a possible road rage incident at 8:07 a.m. on Monday, March 25, Taylor said.

Upon arrival, officers discovered that a female driver had been exiting Interstate 55 when her vehicle was shot at by another motorist.

Responding officers quickly gathered information about the incident, including descriptions of the vehicle and the suspect,

according to Taylor. Shortly afterward, an officer located a vehicle matching the description near Highway 463 and Post Oak Road.

Blackmore was apprehended, and a firearm was recovered at the scene, Taylor said.

“Fortunately, the victim of the incident did not sustain any injuries, although her vehicle did suffer damage from the gunfire,” Taylor said. “The exact motive behind the incident is still under investigation.”

Blackmore has been charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connection to the incident.

Blackmore remains in jail on a \$2.5 million bond.

## Scam

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trator Greg Higginbotham before being forwarded to White.

The email requested a change in the bank account for payment.

The payments were initially sent to a Citizens Bank N.A. account.

On March 11, one of the payments was returned, and White called the fraudster and was given a Bank of America bank account.

“All invoices that the county received from Hemphill Construction Company were true, legitimate

invoices sent from the actual company building the parkway phases,” the incident report says. “The only difference she could find in the emails that the invoices came from was a ‘.com’ email address was used, whereas a ‘.us’ was used for the ACH payment form.”

According to the incident report, the case had not been turned over to the U.S. Secret Service, but they were assisting at the time.

Madison County’s cybersecurity policy has a \$100,000 coverage maximum, with a \$25,000 deductible, meaning the most the county may be able to recover if law enforcement is unsuccessful is \$75,000.



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### EDITORIALS

## Trump’s plan to drain the swamp

Former President Donald Trump learned many lessons from his four years in the White House. Perhaps none hits home harder than discovering the chief executive of the United States isn’t actually in charge of the federal government.

At every step of the way, Mr. Trump’s initiatives were thwarted by minor functionaries in his administration, egged on by corporate-owned media outlets lionizing members of “the resistance.”

On the eve of the 2020 election, Mr. Trump signed an executive order to do something about it. He created Schedule F, a novel classification for critical policy-making posts in the federal government subject to streamlined rules that say key employees serve at the will of the president.

The order would have made it possible to replace the partisan, unelected mandarins who spend their day in the office (or more likely now, their day at home) plotting to ensure their personal will — not the will of the voters — is executed. Schedule F positions were to be distinct from the political appointees who come and go with each change of administration.

Within the expected service, intelligence, national security and foreign service positions would have been the most affected had the plan gone into effect. Unfortunately, we won’t know for certain, since President Biden capitulated to public sector union demands and canceled the order before it was implemented.

The National Treasury Employees Union has been filing Freedom of Information Act requests for more details about what the former president had in mind. The group expressed shock that jobs with “substantive participation in the develop-

ment or drafting of regulations and guidance” would qualify. In some cases, this meant reaching down to the GS-12 level, where pay now tops out at \$129,000 a year.

Mr. Trump pledges to revive his plan to diminish the influence of partisans entrenched in the bureaucracy if he is reelected. “With you at my side, we will demolish the deep state,” he told the audience at a rally in South Carolina last month. “We will expel the warmongers from our government. We will drive out the globalists.”

Such activists don’t deserve the absurdly elevated protections the civil service offers. It used to require sacrifice to enter the civil service. Those days are long gone. From the federal to the local level, government provides overly generous benefits to its employees. Earlier this month, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported total compensation for public employees outpaced that of the private sector by 40%.

Fearing Mr. Trump might upset the cushy bargains they’ve struck, the National Treasury Employees Union and the rest of the Federal Workers Alliance are doing everything they can to thwart the possibility of his return to the Oval Office. The groups are also pushing legislation to head off another executive order, further insulating the civil service so it’s even less accountable than it already is.

If voters ever want to change the direction in which the country is headed — and two-thirds of Americans say they do, according to polls — it must be possible to curtail lifetime sinecures. Otherwise, no matter who the people elect, the outcome will always be the same.

— *The Washington Times*

## Dem’s election interference

Democrats were rescued from their hubris by a last-minute court order Monday. Appellate Division judges in New York found an activist lower court judge’s attempt to extract almost half a billion dollars from former President Donald Trump a bit over the top. They offered a 62% discount to the former president, who jumped at the deal.

New York Attorney General Letitia James was about to start wrapping the chains and padlocks around Trump Tower in Manhattan when she got the bad news. The intermediate court also put a hold on the attempt to ban Mr. Trump and his family from doing business in the Big Apple while the judges figure out what they’re going to do about the ruling from Judge Arthur Engoron.

Mr. Trump thanked the Appellate Division for its temporary resolution of the matter and promised to post the bond. He then excoriated Judge Engoron. “Businesses are fleeing and crime is flourishing all over the state,” Mr. Trump said, “and what he’s done is such a disservice it should not be allowed to happen again. New York state is being battered by his decision.”

Judge Engoron, a Democrat, spends 92 pages in his February ruling outlining Mr. Trump’s supposedly wicked deeds. This includes the proposal to turn the Old Post Office on Pennsylvania Avenue into the Trump Hotel, along with the purchase of three other properties. To make the buys, Deutsche Bank offered Mr. Trump \$385 million in loans, based largely on his larger-than-life reputation as a businessman.

It’s the job of the lender to perform due diligence with a major loan application, and the banks involved did just that. One of the executives who audited Mr. Trump’s finances during the negotiation

said he had “among the strongest personal balance sheets we have seen.” They were thrilled to have him as a customer — and for good reason.

After Mr. Trump sold his Washington hotel, he paid off the loan in full and walked away with a tidy \$139 million profit. Deutsche Bank earned millions on the transaction. If it is a crime for Mr. Trump to puff up his personal assets to land more favorable loan terms to the benefit of all involved, it is hard to see how such an infraction merits a \$454 million penalty — particularly in a state that offers no cash bail to burglars and arsonists.

But Judge Engoron’s design became more apparent when Trump Organization attorneys pointed out no legitimate bond firm could guarantee a \$454 million bond while the case was under appeal.

The amount also happened to exceed Mr. Trump’s ability to pay in cash, especially as he intended to set aside a substantial sum for his presidential election campaign. It’s no coincidence that a judge with full access to the former president’s financial records came up with just the right amount to cripple his run for political office.

One might even say that’s the textbook example of what the Eighth Amendment means to prohibit when it says, “Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed.”

The Appellate Division is stacked with judges appointed by Democrats, yet even they recognized allowing judicial misconduct to stand tarnishes all of their reputations. They should act swiftly to overturn this transparent attempt to interfere in the November election.

— *The Washington Times*

### CAL THOMAS

## Moscow massacre

A mass shooting at a concert hall in Moscow killed more than 130 people. With many others seriously or gravely wounded the number of dead is likely to rise.

The Islamic state released a statement claiming “credit” for the incident. Eleven suspects have been arrested. Early reports suggested the U.S. Embassy in Moscow had advance warning of the attack. The Daily Mail reported White House Strategic Communications Coordinator John Kirby said: “Right now we don’t know to what extent this warning [from the US Embassy in early March] and this attack are related. But we had some concerns about the possibility of a terrorist attack in and around Moscow earlier this month.”

The question that must be asked, as it has been suggested for some time, due to our open southern border, is this: Could it happen here? The answer must be an unequivocal yes. In fact, it has already happened here on Sept. 11, 2001.

Does anyone seriously think America’s enemies would not be encouraged by that previous attack and the Moscow atrocity to conduct a repeat operation in America? With such easy access to the country and with so many fanatical beliefs floating around the world, what would deter them?

The Cato Institute has noted that since 2017, “US Border Patrol has apprehended 342 border crossers who were on the Terrorist Screening Dataset, also known as the terror watchlist. Those numbers have shot up in recent years to 169 in

*A mass shooting at a concert hall in Moscow killed more than 130 people. With many others seriously or gravely wounded the number of dead is likely to rise. Could it happen here?*

FY2023 and 49 to date this fiscal year. Last month, The Daily Caller reported that Border Patrol apprehended an al-Qaeda terrorist and released him into the United States in March 2023 after a mismatch on the watchlist. Later, the government discovered that he was on the watchlist, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrested him within 48 hours. The Daily Caller’s headline was “ICE Confirms It Finally Nabbed Terrorist Allowed To Roam Free For Almost A Year.”

FBI Director Christopher Wray has testified several times before congressional committees about his belief that a national security threat exists because of the 1.8 million “known gotaways.” Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas is unable to confirm that every suspected terrorist who crosses the border without proper documentation has been detained by Border Patrol. It doesn’t take many as we saw on 9/11 and have seen in the Moscow concert hall incident to produce mayhem.

While 9/11 was predictable — Osama bin Laden and other members of al-Qaida issued fatwas calling for attacks on the U.S. and American citizens and declared war on the United States and the terrorists trained in how to takeoff in airplanes, but not land — so the warning signs will have been seen should infiltrators pull off another 9/11, or worse. If that happens, count on the Biden administration to blame Republicans as they are currently doing for refusing to vote for a bill that would legalize 5,000 migrants per day coming to America.

In 2003, Tom Clancy published a timely novel titled “Teeth of the Tiger.” The plot in part is about Islamic terrorists who make a deal with Colombian drug smugglers. Crossing the U.S. border, they head for four shopping malls in Middle America where they murder innocent civilians. Again, it doesn’t take much to wreak havoc, tank the economy and strike fear into the hearts of everyone.

It could happen again here and likely will unless this or a new administration moves quickly to find the suspected terrorists who have already snuck in before they can activate a plot worthy of a Tom Clancy’s novel.

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

### RICH LOWRY

## The absurd four-day workweek

Karl Marx would be proud. Bernie Sanders has proposed taking another step toward the philosopher’s envisioned utopia by proposing to mandate a four-day workweek.

Marx wrote how in communist society, workers would be liberated to “hunt in the morning, fish in the afternoon, raise cattle in the evening, criticize after dinner, just as I have in mind, without ever becoming hunter, fisherman, shepherd or critic.”

Needles to say, that’s not how communism turned out. Yet the belief that work is basically a capitalist imposition that is unnatural and bad for people still holds sway on the left, and Sanders is, accordingly, proposing to move from a 40-hour to a 32-hour workweek to make us healthy, wealthy and wise.

“It is time to reduce the stress level in our country and allow Americans to enjoy a better quality of life,” the Vermont socialist insists. “It is time for a 32-hour workweek with no loss in pay.”

The last clause is the key one. If everyone can work less and produce and earn exactly the same, why not? And if this is possible, why stop at four days a week? It’d be positively cruel to make someone work four days when they can work three days with the same outcomes.

Of course, the promise that we can work less and make the same is the socialist equivalent of Mexico will pay for the border wall. It’s not just promising a free lunch, but a free breakfast, lunch and dinner, with room service delivering a late-night snack gratis.

*If Sanders were being honest and weren’t a socialist, he’d say he has a great deal for Americans — they can work less and become poorer.*

What we earn is not an arbitrary number, but is linked to what we produce. To simplify, if everyone were to work 20% less without becoming any more productive, GDP would decline 20%. The pie would shrink, even though Sanders is saying everyone’s slice would — impossibly — be just as big.

It’s certainly true that Americans work more than people in other countries. France has a much-vaunted 35-hour workweek, although that stricture only applies to blue-collar workers. Still, France works less than we do, and — in a sign that basic economic laws aren’t so easily suspended — its workers make less money. The average net disposable household income in France, according to The Week magazine, is \$34,375 a year, whereas it is \$51,147 in the U.S.

If Sanders were being honest and weren’t a socialist, he’d say he has a great deal for Americans — they can work less and become poorer. There probably wouldn’t be many takers.

Sanders complains that American workers are 400% more productive than they were in the 1940s, yet they are still working long hours. Over time, though, we have worked

less. In 1830, the average working week was more than 70 hours, and over the course of the next century, it dropped by almost half.

If we were all content with 1940s living standards, maybe we could go all the way and adopt a two-day workweek. From a 21st century perspective, though, returning to 1940s-era housing, plumbing, technology, transportation and health care would feel like impoverishment, and it would be.

What Sanders misses, as economics writer David Bahnsen argues in his new book “Full Time: Work and the Meaning of Life,” is that work is good for us, indeed an inherent part of the human condition. Moreover, the problem isn’t that Americans work too much, but that too many Americans aren’t working at all. Noting the long-term decline in labor-force participation, Bahnsen points out that if the participation rate were the same as it was in 2000, an additional 10 million Americans would be working, with a concomitant increase in goods and services.

In short, the Sanders idea is a frank expression of economic illiteracy. Instead of working so hard to propose and publicize such baldly ludicrous ideas, it’d be better for everyone if the senator found more time for leisure pursuits and resolved to put in fewer hours on the job.

*Rich Lowery is editor of National Review, a leading conservative magazine founded by William F. Buckley.*

## BIBLE SELECTION

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

— 1 John 1:9 (ESV)

## OBITUARIES

### Thomas Mark Bland

Thomas Mark Bland passed away at his home on March 16, 2024, in Madison, MS.

He was the beloved husband of Lynn Mashburn Bland. Mark was born on May 14, 1953. He is the son of the late Robert Bland and Irene Bland.

In addition to his wife, Mark is survived by his sister, Robbie, and five sons, Jason Bland, Andrew Bland, Sean Bland, Jason Jones and Darin Jones. He is also survived by two grandchildren.

He was the husband of Jerri Farrar. After graduating from Shadle Park High School in Spokane, Washington, Mark enlisted in the United States Navy in 1971.

He served on both Active Duty and in the Reserve component until 2000, and retired as a Petty Officer First Class. During his service in the Navy Reserve, Mark also served as an educator for middle and high school students, and received teaching licenses from the states of Arkansas and Washington.

Following his retirement from the military, Mark worked for more than twenty years as a Veterans Administration Claims Adjuster. Mark is a graduate of the University of Arkansas, where he received a Master's Degree in History. Services were held on March 22, 2024, at the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson.

### Sadie Baber Kirk

Sadie Baber Kirk, age 94, of Madison, Mississippi went to be with the Lord on March 19, 2024.

Sadie was born July 6, 1929 in Farrell, Mississippi

and raised at the Baptist Children's Village after her mother's early passing. She later graduated from Central High School in 1949.

Sadie is survived by her two daughters, Debbie Hardin (David) of Madison, and Dianne Swanson (Scott) of Madison; 3 grandchildren, Wesley Hardin (Kim), Peyton Vickers (Jacob), Piper Skinner (Jeff), and 3 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in passing by her husband, Thomas Kirk; father, Benjamin Bernard Baber and mother, Ouida Mae Terrell Baber.

Memorial donations may be made to Baptist Children's Village MS or French Camp Academy.

A Celebration of Life service was held March 22, 2024 at Natchez Trace Funeral Home followed by a private burial at Lakewood Memorial Park in Clinton.

### Bettye Smith Pierce

Bettye Smith Pierce passed away peacefully on March 16, 2024 at St. Catherine's Village where she and her husband Jim of 70 years had been residents since November 2014.

She was born on October 24, 1933, and was the only child of Bessie and J. Herman Smith of Kosciusko, MS. Bettye was a member of Highland Colony Baptist Church of Ridgeland, MS. She was a graduate of Millsaps College and a member of Kappa Delta Sorority. For many years she and Jim made their home in Yazoo City where for 25 years she owned and operated Bettye Pierce Realty. Afterward, she operated as a Broker representing the buying and selling of

property throughout MS and Florida. Bettye was one of the first women to enter Real Estate in MS having been licensed in 1960. She was an active member of the Jackson Board of Realtors.

During the time Bettye lived in Yazoo City, she was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church of Yazoo City, the president of Yazoo City Junior Auxiliary, the State treasurer of the MS Branch of Kings Daughters and Sons, and the first lady elected as a Director of Yazoo County Chamber of Commerce. She also served as a director of the late Unifirst Woman in Business Advocate and appeared in Outstanding Young Women of America and Personalities of the South. During her many years of residing in Jackson and Madison, she had been a member of the LaSoiree luncheon club and the Heirloom Antique Club.

Bettye is survived by her husband James A. Pierce (Jim), and two daughters, Cynthia (Mark) Jordan and Sheri (Mark) Williams. She has seven grandchildren. Anne Woodard and Virginia (Greg) Richardson of Nashville, TN, Tommy Woodard of Jackson, David Woodard of Madison, Jon Mark (Lindsay) Jordan of Madison, and Meagan (Collin) Fahrenkopf and Pierce Jordan of Dallas, TX. 11 Great-grandchildren also survive her.

Services were held at St. Catherine's Village Chapel on March 22, 2024.

Memorial gifts may be made to Vaiden Cemetery Association, PO Box 206, Vaiden, MS, 39176, or St. Catherine's Village, 200 Dominican Drive, Madison, MS 39110.

## BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

### The janitor's Psalm

When you think of Psalm 84, you probably don't think of it as a janitor's song. You might be asking why I've titled it, "The Janitor's Song." Simply this: This is a Psalm about the sons of Korah, the doorkeepers in the temple. God was so concerned about His worship that He even told the janitors where they were supposed to stand and be in the approach to the temple of the Lord. Their labors may have been menial, their station may not have been exalted, but they loved being in the house of God.

There are three blessings I would like you to focus on in this Psalm. First, in verses 1-4, I want you to see the blessing of dwelling in God's house. Secondly, in verses 5-8, I want you to see the blessing of having God as our strength and desire. And then, thirdly, in verses 9-12, I want you to see the blessing of the Lord's provision and protection.

#### I. The Blessing of Dwelling in God's House

First of all, in verses 1-4, notice how he focuses your attention on the blessedness of dwelling in God's house, especially when God's people are gathered for worship. The psalmist is saying that the people who get to be in the house of God and praise Him are blessed. The people who long for God, who long to know God are the ones who are truly blessed.

That's so important in our day and age. More and more churches in the United States are realizing that fewer and fewer people are interested in worshipping God when they come to church, and so church leaders are coming up with other things for churchgoers to do when they attend worship services. And I want you to notice that God's pronouncement of blessedness is not upon them. His pronouncement of blessedness is upon the one who longs to be communing with the people of God in worship.

And that's the lesson for us out of this Psalm. We don't have a temple to go to anymore, but we can worship, because God's house is not a beautiful building built by Solomon in Jerusalem. God's house is you. And wherever God's people gather, whether in a parking lot or a gymnasium or a sanctuary, when God's people gather for worship, you are God's house. And the psalmist is saying there

is no place on God's green earth that he would rather be than in the temple of the Lord praising His name. And for the new covenant believer, we find our fullest satisfaction in worship. It's our joy. We long to be with God. And the psalmist is saying that that is true blessedness. That's the person who understands life's true purpose, who has experienced the fullness of joy, and has found deep satisfaction.

#### II. The Blessing of God as Our Strength and Desire

There's a second blessing that he mentions. In verses 5-8, the psalmist speaks of the blessedness of having the Lord as our strength and desire. Notice here how he focuses on other men whose dependence and delight are in the Lord. The Lord is his strength. In other words, he understands that it's God who holds him up. It is God who supplies to him the ability to put one foot in front of another, to keep on going, to keep on serving. He is utterly dependent upon the Lord. The Lord must supply the strength to him if he is to live the life of faith, and the man who is dependent on the strength of the Lord is supplied the strength of the Lord.

Now think of the contrast. So often we celebrate the person who is independent, self-sufficient, and autonomous. The "self-made man" was a great myth of nineteenth and twentieth century America: the man who doesn't depend on anybody; the man who has done it on his own. And the psalmist says in utter contrast, "No, the man who is blessed is the man whose strength doesn't come from himself, it's supplied by the Lord. Blessed is that man whose strength is in You, O Lord. You supply the power of his life."

And furthermore, notice what else he says: "In whose heart are the highways to Zion!" In his heart there are highways that lead him to God. That's his ultimate goal. He wants to know God, he wants fellowship with God. In his heart there's this single-minded focus on communing with God. And the psalmist says that's the blessed man. There's one thing that he wants, and that is to see the beauty of the Lord. There's one thing he wants: to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. His dependence and delight are

in the Lord.

And the psalmists — these janitors at the temple — they understand what the believer delights in. The believer delights in the Lord, and therefore his heart is a highway to worship to God. That's the blessed man: one who depends on the Lord and who delights in the Lord. He goes from strength to strength, and he appears before God in Zion. That's his reward. He wants to be with God, and God gives him that blessing.

#### III. The Blessing of God's Provision and Protection

But there's a third blessing, and you see it in verses 9-12, and this is the blessing of trusting in the Lord. Life's true purpose, its fullest joy, its deepest satisfaction is found in trusting the Lord's provision and protection.

Notice how it goes in verse 9: "Behold our shield, O God, and look upon the face of Your anointed." And in verse 11: "For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord gives grace and glory; no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly." You see, he's celebrating the Lord's provision and the Lord's protection. God guards us against the assaults of our enemies. And the psalmist is blessed because he trusts in this Lord who provides and protects. Don't you love the way he says in verse 10, "For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand outside. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God, than dwell in the tents of wickedness?"

He understands that this God is everything to him. God has given him everything he needs. He has supplied his deepest needs and desires; and, therefore, God Himself is his great desire, the one thing that he needs. And so he would rather be serving as a janitor in the house of the Lord. He'd rather be there than in the midst of all the riches of the tents of wickedness, because they can't compare to what God has given him. And so he wants to be with God, because God is his provision and protection. May God grant us hearts like them to be together in the worship of God.

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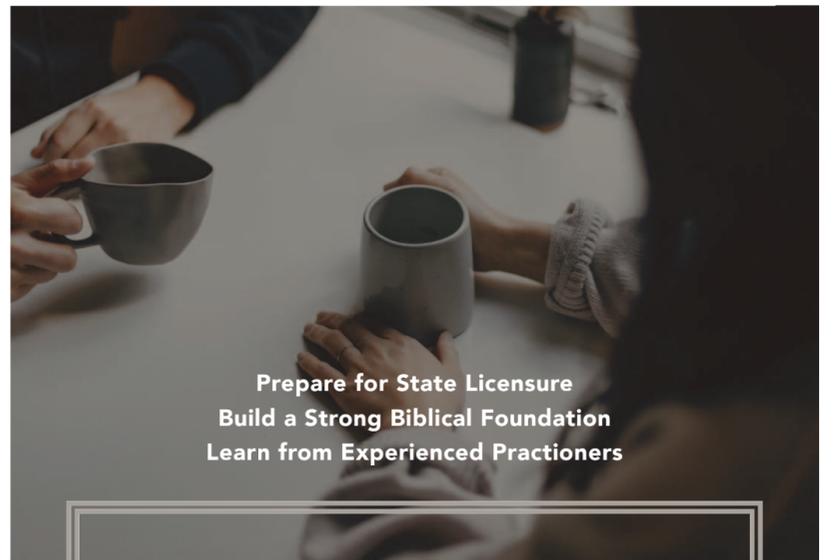
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**MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI INVITATION FOR BIDS Conventional Chassis Dump Truck**

The Madison County Board of Supervisors will receive un-priced proposals on the following:

**1. Conventional Chassis Dump Truck**

Un-priced proposals will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2024 by electronic submission at <http://www.madison-co.com/bids> or in sealed envelope at the Chancery Clerk's Office, 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi. For any questions relating to the electronic submission process, please call Kesha Jackson at 601-855-5534.

Submitted un-priced proposals will be evaluated, and vendors submitting acceptable proposals will be invited to submit priced bids. Bidding will be held by electronic reverse auction on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Bidders may come to the Office of Purchasing with a paper bid and receive technical assistance in entering their bid in the reverse auction.

Specifications for the Conventional Chassis Dump Truck are available on the bid page of the Madison County Board of Supervisors at: <http://www.madison-co.com/bids>. Additionally, specifications are on file in the Chancery Clerk's Office, Madison County Office Complex, 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi, 39046 and available during normal business hours. There is no charge for specifications obtained using either of these methods.

All bids must comply with the specifications provided. Madison County reserves the right to amend the specifications, as necessary, and agrees to notify all who have requested bid packets from the Madison County Board of Supervisors.

The Madison County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to extend the auction date if necessary, to complete the bid proposal pre-qualification process.

Electronic proposals must be submitted at <http://www.madison-co.com/bids>.

All in-person submitted un-priced proposals must be sealed and clearly labeled on the outside of the bid envelope as instructed in the bid package and delivered to the Chancery Clerk's Office, at 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi.

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

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**MOTOR GRADER OPERATOR**

Madison County Department of Engineering/Road Management  
**MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
The Madison County Department of Engineering/Road Management is currently seeking to fill the position of a Motor Grader Operator. The motor grader operator's primary responsibilities will be the safe, efficient and effective operation of a motor grader to grade roadbeds, leveling land, excavating foundations for structures, and paving surfaces with asphalt or concrete. While also moving soil, gravel, or other materials to create smooth surfaces on roads or other construction sites.  
Requirements: Motor grader operator typically need a high school diploma or General Education Diploma (GED). Minimum 2 years' experience operating a motor grader; Candidate must be able to work assigned schedule, which is typically Monday-Friday with occasional Saturdays.  
Candidate should have a valid Mississippi Driver License.  
This is a full-time non-exempt position. Applications may be picked up from the administrative office located on the second floor of the Madison County Chancery Court/Administrative Building, 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046 or the Madison Department of Engineering, 3137 South Liberty Street, Canton, MS 39046. Application along with resumes must be submitted to the Human Resources Department at [HR@madison-co.com](mailto:HR@madison-co.com). Application deadline is March 29, 2024 at 5 p.m.  
Drug screening and a criminal background check required. Applications and applicants' information will remain confidential.

Madison County is an EEO/ADA Employer.

**MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI INVITATION FOR BIDS Conventional Tractor**

The Madison County Board of Supervisors will receive un-priced proposals on the following:

**1. Conventional Tractor**

Un-priced proposals will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2024 by electronic submission at <http://www.madison-co.com/bids> or in sealed envelope at the Chancery Clerk's Office, 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi. For any questions relating to the electronic submission process, please call Kesha Jackson at 601-855-5534.

Submitted un-priced proposals will be evaluated, and vendors submitting acceptable proposals will be invited to submit priced bids. Bidding will be held by electronic reverse auction on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Bidders may come to the Office of Purchasing with a paper bid and receive technical assistance in entering their bid in the reverse auction.

Specifications for the Conventional Tractor are available on the bid page of the Madison County Board of Supervisors at: <http://www.madison-co.com/bids>. Additionally, specifications are on file in the Chancery Clerk's Office, Madison County Office Complex, 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi, 39046 and available during normal business hours. There is no charge for specifications obtained using either of

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these methods.

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The Madison County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to extend the auction date if necessary, to complete the bid proposal pre-qualification process.

Electronic proposals must be submitted at <http://www.madison-co.com/bids>.

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

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THOSE PARTIES IN INTEREST THAT there will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM before the Gluckstadt Planning and Zoning Commission at the Gluckstadt City Hall, 343 Distribution Drive, Gluckstadt, MS 39110 for the purpose of Conditional Use for Enclosed Warehouse and Garage with Outside Storage for the following parcel: 082E-21-016/19.00**

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

The Mississippi Department of Corrections is soliciting proposals to lease +/- 2,000 square feet of office space in Canton. This space will be used for the Madison County Probation and Parole office. Space must be ADA compliant, have two restrooms and parking on site. Interested parties should contact Katelynn Wallace at (601) 359-5655 or email: [KNBowman@mdoc.state.ms.us](mailto:KNBowman@mdoc.state.ms.us) for leasing information. Deadline for receipt of proposals is Friday, April 19, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Proposals should be mailed to 301 North Lamar St., Jackson, MS 39201.

**NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING**

Notice is hereby given to those parties in interest that there will be a hearing on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. before the Zoning Board at the City Hall, 100 W. School Street, Ridgeland, Mississippi, for the purpose of determining whether or not a Petition and Application for Dimensional Variance shall be granted to the owners of the described property in the City of Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi.

A parcel of land containing 7.637 acres or 322687.07 sqft., more or less and being part of Lots 1 and 4 of Block 18, Highland Colony Subdivision, a subdivision according to the map or plat or which is on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk, Madison County, Mississippi, said parcel is located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 19, Township 7 North, Range 2 East, City of Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi and being more particularly described as follows, to wit;

Commencing at a found concrete monument marking the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 19, Township 7 North, Range 2 East, City of Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi; thence proceed South 00°18'48" East for a distance of 1,321.95 feet to a found concrete monument and The Point of Beginning of the following described parcel of land ; thence S 00°19'29" E a distance of 693.15 feet to a found 1/2" rebar; thence S 89°40'33" W a distance of 100.00 feet to a found 1/2" rebar on the East Right-of-Way line of Bleu Drive, a paved public road as now laid out and in use this date (September 2023); thence leaving said East Right-of-Way line of Bleu Drive, run N 86°35'39" W a distance of 50.11 feet to a found 1/2" rebar on the West Right-of-Way line of said Bleu Drive; thence leaving said West Right-of-Way line of Bleu Drive, run S 89°40'31" W a distance of 200.00 feet to a found 1/2" rebar on the East Right-of-Way line of Deyoung Drive, a paved public road as now laid out and in use this date (September 2023); thence leaving said East Right-of-Way line of Deyoung Drive, run N 66°21'08" W a distance of 54.79 feet to a found 1/2" rebar on the West Right-of-Way line of said Deyoung Drive; thence leaving said West Right-of-Way line of Deyoung Drive, run N 89°48'31" W a distance of 100.00 feet to a found 1/2" rebar; thence N 00°19'28" W a distance of 564.10 feet to a found 1/2" rebar; thence N 90°00'00" E a distance of 84.81 feet to a found 1/2" rebar on said West Right-of-Way line of Deyoung Drive; thence continue along said West Right-of-Way line with a curve turning to the right with an arc length of 22.52 feet, a radius of 50.00 feet, a chord bearing of N 48°57'31" E, and a chord length of 22.33 feet to a found 1/2" rebar; thence leaving said West Right-of-Way line of Deyoung Drive, run N 00°01'03" E a distance of 90.92 feet to a found 1/2" rebar; thence S 89°58'57" E a distance of 397.79 feet back to The Point of Beginning of the above described parcel of land containing 7.637 acres or 332687.07 sqft., more or less.

**MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI INVITATION FOR BIDS Lowboy Trailers**

The Madison County Board of Supervisors will receive un-priced proposals on the following:

**1. Lowboy Trailers**

Un-priced proposals will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2024 by electronic submission at <http://www.madison-co.com/bids> or in sealed envelope at the Chancery Clerk's Office, 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi. For any questions relating to the electronic submission process, please call Kesha Jackson at 601-855-5534.

Submitted un-priced proposals will be evaluated, and vendors submitting acceptable proposals will be invited to submit priced bids. Bidding will be held by electronic reverse auction on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Bidders may come to the Office of Purchasing with a paper bid and receive technical assistance in entering their bid in the reverse auction.

Specifications for the Conventional Tractor are available on the bid page of the Madison County Board of Supervisors at: <http://www.madison-co.com/bids>. Additionally, specifications are on file in the Chancery Clerk's Office, Madison County Office Complex, 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi, 39046 and available during normal business hours. There is no charge for specifications obtained using either of

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Clerk's Office, 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi. For any questions relating to the electronic submission process, please call Kesha Jackson at 601-855-5534.

Submitted un-priced proposals will be evaluated, and vendors submitting acceptable proposals will be invited to submit priced bids. Bidding will be held by electronic reverse auction on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Bidders may come to the Office of Purchasing with a paper bid and receive technical assistance in entering their bid in the reverse auction.

Specifications for the Lowboy Trailer are available on the bid page of the Madison County Board of Supervisors at: <http://www.madison-co.com/bids>. Additionally, specifications are on file in the Chancery Clerk's Office, Madison County Office Complex, 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi, 39046 and available during normal business hours. There is no charge for specifications obtained using either of these methods.

All bids must comply with the specifications provided. Madison County reserves the right to amend the specifications, as necessary, and agrees to notify all who have requested bid packets from the Madison County Board of Supervisors.

The Madison County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to extend the auction date if necessary, to complete the bid proposal pre-qualification process.

Electronic proposals must be submitted at <http://www.madison-co.com/bids>.

All in-person submitted un-priced proposals must be sealed and clearly labeled on the outside of the bid envelope as instructed in the bid package and delivered to the Chancery Clerk's Office, at 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi.

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

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**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice of Sale is hereby given in accordance with The Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles, that the 2016 Buick Lacrosse bearing serial number 1G4GB5G36G F169710 and registered to Toshoney Thompson will be sold, along with all contents of the above automobile for repair and storage charges and for the costs of this sale as follows:  
The sale will be held April 5, 2024, at 829 Ridgewood Road, Ridgeland MS 39157 at 9:00 am. The seller reserves the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THOSE PARTIES IN INTEREST THAT there will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM before the Gluckstadt Planning and Zoning Commission at the Gluckstadt City Hall, 343 Distribution Drive, Gluckstadt, MS 39110 for the purpose of Conditional Use for Garage with Outside Storage for Maverick Services for the following address:**

109 Lone Wolf Drive, Gluckstadt, MS 39110

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

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed proposals will be received by The City of Gluckstadt at 343 Distribution Drive, Madison, Mississippi, 39110 until 2:00 p.m. on, Tuesday April 23, 2024, for the project known as:

**City of Gluckstadt Police Station & Municipal Court Access Control and Camera Systems**

The bids will be publicly opened and read on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at 343 Distribution Drive, 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" Gluckstadt Police Station and Municipal Court Access Control and Camera Systems.

Electronic Proposals will be accepted through Central Bidding 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 Gluckstadt 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 Gluckstadt reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding and to reject any and all bids.

The City of Gluckstadt  
Mr. Walter C. Morrison, IV, Mayor

DATES OF PUBLICATION  
21 March, 2024

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JONATHAN ARCHIE, DECEASED CAUSE NO.2024-226C**

**SHELIA CATCHING PETITIONER**

**ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND/OR WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF JONATHAN ARCHIE, DECEASED RESPONDENTS**

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND STATUTORY BENEFICIARIES OF JONATHAN ARCHIE, DECEASED

You have been made a Respondent in the matter filed in this Court by Petitioner Shelia Catching seeking an adjudication that Jolian Archie (son) and Modesty Archie (daughter) are the sole and only heirs at law of Jonathan Archie, deceased. There are no other Respondents in this action.

You are summoned to appear before the Madison County Chancery Court at **9:00 A.M. on the 1st day of May, in the Madison County Courthouse in Canton, Mississippi**, to show cause why Jolian Archie (son) and Modesty Archie (daughter) should not be declared to be the sole heirs-at-law of Jonathan Archie, deceased, wherein you are made a Respondent and why such other leave as prayed for should not be granted. You are further notified that your failure to appear in court on the day and time herein set forth will result in a judgment against you for the relief prayed for in the petition.

Issued under my hand and official seal of said Court, this 6th day of March, 2024.

/s/Ronny Lott  
Madison County Chancery Clerk

By: /s/Kelsey Rodriguez D.C

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

**IN RE THE ESTATE OF BURNICE BENNETT, DECEASED**

LEWIS BENNETT, PETITIONER  
CAUSE NO.: 45CH11-23-CV-00358-CB

**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON**

TO ANY AND ALL POTENTIAL CREDITORS OF BURNICE BENNETT, DECEASED, HAVING PASSED AWAY ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 24, 2013:

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION HAVE BEEN GRANTED TO THE PETITIONER LEWIS BENNETT ON SEPTEMBER 26 TH, 2023 BY THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, HONORABLE CYNTHIS BREWER PRESIDING, 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.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, THIS THE 7 TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

/s/ PETER A. STEWART III

SUBMITTED BY:  
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**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MAE G. STRICKLAND, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 24-CV-00074**

**GUY L. STRICKLAND PETITIONER NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF MAE G. STRICKLAND, DECEASED**

Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Mae G. Strickland, Deceased, having been granted on the 22nd day of February, 2024, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of the said Court for probate and registration, according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication hereof, or they will forever be barred. THIS THE 22nd day of February, 2024.

GUY L. STRICKLAND, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF MAE G. STRICKLAND, DECEASED  
PUBLISH 3 TIMES  
Prepared by:  
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**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELBERT RILEY HILLIARD CAUSE NO. 24-296**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters Testamentary having been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, on the Estate of Elbert Riley Hilliard, Deceased, on the 22nd day of March, 2024, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said Estate to have their claims probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, and that failure to probate and register their claims with the Clerk within that time will forever bar the claim.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE THIS THE 25th day of March, 2024.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_ Tessa \_\_\_\_\_ Minchew  
Executrix of the Estate of Elbert Riley

**Public Notices**

Hilliard

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE**

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2021, Monticello Construction and Real Estate, LLC, by its managing member, Moe Chowdhury, executed a 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 # 947233 in Book T-4151 at Page 902, subsequently modified by instrument dated September 1, 2022, recorded as Instrument # 969343 in Book T-4262 at Page 140, and subsequently modified by instrument dated July 25, 2023, recorded as Instrument # 986736 in Book T-4356 at Page 897; 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 February 29, 2024, and recorded in Book as Instrument # 999764 in Book 4414 at Page 585 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 April 11, 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:

Lot 2, Bridgewater Eleven-D, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County at Canton, Mississippi in Plat Cabinet F at Slide 64 A&B, reference to which map or plat is hereby made in aid or and as part of this description.

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

**WITNESS MY SIGNATURE**, this the 7th day of March, 2024.

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

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**MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI INVITATION FOR BIDS Hydraulic Diesel Excavator**

The Madison County Board of Supervisors will receive un-priced proposals on the following:

**1. Hydraulic Diesel Excavator**

Un-priced proposals will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2024 by electronic submission at <http://www.madison-co.com/bids> or in sealed envelope at the Chancery Clerk's Office, 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi. For any questions relating to the electronic submission process, please call Kesha Jackson at 601-855-5534.

Submitted un-priced proposals will be evaluated, and vendors submitting acceptable proposals will be invited to submit priced bids. Bidding will be held by electronic reverse auction on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Bidders may come to the Office of Purchasing with a paper bid and receive technical assistance in entering their bid in the reverse auction.

Specifications for the Hydraulic Diesel Excavator are available on the bid page of the Madison County Board of Supervisors at: <http://www.madison-co.com/bids>. Additionally, specifications are on file in the Chancery Clerk's Office, Madison County Office Complex, 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi, 39046 and available during normal business hours. There is no charge for specifications obtained using either of these methods.

All bids must comply with the specifications provided. Madison County reserves the right to amend the specifications, as necessary, and agrees to notify all who have requested bid packets from the Madison County Board of Supervisors.

The Madison County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to extend the auction date if necessary, to complete the bid proposal pre-qualification process.

Electronic proposals must be submitted at <http://www.madison-co.com/bids>.

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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

Christ is risen!

Easter is this coming Sunday, and it is good to remember the hope that the resurrected Christ gives to fallen men in a fallen world. This is the faith particular to Christians: Christ's resurrection is not only the object of our faith, but the example of our hope. In Christ shall all be made alive.

John tells his account of the resurrection, not only to give historical details, but to point out theological truths connected with it. Clearly, one of these truths is Christ's victory over death. John points out that when he and Peter got to the tomb, they didn't see the body of Jesus, but they did notice the linen cloths and face cloth used in the burial of Jesus.

We read in chapter 19 that 75 pounds of aloe and myrrh had been used in the process of wrapping the body of Jesus with these cloths. It would have been no easy process to unwrap all the linen saturated and coated with these spices. Yet Peter sees all the linen cloths and the face cloth folded by itself. It is not the scene you would see from someone stealing or moving a body.

Rather it points to a mission accomplished once and for all. It is symbolic of the death of death. When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, he commanded that the grave cloths be taken off of him to set him free. Here, Jesus's resurrection means all those united to him will not be bound by death any longer. Even if they die, yet shall they live (John 11).

His resurrection was a public acceptance of his mediatorial work by the Father. All the prophets pointed to a Messiah or Savior who would reconcile sinners to God. The Son of God came into the world to die, and die he did, for our sins that we might live through him. His whole life was in service to God, standing in the place of men. The discarded linen cloths and folded face cloth means we can approach God face to face in his name. Death has lost its sting.

Jesus accomplished what he came to do. He then ascended to the Father (verse 17) where he reigns as king, spreading his kingdom with the conversion of every soul who looks to him for life and peace with God. It is a great comfort for the Christian

to know Christ has sweetened the grave to make it an entrance to true freedom and joy with God forever.

We also see the love Christ has for his people. Mary Magdalene is prominent in the story. Her devotion to Jesus is evident. She weeps at the grave because the body is missing. The resurrected Jesus then appears and asks her why she is weeping. Who is it she is looking for? She was looking for a corpse, but the one she seeks though he died, yet he lives again.

When Jesus spoke to Mary she didn't recognize him; she thought it was the gardener, someone who was in charge of the place. She was right about him being in charge, but wrong about who it was. Jesus corrects her by calling her by name, "Mary." There is great consolation in anyone calling your name in a loving way. Here the sacrificial Lamb of God, the now resurrected Savior and Lord of all, calls her by name in a way no one else can.

Think about your sins for a moment. Not the struggles, trials, and pains in this world we all suffer from; just sins, and even reduce it to only the sins of your heart, your thoughts. Then imagine the Holy God coming and calling you by name. If you have conviction of sin, you would want to run and hide. But with the Lord is forgiveness and Mary knows that forgiveness. Jesus calls Mary, not to accuse, but to express his love for her.

Mary, now recognizing the Lord, embraces his feet in humble adoration. The reason he directs her to not cling to him is because he has even greater felicity in mind for her and all his people. He is going to ascend to heaven and then send the Holy Spirit, so that the truths about him become clearer, convey deeper depths of his love, and show the light of His eternal glory.

Jesus calls his sheep by name. They hear his voice and follow him. If you believe in Him, it is because he called you in the way he called Mary. If you have never hearkened to his voice, now is the time to do it. Call on Christ, come unto Christ, and live.

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# Woman convicted of child abuse

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RIDGELAND — A former resident here faces between five years and life in prison after she was recently convicted of child abuse, Madison County District Attorney Bubba Bramlett announced on March 26.

The woman, Akilah Watson, 36, was convicted after a two-day jury trial on two counts of felonious abuse of a child, according to Bramlett.

Circuit Judge Steve Ratcliff set sentencing for May 13. Bramlett said she faces a possible sentence of between five years to life for each charge.

Bramlett said the testimony of her two children who were abused gave testimony to their mother's abusive actions during the trial.

"The bravery of these children to testify against the mother they love, compounded by

the brutality of the abuse suffered at her hands, did not go unnoticed by the jury during this trial," Bramlett said. "We are grateful to them both and for the teamwork of, and between, Child Protective Services and the Ridgeland Police Department to ensure justice."

Bramlett said both children, a 16-year-old girl and a 15-year-old boy, testified at trial, and each detailed instances when they were beaten with various objects including an extension cord, a walking stick, a bat, and a belt. The children were also able to show the jury multiple injuries they had received as a result of those beatings. Both children also testified of the mother pistol-whipping the female child.

On July 6, 2023, Child Protective Services received an



Akilah Watson

anonymous report of a mother holding her child at gunpoint. Bramlett said at this time CPS had two previous reports of abuse involving Watson and her children.

CPS and the Ridgeland Police Department responded to Watson's apartment for a welfare check. Upon arrival, they found the girl and boy at the residence with Watson. After speaking with the minors, it was determined they should both be taken into state custody.

The two children then disclosed to authorities multiple instances of felonious child abuse dating back several years, Bramlett said.

The children were placed in temporary foster homes and eventually placed with their godmother, the authorities said.

# Weddings

## Amanda Caroline Lewis to wed Jacob Thomas Duke



Amanda Caroline Lewis and Jacob Thomas Duke

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Lewis of Madison announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Amanda Caroline, to Jacob Thomas Duke of Pearl.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Maxine Sparks Creel of Pearl. Caroline is a 2017 graduate of Madison Central High School. She is a 2021 magna cum laude graduate of Mississippi College with a

bachelor's degree in accounting. Caroline is employed as a financial institution specialist with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in Flowood.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rod Duke of Collins. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Duke of Collins and Mr. and Mrs. Billy McKenzie of McComb. He is a 2018 gradu-

ate of Collins High School and a 2022 graduate of Mississippi State University. Jacob earned a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry. He is employed as a consulting forester for Timber-Corp Services, Inc. in Brandon.

The couple will be united in marriage on Saturday April 6, 2024, in Flora.



## Sunkist wins State Championship

The Sunkist Swim Team 11-12 girls relay team won both the 200 freestyle and 200 medley relays at the 2024 MS Short Course Swimming State Championship. The quartet broke the MS Swimming State Record in the 200 freestyle relay earlier this year. Pictured, from left, are Jenna Moulder, KK Ramirez, Sophia Figarola, and GiGi Nguyen.

### Public Notices

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abandoned/unclaimed vehicle and its contents will be held on

Friday March 29, 2024 at Big Byrd Towing & Recovery located

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

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2013 FORD ESCAPE, VIN # 1FMCU071DUB77785, \$2996.00. Public sale of this abandoned/unclaimed vehicle and its contents will be held on Friday March 29, 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 CORY J. MUNYON, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2023-254 (W)

DLONRA MAE MUNYON, Petitioner

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been issued on the 6th day of October, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administratrix of the Estate of Cory J. Munyon, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present same to the Clerk of the Chancery Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

This the 6th day of March, 2024.

/s/ Dlonra Mae Munyon  
DLONRA MAE MUNYON

Prepared by:

/s/ Jeffrey B. McGuire  
Jeffrey B. McGuire (MSB #104622)  
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CATHERINE BROWN, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2018-48

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF CATHERINE BROWN, DECEASED

TO: Any and all persons who claim to be an Heir-at-Law of Catherine Brown, deceased, or, who claim any right, title or interest in or to any property of the deceased, real, personal or mixed

You have been made a Defendant in the *Petition to Determine Heirs-at-Law of Catherine Brown, Deceased* filed in this Cause on March 6, 2024 (Doc. #18) by Tony Edmund, the duly appointed and acting Administrator of the Estate of Catherine Brown, deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition filed against you in this action at 8:45 a.m. on the 22nd day of April, 2024, before the Honorable James C. Walker, Chancellor, in the courtroom of the

### Public Notices

Madison County Chancery Court-house in Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you forever barring you from filing any claim against the Estate or other things demanded in said 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, on this the 8th day of March, 2024.

RONNY LOTT, Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi  
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM PATRICK STEINWINDER, DECEASED PROBATE NO. 24-270 B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 19th day of March, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of William Patrick Steinwinder, 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 March, 2024.

Andrew Jefferson Steinwinder, Executor of the Estate of William Patrick Steinwinder, Deceased

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID AGRICULTURAL SIXTEENTH SECTION LAND

To all persons interested in the following described Agricultural Land in Madison County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 3 East

According to the official Tax Plat Map of Madison County 093E-16E-001/00.00 with a PPIN 28696, containing 47.00 acres, m/l, part of N 1/2 of SW 1/4 & SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Madison County, Mississippi.

You are hereby notified that sealed bid to lease the lands described above for the Agricultural rights only for a period of 5 years may be filed with the Superintendent of Education of Canton Pub-

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lic School District or send by mail to 403 E. Lincoln Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046, on or before 3:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of April 2024. All bids shall be submitted for the ENTIRE PARCEL and must include 100% of the amount bid for that parcel. This amount will be refunded if not the highest bid. The sealed bids submitted will be opened at 5:30 p.m. on the 9th day of April 2024, or as soon as possible thereafter. The Board reserves the right to reduce the term or reject any and all bids.

Canton Public School District  
Gary Hannah, Superintendent

Publish Two Times:  
03/21/2024; 03/28/2024

I/We, the member(s) of Timber Tavern LLC 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 Limited Liability Company under the trade name of Timber Tavern LLC located at 124 Kimball Drive Suite B, Madison, MS Madison County.

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: Allen Cox  
Address: 322 Wellstone PL, Madison, MS 39110

Name: Tracy Cox  
Address: 322 Wellstone PL, Madison, MS 39110

Name: Joshua Burk  
Address: 178 Lake Hill DR, Flora, MS 39071

Name: Megan Burk  
Address: 178 Lake Hill DR, 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:  
28th March, 2024

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## APRIL

Madison's RETIREMENT PROGRAM WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**MON** 1st: CLOSED  
8th: 9:15 Therapeutic Chair Stretch • 11:15am Yoga • 1pm Bunco\*  
15th: 9:15 Therapeutic Chair Stretch • 11:15am Yoga  
22nd: 9:15 Therapeutic Chair Stretch • 11:15 Yoga  
29th: HOLIDAY - CLOSED

**TUE** 2nd: 10am Cardio Blast • 11am Line Dancing Improver  
12pm Line Dancing Beginner  
9th: 10am Cardio Blast • 11am Line Dancing Improver  
12pm Line Dancing Beginner  
16th: 10am Cardio Blast • 11am Line Dancing Improver  
12pm Line Dancing Beginner  
23rd: 10am Cardio Blast • 10am TRIAD  
11am Line Dancing Improver • 12pm Line Dancing Beginner  
30th: 10am Cardio Blast • 11am Line Dancing Improver  
12pm Line Dancing Beginner

**WED** 3rd: 9am Mat Class  
10th: 9am Mat Class • 10:30am Canasta  
17th: 9am Mat Class • 10:30am Canasta  
24th: 9am Mat Class

**THURS** 4th: 9:15am Therapeutic Chair Stretch • 10am Cardio Blast • 1pm Bridge\*  
11th: 9:15am Therapeutic Chair Stretch • 10am Cardio Blast  
18th: 9:15am Therapeutic Chair Stretch • 10am Cardio Blast  
25th: 9:15am Therapeutic Chair Stretch • 10am Cardio Blast

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