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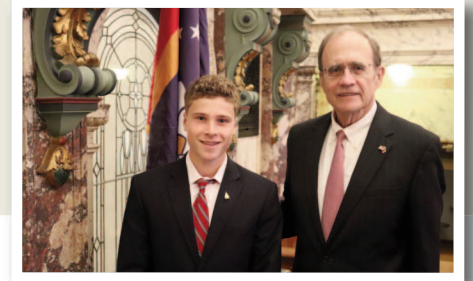
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County recovers \$128K after scam

By **MICHAEL SIMMONS**
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Madison County has recovered over \$120,000 in millions they were scammed out of recently in road construction payments.

Sheriff Randy Tucker told the Board of Supervisors this week that another almost \$2.1 million has been located

and is in the process of being recovered.

"We are currently in the process of waiting on federal authorities to discover and issue subpoenas to additional financial institutions across the country," Tucker said on Monday.

Tucker said about \$128,000 has been recovered from one institution and they

are currently working on recovering \$1.58 million and about \$500,000 from other institutions.

"At this point, we're looking at the possible recovery of \$2.2 million at this point and hopes of recovering the balance," he said.

The Sheriff added that the investigation was ongoing but it has so far yielded no

criminal intent on behalf of any Madison County employees.

Supervisors announced last week that the county comptroller fell victim to a sophisticated social engineering scam that resulted in over \$2.7 million of State Aid bond monies allocated for Reunion Parkway to be sent to a fraudster.

The board was first alerted to the scheme on March 19, when it was discovered that \$2,741,243.69 was paid to someone claiming to be the president of Hemphill Construction.

Comptroller Na'Son White sent electronic ACH payments to someone claiming to be Jay Hemphill, the CEO of Hemphill Construc-

tion Co., the contractor currently working on the Reunion Parkway project, according to the Sheriff's Office incident report.

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

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Warnock trial set for June

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The federal trial of former Madison County Engineer Rudy Warnock scheduled to begin on Monday has once again been continued, marking the eighth such delay in the case.

Warnock, who was indicted in November 2022 on federal bribery and wire charges, is now scheduled to stand trial on June 3, U.S. District Judge Henry T. Wingate ruled on Friday.

Former Canton Municipal Utilities Chairman Cleveland Anderson, also facing felony bribery charges, is also scheduled to stand trial on June 3 after he also sought a continuance in the case.

In February, a Washington D.C. prosecutor was appointed as counsel for the U.S., court records show.

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

Indictments against Warnock, Anderson and former

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madison central star students



Madison Central High School is proud to announce its STAR Students and STAR Teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. Pictured back row left to right are Kristin Cooley, Abraham Young, Andy Lu, Adel Abdo, Jimmy Ainsworth, Devin Cooper, Soren Heydari, and Katie Farthing.

Front row left to right are Amy Bennett, Cam Ogletree, Michelle Robinson, Sophie Gao, Samantha Wong, Valentina Medina, Stephanie Ko, Susan Shivers, and Kristy Ainsworth.

FRAZIER CASE

Supremes uphold charges

By **DUNCAN DENT**
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The Mississippi Supreme Court last week affirmed the charges against one of the accomplices in the 2017 slaying of six-year-old Kingston Frazier in Gluckstadt.

The defense for Dwan Wakefield argued he faces double jeopardy for being charged with three separate accessories after the fact related to Byron McBride's murder of six-year-old Kingston Frazier.

The state Supreme Court ruled on Thursday, March 28, he did not face double jeopardy in the case.

"We hold today that, under the unit of prosecution test, the State may charge multiple vio-

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Northpark celebrates 40th anniversary

By **DUNCAN DENT**
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RIDGELAND — Northpark launched its 40th-anniversary celebration Tuesday morning by announcing a series of events including a Gayfer Girls reunion.

"We're excited to finally share our plans for this year," says Laura Antoon, Marketing and Business Development Manager at Northpark. "We can't wait to celebrate 40 years of style with our community and are so grateful to our guests that support our family of national and local businesses that call Northpark their home."

Many community partners were present including Northpark team members, city of Ridgeland officials, local business owners, and influencers. Several key figures shared remarks to commemorate the anniversary.

"The City of Ridgeland is proud to be Northpark's home," said Mayor Gene F. McGee. "Northpark has significantly contributed to our community over the past 40 years, bringing numerous business opportunities, hosting engaging events, and serving as a central hub for residents to gather and connect."



Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee speaks at the 40th Anniversary of Northpark during a reception on Tuesday.

McGee called the facility "top of the line" and said it has benefited not just the economy of Ridgeland but the Jackson area and state as a whole. He said his family has enjoyed shopping at Northpark.

"We look forward to what is yet to

come," McGee said.

In addition to McGee, speakers included Antoon; Cecil Harper, President of the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce; Barbara Travis, Former Marketing Manager of Northpark; and Shawn Cochran, North-

park General Manager.

Northpark opened on September 12, 1984, and has steadily expanded since then, Antoon said.

"Beyond serving as a community hub and shopping destination for the past four decades, Northpark has also provided numerous employment opportunities and stimulated economic growth in the Jackson metro area," Antoon said. "In addition to department stores, Northpark has welcomed hundreds of small businesses over the years, offering them a centralized location for growth and exposure."

Harper said the facility has a roughly "\$60 million influence" on the local economy.

"It has been an economic driving force since the day since the day it opened," Harper said.

Northpark representatives also commended the city of Ridgeland for its immense support over the years.

"Through collaborative efforts, initiatives have been implemented to foster economic growth and community development," Antoon said. "This partnership underscores Northpark's commitment to

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A rendering shows the office complex for a new Atmos facility in Ridgeland.

Ridgeland approves new ‘Gas City’ development

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RIDGELAND — City officials have approved a proposed

Atmos Energy facility said to include office buildings and a regional training facility under the condition that certain chemi-

icals not be stored on site. Public Works Director Alan Hart said the building would include offices, a service center and a mock neighborhood for training purposes — dubbed “Gas City.”

“It has a modern look,” Hart

said. “I think this a nice-looking project.”

The proposed Atmos Energy facility is slated for the corner of the Highland Colony Parkway and Marketridge Drive.

The proposed facility will have roughly 60,000 square feet of building space.

City officials approved the building during their regular City Board meeting on March 19.

The item passed unanimously on the consent agenda with the stipulation that the storage of Mercaptan or empty Mercaptan storage containers is prohibited

at the location. Alderman-at-Large D.I. Smith specifically requested the prohibition of empty containers.

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creating a vibrant retail destination and enriching the lives of Ridgeland residents.”

Cochran announced Northpark will host a variety of events to celebrate its 40 years. In celebration of their anniversary year, he said Northpark plans to celebrate locally owned businesses through a reoccurring bi-monthly segment titled “Shop Local Spotlight” and 601 Day on Saturday, June 1.

The city of Ridgeland and Northpark are preparing already for the Celebrate America Balloon Glow on Friday, June 28th. Balloon Glow will feature food trucks, fireworks, bounce houses, live music, and colorful hot air bal-

loons.

For its 40th Birthday weekend, festivities will commence on Thursday, Sept. 12, with the reception of a historical marker. This is part of a slate of 20 markers the city looks to unveil as part of its 125th-anniversary celebration. Cochran said the event will include a ribbon cutting and swag bags for visitors.

On Friday, Sept. 13, Northpark will host a Gayfer Girls reunion, honoring the department store's former ambassadors.

Before Gayfers was taken over by Dillards in 1998, young women could apply to be Gayfer Girls, ambassadors that promoted the store's clothing. Some of Northpark's former Gayfer Girls will reunite at Northpark for the 40th anniversary and take part in a program as an ode to their days as Gayfer Girls.

Local life and fashion stylist Darrell Wilson was present at the announcement Tuesday as the Gayfer Girl Reunion coordinator with vintage Gayfer Girl “G’s” on display from the 1984 season.

“Becoming a Gayfer Girl back then was everything,” he said. “When they announced the new girls each year there was huge presentation. Some girls nearly fainted when they found out they made the cut and others cried when they found out they didn’t!”

The 40th Anniversary celebration will conclude on Saturday, Sept. 14, with “Decades Day,” inviting customers to dress in attire from their favorite era.

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Trial

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Canton aldermen Eric Gilkey and Andrew Grant were unseated in November 2022.

Warnock was indicted on two counts of conspiracy to commit bribery, one count of conspiracy to commit wire

fraud, and one count of wire fraud.

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

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

Anderson initially pleaded

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

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

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Planet Fitness shut down after bomb threat

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RIDGELAND — The Planet Fitness on Lake Harbour Drive was one of four gyms in the metro cleared following bomb threats last week.

Myers said the Mississippi Department of Homeland Security informed RPD of several bomb threats made at metro gyms. Myers said officers did a search of the Lake Harbour location and found no evidence of explosives. “We did a sweep of the build-

ing,” Myers said. “Nothing was found so we gave the all-clear.” He said the initial call was received at 3:15 p.m. and the gym was cleared by 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 28.

spokesman, said the Mississippi Department of Public Safety and Mississippi Office of Homeland Security were made aware of the bomb threats to several gyms in the area on Thursday. “Those locations that received the threat have been cleared and

back operating under routine business operations,” Martin said. “No further threat was found at any location. Anyone with any information is urged to call their local law enforcement office or the FBI.” Martin went on to say, “Due to

this being an open investigation, no further comment will be made at this time.” A Jackson news outlet reported the other locations searched and cleared included two in Jackson and one in Brandon.

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lations of Section 97-1-5 for each felony committed, and we affirm the judgments of the Court of Appeals and of the Madison County Circuit Court,” the court ruled.

Wakefield, now 24, will continue to serve his 35-year sentence for accessory after the fact to murder, accessory after the fact to kidnapping and access-

ry after the fact to auto theft. McBride is serving a life sentence for the murder. The third accomplice, D’Allen Washington, 24, was sentenced to 15 years in prison in July 2018 and was released on parole in February 2022. His supervision ends Dec. 21, 2028, followed by five years of probation, according to the Mississippi Parole Board. He was recently arrested in Fowood on drug charges by the Rankin County Sheriff’s Office, a Jackson news outlet reported.

back seat of his mother’s car when it was stolen from the parking lot of the Jackson I-55 Kroger by McBride in May 2017. McBride took the stolen vehicle and Frazier to Gluckstadt, to a dirt road off of Enterprise Drive, where prosecutors said at the time of the trial he called Wakefield, who was 17 at the time and told him about the boy. Wakefield told jurors that he told McBride, then 19, to drop Frazier off at a gas station or a public park or business.

Instead, McBride shot Frazier four times, killing him, the authorities said. Wakefield drove to Gluckstadt to pick McBride up and, knowing he had murdered the

six-year-old, took McBride home without notifying police, the authorities said. The case against the trio was overwhelming. Investigators presented cell phone records,

text messages between the defendants and used data from cell phone towers to track their movement on the night of the murder.

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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 Administrator 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 differ-

ence 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.”

Tucker said on Monday that criminals are “getting smarter and smarter,” and the social engineering scheme likely occurred by the fraudsters sifting through public records such as claims dockets and contract awards that are all available on the county’s website.

Madison County Chancery Clerk Ronny Lott and Higginbotham outlined a couple of short-term and long-term checks and balances they would like to implement to ensure something like this doesn’t happen again in the future.

For the short term, Higginbotham said they have placed a moratorium on all ACH payments and vendors will be paid with paper checks. In addition, the ACH bank form has been taken off the county’s website and any vendor electing to change a bank account will have to contact the county in the

future to receive a copy. As far as long-term solutions, Higginbotham and Lott suggested the county hire an internal auditor that falls under the Chancery Clerk’s Office to ensure processes across county departments are sufficient and processes are followed.

“This is another way to get an extra set of eyes on the county’s financial transactions,” Higginbotham said.

The county administrator said the state requires this for state agencies and the county’s budget alone is larger than a “significant number of state agencies.”

Another long-term solution proposed will be the addition of tech-based solutions such as ongoing cybersecurity training for employees regarding everything from safeguarding phishing attempts to social engineering.

Board President Gerald Steen asked that the long-term solutions be brought back before the board to discuss viability and implementation.

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CAL THOMAS

One more try at reducing the debt

“Neither a borrower nor a lender be.”—Polonius to his son Laertes in “Hamlet”

It may be too late given the number of Americans who have willingly allowed themselves to become dependent on government more than themselves, but it’s worth trying.

Our \$34 trillion debt is unsustainable, according to most economists. If we don’t act soon, we will be worse off than we are now. Our economy could collapse. The economic future is not bright if we continue down our current path. According to Statista Research, “By 2034, the gross federal debt of the United States is projected to be about \$54.39 trillion.”

President Biden wants to raise taxes again on “the rich” and corporations without cutting spending. Revenue is not in short supply. Fiscal discipline is. A change in spending will require a change in attitude about what government should and should not do.

The U.S. has experienced a fiscal year-end budget surplus five times in the last 50 years, most recently in 2001. Debt is bipartisan and it will take a bipartisan approach to reduce or eliminate it. During President Biden’s term, national debt has increased by \$4.7 trillion (he wants to spend more), a rise of 16.67 percent as of last September. During Donald Trump’s one-term presidency, the national debt increased by \$8.18 trillion, a 40.43 percent boost. Part of that was spending to fight Covid-19, part was the fallout from tax cuts for the wealthy. Still, this was less of an increase than Barack Obama

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(69.98%) and George W. Bush (105.8%), but each of them served two terms. Part of Bush’s spending was on Afghanistan and Iraq after 9/11.

Only 14 of 45 American presidents have overseen a decrease in debt. Calvin Coolidge was the last one. That was 15 presidents ago. Coolidge said: “... a good many proposals are made by people that have very excellent things that they would like to have the Government do, but they come from people that have no responsibility for providing ways and means by which their proposals can be carried out. I don’t think in all my experience, which has been very large with people that come before me in and out of Government with proposals for spending money, I have ever had any proposal from anyone as to what could be done to save any money.”

Why not form a group of consultants I would call a “what works coalition.” Invite historians, scientists, economists, people of good character and others who love America and ask them to examine government spending, separating the “wheat from the chaff,” the necessary from the unnecessary. They could issue a report

to the public and Congress ridiculing wasteful and needless spending and pressure our elected representatives to end those underperforming or non-performing programs, earmarks and agencies as a patriotic gesture. And yes, Social Security and Medicare must be reformed to save it for the future. The media could help if they would. Weaning people from addiction to government will take time, though some have been able to go “cold turkey” when it comes to other addictions.

Most importantly, what is needed is a change in attitude back to the view some previous presidents, the Founders and the public had toward government. Just as we don’t see a doctor when we are having car trouble, neither should we look to government to solve problems best dealt with individually. Government can encourage good choices and penalize bad ones (lower taxes on the successful is one reward and allowing people to suffer the consequences of bad choices — within reason — is another). Government should not subsidize bad choices, as if good and bad are equal. That will ensure more bad choices and fewer good ones.

If we don’t start making good choices now and seriously reduce our debt there may be no way back. History teaches us that lesson. Look it up.

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).

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The Post Office problem

The Postal Service has always been a money-loser — but it doesn’t have to be. Louis DeJoy had the right idea when he was appointed to head this 250-year-old institution in 2020.

His Delivering for America plan aspired to make USPS financially viable within few years. This was a reasonable, but also controversial strategy, tainted by unfounded charges that Mr. DeJoy was using his office to provide political assistance to the GOP.

That innovative road map now languishes in the dead letter office as the organization continues to lose cash at the rate of \$6 billion per year. The Postal Service has invested billions redesigning the postal network only to see service decline and complaints rise.

USPS can’t use the economy as an excuse for the failure — especially with the 29% increase in postal rates over the past three years. Every business is struggling under Bidenflation, but most still manage to turn a profit.

Congress offered a lifeline in the form of the Postal Service Reform Act in 2022, relieving the organization of some unique, even unfair employee healthcare obligations many said were responsible for the magnitude of the Postal Service’s operating loss.

Mr. DeJoy intended to slash costs by \$34 billion over ten years, but they continue skyward thanks to labor costs that comprise 75% of annual expenses. It takes an iron will to fix a problem at this scale, but it can be done.

When unionized full-time employees retire, that’s the ideal time to skip filling those positions so the workforce is trimmed to match the steady decline in mail delivery volume, which dropped another 9% last year.

This was done successfully about a decade ago, but Mr. DeJoy chose a different path. He filled the vacancies by converting 125,000 part-time employees into full-time workers. He then went out and hired more part-timers.

That’s a double whammy that, rather than allowing the total number of postal service slots to fade away peacefully, added 30,000 careerists to the employment rolls over three years.

Mr. DeJoy argued converting part-timers to career status reduced overtime costs. He even bragged about how USPS was fully staffed for the last Christmas shipping rush. That’s a lousy deal, because permanent, unionized career employees are paid 50% more per hour and enjoy deluxe retirement benefits. Fully staffing for the busiest time means having excess employees for the remainder of the year.

The private sector deals with such needs by maintaining a flexible workforce that can be scaled down as demand declines. The proper response to a downturn in demand is not to scale up.

The worst anti-reform was the decision to terminate contracts with outside firms engaged in long-haul delivery. The private sector was handling the job efficiently and cost-effectively. Rather than allow that to continue, USPS is bringing that function back in-house.

Congress ordered the Postal Service to continue to maintain an integrated network that provides affordable, reliable service throughout the country. That’s a tall order, especially if, as Mr. DeJoy now acknowledges, it may run out of money by 2028. Rather than reduce the role private contractors play, the USPS must look for ways to expand it.

— *The Washington Times*

The Ukraine conundrum

House Speaker Mike Johnson is in a tight spot. With a single-vote majority, no matter what choice he makes about bankrolling Ukraine’s fight with Russia, he’s likely to spark an internal rebellion when Congress returns from vacation next week.

The Louisiana Republican floated a few ideas in an Easter Sunday interview with Fox News host Trey Gowdy. As Mr. Johnson explained, the best he can do under the circumstances is offer incremental progress.

“You gotta build consensus,” the speaker said. “If we want to move a partisan measure, I gotta have every single member — literally.”

Mr. Johnson isn’t falling for President Biden’s disingenuous \$61 billion proposal wrapping Ukraine aid into a package that also provides some support for Israel, Taiwan, and our southern border. “They opened the border intentionally,” Mr. Johnson said.

Instead, he wants the so-called national security bill to have “important innovations” such as the REPO Act, which would effectively steal the property of Russian citizens and send it to Ukraine. “If we can use the seized assets of Russian oligarchs to allow the Ukrainians to fight them, that’s just pure poetry,” he said.

Of course, when countries such as Cuba and Venezuela seized U.S. property, the United States rightly retaliated. It’s hard to see how such a move wouldn’t be shortsighted, discouraging foreigners from ever trusting the United States with their assets.

Another option on the table is sending the cash to Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy and calling the handout a loan. “They can provide it back to us when the time is right,” said Mr. Johnson. We know how that will go.

Without any auditing of the funds

already dispensed, there’s no way to know how many millions are already stashed in offshore accounts belonging to officials in a country that, before Russia invaded it, ranked near the bottom — not far from Russia — in Transparency International’s corruption index.

Perhaps the most promising idea the speaker is floating would leverage the Ukraine issue to cajole President Biden into repealing his ban on the export of our natural gas resources.

The left is reluctant to oblige because driving up the cost of fossil fuels is the key to making inefficient windmills and solar panels seem attractive. The administration’s energy policy only plays into the hands of Russia — the world’s No. 2 natural gas producer behind the United States. Reducing energy costs, on the other hand, is great for Americans and puts the squeeze on the primary source of capital for Vladimir Putin’s war machine.

Opponents of financing a conflict that has taken 70,000 Ukrainian lives would probably want to see a blueprint for how further assistance wouldn’t simply perpetuate the bloodshed for the benefit of defense contractors.

To hold together a party holding such divergent views, Mr. Johnson shouldn’t tie the vote to Israel or rebuilding Baltimore’s Francis Scott Key Bridge. Put Democrats in the hot seat by forcing them to choose between supporting Ukraine and reducing Mr. Putin’s energy profits or enhancing U.S. border security. After all, we shouldn’t invest in someone else’s border to the neglect of our own.

Stuck in a no-win situation, the speaker might find consensus if he can craft legislative language that moves the needle on illegal immigration and energy. Even the fiercest opponents of aid to Ukraine might take that deal.

— *The Washington Times*

RICH LOWRY

Colorblindness is our best idea

Writer Coleman Hughes went on “The View” and was greeted almost as though he had shown up wearing a white hood.

Hughes, a soft-spoken black intellectual who is a political independent, was talking about his new book, “The End of Race Politics: Arguments for a Colorblind America.”

Once upon a time colorblindness was an uncontroversial idea. It was considered a core American ideal and worth aspiring to, even if we were failing to live up to it. In recent decades, though, it has run into a buzz-saw of opposition. It clashes with the Left’s near-theological commitment to racial preferences, especially on college campuses, and with fashionable new forms of left-wing racialism.

So it is naive, out-of-date and, worse, even a tool of oppression used by sneaky racists to hide their malignant designs in lofty rhetoric.

This was the attitude of co-host Sunny Hostin when Hughes showed up on set. She declared that colorblindness has been “co-opted” by conservatives, and that the widely respected Hughes is a “charlatan.” For the offense, mind you, of arguing that people should be treated equally regardless of their race.

Thoughtless even by the standards of a panelist of “The View,” Hostin was easily out-matched by Hughes, who pushed back without getting flustered or raising his voice. He even won occasional applause from the studio audience for ideas that still, despite all that has been done to belittle them, have strong common-sense appeal in America.

As Coleman notes in his book, a devotion to color-

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blindness runs through some of the most honored writers and activists in American history, the likes of Frederick Douglass, Wendell Phillips, Zora Neale Hurston, A. Philip Randolph, Bayard Rustin and, of course, Martin Luther King Jr.

The Left always wants to retroactively enlist MLK for woke racial causes and thinking, but Hughes convincingly locates the great civil-rights leader firmly within the colorblind tradition.

In a statement that might now earn him an unfriendly reception on college campuses (or on the set of “The View”), King maintained, “Black supremacy is as dangerous as white supremacy, and God is not interested merely in the freedom of black men and brown men and yellow men. God is interested in the freedom of the whole human race.”

Such a majestic, deeply felt belief in what unites us as persons and Americans can only scandalize today’s so called “anti-racists,” whom Hughes deems, more accurately, “neo-racists.” They have much in common with the white supremacists that they array themselves against. “They both deny our common humanity,” Hughes writes. “They both deny that all races are created equal. They both agree that some races are superior to others, and they

both agree that not all people deserve to be treated equally in society.”

The neo-racist project is nonetheless ascendant in America’s elite institutions, and a narrative of racial conflict has gained more traction in recent years. Hughes attributes the sense of worsening race relations since 2013 to the rise of social media and the accelerated spread of racially charged false stories and myths. We’ve talked, and clicked, our way into believing we are in a state of racial crisis.

The neo-racists fan the dissonance by attributing any racial disparity in America to racism, and ignoring the influence of demographics, geography and especially culture. They disregard, or disparage, all the indicators of racial progress, which are inconvenient to their simplistic condemnations of American society as fundamentally and irredeemably racist.

For Hughes, the alternatives are “a grim world in which whites and non-white eternally swap the roles of the oppressor and the oppressed,” or a world where we “recommit ourselves to the principles that motivated the civil rights movement.”

This wouldn’t seem a difficult choice. Yet, the very notion of colorblindness is now anathema to much of progressive America. Sunny Hostin is sadly representative in her reflexive hostility to the belief that we should — and can — treat one another without regard to race. So much the worse for her.

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

BIBLE SELECTION

To the choirmaster. Of David. The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good. —Psalm 14:1 (ESV)

OBITUARIES

James Howell "Jimmy" Sutherland, Jr.

In Loving Memory of James Howell "Jimmy" Sutherland, Jr.

Funeral services for James Howell "Jimmy" Sutherland, Jr. were held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at St. James Episcopal Church in Greenville, with visitation beginning at 10:00 am. A graveside service followed at 4:00 pm at Canton City Cemetery in Canton, Mississippi. Arrangements were entrusted to Boone Funeral Home, Greenville.

James Howell "Jimmy" Sutherland Jr., age 84, of Greenville, Mississippi transitioned peacefully on Wednesday, March 27th, 2024, at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson. Born in Canton, Mississippi on July 26, 1939, Jimmy embarked on a life journey filled with warmth, laughter, and unwavering dedication to his loved ones and his community.

Jimmy graduated from Canton High School in 1957. He then graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with a bachelor's degree. From 1962 to 1965, Jimmy bravely served his country in the United States Navy aboard a destroyer during the Vietnam War, demonstrating courage and valor in the face of adversity.

Upon returning home, Jimmy found his professional calling at Mississippi Farm Bureau, where he served as a claims adjuster for Washington County for 22 years. His larger-than-life personality and genuine compassion endeared him to all who crossed his path. Jimmy's mantra, "Call if you need anything!" embodied his selfless nature, always ready to lend a helping hand without hesitation. His jovial self could be heard around town saying to put his lunches on someone else's tab, always the one to make a quick joke.

Jimmy was a devoted member of St. James Episcopal Church where he generously shared his time and talents. From serving on the Vestry to cochairing raffles, his dedication was evident. He enjoyed acting as a stand-in receptionist after his retirement. In addition to his church involvement, Jimmy volunteered yearly with the Washington County Salvation Army's Annual Christmas party. He was a member of Greenville's Elks Lodge. Jimmy's commitment to serving others knew no bounds.

His love for sports, particularly horse racing, brought him immense joy. His presence at Oaklawn Park Racing in Hot Springs, Arkansas was a testament to his passion for life. Jimmy could always be found with the latest football line and an extra betting sheet to share with others. With Jimmy's zest for life, quick witted humor, love for family, friends, and his community, he was the TRUE Superfecta.

Jimmy's greatest joy, however, stemmed from his cherished family and friends. He deeply valued his wife, Susan Wood Sutherland, and took immense pride in his daughter, Daynie Sherrie Sutherland, and his stepdaughter Laura Torrance Castanza. Jimmy's siblings, Jane Sutherland Smith (Dr. Robert Allen Smith) and Sondra Sutherland Holman (the late William Henry Holman, Jr.), along with his nieces and nephews, held a special place in his heart. In addition to his parents, James and Faye Hyde Sutherland, Jimmy is preceded in death by his grandparents Charles and Ella Jane Hyde and John and Daynie Sutherland.

In honor of Jimmy's legacy of kindness and generosity, the family kindly requests that memorials be made to St. James Episcopal Day School in Greenville, Mississippi. His memory will forever remain a beacon of light, guiding us through life's journey with unwavering grace, humor, and love.

Louis Buckner Gideon ("Bucky")

Louis Buckner Gideon ("Bucky") was born November 15, 1932, in Water Valley, MS, to William Cyril Gideon and Lucille Buckner Gideon. He resided in Lambert until college.

Bucky served in the Navy during the Korean War, including time on the battleship, USS Iowa. After his discharge from the Navy, Bucky

attended Mississippi State where he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He graduated in 1958 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

After graduation, Bucky moved to Memphis, TN, and began working in a management-training program with New York Life, where he met his wife, Sara Kay Mason. Bucky and Kay moved to Mississippi in 1963 where Bucky was employed with Capitol Bolt and Screw, followed by a brief employment with a packaging company, when he decided to try his hand at real estate.

Bucky continued to develop both commercial and residential properties in Madison County until he retired in 2018. Just a few of his developments are Bridgewater, Ashbrooke, Cobblestone, Panther Creek, Trace Station Retail Center, Commerce Park Drive and many others. Bucky has received numerous awards including Madison County Goodwill Award in 2011 presented by Madison County Foundation, conservation Developer of the Year Award in 2000 presented by the Madison County Soil and Conservation District and the Economic Development Award in 2001 presented by the City of Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce.

Bucky was a faithful member of Christ United Methodist Church since 1967. Many people will remember "Mr. Bucky" driving the church bus for Christ Methodist many years on Sunday mornings. He and Kay also enjoyed serving Christ through their attendance in Grace Sunday school class.

Bucky is survived by his wife of 62 years, Sara Kay Gideon, his son William Scott Gideon (Memory) of Madison, MS, grandchildren Jackson Grant Gideon, Sara Scott Gideon, and Samuel Cole Gideon, and his son, John Clinton Gideon (Natalie) of Madison, MS, and grandson John William Gideon. He is preceded in death by his parents, William Cyril Gideon and Lucille Buckner Gideon, his brother, William Cyril Gideon, Jr., and his sons, James Mason Gideon and Clayton Louis Gideon.

A Celebration of Life service was held at Christ United Jackson on April 2, 2024. Memorials can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Wallace Owen Cook

Wallace Owen Cook died March 26, 2024, at St. Dominic's Hospital after a sudden medical emergency. Owen was born in Holly Bluff, MS, and moved with his family to his hometown of Flora, MS when in the fourth grade.

He and his wife of 59 years, Beth, were two of the eleven to graduate from Flora High School in 1963. Owen began his MSU journey as a Co-op student through Mississippi Chemical Corporation, Yazoo City, his only employer throughout his 41-year career. He graduated in Chemical Engineering, then moved to Yazoo City. He taught Young Adult Sunday School for 50 years.

Owen was preceded in death by his parents, Wallace Owen Cook, Sr. and Julia Ann Beeson Cook, his sisters, Judy Brasher (Charles) and Sally Rice (Jim), and his brother-in-law, Bebe Crisler (Debbie). He is survived by his wife, Beth Crisler Cook, his son, Chip Cook (Yvette), and his daughter Crissie Parker (Michael).

He is also survived by four grandchildren, Wallace Owen Cook, IV (Wen), Taylor Parker, John Tucker Cook and Ellis Parker. Survivors also include his brother-in-law Joe Bob Crisler (Suzan), and many beloved nieces and nephews. Services were held April 1st, at FBC Madison.

Ronald Wayne Little

Ronald Wayne Little of Ridgeland, MS passed away on March 27, 2024 at the age of 91. He was a pilot for over 47 years and served as chief pilot for Gov. Bill Waller, Gov. Cliff Finch and Bessemer Flying Service. He was also a corporate pilot for Bill's Dollar Stores and Deposit Guaranty National Bank. Ron served as an Honorary Madison County Deputy Sheriff from 1972-75 and was an Honorary member of the MS Highway Patrol.

A veteran naval engineer who served during the Korean conflict from 1952-1956, he authored the book "Soaring with the Eagles" which highlights his flying career.

Ron is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Shirley Little and his children Becky Little of Ridgeland, MS, Woody and Melanie Nance of Madison, MS, Cindy and Alan Reyes-Guerra of Birmingham, AL, Bill Nance of Grenada, MS, Lisa and Jason Walker of Ridgeland, MS and Scott and Cindi Nance of Madison, MS.

He is also survived by his grandchildren Kerri and Curtis Uroska of Flora, MS, Ashleigh and Steven Mooney of Summerdale, AL, Dusty and Nicole Nance of Flora, MS, Dustin and Rachel Ratliff of Madison, MS, Colin and Scott Reyes-Guerra of Birmingham, AL, Cole Nance of Austin, TX, and Anna Scott Nance of Madison, MS along with 11 great grandchildren and his nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by parents Alfred and Mildred Little, brothers Herbert Little, AW Little and David Little. Sebrell Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. Funeral services were held on March 29 at First Ridgeland Baptist Church.

Joseph Leray McNamara

Joseph Leray McNamara, known as Ray, was born on January 14, 1947, in Greenville, MS, and peacefully passed on March 23, 2024. Ray was a man of constant motion; his life was an adventure from his youth in Seoul, Korea, to climbing Mt. Fuji as an Eagle Scout.

Attending Ole Miss, he pledged Phi Delta Theta fraternity and was its two-time Rush Chair and President. He was also honored to be tapped for Omicron Delta Kappa. After graduating from Ole Miss on an ROTC scholarship, he served in the Navy during the Vietnam War for over four years, later attending UM Law School where he was on the Mississippi Law Review.

Ray's career focused on insurance law, initially at Wise Carter before founding his own firm. Notable was his argument before the United States Supreme Court on his birthday, before a much-entertained panel led by Chief Justice Rehnquist. Ray was a member of the Mississippi and American Bar Associations, DRI and was extremely honored to have been a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, serving as the President of its southeast division, SEABOTA.

His passions extended beyond work to his beloved family, reading any and everything, his carefully curated music collection, and finally to outdoor adventures around the world and at his much-loved home in NC. It was his joy to share this special place with extended family and his many friends.

Ray's first marriage to Betty Swan, his high school sweetheart, ended tragically with her death. However, he found love again with Cynthia Clayton, marrying in 2009. Their blended family brought them great joy. They felt blessed that despite Ray's later health struggles, they were able to travel the world together, sharing each other's adventures for over a decade, until just this past year.

Predeceased by Betty, his parents, and stepson, Andrew Clayton, Ray is survived by his children and stepchildren, along with numerous grandchildren. Grateful for the care provided by The Blake at the Township and St. Catherine's Village staff, his family invites friends to celebrate Ray's life on April 5th at St. Richard Catholic Church, with visitation from noon to 2:30 p.m.; join his family and friends for a Time of Reflection from 2:30-3:00 p.m.; followed by a Celebration of Life Mass at 3:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul or a preferred charity. Ray's legacy lives on in the hearts of those he loved and the many lives he touched.



Joseph
McNamara

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

Revive us again

If you have your Bibles, I'd invite you to turn with me to Psalm 85. This Psalm seeks to answer the question: What does a Christian do when he or she feels the judgment of God visit? What do we do in the circumstances of our life when we've known the forgiveness of God, we've known the blessing of God, and then we've come into a valley and we're confused in that valley? How do we respond? This Psalm is telling us what to do and it marks three stages of response.

First, I want you to notice in verses 1-3, they remember. Secondly, in verses 4-7, they resort. And then, finally, in verses 8-13, they resolve.

I. Remember
In verses 1-3, notice how the psalmist states that he is remembering the greatness of God's saving favor and forgiveness to them in bringing them out of the exile: "O Lord, You showed favor to Your land; You restored the captivity of Jacob." He's looking back and he is remembering what the Lord had done in bringing them out of captivity, and he is actively, deliberately, remembering the favor that God has shown upon him.

Now, remembering is a very important thing, and I want to say that remembering here is not just like, "Oh, I remember that phone call that I need to make." No, this is remembering of a higher order. This is remembrance that anchors the believer in the reality of what God has done, and in this case, there is a remembrance of how God restored the children of Israel from exile.

And you see the gladness in the heart of this Old Testament believer as he remembers what God has done, because sin is serious, and that exile was deserved; and yet, God in His mercy has taken that sin away, has forgiven them, has restored them to the land. The believer, the Christian, looks back in the same way to the finished work of Jesus Christ and rejoices that God has done this. And it means that we live in a deep, real gratitude for an undeserved rescue.

It also means that we are always going to take our sin and God's salvation seriously. The believer looks back upon the work of Jesus Christ and he takes his sin seriously because he sees the Son of God on the cross, and he says, "He had to die

for my sins to be forgiven? How great my sins must be! How great must the Father's love be! How great must the Son's love be!" The believer never stops rejoicing in the greatness of that redemption from sin. He never gets tired of hearing the gospel. It's the starting point of everything. And you see, this Psalm is pointing us to that. And so the psalmist says take sin seriously, and rejoices in redemption. It starts with remembering this redemption, this great saving forgiveness of God.

II. Resort
And then, secondly, notice in verses 4-7 how the psalmist resorts to God. Where does he go? He's part of the people who have been brought out of the exile, but now he feels the punishment of God because of the unfaithfulness of God's people. God's wrath is being visited. What does he do? He resorts to God as the only hope of salvation. He takes refuge in God's character and actions. In this passage, we see what God is going to do to remedy these circumstances. Notice verse 4: "Restore us..." then verse 6: "Revive us..." then verse 7: "Show us Your lovingkindness." In other words, the psalmist is pointing us to God and God alone, because of His character and His promises. He is saying, "Take refuge in God in this time of indignation and punishment. Run to God for your refuge. Resort to God as the only hope of salvation. Look to God alone because of who He is."

One of the commentators on this passage reminds us that this Psalm makes it clear that what God delights in is this glorious creative work where He brings blessing out of cursing, where He showers forgiveness where it's not deserved, where He brings restoration where there's been fracture. That's what God delights in. That's the center of His heart. And God, from His heart, has made promises to His people. You see how the language itself goes back to Abraham? "Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?" It goes back to Abraham, back to Moses. Remember how God is spoken of in the days of Abraham and Moses? "You are the Lord. You will not visit Your wrath and indignation forever, but You will show Your grace and favor on our children to a thousand generations."

That's God. That's who He is. That's the promise He's made, and the psalmist resorts to this God as the only hope of salvation. Notice that the psalmist doesn't resort to his own goodness. He doesn't resort to his own promise, "I'll do better." He doesn't resort to some technique...if you only do this...if you take your faith up to a higher notch. No, everything's on God. He resorts to God. And so he remembers the greatness of God's forgiveness, and he resorts to God as the only hope of salvation. He looks to God alone.

III. Resolve
Don't you love what he says in verses 8-13? "I will hear what God the Lord will say; For He will speak peace to His people." Bumper sticker theology almost always gets it wrong, but there is one bumper sticker that I've seen that absolutely gets it right—it says "No Jesus? No peace." In other words, if you don't know Jesus, you can't have the peace of God. And then right under it, what does it say? "Know Jesus? Know Peace." In other words, if you know Jesus, you know the peace of God. And that bumper sticker gets it exactly right. In fact, it could be a commentary on this passage! And the psalmist is saying, "I'm standing to wait because I have as a sinner cast myself on the mercy of God, and I know that He will speak His benediction on His people." Because when you know Jesus, you know peace.

Samuel Rutherford, the great Scottish minister and theologian, went through times where he felt the wrath and indignation of God so much that it almost undid him. And he said of that one time, "I hang by a thread, but it is of Christ's spinning." In other words, that thread that I'm hanging by was spun by Christ. And that's all he needs. And this psalmist says, "Lord, we're under Your condemnation. We're under Your just condemnation, but I've resorted to You and now I'm just going to wait until Your blessing comes, because that's the kind of God you are: a God that delights to forgive people that don't deserve it."

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MADISON CIRCUIT COURT)
SS:
COUNTY OF MADISON)
CAUSE NO. 48C05-2310-CT-000199
KARISHA LYLES
VS.
MATTHEW JACOBS and
CLEARCOVER INSURANCE COM-
PANY

SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICA-
TION
NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Defen-
dant(s) above named, and any other
person who may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that Matthew
Jacobs is being sued by Karisha Lyles,
in Madison Circuit Court, State of Indi-
ana. The title of the case as shown by
the complaint is Karisha Lyles vs. Mat-
thew Jacobs and Clearcover Insurance
Company, Cause No. 48C05-2310-CT-
000199.

The nature of the suit is a civil action
wherein Plaintiff has filed a Complaint
for Damages demanding judgment for
personal injuries and damages as a
result of an incident which occurred on
September 7, 2023.

This summons by publication and
notice is specifically directed to the
defendant, Matthew Jacobs, whose
whereabouts are unknown.

You must answer or otherwise respond
to the complaint in writing, by you or
your attorney, on or before May 18,
2024 (the same being within (30) days
after the publication of the third Notice
of Suit, the last such notice of this
action), and in case you fail to do so,
judgment by default may be entered
against you for the relief demanded by
the Plaintiffs in the complaint.

If you have a claim for relief against
the Plaintiff arising out of this occur-
rence that is the subject matter of the
Plaintiff's claims, you must assert it in
your written answer.

The name and address of the attor-
neys representing Plaintiff: Ken Nunn
Law Office, 104 Franklin Road, Bloom-
ington, Indiana 47404.

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BY: s/ Nathan D. Foushee

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ATTEST:
Clerk of the Madison Superior Court
/s/ Linda S. Smith (SEAL)

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF GLORIA HARRELL CAUSE NO.
24-180 C

JAMES PITTMAN, Petitioner
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been
granted on the 22nd day of Febru-
ary, 2024, by the Chancery Court of
Madison County, Mississippi, to the
undersigned Administrator of the Es-
tate of GLORIA HARRELL, Deceased,
being probated in Cause No. 24-180-
C 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 pro-
bate and registration according to law,
within ninety (90) days from the first
publication of this Notice, or they will
be forever barred.
THIS, the 2nd day of April, 2024.

/s/ James Pittman, Administrator

PREPARED BY:
Pamela L. Hancock (MSB #10676)
HANCOCK LAW FIRM, PLLC
Ridgeland, MS 39158
Tel: (601) 853-2223

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF MADISON

IN RE: LEESA PHILIPPON, SUCCE-
SOR TRUSTEE OF THE BOBBYE C.
KIRKPATRICK REVOCABLE TRUST,
DATED JUNE 18, 2013, AS AMEND-
ED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PURSUANT TO MISS. CODE ANN.
SECTION 91-8-504, and other appli-
cable rules, notice is hereby given to
all persons or parties having claims
against Leesa Philippon, as Succes-
sor Trustee of the Bobbye C. Kirkpat-
rick Revocable Trust dated June 18,
2013, as amended. Said Bobbye C.
Kirkpatrick was an adult resident citi-
zen of Madison County, MS, owning
real property in Madison County, MS,
who departed this life on December 30,
2023. Said Bobbye C. Kirkpatrick was
unmarried at her death. The failure to
present any such claims to the said
Successor Trustee, whose address is
4 Stonewall Drive, West Granby CT
06090 in writing within ninety (90) days
from the date of the first publication of
this notice shall forever bar the claim
and any person from asserting or re-
covering on the claim from the Trustee,
the Trust property, or the beneficiaries
of the Trust.
The 26th day of March, 2024.

s/ Leesa Philippon
LEESA PHILIPPON, SUCCESSOR
TRUSTEE OF
THE BOBBYE C. KIRKPATRICK RE-
VOCABLE
TRUST DATED JUNE 18, 2013, AS
AMENDED

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, EX REL.
MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF NARCOT-
ICS
PLAINTIFF
VS.
NO. 23-488

ONE SMITH & WESSON .38 CAL-
BER
AIR WEIGHT REVOLVER SN D67522
7 DE-
FENDANT

S U M M O N S

Public Notices

TO: Nathaniel Smith
388 Ricks Drive, Apt. 7G
Canton, MS 39046 or
Any Unknown Owners

NOTICE

A Complaint for Forfeiture has been
filed in this Court by the State of Mis-
sissippi, by and through the Mississip-
pi Bureau of Narcotics, seeking the for-
feiture of the above-described property,
which was seized March 16, 2023, in
Madison County, Mississippi.

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

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED
OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN
THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE _DAY OF
_, 2023, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE
FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUM-
MONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT
SO MAILED OR HAND DELIVERED,
A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE
ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE
PROPERTY OR OTHER RELIEF DE-
MANDED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR
FORFEITURE.

You must also file the original of your
response with the Clerk of this Court
within the aforesaid time.

Issued under my hand and the of-
ficial seal of this Court this _
day of _____, 2023.

CIRCUIT CLERK

BY: _____
D.C.

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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 Es-
tate 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 for-
ever be barred. THIS the 22nd day of
February, 2024.
GUY L. STRICKLAND, EXECUTOR
OF THE ESTATE OF MAE G. STRICK-
LAND, DECEASED
PUBLISH 3 TIMES
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF
Margie H. Manning
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2024-298-W
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of
Margie H. Manning, deceased, having
on the 2 day of April, 2024, been grant-
ed to the undersigned by the Chancery
Court of Madison County, Mississippi,
in Cause Number 2024-298-W, notice
is hereby given to all persons having
claims against said estate to have the
same probated and registered by the
Clerk of said Court within ninety (90)
days from the first day of this publica-
tion, or the same will be forever barred.
Dated this 2 day of April, 2024.
/s/ RE Manning
Robert E. Manning, Executor
BENTLEY E. CONNER
Attorney at Law
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Canton, Mississippi 39046
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Bar No. 6465
bentleyeconner@gmail.com

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO
THOSE PARTIES IN INTEREST THAT
there will be a Public Hearing on Tues-
day, April 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM before
the Gluckstadt Planning and Zoning
Commission at the Gluckstadt City
Hall, 343 Distribution Drive, Gluck-
stadt MS 39110, for the purpose of
Conditional Use for Public/Quasi-Pub-
lic Facilities for 2.7 acres currently
owned to provide a laydown yard at
the rear of the property with a fence
and privacy screens for the following
described parcel and address:

Madison County Parcel No. 082E-21-
016/04.00
Address: 384 Church Road

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

/s/ Lindsay Kellum
City Clerk's Signature

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF HOMER N. CUMMINGS, DE-
CEASED CAUSE NO. 24-187

MICHELLE AYERS, Petitioner
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been
granted on the 13th day of March,
2024, by the Chancery Court of Mad-
ison County, Mississippi, to the under-
signed Administratrix of the Estate of
HOMER N. CUMMINGS, Deceased,
being probated in Cause No. 24-187
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 pro-

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bate and registration according to law,
within ninety (90) days from the first
publication of this Notice, or they will
be forever barred.
THIS, the 2nd day of April, 2024.

/s/ Michelle Ayers, Administratrix

PREPARED BY:
Pamela L. Hancock (MSB #10676)
HANCOCK LAW FIRM, PLLC
P. O. Box 1078
Ridgeland, MS 39158
Tel: (601) 853-2223

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF HERBERT H. CURRY, DE-
CEASED

TRENNIS CURRY
PLAINTIFF
VS.
Cause No. 23-278 (W)

THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
HEIRS OF HERBERT H. CURRY
RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
HEIRS OF HERBERT H. CURRY

You have been made a Defendant in
the suit filed in this Court by TRENNIS
CURRY, in his capacity as Adminis-
trator of the Estate of HERBERT H.
CURRY, deceased, Plaintiff seeking to
adjudicate heirship.
You are summoned to appear and de-
fend against the petition filed against
you in this action at 8:45 a.m., on the
22nd day of May 2024, in the court-
room of the Madison County Chan-
cery Courthouse at Canton, Missis-
sippi, and in case of your failure to
appear and defend, a judgement will
be entered against you for the things
demanded in the petition. You are
not required to file an answer or oth-
er pleading, but you may do so if you
desire.
Issued under my hand and the seal
of said Court this the 27th day of May
2024.
CHANCERY CLERK
By: Kelsey Rodriguez
Prepared by:
Jeff Arnold (MSB #104335)
306 Maxey Drive
Brandon MS 39042
Phone: 601-213-7581

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE ZON-
ING ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given to those parties
in interest that there will be a hearing
on April 23, 2024, at 6:00 o'clock p.m.
at the City Hall of Gluckstadt, Missis-
sippi for the purpose of determining
whether the following amendments
should be made to the text of the Zon-
ing Ordinance of the City of Gluckstadt,
Mississippi:

Amend Section 301 to add the follow-
ing definition:

Conceptual Site Plan: A drawing
indicating the location of existing and
proposed buildings or other structures,
landscaping, points of ingress/egress,
and driveways on a single lot.

Amend Section 406.10 to read:

All permanent structures here-
after constructed in the City of Gluck-
stadt shall have street/road numbers
posted either on the structure, or at
the street/road right-of-way on which
such structures front. Such numbers
shall be a minimum of four (4) inches
in height with a minimum stroke of
one-half (.5) inches and contrast with
their background color.

Amend the table titled "Minimum
Distance Required in 503.03" in Sec-
tion 503.03 to read:

Minimum Distance Between
Driveways for Local and Collector
streets is 26 feet.

Amend Section 804.01 to read:

Any person desiring a di-
mensional variance from the terms of
this Ordinance shall submit a written
application (on a form furnished by
the Zoning Administrator) demonstrat-
ing compliance with all of the follow-
ing. The applicant shall complete the
application and provide one (1) copy
to the Zoning Administrator. Appli-
cations shall be submitted by the 1st
day of the month preceding the next
regular meeting of the Planning and
Zoning Commission at which the ap-
plication is to be reviewed, or it will not
be placed on the Planning and Zoning
Commission agenda for that meeting.
A variance shall not be granted unless
the applicant demonstrates: A. That
special conditions and circumstan-
ces exist which are peculiar to the
land, structure, or building involved
60 and which are not applicable to the
other lands, structures, or buildings,
in the same district. B. That literal inter-
pretation of the provisions of this Ordinance
would deprive the applicant of rights
commonly enjoyed by other properties
in the same district under the terms of
this Ordinance. C. That granting the
variance requested will not confer on
the applicant any special privilege that
is denied by this Ordinance to other
lands, structures, or buildings in the
same zoning district.

Amend Section 805.01 to read:

Any person desiring a con-
ditional use permit shall submit a written
application (on a form furnished by
the Zoning Administrator) indicating
the Section in the Ordinance under
which the conditional use is sought
and stating the grounds on which it
is requested. The applicant shall
complete the application and provide
one (1) copy to the Zoning Administra-
tor. Applications shall be submitted by
the 1st day of the month preceding the
next regular meeting of the Planning
and Zoning Commission at which the
application is to be reviewed, or it will
not be placed on the Planning and
Zoning Commission agenda for that
meeting. The Planning and Zoning
Commission shall not grant a condi-
tional use unless satisfactory provision
and arrangement has been made con-
cerning all of the following: A. Ingress
and egress to property and proposed
structures thereon with particular ref-
erence to vehicular and pedestrian
safety and convenience, traffic flow
and control, and access in case of fire
or catastrophe. B. Off-street parking
and loading areas. C. Refuse and ser-
vice areas. D. Utilities, with reference
to locations, availability, and compat-
ibility. E. Screening and buffering with

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reference to type, dimensions, and
character. F. Required yards and oth-
er open space. G. General compatibil-
ity with adjacent properties and other
property in the district. H. Whether or
not the proposed use will have any ad-
verse impact upon nearby properties
or the community at large. Examples
of adverse impact include, but are not
limited to, the following: a. The extent
to which on-site lighting spills onto or
is directed toward adjacent property.
b. The extent to which noise generat-
ed by the conditional use will have a
negative impact upon the peaceful
use and enjoyment of adjacent prop-
erties or surrounding neighborhoods.
c. The extent to which noise generat-
ed by patrons, customers, clients, or
users of the conditional use will have
a negative impact upon the peaceful
use and enjoyment of adjacent prop-
erties or surrounding neighborhoods.
d. The extent to which the proposed
conditional use will have a cluttered
appearance as a result of site design,
signage, or other features that may
be visible from the street or adjoining
properties. e. The hours of operation
or frequency of use. f. l. The impact
to natural features, such as tree cover,
drainage courses, flooding and
erosion. Any other provisions deemed
applicable by the Planning and Zoning
Commission or the Mayor and Board
of Aldermen.

Amend Section 806.01 to read:

Amendments to this Ordinance
include: (1) amendments to the text;
and (2) amendments to the Official
Zoning Map, which is legally a part
of this Ordinance. Any person may in-
itiate an amendment to this Ordinance
by filing an application with the Zoning
Administrator (on a form furnished by
him/her). The applicant shall complete
the application and provide one (1)
copy to the Zoning Administrator. Ap-
plications shall be submitted by the 1st
day of the month preceding the next
regular meeting of the Planning and
Zoning Commission at which the ap-
plication is to be reviewed, or it will not
be placed on the Planning and Zoning
Commission agenda for that meeting.
All applications for rezoning shall be
accompanied by a legal property de-
scription in digital form.

Amend Section 806.02 to read:

If a specific use is identified
for the applicant for a rezoning (i.e., a
proposed amendment to the Official
Zoning Map), then the application for
rezoning shall be accompanied by a
conceptual site plan as defined in Sec-
tion 301.

Amend Section 808.02 to read:

Three (3) copies of a digi-
tal file copy of each site plan shall be
prepared and submitted to the Zon-
ing Administrator. Site plans shall be
submitted by the 1st day of the month
preceding the next regular meeting of
the Planning and Zoning Commission
at which the plan is to be reviewed, or
it will not be placed on the Planning
and Zoning Commission agenda for
that meeting. The Zoning Administra-
tor shall notify the applicant of any de-
ficiencies or omissions in the site plan.
The site plan shall not be processed
until all required data is provided as
prescribed in Section 809 of this Or-
dinance.

Amend Article XXII: Highway
Commercial District (C-2) Dimensional
Requirements so that the table reads:

Minimum Lot Width (Center/Ind.):
200/100 feet.

The Public Hearing in relation thereto
shall provide parties in interest, and
citizens, an opportunity to be heard.

Approved: Mayor Walter C. Morrison,
IV
Attest: City Clerk, Lindsay Kellum

Publish April ____, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
GORDON ANTHONY NECAISE,
DECEASED
PROBATE NO. 24-281 B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been
granted on the 22nd day of March,
2024, by the Chancery Court of Mad-
ison County, Mississippi to the un-
dersigned Executor of the Estate of
Gordon Anthony Necaïse, 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 ac-
cording to law, within ninety (90) days
from the first publication of this notice,
or they will be forever barred.

THIS the 29th day of March, 2024.

Judy D. Necaïse, Executor of the
Estate of Gordon Anthony Necaïse,
Deceased

Philip A. Buchanan, MSB #102626
Attorney for Executor
COURTNEY ELDER LAW
ASSOCIATES
7708 Old Canton Road, Suite B
Madison, Mississippi 39110
Telephone: (601) 987-3000

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL
AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM M.
PATRICK, JR., DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 24-65 (B)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been
granted on the 24th day of January,
2024, by the Chancery Court of Mad-
ison County, Mississippi, to the under-
signed Executor under the Last Will
and Testament of William M. Patrick,
Jr., deceased, Notice is hereby given
to all persons having claims against
said Estate to present the same to the
Clerk of this Court for probate and re-
gistration according to law, within nine-
ty (90) days from the first publication
of this notice, or they will be forever
barred.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES, this
the 13th day of March, 2024.

/s/ Philippus "Philip" D. Leroux
PHILIPPUS "PHILIP" D. LEROUX,
Executor under the Last Will and Tes-
tament of William M. Patrick, Jr., De-

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ceased
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SOLICITOR

MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
INVITATION FOR BIDS
Conventional Chassis Dump Truck

The Madison County Board of Super-
visors 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 Pur-
chasing 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 Chan-
cery Clerk's Office, Madison Coun-
ty Office Complex, 125 West North
Street, Canton, Mississippi, 39046
and available during normal business
hours. There is no charge for speci-
fications obtained using either of these
methods.

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

The Madison County Board of Super-
visors reserves the right to extend the
auction date if necessary, to complete
the bid proposal pre-qualification pro-
cess.

Electronic proposals must be submit-
ted 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 envel-
ope as instructed in the bid package
and delivered to the Chancery Clerk's
Office, at 125 West North Street, Can-
ton, Mississippi.

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

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Canton, MS 39046

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

GUILLERMO LOPEZ MENDEZ
PLAINTIFF
v.
CIVIL ACTION NO.:24-259(B)

PATRICIA M. LUCKETT; MADISON
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; DISTRICT
ATTORNEY FOR MADISON COUNTY;
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI BY AND
THROUGH THE MISSISSIPPI ATTOR-
NEY GENERAL; AND ANY AND ALL
UNKNOWN PERSONS, FIRMS, COR-
PORATIONS, OR OTHER ENTITIES
HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL
OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN OR TO
THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY, ALONG
WITH ANY IMPROVEMENTS THERE-
ON AND APPURTENANCES THERE-
TO FOR MADISON COUNTY PARCEL
NO. 09A-01-002/07.00 AND BEING
MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED
IN THE COMPLAINT
DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

The State of Mississippi
Madison County

TO: Patricia M. Lockett, P.O. Box 40,
Canton, MS 39046; Any and All firms,
Corporations, other entities or individ-
uals having or claiming any legal or
equitable interest in MADISON COUNTY
PARCEL NUMBER 09A-01-002/07.00
and having the legal description: A
tract of land situated in the South-
east¼ of the Northwest ¼ and the
Northeast¼ of the Southeast¼ all in
Section 1, Township 9 North, Range 4
East, and more particularly described
as follows:

Commencing at a concrete monument
representing the Southeast corner of
the southwest ¼ of the southwest¼ of
Section 31, Township 10 North, Range
5 East, Madison County, Mississippi;
thence South 0 degrees, 00 minutes,
00 seconds East fir 2507.15 to a point;
thence North 90 degrees, 00 minutes,
00 seconds West for 4405.48 feet to an
iron pin found on the western right
of way line of Miggins Road (the west-
ern right of way line is 30 feet west-
ward of and is parallel to the physical
center of said Miggins Road) which is
the Northeast corner of the parcel of
land conveyed by R. L Goza to Larry
L. Day et ux. by Warranty Deed dated
June 12, 1992, and recorded in Deed
Book 301 at Page 091 in the office of
the Chancery Clerk of Madison County,
Mississippi, reference to which is made
in aid of and as a part of this descrip-
tion; thence run northerly on the west
line of Miggins Road for a distance of
248.96 feet to the northeast corner
of the lot of parcel of land conveyed
to Gelander Slaughter by Warranty
Deed dated July 24, 1998, and rec-
orded in Deed Book 423 at Page 277
in the Office of the Chancery Clerk;
thence continue northerly on the west
line of Miggins Road for a distance

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of 228.04 feet, more or less, to the
northeast corner of the tract conveyed
to Charles Edward Miggins et al. by
Warranty Deed dated August 1, 1998,
and recorded in Deed Book 424 at
Page 108, continue thence northerly
on the west line of Miggins Road for a
distance of 125.00 feet to the Point of
Beginning and the southeast corner of
the parcel described; thence run north
90 degrees, 00 minutes, 00 seconds
West and parallel to the north line of
the Miggins lot for a distance of 450
feet; more or less, to an iron pin on
the west line of the property described
in the Protective Covenants of Wil-
lowbrook dated December 11 1990,
and recorded in Deed of Trust Book
728 at Page 315 in the Office of the
Chancery Clerk; thence North 00 de-
grees, 09 minutes, 58 seconds West
on the west line of "Willowbrook" for
a distance of 100.00 feet to an iron pin
which is the northwest corner of the
parcel described; thence run North 90
degree 00 minutes, 00 seconds East
for 450 f more or less, to the western
right of way line of Miggins Road;
thence south on the western right of
way line for a distance of 100.00 feet,
more or less, to the Point of Beginning
of the tract herein described which
contains one acre, more or less.

Other Defendants, as far as ascer-
tained, in this action include: The
State of Mississippi; Madison County,
Mississippi; and the District Attorney
for the Madison County.

YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE AC-
TION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.
You are required to mail or hand-del-
iver a copy of a written response to
the complaint to Blackmon Carr,
LLC, c/o lanessa E. Blackmon. Esq.
the attorney for the plaintiff, whose
street address is, 215 Katherine Drive,
Flowood, MS 39232.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE
MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER
THAN (30) DAYS AFTER March
21, 2024, WHICH IS THE DATE OF
THE FIRST

HEALTH

UMMC urges caution for solar eclipse

By GARY PETTUS
gpettus@umc.edu

As the Solar Eclipse of 2024 looms, be warned that the face of the sun may not be the only thing that will fade.

Other potential disappearing acts include bird songs, cumulus clouds and your eyesight.

"If you choose to view the eclipse, please follow recommended precautions and take the information seriously," said Dr. Kimberly Crowder, professor and Drs. Ching-Jygh and Lin Chen Chair for Excellence in Ophthalmology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

"Even brief amounts of exposure to ultraviolet radiation can cause permanent damage to the eyes, even blindness. Unfortunately, we saw patients with damage after the last eclipse a few years ago and, while we are

always happy to have new patients, we hope to not have new patients due to the eclipse."

While a narrow swath of the U.S. will be treated to a total eclipse on April 8, Jackson residents will see the moon's shadow take an 89 percent bite out of the Earth's star, according to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks' Mississippi Museum of Natural Science.

In the capital city, the orbital obfuscation will begin at 12:33 p.m., peak at 1:52 p.m., and let the sun shine in fully again by 3:11.

But it won't require hours of eclipse-gazing to take a bite out of your vision if done with the naked eye - or even, in many cases, when it's fully clothed: Eyeing an eclipse through a camera lens, telescope or binoculars is also an invitation to severe vision

injuries. "With the naked eye, there is no set rule for how long it could take," said Dr. Khushboo Agrawal, assistant professor of ophthalmology at UMMC.

"It could be a glance, a few seconds of looking, or prolonged staring; but even with a quick glance, the UV light from the sun's rays is so powerful that when it strikes the most light-sensitive area of your retina, permanent damage, called solar retinopathy, can result.

"It also depends on visibility, cloudiness, how much pollution is in the air - all of those affect how much UV light exposure you'll receive. It's also based on your own personal eye health."

Solar eclipses can be magnificent or calamitous, depending on how you view them. Literature and popular culture prefer calamity: Wit-

ness Mark Twain's "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," and such movies as "The Little Shop of Horrors," "Avatar: The Way of Water," and "Barabbas" - specifically, the crucifixion scene.

To prevent your own personal calamity, heed the experts.

"When we look up at the sun or at bright UV light sources, radiation penetrates the fovea, the most light-sensitive area of the retina, and damages the photoreceptors," Agrawal said.

"As a result, we are left with a blind spot in our central vision. For the most part, many people might describe distortion in their vision, or, in the case of a partial eclipse, a crescent-shaped blind spot in their retina.

"Because the retina doesn't have pain receptors, you won't feel pain or dis-

comfort while looking at the sun; but, afterward, we will see the damage to the photoreceptors - typically, right away.

"During the week after an eclipse, my colleagues and I will get phone calls from people saying, 'I looked at the eclipse, and my vision is blurry.'"

Indirect viewing is safe, in which case, a pinhole projector or camera serves the purpose. The American Academy of Ophthalmology offers other safe-viewing tips, and where to find reputable vendors of handheld viewers and solar eclipse glasses, courtesy of the American Astronomical Society.

"Get viewers or glasses from a trusted source only," Agrawal said. Certain online retailers fail to fall under that category, she said. "The viewers and glasses that provide safety will filter out UV light

and allow you to view the eclipse directly."

Eclipse glasses are available from the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science for its solar eclipse viewing event, scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at its location in Jackson. Tickets are \$10 per person; this covers the cost of eclipse glasses. Tickets are available online until 3 p.m. Friday, or sooner if sold out.

For her part, Agrawal is planning to catch the eclipse - in all of its 100-percent glory. "I'm driving to Little Rock, Arkansas, in the path of totality, to view it with my children," she said.

"It's an awesome experience, but it can be dangerous if we're not careful. Take simple precautions, and you'll have a great viewing experience."

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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 Keshia 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.

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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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

Philip A. Buchanan, MSB #102626 Attorney for Executor COURTNEY ELDER LAW ASSOCIATES 7708 Old Canton Road, Suite B Madison, Mississippi 39110 Telephone: (601) 987-3000

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

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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 Keshia 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 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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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE THE ESTATE OF BURNICE BENNETT, DECEASED

LEWIS BENNETT, PETITIONER

CAUSE NO.: 45CH1-23-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 CYNTHIA 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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PETER A. STEWART III ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER, MSB#10802

10 CANEBRAKE BOULEVARD SUITE 110 FLOWOOD, MS 39232 (O) 769-333-4603 (F) 769-333-4609 PETESJD@GMAIL.COM

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 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.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAUSE NO. 2024-214

JOHNNY PARKER, DECEASED JEFFREY PARKER, PETITIONER RULE 81 SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: The Heirs-at-Law of Johnny Parker, Deceased, whose names

and addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry

You have been made a defendant in this suit in this Court by Petitioner, Jeffrey Parker, seeking a judicial determination that Jeffrey Parker and Donny Parker are the sole and only heirs-at-law and statutory beneficiaries of Johnny Parker, deceased, under the Mississippi Wrongful Death Statute.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of May, 2024, in the Chancery Courtroom of the Madison County Courthouse in Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against as demanded in the petition.

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

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 11th day of March, 2024.

RONNY LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

PREPARED BY: THANDI WADE, MSB #10464 TATUM & WADE, PLLC P. O. BOX 22688 JACKSON, MS 39225-2688 (601) 948-7770 TWADE42@AOL.COM

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

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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 of and as a 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

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

POSTED: March 7, 2024

PUBLISHED: March 14, 2024, March 21, 2024, March 28, 2024, and April 4, 2024

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 Keshia 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.

SUBMITTED: MADISON COUNTY JOURNAL FOR PUBLICATION ON: Thursday, March 28, 2024 Thursday, April 4, 2024

PROOF OF PUBLICATION TO: Madison County Chancery Clerk PO Box 404 Canton, MS 39046

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHNNY PARKER, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on March 4, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Johnny Parker, 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 13th day of March, 2024. JEFFREY PARKER, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JOHNNY PARKER, DECEASED

PUBLISH 3 TIMES

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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TY, MISSISSIPPI

class=WordSection2> DAILEY INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC PLAINTIFF

VS. CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-312

SUNBURST BANK C/O REGIONS BANK, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF MADISON COUNTY, AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES IN INTEREST OR CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT DEFENDANTS

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SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: SUNBURST BANK C/O REGIONS BANK, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF MADISON COUNTY, AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES IN INTEREST OR CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT DEFENDANTS

Tax Parcel No.'s 072E-21D-064/10.00, 072E-21D-064/11.00 and 072E-21D-064/12.00

Lots 9, 10, and 11, Treasure Bay, Part One, 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 C at Slide 18, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Dailey Investment Group, LLC seeking to Quiet and confirm title in the above-described property. You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Gregory P. Giddens, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 2679 Crane Ridge Drive, Suite A, Jackson, Mississippi 39216.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 4 TH DAY OF APRIL, 2024, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE 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 the seal of said Court, this 26 th day of March, 2024.

RONNY LOTT

CHANCERY CLERK OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

GREGORY P. GIDDENS ATTORNEY AT LAW 2679 CRANE RIDGE DRIVE, SUITE A JACKSON, MS 39216 TELEPHONE: (601) 373-4647 MSB NO. 9356

Publish: April 4, 2024 April 11, 2024 April 18, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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TELMA PEREZ PETITIONER

v. CAUSE NO.: 2024-282 C NELSON CAMPOS RESPONDENT

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: Respondent Nelson Omar Campos Rivera, non-resident of the State of Mississippi, or not to be found therein, and whose residence, post office, and street address are unknown to Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry:

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Telma Idalia Perez Pozo, Petitioner herein, seeking the sole legal and sole physical custody of Nelson Omar Campos Perez, the subject minor herein. There are no other Respondents other than yourself. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 A.M. on the 23 rd day of May, 2024, in the courtroom of the Yazoo County Courthouse, located at Yazoo City, 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.

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 20th day of March, 2024.

Hon. Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk Madison County, Mississippi

BY: Kim Sievers, D.C. Requested By: John B. Hunt, IV, MSB #103847 Hunt Law Firm, PLLC 1640 Leila Dr., Ste. 105 Jackson, MS 39216 Tel: 601-214-3211 email: jack@jhblegal.com

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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Jewish cemetery tour

The Beth Israel congregation and the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson recently joined Sunday afternoon for a guided tour of the Beth Israel Cemetery (1860) across the street from the church at 1390 N State Street. Before everyone walked over to the cemetery for the tour, a brief introduction was presented on the history of the Jewish community in Jackson. The Beth Israel congregation was established in 1860, and The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson was established in 1837. At left is Rabbi Joseph Rosen of Beth Israel. At right is the Rev. Wiley P. Lowry III, minister of teaching and pastoral care at First Presbyterian. Attendees enjoyed a lowry of coffee, dessert, and fellowship at the church after the tour.



Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce Board announced

The 2024 Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, pictured front row from left, are Vice President Tim Magandy, Robot Coupe USA, Inc.; President Cecil Harper, Harper, Rains, Knight & Company, P.A.; Immediate Past President Ray Balentine, Michael Baker International and Treasurer Nicky Cobb, Guaranty Bank & Trust Company. Second row, from left, John Dorsa, State Farm Insurance; Carla Palmer, CPA Realty, LLC and Tom Steadman, Tuxedo Junction (Back) Shawn Cochran, Northpark; Chris Hemphill, C Spire Business; Jay Reber, CenterPoint Energy; Deonte Oscar, Community Bank of Mississippi and Jeremy Rodden, BankPlus - Renaissance.

Photo by David Wiggins, Wiggins & Co. Photography

Claims

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Table with 4 columns: Line Item, Amount, Vendor Name, Description. Includes entries for Madison County Chamber of Other Contractual Service, Nester Debra M., and various utility and maintenance services.

Table with 4 columns: Line Item, Amount, Vendor Name, Description. Includes entries for Net Pay - All Checks, Self Funded Insurance, and various administrative and legal services.

4,771,769.67 Total All Invoices

From 1/7/2024 to 1/20/2024

Table with 4 columns: Claim Number, Invoice Amount, Vendor Name, Description. Includes entries for General County Fund, Fleetcoor Technologies, and various other vendors.

Table with 4 columns: Line Item, Amount, Vendor Name, Description. Includes entries for Payroll Clearing Fund, Fleetcoor Technologies, and various other vendors.

5,405,859.45 Total All Invoices

Williams selected as STAR student

By STAFF REPORTS
news@onlinemadison.com

St. Joseph Catholic School senior Lockard Williams has been named the school's STAR student for the 2023-2024 school year based on his ACT scores and scholastic average.

Williams named Jordan Bauer, St. Joe's Latin teacher, his STAR teacher. Both will be honored at the Mississippi Economic Council's Education Celebration on Thursday, April 4, at the Clyde Muse Center in Pearl.

"We are so proud of Lockard's accomplishments that brought him this recognition," said Dr. Dena Kinsey, principal at St. Joseph Catholic School. "To end his high school career here at St. Joe as a STAR student is incredible. Lockard's achievements prove how much hard work in addition to natural talent pays off."

STAR is an acronym for Student-Teacher Achievement

Recognition.

The award is sponsored by the Mississippi Economic Council, or MEC, the voice of Mississippi businesses since 1949. The MEC, whose roots date back to December 1948, is often referred to as the state Chamber of Commerce.

A student's ACT score and his or her scholastic average are used to determine a school's STAR student. Vickie Powell, a senior MEC vice president, said the STAR program "encourages and promotes academic achievement among Mississippi's high school seniors."

Williams and Bauer will be among more than 550 STAR students and teachers recognized at the MEC Educa-



Lockard Williams



Jordan Bauer

tion Celebration. The top 20 STAR students will receive scholarships and their STAR teachers will receive awards provided by the Kelly Gene Cook Sr. Charitable Foundation.

The highlight of the event: the naming of the Mississippi ALL-STAR Scholar, who will receive the coveted \$24,000 Cook Foundation Scholarship.

"Lockard is an excellent young man who continues to be an outstanding student here at St. Joe," Kinsey said. "His success and academic achievements serve as great examples of the hardworking, dedicated students who make up our school."



McMillan introduces first bill

Freshman Representative Jonathan McMillan (R – Madison) introduced House Bill 1257 to the Mississippi House of Representatives marking his first time speaking from the well in the House Chamber. The bill would clarify the maximum fee permitted for a notary public and authorize certain qualified nonresidents to be commissioned as a notary public. HB 1257 passed 103-15. Representative McMillan's district covers a portion of Madison County. He is the Vice-Chairman of the House Forestry Committee, and he is a member of the following committees: Business and Commerce, Conservation and Water Resources, Energy, Transportation, and Workforce Development



Bondurant serves as Senate Page

Ava Catherine Bondurant of Madison recently served as a page for the Mississippi Senate. Pages generally run errands for officials and Senate staff. Ava is pictured with Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann, who sponsored her visit. Ava is the daughter of Laney McNeer and John Bondurant and attends Jackson Academy.



Henning serves as Senate Page

Marcus Edward Henning of Madison recently served as a page for the Mississippi Senate. Pages generally run errands for officials and Senate staff. Marcus is pictured with Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann who sponsored his visit. Marcus is the son of Edward and Emily Henning and attends Madison Central High School.



Ishee serves as Senate Page

Robert Res Ishee of Ridgeland recently served as a page for the Mississippi Senate. Pages generally run errands for officials and Senate staff. Robert is pictured with Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann and Senator Dennis DeBar, Jr., who sponsored his visit. Robert is the son of Shannon and Kristi Ishee and attends Jackson Preparatory School.



Germantown class visits Capitol

Mississippi State Senators Joseph Thomas and Bradford Blackmon visited last month with the Law and Public Service Academy of Germantown High School on their field trip to the Capitol.

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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

In Christ, you are rich indeed

Revelation 2:8-11 is the letter to the church in Smyrna from the Lord Jesus. He tells the church he knows what they are going through: “I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.”

Economic prosperity came from Rome, and Smyrna was known for honoring the Emperor of Rome. Rome allowed regions under its reign to worship their own gods so long as they didn't rebel against Rome. Judaism was an acceptable religion to Rome. For a time, Christians were seen as connected to Judaism, but in Smyrna it is apparent the Jews had accused Christians of being opposed to Rome.

This happened in other cities as well (see Acts 17 and events in Thessalonica). The effect of this slander in Smyrna was to cause Christians to suffer economic hardship. They might have lost their job or business, been fined, or endured other hardships. They suffered for belonging to Christ.

The Lord tells the church that though they are poor in this world, they are rich spiritually. The apostle Paul said of his own poverty, “As having nothing yet possessing all things.” If we have Christ as our portion, we can never be impoverished in what matters the most. Our chief good will be in the infinite God.

Earthly goods or portions are perishing and left behind when we die. At Christ's right hand are eternal riches. Patrick Henry, the famous patriot in the founding of America, ends his will with a statement about his worldly goods: “This is the poor inheritance I leave to my dear family. But the religion of Christ can give you an inheritance that will make you rich indeed.”

In verse 10, we see that the Lord tells his people in Smyrna that they are going to go through more suffering: “Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life.”

When you hear, “Do not fear,” and then an alert that prison and death may be around the next bend, it isn't easy to not be nervous. The encouragement “Do not fear” is connected to the sovereignty of Christ over the tribulation. He says it is a test, which means it will show the validity of their faith and assure them that they will receive the crown of life, meaning eternal life.

Throughout the New Testament, Christians are taught to value eternity over the present world. Paul described the great afflictions he suffered as “light and momentary in comparison to the eternal weight of glory.”

James said to Christians facing tribulation, “Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life.” Peter says something similar in his first epistle when he tells Christians that their trials are proving the genuineness of their faith which is of more worth than gold which perishes.

To the Christian, genuine faith in Christ and an inheritance of eternal life with Christ is of more worth than the whole world if we could have it. We have a better possession and one that abides forever. If you have forgiveness of your sins in Christ, you are rich indeed.

George Swinnock, a 17th century Christian, knew what it was to face suffering and death for his faith. He writes to other Christians who are facing tribulation, “Make Christ your chief portion. You may receive comfort from this portion in the most afflicted condition. Do men steal your possessions? You have a more enduring substance and are rich toward Christ.

“Do they cast you into prison? Though your body is in chains, you may fly to heaven in meditation and prayer. Do they take away your food? You have food to eat they know not of. Is your body sick? Your soul is sound, so all is well. If your enemies kill you, they cannot hurt you. They do you a kindness by freeing you from your corruptions and sending you to heaven. Blessed are they who die in the Lord. God is our portion - O think of it and take comfort in it.

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WHAT TO DO & WHEN TO DO IT

Tuesday, April 2 • 7:15 A.M.
Junior Diplomat's First Tuesday Members Exchange Federal Credit Union 107 Marketridge Drive

Tuesday, April 2 • 10:30 A.M.
40 Northpark Years of Style Press Conference The Eatery

Friday, April 5 • 11:30 A.M.
Diplomat's First Friday Cock of the Walk 141 Madison Landing Circle

Saturday, April 6 11 A.M. - 7 P.M.
17th Annual Township Jazz Festival The Township at Colony Park

Wednesday, April 10 • 2:00 P.M.
Ribbon Cutting Holiday Inn Express Ridgeland 555 W. Ridgeland Avenue

Tuesday, April 16
Ridgeland Chamber Annual Award's Banquet Country Club of Jackson 345 St. Andrews Drive 6:30 P.M. - Reception 7:00 P.M. - Dinner & Program Call 601-991-9996 for tickets.

Thursday, April 25 • 10:30 A.M.
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Tuesday, April 30 • 10:30 A.M.
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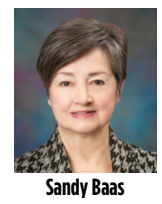
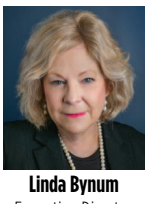
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DIPLOMAT ORIENTATION



Diplomat Orientation was held for the Chamber's 2024 Diplomat Leadership Program at C Spire headquarters. New Diplomats welcomed to the program include, from left, Elaine Maisel, eXp Realty; Alexis Wright, Northpark; Kaitlin Godfrey, Wesley Biblical Seminary; Lakeita Pitts, Origin Bank; Ray Jost, Breland Benefits & Insurance; Diplomat Co-Captain David Broadway, Member's Exchange Federal Credit Union and Sissy Lloyd, Professional Eyecare Associates.



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