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COMMUNITY

Madison town square planning resumes

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MADISON — A town hall was held Tuesday for the city to receive community input on plans to build out a downtown development on 17 acres at the intersection of Main Street and U.S. 51. The city partnered with Mississippi State University's Fred Carl Jr. Small Town Center to get feedback on what is wanted for the future town square.

Residents were able to look at numerous renderings of offerings for the town square ranging from grab-and-go eateries to trails and fine dining. Residents were able to put stickers on amenities and options they liked the most.

The results will be taken back to MSU where they will assist in putting together a master plan the city can use as a foundation for future development. In January 2020, Madison Mayor Mary Hawkins Butler unveiled plans for Madison at Main, which she dubbed as the city's "crown jewel,"

that would feature everything from shops and restaurants to an entertainment center. Three months later, COVID-19 shut down Mississippi and much of the world, and with that, plans for Madison at Main. "COVID dealt us a major blow and now we have to rethink the usage," Hawkins-Butler said. "As we all know,

office space was affected and so many people are working remotely. So, we're looking at more residential and more retail." She added, "We're re-evaluating our goals to meet the market." Hawkins-Butler said partnering with MSU allows the city to restart the project through a new lens.

Greenstone Properties of Atlanta, which originally signed up to partner with the city on the development after a rigorous RFP process, is no longer going to be associated with the project, the mayor said. The historic Madison-Ridgeland High School and See **MADISON**, page A2

DEMOLISHED Clinton firm identified as city hall contractor

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RIDGELAND — The contractor who accidentally demolished the old city hall building here has been identified as a company out of Clinton. Public Works Director Alan Hart has confirmed the city paid the contractor \$47,000 for asbestos removal and demolition of the shopping center at the corner of U.S. 51 and Lake Harbour Drive. A public records request submitted by the Journal returned four bids for the project. Faircloth Demolition of Clinton submitted a low bid of \$47,000.

The contract did not have to go before aldermen because it was below the \$75,000 threshold and they received several competing bids. Southern Recycling and Demolition of D'Iberville submitted the high bid at \$71,000. M and M Services of Jackson submitted a bid of \$65,000 and Century Construction of Tupelo submitted a bid of \$66,500. Hart said the city could not discuss the issue due to pending litigation with the contractor. "We simply are not in a position to discuss while this is an ongoing legal matter," Hart said.

The accidental deletion of the building at the corner of U.S. 51 and Lake Harbour Drive occurred on Monday, Jan. 15, while the contractor was demolishing an old shopping center behind the former government building. "The contractor made a mistake," Mayor Gene F. McGee said at the time.

The city still owns the property and has had it up for sale. According to Hart, the matter has been discussed during executive sessions at city board meetings with city attorneys. The city board approved an agenda item unanimously on the consent agenda at the Oct. 3, 2023, regularly scheduled meeting for the Public Works Department to advertise bids for asbestos abatement and demolition of the shopping center. The shopping center was acquired by the city for demolition to allow for upcoming improvements at the intersection of U.S. 51 and Lake Harbour Drive. See **CITY HALL**, page A2



Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee, Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann, and developer Gabriel Prado are flanked by Ridgeland aldermen and Topgolf representatives for a groundbreaking on the development held Monday morning.

\$100 MILLION DEVELOPMENT

Topgolf groundbreaking held

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RIDGELAND — A groundbreaking ceremony for Topgolf was held Monday. Topgolf will be at the northeastern corner of Sunnybrook Road and Colony Park Boulevard and will be the anchor for a 77-acre mixed-use Prado Vista development. Dozens gathered on a windy overcast morning. Dignitaries on hand included Ridgeland Mayor Gene F. McGee, Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann, and others.

Gabriel Prado, CEO & President of PraCon Global Investment Group a developer of the Prado Vista development, said Topgolf is just the beginning of a development that is slated to include a national grocery chain, two high-end hotels, more than 100,000 square feet of office, retail and restaurant space, an entertainment venue, 228 homes, and a riverwalk. "We are not done," he said. Prado said that developments like his dispel the "narrative" that Mississippi does not deserve the best. "This is not true," Prado said as he



went on to call Mississippi "the most pro-business place in the country." Todd Waldo, a representative for Topgolf, said he hoped to have the facility up and running by the end of the year. "We are on track to do that," he said. The Ridgeland site will be the first Topgolf in the state, according to Waldo. The facility will feature a restaurant and bar, event spaces, and roughly 60 hitting bays. Developers say they plan to have signalized entrances on Colony Park Boulevard as well as entrances and exits on

Sunnybrook Road. They also plan to have concrete walls on the north and east edges of the property and have ensured the design minimizes both noise and light pollution to neighbors with a fifty-foot tree buffer between the property and St. Catherine's Village. McGee said he looked forward to the development bringing people together. "We are excited because this represents not just economic growth in Ridgeland but a destination for friends and family to spend time together," McGee said. He said he appreciated that Topgolf

held being a part of the community as a "core value." Hosemann said work, play and worship were three important parts of a community. "Families will come to this site and enjoy each other's company," Hosemann said. He said he looked forward to the facility being open. "Y'all needs to start running those machines," He said referencing the many pieces of construction equipment surrounding the groundbreaking.

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GLUCKSTADT

City's newest firefighter wants to make a difference

By **DUNCAN DENT**
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Gluckstadt's newest rookie firefighter grew up in Madison County and says he looks forward to serving his community.

Firefighter Justin Wells has been with the Gluckstadt Fire Department since May and graduated from the Mississippi Fire Academy on Feb. 22.

"Everybody here is really cool," Wells said. "It is basically a big family."

GFD Division Chief Dustin Perry said the department was happy to welcome Wells to their ranks.

"Please join us in congratulating Justin Wells for graduating the Mississippi State Fire Academy's basic firefighter class," he said in an announcement from the department. "Congratulations."

The 19-year-old moved to



Justin Wells graduated from the Mississippi Fire Academy on February 22.

Madison County as a kid. He graduated from Germantown High School in 2022.

After graduation, Wells considered what he would do next, initially considering a stint in the military but soon knew he wanted to make an impact in the community he grew up in.

"I wanted to do something more local," Wells said.

After a friend who worked with the fire department told him to drop by and meet some of the guys, Wells soon knew he wanted to give fighting fires a shot.

"I love it," Wells said. "It's a fun job and you get to help people."

He even enjoyed his time in the academy.

"The academy was fun," Wells said.

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Madison

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old gymnasium, both designated historic landmarks,

have been preserved, with the former being converted into the new City Hall.

Hawkins-Butler on Wednesday called the town square project the "heart-beat" of the city and is one of a number of developments

currently underway.

The Villages at Madison, an 18-acre development located off Main Street and Crawford Street has several homes currently built.

Also under development is The Magnolia District, a

71,000-square-foot development in central downtown Madison adjacent to the town square property. It will feature luxury retail, fine dining, and professional office space.

City Hall

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The property was purchased in late 2023 for \$1,165,000,

Hart said.

The city is currently waiting to hear from the Mississippi Department of Transportation to finalize plans for the intersection improvement, according to McGee.

"It will be a little while," he said.

The shopping center once

had a liquor store, a coin laundry, and other businesses.

The Journal reported in July 2022 that city officials put plans for the coin laundry to expand on hold saying they were not sure what the future held for the building.

Ward 2 Alderman Chuck Gautier acknowledged the traf-

fic issues at the intersection at the time. He argued that traffic coming in and out of the existing building was "horrible" and argued the building was "past its prime."

"I think the city would benefit from that building not being there," Gautier said.

McGee agreed during that meeting that the building could soon become unusable.

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MADISON CENTRAL BEAUTY AND BEAU



Madison Central High School hosted Beauty and Beau for sophomores Tuesday, February 6. Back row left to right are: beaus Davis Clark, Carter Dean, beauties McClara Morton, Willa Filgo, Kaitlynn Beard, and beau Connor Green. Front row left to right are beauties: Emma Grace Edwards, Bailey Blankenship, Katherine Elfert, Amelia Morris, and Cella McKay.



Madison Central High School hosted Beauty and Beau for seniors Friday, February 9. Most Handsome is Ty Miller and Most Beautiful is Nataleigh Nix.



Madison Central High School hosted Beauty and Beau for juniors Thursday, February 8. Beauties are pictured left to right: Bailey Donahue, Londyn Gardner, Marie Elise White, Brooke Highfill, Southern Callahan, Betsy Ball, Brooke Fairfield, and Kenley Kelly.



Madison Central High School hosted Beauty and Beau for seniors Friday, February 9. Back row left to right are beaus Will Brown, Reed Cascio, Camden Hood, Davis Havens, Harry Singh, and Ellis Nichols. Front row left to right are beauties Sydney Walls, McKinley Mohead, Izzy Goddard, Most Handsome Ty Miller, Most Beautiful Nataleigh Nix, beauties Brooke Bumgarner, Elle Sandifer, and Addison Reeves.

GERMANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL WHO'S WHO



Pictured, front row from left, are 9th Grade Class Favorites Maggie Lindley, Temple Crocker, Lucie Lutken, Bella Anderson (Back) Breland Hall, Brayden Simpson, and Matthew West. Not pictured is Luke Young.



Pictured, front row from left, are 10th Grade Class Favorites Laura Jones, Ella Applegate, Mary Green Flowerday, Abby Grace Gorman (Back) Ashton Smith, Harris Hartlein, Weston Wertz, and Reed Burrell.



Pictured, front row from left, are 11th Grade Class Favorites Makenzie Anderson, Stacia Bennett, Lillian Bahou, Anna Cate Arnett (Back) Austin Addison, Andrew Bell, Landen Brooks, and Grant Newman.



Seniors Kyle Austin and Miriam Hoerman were elected Mr. and Miss Germantown High School for this school year!



Pictured, front row from left, are 12th Grade Class Favorites Kasi Culver, Manze Ball, Bria Black, Bria Robinson (Back) Cooper Gant, Kenneth Miles, Wiley Carter, and DJ Gainwell.

Opinion & Editorials

CAL THOMAS

Trump promises to protect Christians

Speaking to an audience of devoted fans at the National Religious Broadcasters Convention in Nashville last Friday, Donald Trump said if re-elected president he will "... create a new federal task force on fighting anti-Christian bias. ... Its mission will be to investigate all forms of illegal discrimination, harassment and persecution against Christians in America."

Dr. Robert Jeffress, pastor of the mega First Baptist Church in Dallas, said Trump's speech "was the most powerfully pro-Christian speech I've ever heard from any president. He will win the Christian vote in a landslide!"

From the beginning of the nation, presidents and candidates have used religious language and quoted Scripture to influence especially conservative Christians to vote for them and back their policies. Not all have meant what they said, or followed through in their personal and political lives in ways that reflected the faith they claimed to hold.

Trump also repeated his assertion that the "radical left..." want(s) to tear down crosses where they can, and cover them up with social justice flags," adding, "But no one will be touching the cross of Christ under the Trump administration, I swear to you." I always thought crosses were a good defense against vampires until someone told me there are no vampires in America. I replied, "see, the crosses are working!"

But seriously, folks. Evangelical Christians who believe government is necessary to defend their faith are getting their marching orders from somewhere other than

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the Scriptures they claim to revere.

For those who need a reminder on what should be expected from the unbelieving world, here are some verses that might help sharpen their focus.

Paul, an Apostle of Jesus, suffered numerous persecutions because of his faith. These included beatings, shipwrecks, hunger, jail and eventually death. He responded: "My persecutions and sufferings that happened to me ... I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Jesus Christ will be persecuted." (2 Timothy 3:11-12) All means all.

Jesus, Himself, told his disciples to expect persecution: "If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecute you... they will also persecute you..." (John 15:19-20)

Elsewhere, Matthew records Jesus saying: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heav-

en. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Matthew 5:10-12)

The key words here are "for righteousness' sake" and "falsely." If one is persecuted for saying and doing stupid things the persecution is on them.

Christians all over the world have suffered harsh persecution. American Christians think they are being persecuted for things that would be considered trivial by those who have experienced imprisonment, even death, for their faith.

Surveys show that many Americans, especially the young, have stopped attending formal worship services because they see them as having been tainted by poisonous political agendas. People of strong faith who have not made a bargain with the political devils of our day don't need secular government to defend them. Like those Christians of the past they (and some in the present like Russian patriot Alexei Navalny) should stand strong for their faith, living it out in the world in obedience to the one they call "Lord." If they do that, the world just might stand back and marvel.

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EDITORIALS

Trump trounces Haley at home

There's a time to turn the page, but it's only when the story is finished. That's the message from South Carolina's Republican primary voters, who showed they're no more ready to move on from former President Donald Trump than he is willing to depart from a script that concludes with a return to the White House.

Mr. Trump won Saturday's Palmetto State presidential primary with a comfortable 60% share of votes among a strong Republican turnout. Despite her popularity while serving as South Carolina's governor and then U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, fellow contender Nikki Haley mustered just 40% — despite generous help from Democrats allowed to vote in the state's open primary.

Making the most of her youthful looks, competent red-state helmsmanship and solid diplomatic credentials, Ms. Haley has outlasted all GOP rivals except the former president. Ms. Haley had counted on a wall-to-wall TV ad campaign to convince state Republicans that it's time to "turn the page" on the Trump era. It's no reflection on her qualifications that in South Carolina, where a sense of right and wrong still matters, voters disagreed.

Leading the list of wrongs that Americans charge to President Biden's faulty leadership is a border policy that has flooded the nation with millions of illegal immigrants. According to an Edison Research exit poll, the dysfunctional southern border topped the priorities list in South Carolina, named as most pressing by 37% of primary voters. The economy ranked second at 33%, and foreign policy followed at 13%.

Judging from the enthusiasm of pro-Trump crowds, South Carolinians were equally driven by their sense of injustice heaped upon the former president in Dem-

ocratic-controlled strongholds. Voters reckon that abandoning Mr. Trump to the depredations of his enemies would ensure that no Republican challenger will be spared similarly rough treatment in the future.

The list of insults to justice is extensive: New York courts entertaining novel business-law charges that can name no victim and innuendo-laden sexual assault and defamation lawsuits that stand to cost the Republican front-runner half a billion dollars. In the Empire State, an outlandish federal campaign-finance case also looms.

In Washington, Mr. Trump faces charges for urging Americans disturbed by 2020 election irregularities to display their displeasure by protesting "peacefully and patriotically." Another trial awaits for getting crossways with presidential record-keepers. In Georgia, he is confronted with racketeering allegations for asking election authorities to "find" more 2020 votes. On all fronts, the Democratic Party's bag of legal dirty tricks threatens to bankrupt and imprison Mr. Biden's likely Election Day opponent.

Meanwhile, Ms. Haley vows to fight on, reportedly preparing seven-figure ad buys leading up to Super Tuesday on March 5, when Republicans will cast primary ballots in 15 states and one U.S. territory. Barring a startling breakthrough, she will fall too far behind the Trump juggernaut to have a realistic expectation of securing the party's nomination.

Mr. Trump's "make America great again" script has no role for the South Carolina runner-up. Ultimately, it's up to voters whether to decide whether follow Mr. Trump's narrative or, as Ms. Haley urges, to "turn the page."

— *The Washington Times*

The shutdown drama

Once again, Congress is scrambling to meet an artificial funding deadline. Members have until Friday to find a way to avoid a shutdown of the federal government's nonessential functions. In this recurring drama, House Speaker Mike Johnson now has a unique chance to pull off a major victory — as long as members of his own party don't get in the way.

If Mr. Johnson ends up passing a clean short-term funding resolution that avoids a shutdown and the overall budgetary impasse persists through April 30, an automatic sequestration mechanism will kick in and slash 1% from the budget.

Championed by Rep. Thomas Massie, the Kentucky Republican deficit hawk, the sequestration provision was meant only as a bludgeon to force both sides to negotiate. Now it looks like the cuts could give the House Republicans the best policy win they've seen in years, as Uncle Sam's forced belt-tightening would put the nation on the road to fiscal recovery.

The problem is, Mr. Johnson is up against rabble-rousing members of his caucus who think government-shutdown theatrics are good politics. For them, nothing is more frustrating than coming to Washington to shake things up, only to serve in a body with a two-vote majority, unable to enact anything of consequence into law.

In their view, the only chance they have at making a difference is to exploit their sliver of leverage to hold the Biden administration responsible for things like the catastrophe on the U.S. border with Mexico.

Unfortunately for the rest of us, they haven't explained how forcing the Department of Transportation and the Federal Trade Commission to temporarily close

their doors does anything to slow illegal immigration. Worse, every furloughed fed is guaranteed full back pay, which makes shutdowns far more expensive than funding government in the first place.

Pretending otherwise, which is what the rabble-rousers are doing, is a refusal to acknowledge that elections have consequences. For whatever reason, the people put President Biden in the White House and left the Democrats in charge of the Senate.

That means the best the House GOP can do is block the worst legislative proposals coming from 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. The lower chamber isn't nearly powerful enough to advance conservative values on its own.

The border won't be secure until voters replace the White House team responsible for border policy, and Mr. Biden and the Democrats see a shutdown as their ticket to avoiding replacement. Consistent with what we already know will be their strategy for the upcoming election, they would immediately blame budgetary dysfunction on "extreme MAGA Republicans" taking their marching orders from former President Donald Trump. And they'll get away with it.

Thus, the outcome in November is the only one that matters for racking up lasting conservative victories. Some of the members who pulled the speaker's chair out from under then-Rep. Kevin McCarthy have even threatened to do likewise to Mr. Johnson if he doesn't sign on to their folly.

These members ought to set their egos aside and settle for the biggest and easiest win the GOP has any hope of securing.

— *The Washington Times*

RICH LOWRY

The campaign against Donald Trump

Donald Trump has a \$355 million judgment against him, and we're just getting started.

The judgment in the civil fraud case, which reaches \$450 million including pre-judgment interest, is the handiwork of an elected Democratic judge in a case brought by an elected Democratic prosecutor who pledged to pursue Trump in her election campaign.

The prosecutor, New York Attorney General Letitia James, wielded an incredibly broad statute meant to target consumer fraud. Executive Law 63(12) doesn't require any finding of intent to commit fraud or illegality, or require actual victims. The judge in the case, Arthur Engoron, said it didn't even matter whether Trump's exaggerated valuations of his assets were relied on by anyone.

It is, in short, the magic bullet of anti-fraud statutes, and the perfect weapon in the hands of a politically motivated prosecutor looking for any reason to nail one specific person she and all her supporters passionately hate.

The shockingly extravagant judgment against Trump isn't for damages — since there were, ahem, no damages — but supposedly to "disgorge" his "ill-gotten gains."

In harassing lawsuits or prosecutions, it is often said that the process — in other words, the time and money spent fighting the case — is the punishment. That's certainly true of Trump, whose campaign coffers have been drained by legal fees and whose schedule has been clogged with court dates. But the punishment is also the punishment.

It is a rejection of the Anglo-American legal tradition as it has developed over the centuries to enshrine neutrality and fair play in favor of something that is more personalized and illiberal.

On top of the civil fraud case, Trump has been hit by \$5 million and \$83.3 million verdicts in the two E. Jean Carroll cases. Former prosecutor Andy McCarthy notes that the rules in such cases are that the defendant "has to post the amount of the judgment, plus interest, in order to assure the court that the appeal is not simply for purposes of delay, and that the defendant will pay up if he loses." That means Trump will have to pony up half a billion dollars merely to appeal.

This is before Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg comes in with his criminal case, wherein the elected Democratic prosecutor has bootstrapped what should, at most, be a misdemeanor involving hush money paid to a porn star into 34 felony counts.

Bragg's fraud case, in what's becoming a theme, doesn't allege anyone actually being defrauded, and was brought only after Bragg was criticized by allies for taking a pass on charges that, to quote Abraham Lincoln, are "as thin as the homeopathic soup that was made by boiling the shadow of a pigeon that had starved to death."

"Lock her up" was an unworthy slogan directed at

Hillary Clinton back in 2016. Now, Trump's enemies have seen and raised that sentiment. They are moving to destroy Trump's business, drain his resources, blacken his reputation, sink his presidential campaign and, if they can, lock him up — and literally, not figuratively.

What's happening in New York — and is being replicated at the federal level and in Georgia in the 2020 election cases — is law as blood lust. It is a rejection of the Anglo-American legal tradition as it has developed over the centuries to enshrine neutrality and fair play in favor of something that is more personalized and illiberal.

These prosecutors are acting as if they consider the famous speech by then-attorney general and future Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson not as a warning, but a roadmap. He called "the most dangerous power of the prosecutor" that "he will pick people that he thinks he should get, rather than pick cases that need to be prosecuted." Given the variety of laws on the books, Jackson explained, "A prosecutor stands a fair chance of finding at least a technical violation of some act on the part of almost anyone." Then it becomes "a question of picking the man and searching the law books, or putting investigators to work, to pin some offense on him."

That Donald Trump is the man in question doesn't make this phenomenon any less disgraceful or un-American.

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

BIBLE SELECTION

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

— 1 John 4:9 (ESV)

GUEST COMMENTARY

AWS is a win for the state and Entergy customers

By HALEY FISACKERLY

Entergy Mississippi customers are very familiar with our company's role: generating and transmitting power to their homes and businesses 24/7. What they may not know is that we bring more than just electricity to Mississippi. We bring jobs, too.

I am proud to say that Entergy Mississippi took a leading role in helping our state land tech giant Amazon Web Services (AWS) – which was announced last month as one of the biggest economic development wins in Mississippi history, totaling 1,000 new jobs and \$10 billion in new investment. Entergy was one of the first to talk to AWS about locating one of their largest data center campuses in Mississippi. In what was a five-year process, we worked closely with AWS, the Mississippi Development Authority, Governor Reeves and the Mississippi Legislature, who passed and signed key legislation over the last several years that helped make Mississippi an attractive choice for the company.

Entergy Mississippi employs a team of economic development professionals who travel the Southeast, the U.S. and the world recruiting large industrial prospects to Mississippi along with the jobs and economic activity they generate. Working together

with state, local and federal officials, Entergy Mississippi's economic development team has been a part of recruiting not only AWS, but some of the biggest job-creation projects in Mississippi history, including Nissan, Continental and Milwaukee Tool among others.

Entergy Mississippi is an important player in Mississippi's economic development efforts and the reason is simple: the cost, reliability and source of electricity is one of the most important factors for companies when deciding where to locate a facility and create jobs. Thankfully for our service area, Entergy Mississippi's low rates, strong reliability rankings and diverse mixture of nuclear, natural gas and renewable power has given Mississippi a big advantage in industrial recruiting in recent years. In addition, our state has been fortunate to have the Mississippi Public Service Commission, which has valued the important role power plays in economic development in many of their regulatory decisions.

Bringing a large company like AWS to Mississippi not only creates new job opportunities for our customers and their families, but bill reduction opportunities as



Haley Fisackerly

well. Most large industrial customers use a lot of power...sometimes the equivalent of what thousands of residential customers use. When Entergy Mississippi recruits any large power user to our service area, existing customers benefit because those companies share in the cost of the power generation and infrastructure, which lowers the cost for everybody else. In other words, an Entergy Mississippi customer in the near future could get a new, higher-paying job at AWS and also see savings on their future power bills because of their new employer, too.

Entergy Mississippi linemen are recognizable and respected in our communities because of the great work they do for our customers after storms. But even though they may not be as visible or well-known, the men and women on Entergy Mississippi's economic development team also deserve credit from our customers and communities for the great work they do every day to create new jobs and economic success for Mississippi.

Haley Fisackerly is President and CEO of Entergy Mississippi.

Man killed in motorcycle wreck

By DUNCAN DENT
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A motorcycle accident on Mississippi 22 near Flora that fatally injured a Brandon man on Sunday is under investigation.

"This crash remains under investigation by the Mississippi Highway Patrol," Trooper First

Class Darnika Mayfield with the MHP Public Affairs Division said.

The victim has been identified as 62-year-old Mark Taylor of Brandon.

On Sunday, Feb. 25, at about 3:34 p.m., the Mississippi Highway Patrol responded to a motorcycle crash on Mississippi 22 near Shady Grove

Road in Madison County, according to Mayfield.

A 2019 Harley Davidson driven by Taylor was traveling east when it ran off the road into a ditch.

"Taylor received fatal injuries from the crash and was pronounced deceased on the scene," Mayfield said.

Ayars to lead New Beginnings

By STAFF REPORTS
news@onlinemadison.com

New Beginnings Methodist Church is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Matt Ayars as its new Lead Pastor. Dr. Ayars comes to New Beginnings with a strong track record of organizational and ecclesial leadership, a passion for serving the community, and a deep commitment to biblical preaching, discipleship, and ultimately church growth.

A respected figure in the Christian community, Dr. Ayars holds a PhD in Old Testament from the University of Chester and an MA from Wesley Biblical Seminary. With an extensive background in full-time

Christian ministry, he has served as the President of Wesley Biblical Seminary, and prior to that President of Emmaus University of Haiti where he and his family served as missionaries for thirteen years.

The congregation of New Beginnings Methodist Church is excited about the leadership and strategic vision that Dr. Ayars brings to the community. His vision aligns with the values and mission of the church, aiming to optimize effectiveness in fulfilling its mission to boldly proclaim the message of freedom in Christ.

"I am truly honored and humbled to have the opportunity to serve as the Lead Pastor at

New Beginnings Methodist Church. I look forward to working collaboratively with the congregation to build on the strong foundation laid by my predecessors and to guide the community towards deeper spiritual connections and meaningful service," said Dr. Ayars.

The official installation service for Dr. Matt Ayars took place last month at New Beginnings Methodist Church, which is currently meeting at Holy Trinity Anglican Church at 432 Bozeman Rd, Madison, MS 39110.

To learn more about New Beginnings Methodist Church, you can visit nbmethodist.org.

Symphony to perform March concert

By STAFF REPORTS
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Mississippi Symphony Orchestra's "Alluvial Soundscapes" concert, 7:30 p.m. March 9 at Thalia Mara Hall in Jackson, explores the connective currents of civilization in an evening devoted to watershed works. A new piece focusing on the pre-Columbian Native American culture in the Mississippi River Valley is among the highlights.

Visions of Cahokia by James Lee III premiered with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra just over a year ago and this marks only the third performance venue to date. Lee's composition ties into the collective tribes' journey and arrival at Cahokia near current-day St. Louis. It celebrates the ancient city's spiritual importance as well as the games and festivities of cultures gathered at the thriving settlement that was the center of Native American Mississippian culture.

"I was surprised when I found out that there were a lot of different tribes that converged on that area, to make this civilization," Lee said of his research into the breadth of the metropolis once active at Cahokia Mounds (now a National Historic Landmark). He was intrigued by the Choctaw word for God, "Chihowa," its similarity to "Jehovah" and its closeness, too, to the Nigerian Igbo language

where "Chi" means God. "That was an influence for my second movement, especially, Na Yimmi (Choctaw for faith)," he said.

Two visits to the site provided more inspiration for this atmospheric composition. Climbing up Monks Mound (the Americas' largest prehistoric earthwork) and looking around, he tried to imagine the metropolis of that time. He sets the mood with piece's percussive aspect at the outset. "That was a religious center, where certain ceremonies were held."

Listen for the bass drum and sleigh bells, and the flute as an imagined extension of the human voice. The more playful final movement calls to mind a powwow. Woodwinds and cymbal scrapes mimic the disc and spear game of chunky, and high flutes summon the sound of singing. "The title Chukoshkomo (Chickasaw for game, play or frolic) has to do

with something that's very alive and that's very exciting, so you're witnessing different conversations and activities, all happening at the same time," Lee said. It builds to an exclamatory, joyful celebration.

"All of that is captured in the music. It's just very evocative," said MSO Maestro Crafton Beck, who finds personal resonance in fond childhood memories of arrowhead finds on family farmland in the Arkansas delta. The work strikes a historic chord in Mississippi with the Chickasaws and Choctaws who first made this area their home. The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians will bring those powerful echoes into the present with their engagement through attendance and a lobby presence on concert night.

Visit msorchestra.com for advance tickets and information.

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

Restore us, O God

If you have your Bibles, I'd invite you to turn with me to Psalm 80 as we continue to make our way through the Third Book of the Psalms. In Psalm 80, we see the fall of the Northern Kingdom. And the theme of this Psalm is this repeated prayer that you see in verses 3, 7, and 19 that the Lord would "restore us." I want to look at the Psalm in three parts. If you look at verses 1 – 3, you'll see a prayer which is based on the person of God. If you look at verses 4 – 7, you'll see this plea based on God's mercy. In verses 8 – 19, you'll see this prayer is based upon God's purposes for His people.

I. Prayer Based on God's Person

We see here in verses 1 – 3 that God would have us come boldly to Him in prayer with arguments based on His person. He says, "O give ear, Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who are enthroned above the cherubim, shine forth! Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your power, and come to save us!"

I want you to note the boldness of this prayer. Just as prayer itself adds nothing to God's knowledge and yet plays a large part in His work in this world and among His people, so the impassioned plea of this psalmist for His attention, has a proper place within our prayers. When we come to Him in prayer, we are not making Him more compassionate. He is already all compassion, but as we plead for Him to be compassionate, we are brought into a realization of the fullness of His compassion for His people. The Psalms abound in language like this. God prefers an excess of boldness in prayer as opposed to an excess of caution because we come to Him as sons, not as applicants! He bids us to burst in His door with our hearts breaking and pour out our passionate plea to Him in prayer, and we see that overflowing here.

And notice the content of his appeal. The first thing that he says is, "O give ear, Shepherd of Israel." And so, he comes to God with this plea based on who God is, and that is an especially poignant plea because it reminds us that the psalmist knows that God is not only a Shepherd to His people, but that He's a Shepherd with a long memory. But He's not just a Shepherd

with a long memory. He also is a sovereign Shepherd. You see that in the very next phrase: "You who are enthroned above the cherubim, shine forth!" The cherubim are the guardians of holiness, they are God's agents of judgment. And the reminder that God is enthroned above the cherubim points to His sovereign rule.

But finally, notice how this psalmist goes on to pray in verse 3: "O God, restore us, and cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will be saved." Here he's going back to Aaron's benediction in Numbers. And here he reminds us that our prayer is not only to a sovereign Shepherd with a long memory, but to a God who delights in blessing His people. This is a petition for God to manifest His love on His people, and the psalmist knows that if God will do that, they will be saved.

II. Prayer Based on God's Mercy

Look at verses 4 – 7. This plea goes on behalf of beleaguered Israel. And notice this: Since God is the source of judgment, He alone is our hope for mercy. It's not ultimately Assyria that has brought judgment on the Northern Kingdom. It's God who has brought judgment on the Northern Kingdom through Assyria, and since God is the source of judgment, He's the One you go to for mercy! He is the only solution and hope for relief. Only God's blessing can answer our deepest need.

I want to draw your attention to one thing especially. In verses 5 and 6, notice the psalmist writes, "You have fed them with the bread of tears. You have made them to drink tears in large measure. You make us an object of contention to our neighbors." Do you see the community of sympathy that these Jews in the Southern Kingdom have for their Northern neighbors under the judgment of God? They speak of them as eating and drinking their tears, and at the same time, "You make us an object of contention to our neighbors." In other words, they are joining in with the experience of their Northern neighbors under judgment. That speaks volumes about how we ought to pray when we see brothers and sisters under judgment.

It may well be that you have worked very hard to walk faithfully in this world. You may see pro-

fessing Christians falling by the wayside and finding judgment, and your temptation may be to be censorious, to stand over them in superiority and say, "Aha! You're finally getting what you deserve." And the Southern Kingdom could have done that about the Northern Kingdom, but they didn't. Instead, there's a sharing in sympathy with those who are under judgment and a plea for God to be merciful to them. Let us pray with burden and with sympathy for those who have fallen under the judgment of sin.

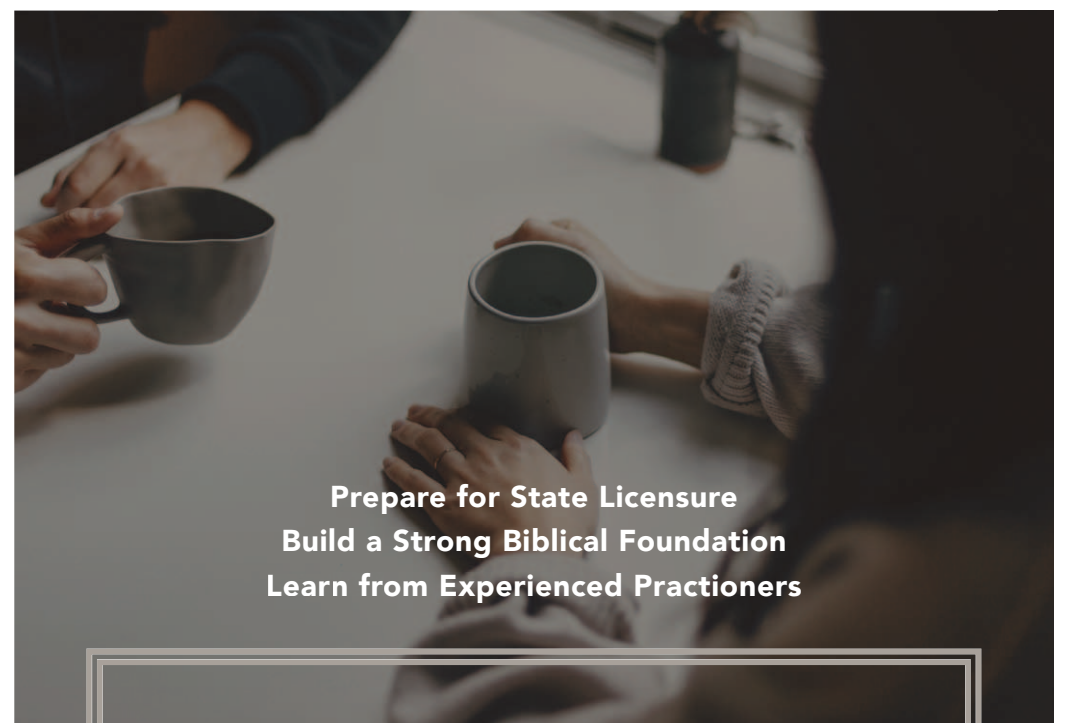
III. Prayer Based on God's Purposes

In verses 8 – 19, we see this prayer to God based on God's purposes for Israel, which are spoken of as a vine. There's so much we could say about this passage, but this is what I want to say most of all. When we lift up the question of "Why?" in prayer, we must realize that sometimes the answer is God's secret will, and He does not tell us what His "why" is.

At one level the answer to, "Why, O Lord, why have You broken down its hedges?" is, "Because I'm judging their sin!" That answer is all through the prophets. But the thing that is really striking is that ultimately the answer is because God has determined that Israel, His vine, would foreshadow the true Vine, and that Israel is not the reality but the foreshadowing, and the reality is Jesus.

There would be a night, the night of the death of Jesus, and He would stand before His disciples and would say, "I am the vine, you are the branches." And this psalmist could not have possibly understood the fullness of that, and so when he cries out with every fiber of his being, "Why are you doing what You're doing?" God has a very good answer, but God does not tell him. We have the privilege of looking back and seeing the glory of God's design: that though Israel, the foreshadowing of this great work of God in the world, would be cast aside, yet there would be a true Vine that would never ever fail.

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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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF George Stephen Griffith, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2024-79W

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration have been granted on the 14th day of February, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, Logan Thomas Griffith, upon the Estate of George Stephen Griffith, 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 according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice, and by failure to do so they will be forever barred. This the 16th day of February, 2024.

Logan Thomas Griffith, Administrator of the Estate of George Stephen Griffith, Deceased

PREPARED BY:

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Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2015 HYUNDAI ELANTRA, VIN # KMH4H4A8F U297480, \$4520.75. Public sale of this abandoned/unclaimed vehicle and its contents will be held on Friday March 8, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at Gilmore Towing & Recovery, 124 E. State Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

1799 W. Peace Street Management: 601-707-5555 22 West Self Storage Billing: 601-707-5555 Canton, MS

February 24, 2024

VIA E-MAIL alambert@onlinemadison.com

Please Publish one (1) time in your paper February 29, 2024 issue of Madison Co. Legals.

Please publish the following notice:

Notice to hereby given in accordance with Mississippi Senate Bill Number 2201 that the following will be attached by 22 West Storage, 1799 W. Peace Street, Canton, MS 39046 and will be sold on March 16th at 10:00 a.m. to satisfy the lien claimed by 22 West Storage on the following spaces.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BELLE JO JOHNSON, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NO. 2024-135 B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 20th day of February, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, upon the Estate of BELLE JO JOHNSON, Deceased, in Civil Action No. 2024-135 B, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration, according to law, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice or he/she will be forever barred. This, the 21 st day of February, 2024.

Of counsel:

/s/ Ginny Y. Deliman. Ginny Y. Deliman (MB: 102199) HEIDELBERG PATTERSON WELCH WRIGHT 368 Highland Colony Parkway Ridgeland, MS 39157 Tel: 769-567-2668 gdelman@hplawgroup.com Attorney for Estate of Belle Jo Johnson, Deceased

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH CATHERINE PHELPS, DECEASED NO. 22-1068 KATHY TILLMAN PETITIONER

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF ELIZABETH CATHERINE PHELPS, DECEASED WHOSE POST OFFICE AND STREET ADDRESS AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY ARE UNKNOWN

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Kathy Tillman, seeking a Judgment declaring the Heirs of Elizabeth Catherine Phelps, Deceased. Defendants other than you in this action are: None. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 1:00 p.m. on the 3 rd day of April, 2024, before Hon. Robert G. Clark, III at 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 Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 27th day of February, 2024.

MADISON COUNTY, CHANCERY CLERK

BY: Ivy Stephens DEPUTY CLERK (Seal)

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI MARINA RIGOBERTA PEREZ AGUSTIN PETITIONER V. CAUSE NO. 23-cv-000257 MANFREDO CORONADO MIRANDA RESPONDENT

RULE 81 SUMMONS

MARINA RIGOBERTA PEREZ AGUSTIN TO:

MANFREDO CORONADO MIRANDA

WHEREABOUTS

UNKNOWN

You have been made a Respondent in this suit filed in this Court by Marina Perez Agustín, Petitioner, petitioning for the custody of your child, Cristian Benito Coronado Perez a twenty (20) year old male.

YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and defend against said Complaint at 1:30 PM on the 2nd day of April 2024, in the courtroom of the Chancery Court of Madison County, at the Courthouse located at 146 West Center Street Canton, MS 39046 and in case of 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.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, on this the

26th day of February, 2024.

MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK, CANTON, MS

By: Kelsey Rodriguez D.C.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH CATHERINE PHELPS, DECEASED NO. 22-1068 KATHY TILLMAN PETITIONER

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: Steven Leslie Cardwell Jr. Spencer Cardwell, Sr. Chandler Rae Cardwell

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Kathy Tillman, Administrator of the Estate of Elizabeth Catherine Phelps, Deceased, seeking a Judgment to Determine Heirs of Elizabeth Catherine Phelps, Deceased. Defendants other than you in this action are: None

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 1:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of April, 2024 before Hon. Judge Robert G. Clark at 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 Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 27th day of February, 2024.

MADISON COUNTY, CHANCERY CLERK

Ivy Stephens DEPUTY CLERK (Seal)

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID LEE HUGHES, JR, DECEASED NO. 22-748 C LILY T. HUGHES PETITIONER

SUMMONS/ NOTICE OF HEARING Makeba Nichols Dawona Hughes Davina Hughes Jasmine Hughes Briana Hughes Sedrick Hughes

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Kathy Tillman, seeking a Judgment declaring the Heirs of Elizabeth Catherine Phelps, Deceased. Defendants other than you in this action are: None.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 1:00 o'clock p.m., on the 3rd day of April, 2024 in the courtroom of Judge Robert Clark in the Madison County Chancery Courthouse at 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 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 28th day of February 2024.

MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK

BY: Ivy Stephen. D.C.

Katrina M. Gibbs, MSB # 9545 Attorney for Estate Post Office Box 180035 Richland, MS 39218 601-936-6003

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY,

MISSISSIPPI MARINA RIGOBERTA PEREZ AGUSTIN

PETITIONER

V. CAUSE NO. 23-cv-000258

MANFREDO CORONADO MIRANDA

RESPONDENT

RULE 81 SUMMONS

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MARINA RIGOBERTA PEREZ AGUSTIN TO:

MANFREDO CORONADO MIRANDA

WHEREABOUTS

UNKNOWN

You have been made a Respondent in this suit filed in this Court by Marina Perez Agustín, Petitioner, petitioning for the custody of your child, Alma MariSol Coronado Perez a fifteen (15) year old female.

YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and defend against said Complaint at 1:30 PM on the 2nd day of April 2024, in the courtroom of the Chancery Court of Madison County, at the Courthouse located at 146 West Center Street Canton, MS 39046 and in case of 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.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, on this the

26th day of February, 2024.

MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK, CANTON, MS

By: Kelsey Rodriguez D.C.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY,

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHERYL LYNN PETERSON, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2023-1045 (W)

CHARLES STEVEN HALL, Petitioner

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been issued on the 6 th day of October, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Cheryl Lynn Peterson, 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 the notice or said claims will be forever barred.

This the 26 th day of October, 2023.

/s/ Charles Steven Hall Charles Steven Hall, Administrator

Prepared by:

/s/ Jeffrey B. McGuire Jeffrey B. McGuire (MSB #104622) THE MCGUIRE FIRM 303 Highland Park Cove, Suite A Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157 Telephone: (601) 861-5155

To Kirsten Jones: You are summoned to appear before the Mississippi Board of Nursing on April 10, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. to answer charges brought against you. The hearing will be held in the hearing room at the office of the Mississippi Board of Nursing, which is located at 713 S. Pear Orchard Road, Ste. 300, Ridgeland, Mississippi. Failure to appear may result in the revocation of your nursing license.

Signed: Phyllis Johnson Executive Director, MS Board of Nursing

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHANTAL BATTEN NO. 24-43W

H. WESLEY WILLIAMS, III PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 26th day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Chantal Batten, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred. This the 15th day of February, 2024.

s/ H. WESLEY WILLIAMS, III H. WESLEY WILLIAMS, III EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF CHANTAL BATTEN, DECEASED

PREPARED BY:

AMY LEE TOPIK, MSB # 99251 MARKOW WALKER, P.A. Post Office Box 13669 Jackson, Mississippi 39236-3669 (601) 853-1911 ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE OF CHANTAL BATTEN, DECEASED

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LEE CARRELL PERRY SR DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-112-B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 20th day of February, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, upon the Estate of LEE CARRELL PERRY, SR., Deceased, in Civil Action No. 24-112-B, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration, according to law, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice or he/she will be forever barred. This, the 21 st day of February, 2024.

/s/ Stephanie Lynn Perry Yarbrough STEPHANIE LYNN PERRY YARBROUGH, Co-Executrix

/s/ Leslie Ann Perry Creel LESLIE ANN PERRY CREEL, Co-Executrix

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Of counsel: /s/ Ginny Y. Deliman. Ginny Y. Deliman (MB: 102199) HEIDELBERG PATTERSON WELCH WRIGHT 368 Highland Colony Parkway Ridgeland, MS 39157 Tel: 769-567-2668 gdelman@hplawgroup.com Attorney for Estate of Lee Carrell Perry, Sr., Deceased

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

RICHARD WILBOURN III PLAINTIFF VS.

CAUSE NO. 2006-951 (B) VICTORIA WILBOURN DEFENDANT RULE 81 SUMMONS SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO:

VICTORIA WILBOURN

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Plaintiff Richard Wilbourn III seeking modification of custody and child support and asking the Court to find you in contempt. You are summoned to appear and defend said complaint or petition at 9:30 a.m. on the 17th day of May, 2024, in the courtroom of the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi before the Honorable James Walker located in Canton, Mississippi and in case of your failure to appear, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 12 th day of February, 2024.

RONNY LOTT CLERK OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Prepared By: Matt A. Baldrige (MSB #: 102636) Baldrige Law Firm, PLLC

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

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2019 TOYOTA TACOMA, VIN # 3TMCMZ5A2K M224302, \$4734.75. Public sale of this abandoned/unclaimed vehicle and its contents will be held on Friday March 8, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at Tri-County Transport, 124 E. State Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BILLY STOKES, DECEASED NO. 24-91 B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 7th day of February, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned Administrator of the ESTATE OF BILLY STOKES, 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 7th day of February, 2024.

Terri Stokes Livingston, Administrator of the Estate of Billy Stokes, Deceased

Sara M. Fox Mississippi Bar Number: 8992 FOX LAW GROUP, P.A. Post Office Box 310 Brandon, Mississippi 39043-0310 Telephone Number: (601) 825-6111 sara@sarafx.com

To Josh Roland: You are summoned to appear before the Mississippi Board of Nursing on June 5, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. to answer charges brought against you. The hearing will be held in the hearing room at the office of the Mississippi Board of Nursing, which is located at 713 S. Pear Orchard Road, Ste. 300, Ridgeland, Mississippi. Failure to appear may result in the revocation of your nursing license.

Signed: Phyllis Johnson Executive Director, MS Board of Nursing

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

CARL WHITTINGTON & DIONNE WHITTINGTON PLAINTIFF VS.

CAUSE NO. 2023-1141 C ALICE DENTON; DELORES HARBOUR; LINDA MAGEE; ALVIA AGNEW OR THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ALVIA AGNEW; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BEATRICE G. GRIFFIN; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF SALLY G. HARRIS; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS: TRACT 1: SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 29, 2016, PARCEL NO. 1051-32-010/02.00, PPIN 36226; 1 ACRE OUT LOT WBL OFF E/S LYING S OF HWY 16 AND LYING IN, SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 10N, RANGE 05E; MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI TRACT 2: SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 29, 2016, PARCEL NO. 1051-32-010/01.05, PPIN 36225; 2.85 ACRES LYING IN N1/2 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 10N, RANGE 05E; MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND DOES 1-75, INCLUSIVE DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: LINDA MAGEE

You have been made a Defendant in the

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suit filed in this Court by Carl Whittington and Dionne Whittington, Plaintiffs, seeking the Court to confirm the tax title of property in Madison County, Mississippi (the "Property"). Defendants other than you in this action are Alice Denton; Delores Harbour; State of Mississippi; Madison County, Mississippi; District Attorney for Madison County, Mississippi; and unknown Defendants, all other persons, firms and corporations having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in and to the following described lands: Tract 1: sold for taxes on August 29, 2016, Parcel No. 1051-32-010/02.00, PPIN 36226; 1 acre out lot WBL off E/S lying S of Hwy 16 and lying in, Section 32, Township 10N, Range 05E; Madison County, Mississippi; Tract 2: sold for taxes on August 29, 2016, Parcel No. 1051-32-010/01.05, PPIN 36225; 2.85 acres lying in N1/2 of Section 32, Township 10N, Range 05E; Madison County, Mississippi.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Andrew Hammond, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is Young Wells Williams P.A., Post Office Box 6005, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39158 or 141 Township Avenue, Suite 300, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 15th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGEMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 9 day of February, 2024. RONNY LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: Kim Sievers, D.C.

EN EL TRIBUNAL DE LA CANCELLE-RIA DEL CONDADO DE MADISON, MISSISSIPPI

EN RE: KELVIN ALESSANDRO BATRES RIVERA, MENOR CAUSA NO. 24-117

FLOR MARIA AGUIRRE, PETICIONARIA

REGLA 81 CITACION POR PUBLICACION

EL ESTADO DE MISSISSIPPI

PARA: Evelin Yaneth Rivera Hernandez Alegria, Uslutan, El Salvador

AVISO AL DEMANDADO

LA QUEJA ADJUNTA A ESTA CITACION ES IMPORTANTE Y DEBE TOMAR ACCION INMEDIATA PARA PROTEGER SUS DERECHOS Usted está convocado para comparecer y defenderse contra la Petición para Nombrar Tutor radicado en su contra en esta acción a las 8:30 a.m. el día 3 de Abril, 2024, en el Tribunal de la Cancillería del Condado de Madison en Madison, Mississippi, ante Su Señoría Cynthia Brewer, y en caso de que usted no aparezca y se defendiera, un fallo será dictado en su contra por el dinero u otras cosas exigidas en la Petición para Nombrar Tutor Verificada. No es necesario que presente una respuesta u otro alegato, pero puede hacerlo si lo desea.

Emitido bajo mi mano y el sello de dicho Tribunal, este día 14th de February, 2024.

Ronny Lott Secretario de la Cancillería del Condado de Madison, Mississippi

[SELLO] por: Ivy Stephens, D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

CAUSE NO. 23-1306B

WILLIAM HARON BEGGIANI, PETITIONER

SUMMONS

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

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

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed in this matter at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 5th day of April, 2024, in the courtroom of the Honorable Cynthia Brewer at the Madison County Chancery Court in Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment or order will be entered for the things demanded in the Petition.

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

ISSUED under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 16th day of February, 2024.

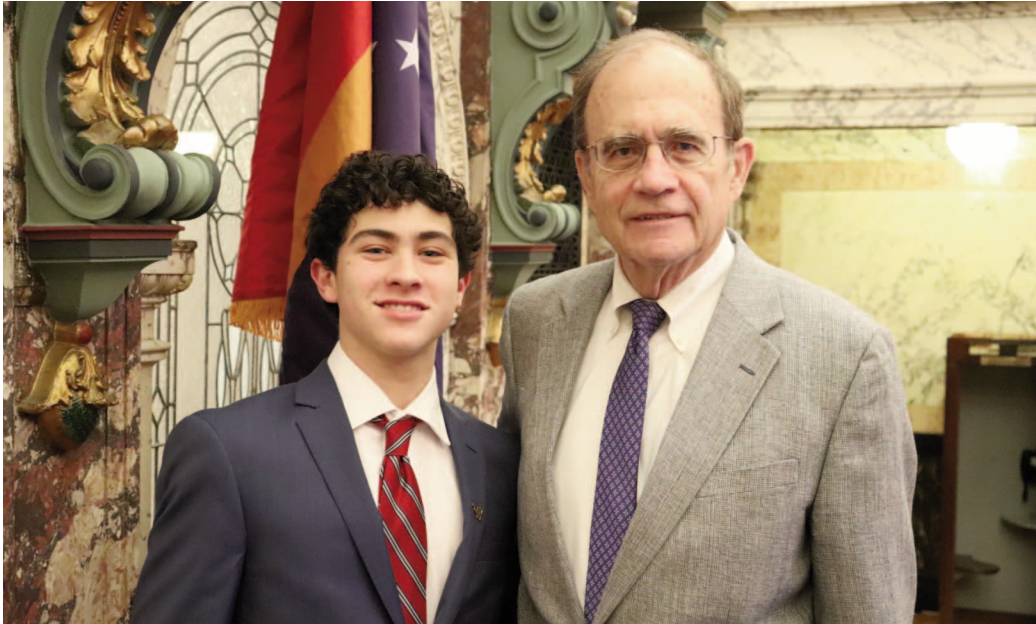
RONNY LOTT, Chancery Clerk Madison County, Mississippi

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

2023-08077-MS Substituted Trustee's Notice Of Sale Whereas, on 2/28/2018, Megan V Davis, a single woman, and Keith O Davis, a married man, executed a certain deed of trust to Donald G. Griffin, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for Community Bank of Mississippi, its successors and assigns, which Deed of Trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, State of Mississippi as Instrument No 834950, in Book 3579, Page 407; subsequently, the subject Deed of Trust was modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded as Instrument 973912, in Book T-4287 at Page 804 on 12/19/2022 and Whereas, said Deed

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of Trust was transferred and assigned Freedom Mortgage Corporation and recorded 11/17/2021 as Instrument No. 944431, in Book T-4134, Page 111; and Whereas, Freedom Mortgage Corporation has heretofore substituted Nestor Solutions, LLC, as Trustee by Instrument recorded



Irby serves as Senate Page

Graham Read Irby of Madison recently served as a page for the Mississippi Senate. Pages generally run errands for officials and Senate staff. Graham is pictured with Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann, who sponsored his visit. Graham is the son of Karen Collins and attends Madison Central High School.



Thomas serves as Senate Page

Kameron Jacolby Thomas of Madison recently served as a page for the Mississippi Senate. Pages generally run errands for officials and Senate staff. Kameron is pictured with Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann and his grandfather, Senator Joseph Thomas Sr., who sponsored his visit. Kameron is the son of Kirk Thomas and Delisa Byrd and attends Germantown High School.



Johnson serves as Senate Page

Jackson Kelly Johnson of Madison recently served as a page for the Mississippi Senate. Pages generally run errands for officials and Senate staff. Jackson is pictured with Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann, who sponsored his visit. Jackson is the son of Justin Johnson and Tamara Kelly and attends Madison Central High School.

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9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
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96 Rockport Road, Lexington, MS 39095**

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In the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi

In the Matter of the Estate of Diane Willis Jones, deceased Cause No. 2024-73

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 29th day of January 2024 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Diane Willis Jones, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the clerk of this court for probate and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 7th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Cody S. Jones
CODY S. JONES
ADMINSTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF DIANE WILLIS JONES, DECEASED

Of Counsel:

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**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BILLY STOKES, DECEASED
No. 24-91 B**

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF MADISON**

TO: The unknown heirs-at-law of BILLY STOKES, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of BILLY STOKES, Deceased, whose last post office addresses and street addresses are unknown to the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law:

You have been made a Defendant in the *Petition to Administer Estate, for Appointment of Administrator and to Determine Heirship* filed by Terri Stokes Livingston, Administrator, seeking to obtain a judicial determination of the heirs-at-law of Billy Stokes. The Petition asserts that the only heirs-at-law of Billy Stokes are Terri Stokes Livingston and Kimberly A. Stokes.

You are summoned to appear and give testimony establishing your rights as an heir-at-law of the Decedent before the Honorable Cynthia Brewer, Chancellor of the 11th Chancery District at 9:00 a.m. on **April 12, 2024, at the Madison County Courthouse at 146 West Center Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046**, and in case of your failure to appear a judgment will be entered against you for the money or 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 the seal of said Court, this 12th day of February, 2024.

RONNY LOTT, Chancery Clerk
Madison County, Mississippi
By: Kim Sievers, Deputy Clerk

Prepared by:
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF THE MADISON COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

**IN RE: SANAMPREET SINGH, A MINOR
CAUSE NO. 2023-1324W**

GURJANT SINGH, PETITIONER

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Parkash Singh
Pipaltha, Haryana, India

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
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 the Petition to Appoint Guardian filed against you in this action at 8:45 am on the 18 day of March, 2024, in the Madison County Chancery Courthouse in Canton Mississippi, before the Honorable James C. Walker, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the **Verified Petition to Appoint Guardian.**

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 9th day of February, 2024.

Ronny Lott
Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi

[SEAL] by: Stacey Toten, D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH B. CRAWFORD, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 2023-985

D. MICHELLE CRAWFORD, Petitioner

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been issued on the 14th day of December, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administratrix of the Estate of Elizabeth B. Crawford, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of the notice or said claims will be forever barred.

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This the 13th day of February, 2024.

/s/ D. Michelle Crawford
D. Michelle Crawford, Administratrix

Prepared by:

/s/ Jeffrey B. McGuire
Jeffrey B. McGuire (MSB #104622)
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Telephone: (601) 861-5155

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRA S. FARMER, DECEASED
CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-0006 B**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO: 24-0006 B

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRA S. FARMER, DECEASED
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 6th day of February, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of SANDRA S. FARMER, 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 6th day of February, 2024,
s/ Benjamin Bradley Farmer
BENJAMIN BRADLEY FARMER
Executor of the Estate of Sandra S. Farmer, Deceased

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

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

EN RE:

**EDISSON GERARDO LAZARO RAMOS, MENOR
CAUSA NO. 2024-2W**

MAYRA NOEMY RAMOS IC DE LAZARO, PETICIONARIA

REGLA 81 CITACIÓN POR PUBLICACION

EL ESTADO DE MISSISSIPPI

PARA: Fredy Orlando Lazaro Tupul
Cuyotenango, Guatemala

AVISO AL DEMANDADO

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

Usted está convocado para comparecer y defenderse contra la Petición para Nombrar Tutor radicada en su contra en esta acción a las 9 a.m. el día 18 de Marzo, 2024, en el Tribunal de la Cancillería del Condado de Madison en Canton, Mississippi, ante Su Señoría James C. Walker, y en caso de que usted no aparezca y se defienda, un fallo será dictado en su contra por el dinero u otras cosas exigidas en la **Petición para Nombrar Tutor Verificada.** No es necesario que presente una respuesta u otro alegato, pero puede hacerlo si lo desea.

Emitido bajo mi mano y el sello de dicho Tribunal, este día 8th de Jan., 2024.

Ronny Lott
Secretario de la Cancillería del Condado de Madison, Mississippi

[SELLO] por: Ivy Stephens D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF THE MADISON COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

**IN RE: SANAMPREET SINGH, A MINOR
CAUSE NO. 2023-1324W**

GURJANT SINGH, PETITIONER

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Harpinder Kaur
Pipaltha, Haryana, India

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
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 the Petition to Appoint Guardian filed against you in this action at 8:45 am on the 18 day of March, 2024, in the Madison County Chancery Courthouse in Canton Mississippi, before the Honorable James C. Walker, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the **Verified Petition to Appoint Guardian.**

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 9th day of February, 2024.

Ronny Lott
Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi

[SEAL] by: Stacey Toten, D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GERALDINE M. DUPONT, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 24-84W

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 15th day of February, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of GERALDINE M. DUPONT, Deceased, being administered in Cause No. 24-84W on the docket of said Court, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present 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.

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/s/ Mark C. Dupont
Mark C. Dupont,
Executor of the Estate of GERALDINE M. DUPONT, Deceased

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Attorneys for the Estate of GERALDINE M. DUPONT, Deceased

PUBLISH: February 22, 2024; February 29, 2024; March 7, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trowbridge/Eaves has filed a petition with the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, MS, to request an Appeal on a Site Plan for the Stokes Roac Shell on property identified by tax parcel 051A-12-005/03.00 pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of Madison County MS, and the Zoning Maps adopted pursuant thereto, requesting a Site Plan for the Stokes Roac Shell, lying and being situated in Madison County, MS, to wit:

A tract of land containing 5.96 acres more-or-less, located in Sections 1 and 12, Township 8 North, Range 1 West and in Sections 6 and 7, Township 8 North, Range 1 East Madison County Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a concrete marker found at the Northeast corner of Section 36, Township 9 North, Range 1 West, thence West 683.28 feet; thence South 10,484.06 feet to the Northwest corner of the new strip of R.O.W. for proposed realignment project of Anderson-Stokes public road; thence South 17 degrees 44 minutes 03 seconds East 85.0 feet along West end of said R.O.W strip to the centerline point of beginning of said R.O.W. strip; thence South 20 degrees 28 minutes 49 seconds East 75.0 feet along the West end of said R.O. W strip to the Southwest corner thereof and the point of beginning for the land herein described; Run thence South 28 degrees 15 minutes 59 seconds East 401.5 feet along the centerline of Livingston-Vernon public road to a cotton pick er spindle; Thence North 80 degrees 08 minutes East 318.45 feet to an iron pin; Thence South 74 degrees 18 minutes East 295.65 feet to an iron pin; Thence North 0 degree 39 minutes East 420.73 feet to an iron pin on the South R.O. W line of aforesaid proposed realignment of Anderson-Stokes Road;

Thence North 88 degrees 33 minutes 44 seconds West 382.17 feet along said South R.O.W. line to P.T. Station 4 + 19.46 of said road project; Thence Westerly 321 .57 feet along the arc of curved R.O. W. line, having a central angle of 5 degrees 36 minutes 26 seconds, a radius of 3285.87 feet; a degree of curve of 1 degree 44 minutes 37.3 seconds to P.C. Station O + 94.46; Thence South 85 degrees 49 minutes 49 seconds West 24.55 feet along said R.O.W. line; Thence South 37 degrees 03 minutes 02 seconds West 38.28 feet along said R.O.W. line; Thence South 66 degrees 46 minutes 25 seconds West 25.0 feet along said R.O.W. line to the point of beginning, being subject to the right-of-way of Vernon-Livingston public road.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, MS, will meet at 9 a.m. on March 18, 2024, at the Madison County Complex Building, in the Board Room, located at 125 West North Street, Canton Madison County, MS to consider and act upon the petition, and will at such time, date and place, hold and conduct a public hearing at which all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on the matter of the petition, either in person, by petition or by attorney.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MADISON COUNTY MISSISSIPPI, on this the 5th day of February 2024

/s/Scott Weeks, Zoning Administrator
Publish: February 29, 2024

I/We, the member(s) of Timber Tavern LLC in tend 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 DR Suite B Madison, MS 39110. 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: 29th February, 2024**

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“With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.” — Ephesians 4:2 (ESV)

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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

The Lord's Day

In Revelation 1:10, the apostle John says, “I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day.” In the Spirit means under the influence of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit was in John in a special way; to give him the Lord's prophetic word, which we have in the book of Revelation.

This special visitation of the Spirit came on the Lord's Day. The Lord's Day is the day the Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead, the first day of the week. The Christian church observes the 4th commandment, to honor the Sabbath day, on the 1st day of the week because it represents the day of salvation.

Psalm 118 says, “This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.” The “day the Lord has made,” is a prophetic reference to the day of salvation Christ has accomplished by his death and resurrection. We commemorate that day when we gather together on the Lord's Day to worship God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Revelation 1:5, John tells us that Christ has “freed us from our sins by his blood.” After this in verse 7, John speaks of the Lord returning in glory and judgment. Because we are freed from our sins, we are to long for Christ's appearing in glory. This is called the Day of the Lord.

The Lord's Day and the coming Day of the Lord in glory are inseparably connected. Paul said about the Lord's Supper: “As often as you eat the bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.” The Apostle's emphasized that longing for the Lord's coming, the Day of the Lord, was an essential element of our faith.

Paul told the Corinthian Church he was thankful for their riches in Christ as they “wait for his day.” Paul told the Philippian Church, “He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” And there are other examples of this we see in their writings.

We don't tend to long for Christ's appearing as we should and part of that is how we view the Lord's Day. Sunday isn't just about going to church. It is worshipping in view of Christ's salvation and anticipating his coming in glory.

Richard Sibbes said: “Since there is such a day as the Lord's coming, let us make much of the day the Lord has left us. What is that day? It is the Lord's Day. He appointed that day for his honor and glory. We become more acquainted with Christ on this day because the Spirit especially blesses Christ to us in worship. Do you want to hear, “Come ye blessed by my Father into the kingdom prepared for you?” Then worship on the Lord's Day longing for Christ's appearing.”

A solemn reason for anticipating the Lord's coming is that he will come in judgment. There is an allusion to this in Revelation 1:10-11. After he hears a loud voice like a trumpet, John is directed to write down what he will see. The trumpet emphasizes the authority of the Lord's word.

The law was given to Moses with a trumpet blast. In Jeremiah 6, the Lord tells a rebellious Israel that he sent prophets for them to “listen to the sound of the trumpet,” but they wouldn't listen. The prophets warned them to listen and apply the word of God, but they did not. The word of Christ that John was to write down is to go to the churches (verse 11).

This word is for the church in all generations until Christ returns. The Lord tells us we need to have ears to hear what the Spirit says to the church. Paul tells us that Christ's return will be with a trumpet blast. Then the day of salvation will be over. The period between the proclamation of the gospel and the trumpet on the last day is the time to make our salvation sure.

The last trumpet is from God. It is not in the sinner's choice whether to appear before God or not. We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. The word God gives to us is not an idle word, it is our very life. But it is a gracious word from a gracious Lord.

Make the Lord's Day the most important day of the week. The Lord gives us the Lord's Day to bless us and keep us. The Lord's Day isn't just another day. It is preparation for the day of the Lord. So let us draw near to the Lord, and all the more as that last day approaches.

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“Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.” — 1 Peter 3:8 (ESV)

Area Churches

Table listing various churches in the area, including Apostolic, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Catholic, Methodist, and others, with their addresses and phone numbers.

SPORTS

Prep baseball ranked among top in nation

By MARK H. STOWERS
mark@onlinemadison.com

Six state championships in a row. One for every year he's been a head coach at Jackson Prep. Tupelo native Brent Heavener just keeps reloading his talented roster. This year looks to be more of the same as the team is off to an 8-0 start (at press time) and is looking to add to the trophy case come May.

"When we won our sixth in a row last year, that's the first time it's ever been done in Mississippi," Coach Heavener said. "It's fun to watch these kids. They don't want to be the team to lose it. They come hard to work every day and they say in the locker room all the time, 'we're chasing seven' but that doesn't happen till May. We're going to take it a day at a time but we're excited about this year."

Before taking over the head coaching reigns, Heavener was Prep's assistant coach for four seasons. His baseball background goes back to high school where the first and third baseman was a two-sport player. He then played baseball at Itawamba Community College and won a State Championship as a freshman and then his sophomore team held the #1 ranking for five weeks winning 45 games but lost in the regional. He then took his talents to Mississippi College.

"Out of that sophomore class, 12 played in college and two were drafted," Coach Heavener said.

His coaching career also includes a stop at Freed Hardeman for seven years. Then a year at Mobile, Alabama as a head coach and posted a 25-10-1 record and state semi-finals. He came to Prep as an assistant for four years before moving over to the head coach position where he's now racked up a head coaching record of 229-56. The secret to the team's success? Hard work, dedication and a commitment to fundamentals.



The Jackson Prep baseball team is currently undefeated on the season and ranked amongst the top teams in the state and nation.

"People ask me all of the time what do you do? You just get the kids believing and be playing your best baseball in May every year," Coach Heavener said. "The thing I learned in all those stops was to work hard and try to be your best when you're supposed to be at the end of the season. We're not asking these kids to be perfect but to keep getting better."

And it's not a soft schedule either. Coach Heavener beats the bushes to try and schedule the best teams around. He's even reached out to the higher level public schools but those matchups haven't materialized yet.

"Madison Central and us can't play. Northwest and us can't play. I call every year," he said. "I think the metro area has the best baseball in

Mississippi. We're trying to play the best talent we can. Kirk Academy is coming down. We're trying to build off of that."

Jackson Prep is ranked #22 in the country by Perfect Game. In Mississippi, the Patriots are #2 and #3 depending on what poll you look at in the state that ranks both public and private schools together.

This year's team includes the #1 high school prospect in the country in Connor Griffin who is an LSU commit.

"He's our leader and he makes us go. He's 2-0 on the mound, hitting .600 and has 11 stolen bases. We have 15 kids playing college baseball right now from the last five years at Prep. That's the thing that helps us the most. The kids don't come here thinking,

'hey, I just want to play high school baseball.' They're thinking, 'I want to get to the next level.' We're trying to teach them, 'hey, let us teach you and if you work hard then everything comes together.' The program at Prep is good and you're getting to the next level. And half of our team play on elite level teams over the summer including the Northwoods League."

Other players on the team this year include John Woods, a senior pitcher is headed to Hinds Community College. Third baseman Trey Bryant, the three-hole hitter and Gardner Young, a left-handed pitcher throwing 88 mph, are both juniors.

"Kevin Roberts is another kid that Perfect Game has ranked. He's #1 in his 2026 class. He plays basketball and

he's a big arm, 6-foot, 4-inch-throwing 94 or 95," Coach Heavener said.

Most of the team members play multiple sports at Prep including basketball and football. And Coach Heavener is an assistant for the football team as well.

"We want to create that. 20 of our 30 players play football and we have three that are playing basketball," he said. "I was a two-sport guy in high school in baseball and football. That culture is still there. We are still a small enough school where, hey, man, play multiple sports. You only get one shot at high school, so go have fun and if something happens, you have your education to lean back on."

Coach Heavener has try-outs in June each year and normally carries 25 players

but has been up to 30 on the roster the past few years.

"We have an eighth grade team, a ninth grade team and then JV/Varsity," he said. "I have great assistants - Jay Powell who played in the pros and our new famous coach is Matt Bryant who kicked for the (Atlanta) Falcons."

His assistants include Chris Maloney and Marcus Canoy as well.

For a complete schedule, go to jacksonprepsports.net/sports/baseball.

Looking for that lucky number seven state title but Prep takes it one day at a time, one game at a time, one win at a time and moving up to the next level of play. Oh, and he might need a new trophy case come May as well.

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