

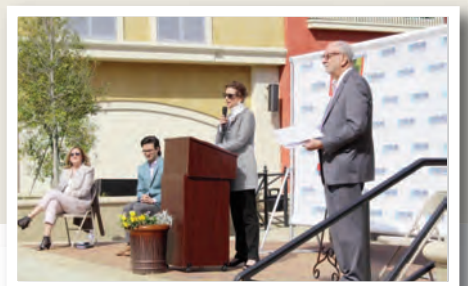


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**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT**

## Madison moving forward on City Hall

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MADISON — The city will use a \$750,000 grant to fund a study to consider renovating the former Madison Central High School building to become the new home of City Hall.

During the Mayor and Board of Aldermen's regular

meeting on March 16, the board approved a request for project funding and a funding grant agreement for the 2020 Madison City Hall and Performing Arts Center Fund in the amount of \$750,000.

"We are in the process of drawing plans for the renovation of the old school, which is the first school in the Madison

County School District and we are converting it," said Mary Hawkins-Butler, Madison mayor. "It is on our downtown square, and we are converting that for City Hall."

Hawkins-Butler said the city has not yet determined how the current City Hall would be used once the project is complete.

The old high school building

is located behind the school's old gym building on Main Street which currently houses the city's performing arts center.

"We have some wonderful plans to announce for the old gym later on, but we were awarded a grant that is funding the plans for both," Hawkins-Butler said.

The new City Hall is part of Phase 1 of an overall development titled Madison at Main, that was unveiled in January 2020. Progress on the development slowed last year due in part to COVID-19.

The development of 17 acres of city property located at the intersection of Main Street and Highway 51 will include a

mix of high-end condominiums, retail shops, a specialty food market and boutique hotel.

The newer and former Madison Station Elementary buildings were torn down last spring for the new development.

Madison at Main is one of a number of developments taking See **CITY HALL**, page A3



Gluckstadt's Hannah Everhart survived the opening round of Hollywood Week on "American Idol" after being paired with Claudia Conway, the daughter of former Trump adviser Kellyanne Conway. Everhart's next episode is scheduled for Sunday, March 28.

## Everhart shines in Hollywood

By **JOHN LEE**  
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Gluckstadt's Hannah Everhart beat the odds during Monday night's Hollywood duets round and moved on to the next round of "American Idol" after performing with Kellyanne Conway's daughter Claudia, who was eliminated.

Everhart sang "Sign of the Times" by Harry Styles with her partner Conway, who is the daughter of Kellyanne Conway, an advisor to

former President Donald J. Trump. Everhart was one of two Madison County "American Idol" contestants this season and both of them made it to the opening Hollywood round.

After Sunday night's Hollywood genre round, however, only Everhart, made it to the duets round which aired Monday night.

Madison County's other "American Idol" contestant, Conner Ball, earned the golden ticket to the Hollywood genre round where he performed but never got any air time on

the show before being eliminated by the judges. (See story, Page 9A.)

Everhart and Conway, who were teamed up by "American Idol" celebrity judges Katy Perry, Luke Bryan and Lionel Richie, did not seem like the ideal pairing at first, but after getting together and rehearsing, they put on a performance that received a huge round of applause in front of the celebrity judges.

"I was hoping to get paired with an older person. I do get along with

people my age, but it's hard finding common ground with them," Everhart said. "But this is a week where you have to live in the now and go with the flow. You stress yourself out if you think too far ahead."

Perry observed Everhart and Conway's rehearsal for the duet and told Conway that she had a more raspy kind of voice, while Everhart had a "big ole' voice," and to be mindful not to overshadow each other.

Perry said the key thing she

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**SUBDIVISIONS**

## County to start \$1.8M of work on 21 roads

By **SCOTT HAWKINS**  
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Work should begin soon on resurfacing 21 streets in rural and suburban Madison County after the Board of Supervisors awarded a \$1.8 million contract to ADCAMP Inc.

Madison County Engineer Tim Bryan told supervisors last week the contractor plans to begin the work soon.

"We hope to get started within the next month and they have got five months to complete it," Bryan said.

County streets included in the countywide roadway resurfacing project are Clarkdell Rd/Clarkdell Extension, Green Oak Lane, Old Rice Road, Quail Hollow, Devlin Springs Drive, Deer Creek Drive, Deer Creek Cove, Springwater Cove, S. Branch Street, N. Branch Street, Clear Creek Street, Devlin Drive, Woodridge Drive, Oak Grove, Cedar Creek Drive, Caroline Boulevard, Stokes Road, Cedar Green Drive, Kings Crossing, Richmond Way and Knotting Hill Place.

Bryan told supervisors at a regular meeting last Monday that the county received several bids on the project and ADCAMP Inc.'s bid was the lowest.

"I ask that you award that contract and allow the board president to sign the contract when it is returned," Bryan said.

Bryan told supervisors the ADCAMP Inc. bid saved the county \$3 per ton of asphalt with a total of 17,000 tons for a total of \$51,000 in savings over the previous contract.

In other matters during last Monday's Madison County Board of Supervisors meeting,

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**DOWNTOWN MADISON**

## Burgers Blues Barbecue opening in May

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MADISON — A local burger joint plans to open its second location here on Main Street.

The former Burgers and Blues in Ridgeland had moved to Rankin County late last year but is coming back to Madison County with a new name, Burgers Blues Barbecue, in the old Lyles Family Cleaners downtown, 2077 Main Street.

Owners Steven and Abby Sahler are sanding walls and getting the building ready for an anticipated May opening.

"We are in the process of building the location out," Steven Sahler said. "We are sanding walls and getting the plumbing and electrical stuff

installed."

Sahler said they aim to open in May. He said that the Madison location has been in the works for about a year.

"If everything goes well," Sahler said. "It really depends on the shipping of our equipment and lumber and stuff like that. I just got a call that our walk-in might not be delivered when it is supposed to. We are going to do everything we possibly can to be open by May though."

Sahler said they will be offering breakfast, lunch and dinner when they open.

The building on Main Street has housed the cleaners and the Post Office at one time, according to Sahler.

Sahler said that this will be

their second location. He said they closed their Ridgeland location in late November and moved to Brandon on Dec. 1.

Sahler said the restaurant originally opened in 2010 and will be 11 years old next month.

In 2011, Travel Channel's "Man V. Food" filmed an episode at the Ridgeland restaurant.

Sahler said that they no longer offer the challenge featured in the episode but have considered bringing it back.

At the time it was called The Whammy Challenge.

It gave one customer 30 minutes to down a burger comprised of three one-pound "fully loaded" patties, a basket of French fries and an IBC root beer float.



Burgers Blues Barbecue, formerly known as Burgers and Blues, has a tentative opening in May in downtown Madison on Main Street.





# Ridgeland re-brands spring festival at Renaissance

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RIDGELAND — As outdoor activities begin to return statewide, officials here say they are looking forward to an art and wine festival slated for late April and early May.

The Ridgeland Tourism Commission, the city of Ridgeland and The Memory Impairment and Neurodegenerative Dementia Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center announced Art, Wine and Wheels will take place April 30 through May 2 at the Renaissance at Colony Park.

Ridgeland Tourism Commission Executive Director Chris Chapman that they will be launching the weekend with a rebranding. She said the weekend includes the Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival hosted by the Ridgeland Tourism Commission and the Natchez Trace Century Ride hosted and put on by the city. The Sante South Wine Festival benefiting The MIND Center UMMC has been postponed until 2022, but will also have a presence that weekend in the form of sam-

pling kiosks sponsored by the event.

“We are so excited to not only unveil a new look for the weekend but to also be one of the first returning festivals in the state this year,” Chapman said. “We look forward to safely welcoming both visitors and locals to enjoy the best Ridgeland has to offer — all in one weekend.”

The weekend was announced Tuesday, March 9, at a press conference that included Ridgeland Mayor Gene F. McGee, Chapman and others.

“Over the last 12 years, this all-encompassing weekend in Ridgeland has grown to include fine arts and wine festivals with live music and great food, a 5K race and a bicycle ride that brings in hundreds of folks from all over the U.S.,” McGee said. “This is a wonderful event for the city of Ridgeland and offers such a variety of activities for people of all ages.”

Visit Ridgeland Director of Marketing & PR Savannah Tierney said that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic,



Ridgeland officials recently announced the rebranding of a festival weekend to Art, Wine and Wheels April 30-May 2. Pictured, left to right, are Denise Lafferty, The MIND Center UMMC; TJ Harvey, The MIND Center UMMC; Chris Chapman, Ridgeland Tourism Commission; and Ridgeland Mayor Gene F. McGee.

event partners are focused on safety. She said this comes with some changes. All events will be outdoors and socially distanced and masks, though not mandatory, will be encouraged

and provided.

“The city of Ridgeland follows state guidelines, so masks will not be mandatory, but are encouraged,” she said. “We will be providing masks and

hand sanitizer throughout the festival for whoever may be in need. We also have an amply spaced and open-air footprint to ensure social distancing is maintained.”

The arts festival portion has been around for about 12 years and has often been accompanied by other events, such as the Century Ride. Tierney said the event has attracted thousands of people from all over the United States.

New outdoor activities will include a kick-off party and concert on that Friday night, a pups park and food trucks. Live music for the kick-off party will be provided by Dr. Zarr’s Amazing Funk Monster Band on April 30, marking the first time the event will start on a Friday evening.

Tierney said that the Sante South Sampling Palate kiosks will have a presence during the Ridgeland Fine Arts Fest, the kiosks are a part of the Sante South Wine Festival benefiting the MIND Center at UMMC as the organization has partnered with Alzheimer’s Mississippi. SSWF is currently postponed until 2022.

“After the year we’ve had, we look forward to getting outside and celebrating the best Ridgeland has to offer,” Tierney said.

# A million Mississippians have received COVID vaccine

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As of Monday, Mississippi had administered a million COVID-19 vaccination shots, Gov. Tate Reeves announced.

Of those one million shots, 57,513 were administered in Madison County, according to the Mississippi State Department of Health’s Wednesday COVID-19 report. That number was up 7,579 from last week’s 49,934 total.

The MSDH vaccination report does not distinguish the county of residence of the people receiving the vaccines so all of those vaccines may not have been administered to people who are residents of Madison County.

Vaccines are currently available for all Mississippians age 16 and older and are available at the Walmart locations in Canton and Madison. Go to <https://msdh.ms.gov/c19appointment/#local> to check avail-

ability.

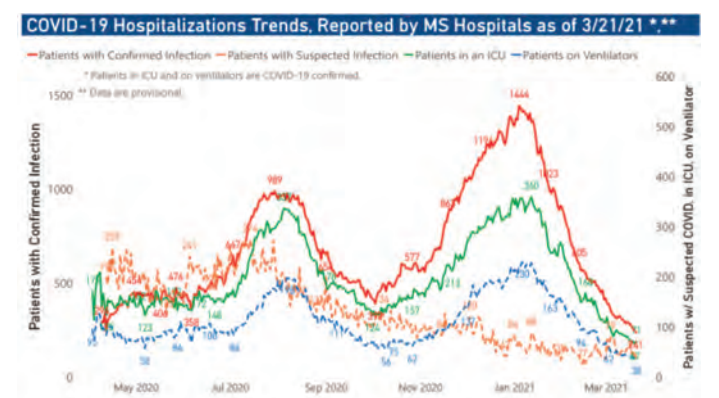
Vaccinations also are currently being administered by appointment in Madison County at Canton High School, 634 Finney Road in Canton on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Sign up online at [covidvaccine.umc.edu](http://covidvaccine.umc.edu) or call 1-877-978-6453. The website is the best option, officials have said.

Madison County has recorded 9,757 COVID-19 cases, up 76 cases from 9,681 in last week’s report, and 207 COVID-19 deaths, up one from last week’s report, since the

pandemic began last March, according to MSDH statistics released Wednesday.

In total, Mississippi has recorded 186,684 confirmed cases and 116,941 probable cases for a total of 303,625 COVID-19 cases and 6,981 deaths since the start of the pandemic last March.

Madison-Ridgeland Academy was the only school to report COVID-19 information to MSDH for the March 19 school report. MRA has recorded 32 positive COVID-19 cases since January.



COVID-19 hospitalizations and trends throughout Mississippi continue to be on a steep decline since its highest numbers this past winter.

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**Roads**

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supervisors:

- Held public hearings on tax matters for two properties at which no one appeared to dispute the tax matters and the board unanimously approved the tax assessor's recommendations on the properties.
- Unanimously agreed to renew a Mississippi Association of Supervisors Insurance Trust policy with Brian Johnson, Fisher Brown Bottrell for an annual contribution of \$756,944.53.
- Unanimously agreed to pay no more than \$15,000 for Stantec Consulting Services Inc. to conduct a conceptual layout and opinion of probable cost for the intersection of Stripling Road at Mississippi 463 where a school will be located. Supervisors said they would ask the school board, state to help with the overall costs.
- Unanimously agreed to award a contract to Mendrop Engineering Resources, LL. for a sum not to exceed \$34,868 to provide CE&I services for the Way Road and Banks Road Culvert Replacement Project.
- Unanimously adopted a countywide drug testing policy for Madison County employees but not elected officials' offices, which will independently consider their own testing policies. The only county employees not included in the county drug testing policy are employees of the Geographical Information Department.

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A rendering shows what Madison at Main will look like once completed.

## City Hall

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place in the heart of Madison. In 2019, The Village at Madison, an 18-acre development

located off Main Street and Crawford Street was announced.

To date, the Half Shell Oyster House has been built and opened while construction on 37 houses and nine townhouses is underway.

Also under development is

The Magnolia District, a 71,000 square-foot development in central downtown Madison that will feature luxury retail, fine dining and professional office space. The Magnolia District will be adjacent to the Madison at Main development.

## Idol

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would be looking for in the performance was teamwork. Since they're both on the same ship, it's either going to float or sink, Perry said.

"Claudia needs to shine, too. That's what I want," Everhart said. "This is a duet, and I know that on the 'together' parts we've got it. I just want her to push herself."

The time for the duet arrived, and Everhart took the stage with Conway. When the duet was finished, the judges huddled together to reach a decision on who would be moving forward.

Bryan said he felt Everhart carried most of the load

throughout the performance, and he wished there had been more time for each of the singers to shine instead of mostly harmonizing throughout the song.

Perry noted that she felt Everhart could have done better and agreed with Bryan that harmonizing too much is what brought them both down, since there wasn't enough space for both of them to shine. Richie simply said "in the great words of Elvis...it's now or never."

Perry delivered the final verdict, and announced Everhart would be moving to the next round.

"Hannah, you come from a town of about 1,200 or less," Perry said. "Everyone knows you're here. Don't let them down. You're going to the next round."

Everhart and Conway parted ways after the judging, and

Conway commented that she was incredibly proud of Everhart and she will be cheering for her. "You could win this thing," she said to Everhart.

"It was wonderful working with you and I appreciate your support for me through it," Everhart told Conway.

"You're a really wonderful person and I wish you the best of luck on whatever route you take."

Everhart said she plans to FedEx a chicken to Conway. "Do you want it dead or alive?"

"Surprise me," Conway said.

Everhart is the daughter of David and Nekia Everhart of Gluckstadt.

Tune in to "American Idol" on ABC to watch Everhart's next episode on Sunday, March 28.

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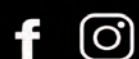
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### EDITORIALS

## Dems undermine Iowa vote

House Democrats seem determined to overturn the results of a fair and free election that wasn't decided in their favor.

Last week, Iowa Democrat Rita Hart officially contested Iowa's Second Congressional District election, asking the U.S. House of Representatives to disregard the state's election officials and redo the ballot count.

Republican Mariannette Miller-Meeks narrowly won the contest — which was certified by the state last month — by six votes. Every ballot was counted in accordance with Iowa law, went into a recount and was approved unanimously by a bipartisan board.

Mrs. Hart argues there are "at least" 22 lawful ballots that were left out of the count and has requested a "hand recount of every ballot" overseen by the House of Representatives to prove her point and unseat Mrs. Miller-Meeks.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi — who is presiding over one of the slimmest House majorities in decades — was all too happy to oblige. This coming from a woman who slammed former President Donald J. Trump's lawsuits contesting election results in several states as trying to "overturn the will of millions of American voters."

The last time a seated House member was overturned by the House was in 1985 in Indiana's "bloody eighth." The time before that was in 1938 — in both instances Democrats were in control of the House.

In Iowa's case, Mrs. Hart is clearly trying to upend Iowa state election law. As Mrs. Miller-Meek's team has argued, Mrs. Hart could've contested the result in December before a special Iowa court

with the purpose of resolving contested elections but declined to. She waited until Mrs. Pelosi was in full control, to take her case directly to the partisan majority.

Last week, Democrats in the House sided with Mrs. Hart and suspended Mrs. Miller-Meek's move to dismiss. Mrs. Pelosi defended the decision over the weekend reiterating the House has the power to seat its members and that an investigation would proceed.

So now, Mrs. Pelosi — not the voters in Iowa — will be making the rules. Even though Mrs. Miller-Meeks is a legally elected representative, she will be forced to defend her position. Instead of being litigated by an Iowa court — which is fluent in Iowa's ballot signatures and seals — it will be partisan Democrats in Washington determining what votes are lawful or unlawful.

"States should rule their election, voters in that state should decide who represents them," Mrs. Miller-Meeks told Fox News on Friday. "This is a process where they want to go against the laws of our state, the election laws of our state, against the voters of our state, and to determine who they want to seat in Congress."

Democrats only care about defending "free and fair" elections when they win. This naked power play in Iowa demonstrates they have no reservations whatsoever in undermining state certified election results if it's in their political interest to do so.

The move will only ratchet up political divisiveness and further erode confidence in our electoral system.

— *The Washington Times*

## The war against Tucker

Tucker Carlson noted recently on his eponymous show that the U.S. military seemed to be excessively concerned with retention of the women in military, right down to the creation of a maternity flight suit. He counterposed that to China, whose Dear Leader recently emphasized the necessity of having masculine males to better serve the Middle Kingdom.

In response, the next day the military rolled out a batch of senior leaders to carpet bomb Mr. Carlson.

That was remarkable for a couple of reasons.

First, it is the only time in recent memory that the Pentagon decided to engage in political back and forth with a television show host. The overkill suggests a band of warriors that may be compensating about the extent to which the military is accommodating those who identify as women.

Second, it opens up a larger question. Why should anyone trust the officer corps and the careerists of the U.S. military, especially when they are reduced to political grandstanding?

Duckworth, Hirono back off ultimatum on nominees over AAPI representation

The simple fact is that the United States has not won a shooting war in more than 75 years. No one in charge of the Pentagon right now has ever won a war; why should we rely on them when they assure us that the force they have constructed is capable of prevailing in any conflict?

To be sure, a great deal of the military's inability to win a war can be laid at the feet of incompetent and indifferent civilian leadership. But it is also a result of the officer corps' willingness to look the other way as we have wandered into conflicts that we had no intention of winning.

For many officers, wars result in career advancement. As a practical matter, that means that officers have built-in conflicts of interest.

Even now, after 20 years of war, the officer corps steadfastly resists efforts to reduce our pointless and maybe even damaging military presence in Afghanistan and elsewhere in the Middle East. Generals are always fighting the last war. That doesn't mean the rest of us should.

We take a back seat to no one in our admiration for the fighting spirit and bravery of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and guardians. But it is a disservice to them and to all of us to pretend that the Department of Defense has done its job well over the last 75 years. It is a disservice to them to imagine that the armed forces haven't become compromised by politics.

The fearless assault on an American television show host shows that DoD can still attack when provoked. We're happy to see that. We'd be happier to see them focus on winning wars with our actual adversaries.

— *The Washington Times*

### PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

## Biden creating his own crises

Our mainstream media largely ignored it, the world media did not.

Ascending the stairs of Air Force One on Friday, to fly to Georgia, President Joe Biden slipped and stumbled. Getting up, he slipped again and then fell. The scene was jolting and disquieting.

Adversaries abroad will use it as a metaphor for the decline of the last superpower to emerge from the Cold War.

And while our major media may scoff at it, there is talk all over this town about what appears to be the visibly declining physical and mental capacity of this oldest of American presidents at 78.

Biden's press conference this coming Thursday — after the longest delay before a first full presidential press conference since Cal Coolidge — will be as closely monitored as Ronald Reagan's second debate in 1984, after he seemed to suffer a mental lapse in his first debate with Fritz Mondale.

But now, after his legislative triumph with the enactment of his \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan, Joe Biden has some new problems, all of his own making.

The COVID-19 pandemic he inherited, as Nixon inherited Vietnam in 1969. But Biden and the nation were fortunate in that, by the time he took the oath, two vaccines had been approved and the shots were being given to Americans at a rate of a million doses a day.

The new crisis on America's border, however, with record numbers of children, teenagers and families arriving and asking for asylum, is almost entirely Biden's doing.

By trashing Donald Trump's border controls as inhumane and promising a more compassionate policy, Biden sent word to Central and South America and the world that the U.S. borders were open again. The result is what we see nightly on TV: Migrants crossing over into the USA in record numbers, with no end in sight.

What Gov. Andrew Cuomo

*Crisis on the border, with record numbers of children, teenagers and families arriving and asking for asylum, is almost entirely Biden's doing.*

did to the nursing homes of New York — send COVID-positive patients back into them — Biden is doing to the USA.

Of the thousands of illegal immigrants entering our country daily, few are tested for COVID-19 before being moved into the American heartland, carrying the infection with them.

How do you control a pandemic when our 2,000-mile southern border is a crossing corridor for thousands of infected every single day?

Biden's people call this a "challenge." But for the country, which seemed to be pulling out of the pandemic, it is a medical and security emergency and a national crisis.

Yet, it is not only on the domestic front that Biden and his people have created for themselves new and unnecessary crises.

Biden is only two months into his presidency but already has brought U.S.-China relations to the lowest level since the Tiananmen Square massacre of 1989. And he has brought U.S.-Russian relations to the lowest level since Nikita Khrushchev blew up the Paris summit of May 1960 over President Eisenhower's refusal to apologize for the U-2 spy flight over Russia that the Soviets had shot down.

Biden is himself responsible for the poisoned relations with Russia, after telling ABC that, yes, Vladimir Putin is "a killer" whom he once told to his face that he had no "soul."

In chilling relations with China, Secretary of State Antony Blinken has played the lead role.

Before taking office,

Blinken publicly charged the Chinese government with "genocide" in its treatment of the Uighurs. He then opened the two-day Anchorage meeting with a two-minute indictment of China for its actions in Xinjiang, Hong Kong and Taiwan — and got back a blistering 20-minute Chinese counterattack. The thrust of Beijing's response:

Xinjiang, Tibet and Hong Kong are Chinese national territories, and how we rule there is none of America's business. Nor do you Americans have any superior moral claim or right to sit in judgment on us, given your own record with indigenous peoples and Black Americans.

Nor do you have any right to impose your democracy or values on us, when we prefer our system and our values. As for your claim to define for the world the so-called rules-based international order, we reject that, too, and intend to erect an order based upon our interests and our values.

So, stop trying to impose your democracy on us or the rest of the world which may not want it. The U.S. delegation can speak for the United States. It does not speak for the world, much of which openly rejects it.

By calling Vladimir Putin a "killer," Biden seems to have aborted the kind of summitry with Moscow in which Presidents Eisenhower, Nixon, Reagan and Bush I engaged during the Cold War when the Soviet Union was a far more menacing and hostile power than Putin's Russia is today.

From Biden's behavior in his first 60 days, we already seem fated to endure years more of deepening Cold War with Russia and China.

To what end this Biden-Blinken in-your-face diplomacy?

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### RICH LOWRY

## Dems would regret nuking the filibuster

There's nothing that ails Joe Biden's agenda, we are supposed to believe, that ending the filibuster wouldn't fix.

President Joe Biden showed a little leg on changing the filibuster in an ABC News interview, while almost every Senate Democrat wants to ditch it. Even Joe Manchin of West Virginia, who still supports the filibuster, said a couple of weeks ago that resorting to it should be more "painful."

Senate Democrats probably remain a few votes shy of really being able to trash the filibuster, which would require the support of every Democrat (plus Vice President Kamala Harris as the 51st vote), but they are steadily talking themselves into curtailing or abolishing the filibuster as a political and moral necessity.

This would be a mistake, both for the institution of the Senate and for the narrow partisan interests of the Democrats.

One would think that the experience that the party had the last time it took a hatchet to the filibuster would warn it off any repeat.

In 2013, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid blew up the filibuster for most presidential nominations. No longer would it take a cloture vote passed with the support of 60 senators to confirm nominees, rather a simple majority. Reid did this against the warnings of then-Minority Leader Mitch McConnell because he and the Democrats had worked themselves into a lather to confirm President Barack Obama's nominees to the D.C. Circuit Court of

*A mistake, both for the institution of the Senate and for narrow partisan interests of the Democrats.*

Appeals.

It's a cliché for senators who support the filibuster to say that control of the body inevitably changes, but it's true. Today's triumphant, inflamed majority tempted to ditch the filibuster is tomorrow's embattled, desperate minority using it to wield influence that it otherwise wouldn't have.

Three years after Reid's move, McConnell was using it to render Democrats bystanders as he transformed the federal judiciary. President Donald Trump got about as many nominees on federal appellate courts in four years as Obama did in eight.

Democrats, including Chuck Schumer, said they regretted what Reid had done, although Schumer has now apparently gotten over it.

If the rules around the filibuster have changed over time, the basic practice dates from the beginning of the Senate. The tactic got its name in the mid-19th century and has remained part of the identity of the Senate ever since.

There is now an effort to brand the filibuster as inherently an instrument of hatred and repression. The filibusters of civil-rights legislation in the mid-20th century are justly notorious, but the tactic has often been used to progressive ends, most recently thwarting as much of Trump's legisla-

tive agenda as possible.

Back in 2017, more than 30 Senate Democrats, including Kamala Harris, signed a letter urging the tactic be preserved. Of course, Biden himself has long favored it. As late as last year, he was saying that ending the filibuster would be "a very dangerous move."

Democrats have changed their tune now, obviously, because they control the Senate. But the timing still isn't propitious for them. It's not as though the Democrats have a robust majority. They have the slightest advantage, thanks to Harris, in a 50-50 Senate. An unexpected retirement or illness could put their control in jeopardy, and it's hardly a guarantee they will hold the majority after 2022.

Even if they ended the filibuster tomorrow, it's not clear that their most prized priorities, like the H.R. 1 voting bill, could even get 50 votes to pass.

Biden and Manchin are flirting with the idea of restoring the "talking filibuster," which would require senators to hold the floor to keep up a filibuster. This makes even less sense. A return to the talking filibuster would allow Republicans to eat up more of the Senate's time and soak up cable TV and social media attention in the bargain.

Despite all of this, Democrats may eventually persuade themselves to move against the filibuster anyway — and, once again, experience momentary satisfaction and lasting regret.

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### LETTERS

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### BIBLE SELECTION

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

— **Ephesians 6:10-11 (ESV)**



## OBITUARIES

### Brian Quayle

Brian Quayle, 47, went to his heavenly home on Wednesday, March 17, 2021. A memorial service was Monday, March 22, at Natchez Trace Funeral Home in Madison, with visitation at 11 a.m. Burial followed at Farmhaven Baptist Church in Canton.

Brian was born on Feb. 26, 1974, in Jackson, Mississippi, to Mike and Janet Quayle. He graduated from Jackson Academy, attended Holmes Community College and graduated from the Police



Brian Quayle

Academy. He was dedicated to law enforcement, serving as an officer for Ridgeland, Canton and Reservoir police departments and the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

A gentle giant, Brian was hard-working and strong, yet also kind and tender-hearted. He loved his family and spending time outdoors. He never met a stranger and was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. Brian was also a tireless volunteer at Canton Academy, his

daughter's school. Anyone who attended a Panther sporting event was sure to see Brian working hard with a smile at the grill or in the concession stand.

Survivors include his wife, Brandee; son, Austin; daughter, Raleigh; his parents, Mike and Janet Quayle; his sister Kerri Hawkins (Rusty); his nephew, Russell Hawkins; and niece, Eliza Hawkins.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Farmhaven Baptist Church, 420 Pat Luckett Rd., Canton, MS 39046.

### Amanda Baker

Amanda Jane Baker, aged 61, of Madison passed away peacefully at home March 9th, 2021 in the company of her beloved husband Joseph (Joe) Maxey Baker, and sister Gina Patricia Stead.

Amanda Jane (also known as Mandy or Lala to her UK family and AJ to her US family) was born on June 20th, 1959 in Manchester, England, the second of 4 daughters for Norman Frederick (Slim) Lydon and Margaret Patricia (Pat) Lomas. Mandy spent her first 40 years living in the UK, travelling extensively and building a career in Public Relations and Event Management.

She then met her soulmate Joe, they married on April 22, 2000 at ST. Matthew's United

Methodist Church, Madison, MS, and 'AJ' moved to Biloxi, MS to be with him and his three beautiful daughters. For the last 4.5 years of her wonderful, joyous life, AJ battled stage 4 pancreatic cancer. She became a strong advocate for pancreatic cancer awareness and supported many new acquaintances on pancreatic cancer support sites through difficult times.

She is preceded in death by her father Slim, and Joe's parents Joseph M. and Blanche Baker, Sr.

She is survived by her husband Joe, daughters Jacqueline (Zach) Lewis, Jenna Marie Baker, and Jane-Claire (Dwight) Davison, her mother Pat, her sisters Margaret, Wendy and Gina (Andrew),

her nephews Neil (Stacey), James and Sam, her niece Gabi (Liam), her grandchildren Cade and Eliza Lewis and Preston Davison, her great nephews and nieces Callum, Keelan, Kadi, Alesha, Kenzie, Junior and Ollie, and many much-loved aunts, uncles and cousins. The Celebration of Life ceremony was held March 21, 2021 at ST. Matthew's United Methodist Church. Interment was in Natchez Trace Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial donations in her name be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PANCAN) at [www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org) or if in the UK, the Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund at [www.justgiving.com/pancreaticcancer](http://www.justgiving.com/pancreaticcancer).

### Andrew Taylor DeLong

Services for Andrew Taylor DeLong, 22, of Madison, Mississippi, were held at Parkway Funeral Home on March 22, 2021. Taylor passed away on March 15, 2021.

Taylor was born in Flowood, Mississippi on February 26, 1999, and spent most of his life in Madison, before living in Austin, Texas.

Growing up, Taylor loved

his church and was active in the youth group at Madison United Methodist Church. He spent many years as a Cub Scout, Webelo and Boy Scout, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 15.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Fred Cole DeLong, Jr. Taylor is survived by his parents, Cole and Amy Shannon DeLong of Madison, MS; his grandparents, John and Norma

DeLong Richards of Madison, MS; Garner and Toni Bell Shannon of Belzoni, MS; and Gene and Pat Shannon Layton of Lithia, FL; his longtime girlfriend Ava Erickson of Austin, TX; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Memorials be made to Old Friends Senior Dog Sanctuary <https://ofsd.org/tributes/>

## BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

# A letter to the saints in Christ

Please turn to Colossians 1:1-2. The book of Colossians is about the incomparable, soul-sufficient, and sovereign Christ, in whom is everything that we need as Christians. The gospel of Jesus Christ was not brought to the Colossians directly by Paul. Instead, Paul tells us that the faithful man, Epaphras, had come to the Colossians with the word of truth. Epaphras had heard the preaching of the gospel by the Apostle Paul in Ephesus, and took back that gospel to the Colossians. It is eventually through Epaphras that Paul learns that there are new false teachers in Colossae who are confusing young converts by teaching a mixture of Christian truths with Jewish and even pagan beliefs and practices. And so the Apostle Paul is writing to combat this error by pressing home the truth of the sole sufficiency of Christ and his saving work, and that faith in him necessarily rules out reliance on anything outside of him. With these things in mind, the Apostle Paul sets forth six key points in this passage. First, he wants us to see that Christians receive Scripture as authoritative in all matters of faith and life. Secondly, Christians are chosen by God, set apart, and dedicated to being His own people. Thirdly, Christians, in response to God's initiative, are faithful or loyal to their calling. Fourthly, Christians, in virtue of their relation to God, are all brethren. Fifthly, Christians are recipients of God's unmerited favor. Sixthly and finally, Christians, in virtue of God's grace, enjoy an inner peace with God.

**I. Christians Receive Scripture As Authoritative In All Matters Of Faith And Life.**

In verses 1-2, the Apostle Paul is giving a salutation to the Church, but it is not just a polite ritual. Paul has significant content in that greeting meant to minister to the souls in Colossae. In this brief greeting, Paul sets forth a claim about himself and this claim begins with an assertion of Paul's authority. He is an Apostle of Jesus Christ. He comes with decisive directions and truths. The Apostle Paul is laying forth a foundation for the Colossians to receive the Word of God, which he is going to preach to them, and so he emphasizes that he is an Apostle by the will of God. This reminds us of the

importance of the authority of Scripture in our own experience. Scripture is self-evidently true. Scripture shows forth itself to be what it claims to be which is the Word of God. And it is our job to receive it. That is part of Paul's first claim. He is setting forth very clearly the fact that he is an authority. The words that he is writing are Scripture and the Colossians are to receive it.

**II. Christians Are Chosen By God, Set Apart, And Dedicated To Be His Own People.**

In verse 2, when Paul writes "To the saints at Colossae", he is not referring to those most extraordinarily holy people who are members of that congregation. Instead, Paul is referring to all the members of the congregation. Those whom God has chosen for Himself. Those who have been set apart by God for his own people. This relationship to God is underscored by the word "saints." God did not choose Israel because they were the greatest, for they were the least. Deuteronomy 7 tells us that He did not choose Israel for anything in them, but because He loved them. He chose them to be a peculiar people, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation. You see this is the truth of our sainthood and God's electing love. He has sought us out. Before we came to Him, He came to us. Those who are in Christ, and those only, are saints.

**III. Christians, In Response To God's Initiative, Are Faithful Or Loyal To Their Calling.**

We also see in verse 2 that Paul writes to the "faithful brethren at Colossae." Christians, in response to God's initiative and love, are faithful or loyal to their calling. This word from Paul is an encouragement to faithfulness and obedience. We have been made to be the true Israel. We have been chosen by God and now, as we have been dedicated by God, we are to be loyal to God. In light of this truth, we must ask ourselves, "Do we reflect that reality in our own experience? Is faithfulness something by which we are characterized? Is God our priority?"

**IV. Christians, In Virtue Of Their Relation To God, Are Now All Brethren.**

Another thing that we notice in verse 2 is that Christians, in virtue of their relation to God, are brethren which is a com-

mon New Testament term for Christian. When he calls the Colossians "brethren", he is calling out to the unity and community of believers. We are to be united in mutual love, mutual ministry, and fellowship. We are to share life together, which means mutual involvement in all our losses and crosses, and in all our trials and our triumphs. Do we reflect those realities in our experience? Can we look back and say, "I know what it is to love my brothers and I know what it is to respond in loyalty to God." That is the description that Paul gives of what a Christian is to these Colossians.

**V. Christians Are Recipients Of God's Unmerited Favor.**

Paul pronounces a blessing, a benediction, on the Colossian Christians. He writes, "Grace to you". That grace, of course, refers to God's favor towards us. God's grace is undeserved and it is despite our demerit. The use of that word in this salutation is much more than a simple greeting. It is a prayer that these Colossians might enjoy the blessing of God Himself, that they might see the face of God and commune with Him. Do you know what it is to be favored by God, and to be brought into the sweetness of fellowship with Him?

**VI. Christians, In Virtue Of God's Grace, Enjoy An Inner Peace With God.**

The "peace from God our Father" in verse 2 is a peace that first knows that you have been brought into right relationship to God by trusting in Jesus Christ. It is a peace which keeps us through the trials of life because it is a peace not brought to us by circumstances but in spite of circumstances. Do you know what it is to have the benediction of God pronounced on your soul? Oh, my friends, if you do not have that peace, I plead with you to go to Christ. He awaits with arms open to receive any who will come to him. And for fellow Christians, may the Spirit bring these truths to forceful remembrance in our lives, that we might walk in the security and the holiness that we are called to by God.

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## Kingdom of God set up in our hearts

The gospel is often set forth in that phrase, "the kingdom of God." The kingdom of God is set up in our hearts, the kingdom of the Spirit of grace where Christ prevails over us to set us free from the law of sin and death, the tyranny of the devil, and corruption of the world.

In this passage we see the blessedness of those who enter the kingdom of God. The power of the kingdom of God is displayed in the "signs and wonders" done by the hands of the apostles among the people (verse 12).

People are being healed from all manner of sickness and those afflicted with unclean spirits (verse 16). These Acts of the Apostles are in the context of men in this world suffering bodily and spiritual afflictions due to sin. Men are in need of what only God can do. The kingdom of God comes to us in the midst of our misery.

The miracles are signs that instruct us and direct us. These signs are meant to point us to the power of God for salvation. God is able to deliver us from sickness and death. In Christ, God delivers us from the root of all our misery; our estrangement from God.

The apostles are doing the same miracles that the Lord Jesus did in his ministry. And the now exalted Lord Jesus is behind these miracles. He is doing them through his apostles. Jesus did miracles and told people, "Come unto me." The apostles are doing miracles but not saying, "Come unto me." Rather, they are preaching the gospel, and saying "Come unto the Lord Jesus Christ."

The miracles emphasize our need of bodily and spiritual healing. Only Christ can grant this salvation, and so we must listen to him. The apostles didn't point to the miracles as an end in themselves, but taught the truth of Christ, of his person and work; the good news of the kingdom of God in connection to these things.

Miracles are not sufficient to prompt one to unite himself to Christ. We see some people were fearful of joining the believers, while others were being added to the church (verses 13-14). Those who dared not join the church nev-

ertheless were impressed (verse 13).

There were various reasons why the people were afraid to join the believers. They knew of the sudden deaths of Ananias and Sapphira. They were also aware of the threats the rulers had made to the apostles. Their refusal to join was a fear of losing their lives, not just fear of death, but their way of life. They chose to stay as they were.

Peter and the other apostles taught very plainly. They proclaimed Jesus of Nazareth as the promised Christ of the Old Testament prophets. He had been crucified according to the set plan and will of God. He was raised from the dead. He ascended to the throne of God. There is forgiveness of sins in his name and eternal life. But there is no salvation possible in any other way or any other name.

Jesus had also taught very clearly what was at stake in responding to his appeal to come to him. He had said it does a man no good to gain the whole world and lose his soul. He also said you must lose your life for his sake, and that whoever believed in him would have everlasting life. Those who refused would die in their sin and perish.

So it is obvious those who didn't come to him did not believe what he said or what his apostles said about him. They saw no worth in Christ or his words to come to him. They admired from a distance some of what he said, and the power of his miracles. They were almost Christians.

You can't be double-minded and come to Christ. What we love carries the soul where it goes. It will carry us to earth if we are earthly and to heaven if we are heavenly. We have sin and corruption in our being. Only Christ can cure that; without him, there is coming destruction.

He alone can give light to your soul, life from the dead, pardon of sin, peace with God, a robe of righteousness, joy of the Holy Spirit, adoption by God, a title to heaven, eternal life, and countless other riches of his grace. He came that we may have life. He is too good to refuse.

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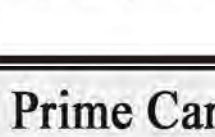
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### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE: THE ESTATE OF TERRY BRADFORD BECKHAM, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2019-10-W NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Terry Bradford Beckham, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of September, 2019, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi in Civil Action File No. 2019-10, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have such claims probated and registered by the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred. Executed on this 10th day of September, 2019./s/ Lindsey Creed Beckham/Lindsey Creed Beckham, Administratrix/John W. Christopher, MSB #6100/Christopher Law Office, PLLC/313 Kingsbridge Road/Madison, MS. 39110/Telephone: (601)259-5287/john@christopherlaw.com/Publish: 3/11/21, 3/18/21 & 3/25/21

### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI JILL NORRIS PETITIONER VS. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES NORRIS, JR., DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES NORRIS, III, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JULIUS NORRIS DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LENARD PAUL NORRIS, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF SHIRL ANNE REEVES-NORRIS, DECEASED; JAMES "JAMEY" NORRIS, IV; CORRETTA JEANE NORRIS; DENISE L. NORRIS; RYAN NORRIS; AND CHEMIN MILLER RESPONDENTS CAUSE NO.: 21-42C SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: The Testate and/or Intestate Beneficiaries/Heirs, both known and unknown, of the following: JAMES NORRIS, JR., DECEASED; JAMES NORRIS, III, DECEASED; JULIUS NORRIS, DECEASED; LENARD PAUL NORRIS, DECEASED; AND SHIRL ANNE REEVES-NORRIS, DECEASED. You have been made a Respondent to a Sworn Petition to Determine Heirs-At-Law of JAMES NORRIS, JR., DECEASED; JAMES NORRIS, III, DECEASED; JULIUS NORRIS, DECEASED; LENARD PAUL NORRIS, DECEASED; AND SHIRL ANNE REEVES-NORRIS, DECEASED. You have been summoned to appear and defend against the aforementioned pleading in this action at 1:00p.m., on April 29, 2021 before the Honorable Robert G. Clark, III, via Zoom Meeting/Meeting ID: 889 1469 4649 Passcode: 548228. Please contact Judge Clark's Court Administrator at (662) 834-1285 at least five (5) days prior to the hearing date for any further instructions to join the remote hearing by Zoom. In case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for relief demanded in the Pleadings. You are not required to file answer or other pleadings in response, but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 4th day of March, 2021. Ronny Lott/Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, By: Stacey Toten, DC/Requested by: Janessa E. Blackmon, Esq./Blackmon Carr, LLC (601) 933-0370

### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HOWARD C. HAMMACK, DECEASED NO. 2021-188 W NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been issued on the 5th day of March, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executrix of the Estate of Howard C. Hammack, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present same to the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication of the notice or said claims will be forever barred. This the 5th day of March, 2021./s/ Julia Kathryn Hammack/JULIA KATHRYN HAMMACK, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF HOWARD C. HAMMACK, DECEASED/Reeves Jones, MB #3200/Post Office Box 2034/Ridgeland, Mississippi 39158-2034/Phone: 601-354-3794/Email: rjones@reeves-joneslaw.com ATTORNEY FOR JULIA KATHRYN HAMMACK

### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JENNIE JUANITA JOHNSON JENKINS, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2019-591 (B) NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 19th day of November 2019, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in Cause No. 2019-591, to the undersigned Executrix upon the Estate of Jennie Juanita Johnson Jenkins, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice or forever be barred./s/ Misty Jenkins-MISTY JENKINS, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF JENNIE JUANITA JOHNSON JENKINS Deceased/Prepared by:/s/ Daniel Junkin/Daniel Junkin (MSB #104752)162 East Amite Street/Jackson, MS 39201/Email: djunkin@1call.org/Telephone: (601) 720-8922

### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANDREW WILLIAM AND TESTAMENT OF OFFREDRICK A. HANNA CAUSE NO. 2021-115 W NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY having been granted on February 24, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Fredrick A. Hanna; notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication of this Notice or the same shall be forever barred. THIS, the 8th day of March, 2021. NORMA A. HANNA, EXECUTRIX OF COUNSEL: JAMES C. MARTIN /MR-

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### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ALFRED DONALD KING, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2020-0940C NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 26th day of February, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor upon the Estate of Alfred Donald King, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the clerk of this court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred. This the 26th day of February, 2021./s/ Jeff Yarborough/Jeff Yarborough, Executor/Estate of Alfred Donald King Of Counsel: Judson M. Lee (MB# 100701)JUDSON M. LEE, PLLC 2088 Main Street, Suite A/Madison, MS 39110 (601) 707-9711 T(601) 707-7509 F

### THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FAN LIN CAUSE NO.: 2021-0128W NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Fan Lin having been granted and issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, on the 5th day of March 2021, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to have the same probated, registered and allowed by the Clerk of said Court within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication hereof or the same will be forever barred. This the 8th day of March 2021./s/ Qin Pin Huang/Qin Ping Huang, Executrix/Attorney for the Executor: R. Paul Randall, Jr./Miss. Bar Roll No.: 99960/RANDALL, SEGREST, WEEKS & REEVES, PLLC 1030 Northpark Drive/Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157/601.956.2615 (voice)/www.ran-dallsegrest.com/Matter No. 1734-01

### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELLA KATHERINE N. PEEBLES, DECEASED ROBERT M. PEEBLES, II, EXECUTOR CAUSE NO. 2021-147B NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 5th day of March, 2021, by the Chancery Court of the Madison County, Mississippi, in Cause No. 2021-147B, to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of ELLA KATHERINE N. PEEBLES, II, Executor of the Estate of ELLA KATHERINE N. PEEBLES OF Counsel: ROB M. PEEBLES, ESQ. (MSB# 102885)644 Camdenpark Drive; Ridgeland, MS 39157/Telephone: 601/668.4191/Email: peebles.rob@gmail.com/ATTORNEY FOR ROBERT M. PEEBLES, II

### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CYNTHIA ANNE DUBARD JOHNSTON, DECEASED NO. 2021-76W NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 2nd day of March, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, on the Estate of Cynthia Anne Dubard Johnston, deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred. THIS the 2nd day of March, 2021./s/ BRENT L. JOHNSTON, SR./OF COUNSEL: GREGORY M. JOHNSTON (MSB #10856) GREGORY M. JOHNSTON, ATTORNEY AT LAW, P.C./Post Office Box 1691/Madison, Mississippi 39130/Telephone: (601) 605-8845/Facsimile: (601) 605-8846

### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ORA ELIZABETH WALLACE A/K/A ELIZABETH TROUTMAN WALLACE, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-149 (B) NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 23rd day of February, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executrix under the Last Will and Testament of Ora Elizabeth Wallace (a/k/a Elizabeth Troutman Wallace), 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 9th day of March, 2021./s/ Amy Marsha Adams AMY MARSHA ADAMS, Executrix under the Last Will and Testament of Ora Elizabeth Wallace, deceased/PUBLISHED: 3/11/21, 3/18/21 & 3/25/21/SAMUEL H. WILLIFORD, MSB #100095/WILLIFORD, McALLISTER, JACOBUS & WHITE, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW/303 Highland Park Cove, Suite A/Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157 Telephone No. 601:991-2000/SOLICITOR

### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE: THE ESTATE OF FRANCES C. REYNOLDS, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2020-1029C NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 9th day of March, 2021, by the Chancery Court for Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executrix upon the Estate of Frances C. Reynolds, deceased, notice 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, with in ninety(90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they

will be forever barred. This the 11th day of March, 2021./s/ Carol R. Druey/CAROL R. DRUEY, Executrix of the Estate of Frances C. Reynolds, deceased-Prepared by: John G. (Trae) Sims, III (MSB # 99679)/TAGGART, RIMES & GRAHAM, PLLC 1022 Highland Colony Parkway, Ste. 101 Ridgeland, MS 39157/Phone: (601) 898-8400/Facsimile (601) 898-8420/trae@trglawyers.com/Attorney for Petitioner

### LEGAL NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE LESSORS

Written proposals for the lease of office space in the Northern Madison County and Canton, Mississippi, area, for the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, will be received until 10:00 a.m. CDT, April 20, 2021, at MDES Headquarters located at 1235 Echelon Parkway, Jackson, MS 39215. Office space will consist of 6,000 – 8,000 square feet according to the Standard Method of Space Measurement used by Mississippi State agencies leasing in non-state-owned property. Space may be adapted from existing parking new space. In addition, ample parking spaces adjacent to the building will be required for use by agency personnel and clients. Interested vendors may visit the MDES website (<http://www.mdes.ms.gov/>) where an electronic version of the RFP can be found under "RFP's and Bid Notices." You will need to type RFP in the Search section of the Home Page. Procurement Department/Mississippi Department of Employment Security/1235 Echelon Parkway/P.O. Box 1699/Jackson, Mississippi 39215-1699/Refer to RFP 2021-01/March 18, 2021 and March 25, 2021

### Notice to Bidders

Depository of Funds Notice is hereby given to all qualified financial institutions that the school board of the Canton Public School District, pursuant to the provisions of section 37-7-333, 27-105-305 and 27-105-315 of the Mississippi code of 1972 as amended, shall receive sealed bids for the privilege of keeping the school district funds from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 and thereafter until new arrangements shall be made according to law. Said bids shall be received at the Office of the Superintendent, 403 East Lincoln Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046, until 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 6, 2021, and each shall be submitted on the bid proposal form, which may be obtained from the office of the Superintendent. The school board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities in the bids. In order to be considered, each sealed bid shall have "Depository Bid" April 6, 2021 written or typed on its face. Canton Public School District/s/ Gary Hannah/Gary Hannah, Superintendent/Publish: March 18, 2021/March 25, 2021/April 1, 2021

### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE: ESTATE OF DWIGHT PRESLEY, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-195B SUMMONS STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: Unknown Heirs at Law of Dwight Presley, Deceased/You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Vivian M. Presley seeking Determination of Heirs. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9 a.m. on May 7, 2021, in the courtroom of the Madison County Chancery Court, in Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or things demanded in the Petition. ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, this the 15th day of March, 2021./s/ Ivy Stephens, D.C./HON. RONNY LOTT, CLERK-MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT/Prepared by: J. Hale Freeland, MS Bar No. 5525/Freeland Martz, PLLC/302 Enterprise Drive, Suite A/Oxford, MS 38655/662.234.1711/hale@freelandmartz.com

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR INITIAL MEETING

The City of Madison, Mississippi, is considering applying to the Mississippi Development Authority for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant of up to \$600,000 for sewer improvements. The State of Mississippi has been allocated approximately \$23 million that will be made available to cities, towns, villages and counties on a competitive basis to undertake eligible community development activities. These funds must be used to benefit low and moderate income persons. The activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of public facilities and economic development. More specific details regarding eligible activities, program requirements, and the rating system will be provided at a public hearing that will be held in the courtroom at the Madison Police Department, 2001 Main Street, Madison, Mississippi, on Tuesday, April 13, at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the application. The location for this hearing is accessible to person with disabilities. If a translator is needed for non-English speaking persons, please contact Kianca Stringfellow at 601.856.7116 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting in an effort to accommodate this request. The City of Madison does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admissions or access to or treatment of employment in its programs or activities. All comments are welcome and must be submitted in writing. For those unable to attend this meeting, written comments will be considered until the close of business on April 12, 2021. Written comments can be emailed to [tkstringfellow@madisonthecity.com](mailto:tkstringfellow@madisonthecity.com), delivered in person to Madison City Hall located at 1004 Madison Avenue, Madison, Mississippi, or mailed to the City of Madison to the c/o Kianca Stringfellow at P.O. Box 40, Madison, Mississippi 39130-0040.

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE V – MOBILE FOOD VENDING IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI BE IT ORDAINED

That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, do hereby amend the Code of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, to read as follows: SECTION 22-201. - Applicability. This article shall apply to all mobile food vendors licensed to sell food and/or beverages in the City of Ridgeland where permitted to do so. Sec. 22-202. - Definitions. The following words and phrases, whenever used herein, shall be construed as defined in this section: Catering Event means an event where food and drinks are paid for by an organizing entity individual that is invited to cater an event or occasion AND does not make individual sales of food and drinks to customers. Catering Events are not subject to the Mobile Food Vendor Permit Requirements. Commissary means a permitted food establishment to which a mobile food establishment returns daily for such things as discharging liquid or solid wastes, refilling water tanks and ice bins, and boarding food. Mobile Food Establishment means a Mobile Pushcart or Mobile Food Vehicle. Mobile food vendor means any person who sells food and/or beverages from a mobile pushcart or motorized mobile food vehicle on a consistent basis and for a period of more than 15 days each calendar year. Mobile pushcart means any portable vending device, pushcart or other wheeled vehicle or device which may be moved without the assistance of a motor and which is not required to be licensed and registered by the Department of Transportation, used for the displaying, storing, transporting of food offered for sale by a vendor. Said cart may be up to four feet in width, six feet in length, excluding auxiliary items such as handles or fenders, or otherwise the cart shall not occupy space greater than a total of 24 square feet. Mobile food vehicle means a unit mounted on or pulled by a self-propelled vehicle that may or may not include a self-contained kitchen in which food is prepared, processed or stored and used to sell and dispense food or drinks to the consumer. The unit must be on wheels at all times. If the unit contains a self-contained kitchen and/or if food is prepared in the unit, it shall be self-contained with its own drinking water tank and waste water tank. The use of boats on trailers shall be prohibited. This definition does not include pushcarts but does include any other type of mobile unit that serves food or drink. Mobile Food Vehicles must be moved daily to return to its commissary. Restaurant means a brick and mortar establishment where meals are generally served and eaten on premises or prepares and serves food and/or drink to customers for consumption on the premises in return for money, either paid before the meal, after the meal, or with a running tab. A restaurant does not include a food service that is delivery only. Sec. 22-203. - Permits required for Mobile Food Vending. (a) All mobile food vendors shall obtain and maintain a Ridgeland-based Sales Tax ID Number and a Mobile Food Vending Permit for each mobile pushcart or mobile food vehicle in operation except as otherwise provided herein. All applications for new permits or renewal permits shall be filed with the City of Ridgeland City Clerk 30 days in advance of obtaining a Permit. Permits are valid for 6 months unless otherwise specified. (b) Mobile Food Vendors actively participating in a Special Event with an approved Special Event Permit shall be exempt from possessing a Ridgeland-based Sales Tax ID Number, but shall possess a State of Mississippi Transient Vendor License in order to obtain a Special Event Mobile Food Vending Permit from the City of Ridgeland. In lieu of the Ridgeland-based Sales Tax ID Number, Special Event Applicants shall provide verification that Sales Tax collections are properly remitted to the Mississippi Department of Revenue before the required Bond proceeds can be returned. (c) The appearance of Mobile Food Vehicles must be approved by the Architectural Review Board (ARB) except as otherwise provided. The ARB reserves the right to void certain appearance standards by policy and may also transfer review authority to Community Development Department. See Sec. 22-208 for Design Standards. Mobile Food Vendors actively participating in a Special Event with an approved Special Event Permit shall be exempt from ARB approval. (d) Permit holders may be required to remove private materials or accessories to allow utility access for emergency and maintenance operation or both. (e) This permit does not allow permit holders to operate during city-appointed special events without proper authorization from the special event organizers. (f) The permit shall be displayed on the mobile pushcart or mobile food vehicle at all times. (g) Permits are non-transferable. (h) A damaged or destroyed mobile pushcart or mobile food vehicle may be replaced if and only if approval for its replacement is obtained from the City Clerk's office. Any such replacement pushcart or vehicle shall be of substantially the same type, size, and dimension and with the same general characteristics as the original. Such replacement may be disallowed if the original vendor permit would not have approved the use of the replacement pushcart or food vehicle. (i) Any permit granted pursuant to this article shall be nonexclusive. The city may grant any number of such permits as the city deems appropriate. The granting of a permit shall not limit or abridge any power or authority of the city and shall not limit the authority of the city to commence appropriate civil, criminal, or other enforcement actions. The city retains full authority to amend the ordinances, rules and regulations that apply to any permit. (j) The city may revoke and terminate the permit in the event the vendor violates any term, condition, or provision of the permit, the City of Ridgeland Code of Ordinances and/or zoning ordinances, state and/or federal law, or if the business license issued by the city for the permitted activity is revoked. The procedures for revoking or terminating a permit shall be the same as revoking or terminating a business license. The revocation may be sought as a remedy in a civil action. The vendor may terminate or surrender the permit at will any time prior to the expiration of the permit by providing written notice to City Clerk. Termination of the permit

shall not operate to relieve the vendor of the obligation to release, hold harmless, and indemnify the city and its officers, agents, and employees. Sec. 22-204. - Application for Permit. (a) Permit Applications shall be processed in the order received. The application may be reviewed by any department of the city as may be necessary or convenient to determine whether the application is complete or whether the permit should be granted. City staff reserves the right to consider prior performance issues in the reconsideration process. Permit Applications may be subject to ARB Review and could take up to 30 days to process. Permit applications shall contain the following information: i. The name, mailing address, physical address, telephone number(s), and email address of the applicant(s). If any applicant is anything other than a natural person, then all documents related to the creation and maintenance of the entity such as articles of incorporation and any similar relevant documents, including the names of the partners and their addresses, shall be included. ii. A valid Privilege license of a Restaurant or Commissary. iii. Address of Restaurant or Commissary. iv. A food vending permit from the Mississippi Department of Health for the Mobile Pushcart or Mobile Food Vehicle. v. All mobile pushcarts and mobile food vehicles shall be issued a State tax number by the Mississippi Department of Revenue designating them as a City of Ridgeland business. vi. An accurate description of the Mobile Pushcart or Mobile Food Vehicle. vii. Photographs of all sides of the mobile pushcart or mobile food vehicle and associated accessory device and/or signage. viii. A copy of a photo ID (e.g. driver's license, passport, or similar). ix. A Site Plan including: photos of the site and a detailed layout noting truck orientation and service plan is required for each private site. x. A valid copy of Lease(s) or Letter(s) of consent from property owners for each private site. xi. A list of products to be sold. xii. Proof of a valid insurance policy that provides minimum liability coverage of \$300,000.00 per mobile food vehicle and \$100,000.00 per mobile pushcart, with the city named as an additional insured. Additionally, if operating a mobile food vehicle, proof of a valid vehicular insurance policy shall be provided to the City. xiii. A written indemnity agreement that will hold harmless the city, its officers, and employees, for any loss or liability or damage, including costs, for bodily injury or property damage sustained by a person as a result of the negligent installation, use, or maintenance of a permitted space. xiv. Copies of all letters and other notices from any governmental, quasigovernmental, professional, or business association or entity, related directly or indirectly to alleged or actual improper conduct in the food service business, issued to applicant or any person who will have responsibility for operations of the mobile pushcart or mobile food vehicle for which a permit is requested. This shall include all related response and follow up documents showing any results, findings or actions. xv. The dates, jurisdiction, court, and disposition of the following: i. All felony charges related to the applicant or any principal of the applicant; and ii. All misdemeanors and violations directly or indirectly related to food, food, permit operations, and/or business operations, related to the applicant or any principal of the applicant. xvi. Such other additional information required by law, rule, or ordinance, or that any department of the city, Mayor, Board of Aldermen, or the permit applicant reasonably deems appropriate to assist the city in determining whether the permit should be granted. The applicant shall be provided reasonable time to supplement the application. Sec. 22-205. - Fees. (a) Mobile Food Vending permit fees are \$250.00 per vehicle or pushcart which covers the administrative cost of processing the application and regulating each mobile pushcart or mobile food vehicle. Each Permit is valid 6 months. (b) Special Event Mobile Food Vending permit fees are \$50.00 per vehicle or pushcart which covers the administrative cost of processing the application and regulating each mobile pushcart or mobile food vehicle. Each Permit is valid for three (3) consecutive days. (Annual Permits may be used to operate at Special Events) Sec. 22-206. - Location and Operation. (a) Mobile pushcarts and mobile food vehicles shall only conduct business in areas expressly established by this Ordinance. These areas include: i. Pre-approved Locations; ii. Mobile Pushcarts and Mobile Food Vehicles shall be treated as a Restaurant per the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland. iii. Additional Locations may be considered from time to time. iv. A Vendor Permit may be granted by the City of Ridgeland Recreation and Parks Department for city-organized special events subject to the terms and conditions of said event requirements. Sec. 22-207. - General Rules and Regulations. (a) The City Clerk's Office, Community Development Department, and Public Works Department shall have continuing authority to approve locations, grant conditions for approval, revoke prior approval of locations, make conditional revocations of approved locations, require adjustments by the mobile food vendor in setup or location to accommodate public safety and convenience, and to otherwise maintain full lawful control over all public ways of the city. The City of Ridgeland Police and Fire Departments shall have concurrent authority to oversee locations and setup of mobile pushcarts and mobile food vehicles. If an applicant is denied and wishes to appeal his grievance, he may request an order approving his application to the Board of Aldermen at a regular scheduled meeting and said item will be considered approved or denied. (b) Mobile pushcarts and mobile food vehicles shall conform to the following rules and regulations: i. Mobile Pushcarts and Mobile Food Vehicles must be located on private property at all times during operation. A Proof of Permit must be displayed in plain view on the Mobile Pushcart or Mobile Food Vehicle as well as on file with the City Clerk's office. ii. A Mobile Food Vendor operating in any location shall operate Monday-Thursday between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. and Friday-Saturday between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and Sunday between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and

7:00 p.m. Cleanup and removal of the pushcart or vehicle shall be completed within 30 minutes of closing. iii. Mobile pushcarts and mobile food vehicles must not be locked or attached to trees, garbage receptacles, or street furniture. iv. Mobile pushcarts and mobile food vehicles may not locate within 200 feet of any restaurant, residence, church, school, or daycare measured from any point of the principal restaurant, residence, church, school, or daycare structure to the nearest point of the mobile pushcart or mobile food vehicle. v. Mobile pushcarts and mobile food vehicles may not locate within any area which would block the view of traffic or traffic signals or traffic signs. vi. Mobile pushcarts and mobile food vehicles may not locate within twenty (20) feet of any fire hydrant. vii. The operator(s) must be present at all times. viii. Sales of goods are limited to food and beverage. a. The sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited, except for areas properly licensed to permit "Go Cup" sales, subject to the specific regulations of the "Go Cup" Ordinance. ix. In no event shall any mobile pushcart or mobile food vehicle display/signage or accessory device be located inside any public building or structure. x. Mobile food vendors are responsible for all waste and trash removal. The containment area must be kept clear of grease, trash, paper, cups or cans associated with the operation. No liquid waste or grease is to be disposed of in trees pits or onto sidewalks, streets, or other public places; nor shall it be disposed of in drains or sanitary sewers. xi. The mobile food vendor shall not provide stands, shelves, bins, equipment, signs, covers, or any kind of accessory or feature unless the same was accurately described and included in the application, and was fairly included in the picture or other graphics required as part of the application. xii. During the hours of operation, the permit holder shall provide a trash receptacle for use by customers located adjacent to the mobile pushcart or mobile food vehicle in such a manner as not to block or otherwise obstruct pedestrian or vehicular traffic. a. The mobile food vendor shall contain all refuse, trash and litter within the mobile food vehicle. b. The vendor shall be responsible for the proper disposal of such refuse, trash, and litter, and shall place it in the public trash container, or in any private container with proper permission. c. The vendor is responsible for all litter and trash within 15 feet of the mobile pushcart or mobile food vehicle at any time the vendor is selling or offering to sell any merchandise or service. xiii. The mobile pushcart or mobile food vehicle must have self-contained utilities and shall not use the city's utilities or private utilities that are not self-contained and integral to the vendor unit. a. If the mobile food vehicle utilizes a generator, it shall be in compliance with the City of Ridgeland noise ordinance. xiv. No speakers or other noise production devices are allowed. xv. No mobile food vendor shall sell or attempt to sell any item to the occupant of any motor vehicle, unless it is parked in a lawful parking space. xvi. Mobile pushcarts and mobile food vehicles must comply with all local, state, and federal rules regarding sanitation and protection of food from airborne contamination. xvii. Every mobile food vendor shall keep records utilizing generally accepted accounting practices for the purposes of compliance with all federal, state and local tax laws. xviii. All approved mobile pushcarts and mobile food vehicles must collect the additional one percent sales tax required by all food providers in the City of Ridgeland, along with all other tax and licensing fees required by the State of Mississippi. xix. All mobile food vendors shall remit all sales tax collections to the Mississippi Department of Revenue. xx. All approved mobile pushcarts and mobile food vehicles must be licensed businesses within the City of Ridgeland with all operations pertinent to the mobile pushcart or vehicle operated within the City of Ridgeland. xxi. All mobile pushcarts and mobile food vehicles must be issued a State tax number by the Mississippi Department of Revenue designating them as a City of Ridgeland business. Sec. 22-208. - Design standards. (a) All mobile pushcarts and mobile food vehicles must meet the following design standards: i. All mobile pushcarts and mobile food vehicles must be self-contained. This requires that the pushcart or food vehicle is not connected or attached to any building or structure, and does not receive power from any building by means of wires, hoses, or other connections. ii. The appearance of the mobile pushcart or mobile food vehicle must be attractive as determined by the Architectural Review Board and must be maintained accordingly while the Permit is valid and the Mobile Food pushcart or vehicle is in operation in the City of Ridgeland. iii. Umbrellas or canopies must be attached to the pushcart or vehicle and must not exceed nine feet in height above ground. Maximum diameter of canopies and umbrellas shall not exceed six feet and shall not interfere with pedestrian movement. No mobile pushcart or mobile food vehicle shall have more than two umbrellas. iv. All signage on mobile pushcarts and mobile food vehicles shall comply with the City of Ridgeland Sign Ordinance. No free standing signage is permitted. v. Exterior lighting must be hooded or shielded so that the light source is not directly visible to a residential use. vi. Mobile food vendors may place a maximum of three coolers within their containment area so long as the coolers are neatly stacked to avoid visual clutter. vii. No accessory container shall be more than three feet from the unit. viii. Accessory containers must be made of hard substances such as hard plastic or metal and may not be made by expanded polystyrene plastic, paper, paper-board, or cardboard. ix. Mobile pushcarts and mobile food vehicles may not be stored, parked or left overnight, except at the commissary. Sec. 22-209. Ice Cream Trucks. (a) All ice cream trucks are required to purchase a Transient Vendors license from the City of Ridgeland City Clerk's Office. (b) An ice cream truck shall not be required to apply for a Food Vendor Permit, unless and except it wishes to be operated at a stationary location. If ice cream trucks operate at a stationary location, they are subject to the regulations of this ordinance the same as Mobile Food vehicles. Ice



# Slim Chickens still possibility for Gluckstadt

By DUNCAN DENT  
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GLUCKSTADT — Developers of a proposed chicken restaurant on Gluckstadt Road remain invested in the project after abandoning a site due to flood zone restrictions.

David Bagwell with Southern Partners LLC, still hopes to bring a Slim Chickens branded restaurant to Gluckstadt. He said they were nearing construction on a previous location when his engineer discovered that “a good portion of the property” was in a flood plain and the north part of the property was specially protected by FEMA.

“We were in the pre-construction phase at the beginning of 2021,” Bagwell said. “We were preparing the site



Developers of a Slim Chickens in Gluckstadt had to punt on plans due to flood zoning.

and taking soil samples and stuff like that.”

Bagwell said they considered making the site, located between Edward Jones Investments and the animal hospital on Gluckstadt Road, work but the process proved too lengthy and expensive.

Despite setbacks, Southern Partners has not abandoned the Gluckstadt area.

“We still have a very active interest in the area,” Bagwell said. “We think it is growing and two of us live out there so we see it as kind of a way to invest in our hometown.”

Bagwell said they have identified a possible site that he is not yet ready to disclose until a deal is finalized. He did say it is part of a larger development and is still in the “general vicinity” on Gluckstadt Road

as the original location. He said it is on the west side of I-55 and closer to the interstate than the original site.

Bagwell said the restaurant will have to go back to county site review and architectural review boards but that he does not expect any problems on that end once a new site is finalized.

Bagwell and Southern Partners opened the Ridgeland Slim Chickens in 2018. Bagwell and his father, Ricky, have a background in Sonic Drives across the state and in Louisiana and Arkansas.

Slim Chickens’ website says this will be the fourth location in the state for the Arkansas-based brand with the others being in Ridgeland, Southaven and Starkville.

# Madison public works director resigns less than 1 year on the job

By SCOTT HAWKINS  
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MADISON — Public Works Director David M. Hodge submitted his resignation March 8 after serving in

the position since May.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen accepted Hodge’s resignation during the board’s regular meeting March 16.

Madison Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler declined to

state a reason for Hodge’s resignation and referred the question to him. A message left for Hodge seeking comment for this story was not immediately returned Wednesday.

Hawkins-Butler said the city

has had some difficulty in keeping public works directors in the position in recent years.

“When you have somebody that has been public works director for 30 years like Denison (Robinson) it is very

hard to find somebody to fill his shoes,” Hawkins-Butler said, referring to the city’s longtime public works director who retired in 2013.

In the meantime, Hawkins-Butler said an assistant public

works director is managing the Public Works Department.

“Billy Dean, who is assisting in that, has been with us 16 years,” Hawkins-Butler said. “We are kind of reorganizing some things in public works.”

# Legals

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cream trucks that do not operate in a stationary location are exempt from the regulations of this Ordinance with the exception of Section 22-209 (c). (c) Except as herein provided, it shall be unlawful for any ice cream truck, while engaged in the business of selling, to stop or stand or permit or suffer any vehicle to do so upon any street of the city except during the actual sale of its ice cream product. In no event shall an ice cream truck be or remain upon any street or sidewalk longer than is reasonable to conduct a sale; such time will not exceed 30 minutes. Sec. 22-210. - Violations and penalties. All mobile food vending must be performed in compliance with this Ordinance. Failure to abide by said ordinance shall result in the following: (a) A fine not exceeding \$150.00 for a first violation. (b) A fine not exceeding \$250.00 for a second violation within one year of any prior violation. (c) A fine not exceeding \$500.00 for a third or more violation within one year of the first. Any offense shall be considered a misdemeanor and any person violating this Article is subject to being cited by any authorized law enforcement official in the City of Ridgeland and with authority to do so in the City of Ridgeland. Violation of this Article may result in the suspension or revocation of any city permit or license issued to the owner or operator of the mobile pushcart or mobile food vehicle. Each day on which an infraction of the ordinance occurs shall be considered a separate and distinct violation. SECTION II. REPEALING CLAUSE All other ordinances or parts of other ordinances which may be found to be in conflict with the language provisions contained herein shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed. SECTION III. EFFECTIVE DATE All ordinances shall take effect and be in force as provided by law. The above ordinance having been first reduced to writing and read and considered section by section at a public meeting of the governing authorities of the City of Ridgeland Mississippi on Motion of Alderman Wesley Hamlin, seconded by Alderman D. I. Smith, and the roll being called, the same by the following

votes: Alderman D.I. Smith voted AYE Alderman Ken Heard voted AYE Alderman Chuck Gautier voted AYE Alderman Kevin Holder voted AYE Alderman Brian Ramsey voted ABSENT Alderman Bill Lee voted AYE Alderman Wes Hamlin voted AYE APPROVED, this day the 16th of March, 2021. /s/ Gene F. McGee GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR ATTEST: /s/ Paula Tierce PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

### TERMINAL APRON SEAL COAT- BRUCE CAMPBELL FIELD A.I.P. NO. 3-28-0046-028-2021

The City of Madison is requesting sealed bids for the Terminal Apron Sealcoat project. All bids shall be marked “Terminal Apron Sealcoat, April 23, 2021” on the outside of the envelope. All bids shall be submitted to the City of Madison until 1:30 PM local time, April 23, 2021 at Madison City Hall, 1004 Madison Avenue, Madison, MS 39110, or by electronic submission at https://www.centralbidding.com, then until 2:00 PM local time Wednesday, April 23, 2021 at the Denson Robinson Public Services Complex at 1239 Highway 51, Madison, MS 39110. Bids will be opened at the Denson Robinson Public Services Complex. Any bids received after the specified time will not be opened. The City of Madison reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The work is generally described as follows: Terminal Apron Sealcoat including pavement marking removal, sealcoat, new pavement markings, and related incidental items. The contract time for the Bid is 14 consecutive calendar days for Part 1 construction (all work excluding sealcoat cure time and final markings), and 1 calendar day for Part 2 construction (final markings after sealcoat cure time). Liquidated damages in the amount of \$500.00 will be assessed for each calendar day thereafter. A pre-bid conference is planned for this project on April 15, 2021 at 3:00 PM in the Conference Room at Madison Air Center, 7450 Old Canton Road, Madison, MS 39110. It is strongly recommended that prospective bidders attend the pre-bid conference. Any questions that

bidders might have should be directed to the following: Neel-Schaffer, Inc., 215 Waterford Square, Madison, MS 39110, 601-898-8118 (phone), tom.henderson@neel-schaffer.com or the attention of Tom Henderson. Hand Delivery Address: Until 1:30 PM Ruth Gibbons, Deputy Clerk 1004 Madison Avenue Madison, MS 39110 Until 2:00 PM Friday, April 23, 2021 Ruth Gibbons, Deputy Clerk Denson Robinson Public Services Complex 1239 Highway 51 Madison, MS 39110 Mailing Address: Ruth Gibbons, Deputy Clerk P.O. Box 40 Madison, MS 39130 Electronic Delivery: www.centralbidding.com Bid documents are being made available via digital file through Central Bidding. Plan holders are required to register for an account at www.centralbidding.com to view Bid Documents. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for log-in or registration. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. Questions regarding website registration, electronic bidding and online orders please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Bidders must be qualified under Mississippi Law and show a current Certificate of Responsibility issued by the Mississippi Board of Public Contractors establishing classification as to the value and type of construction work on which he is authorized to bid. The Contract Documents (drawings, specifications, proposal forms, general conditions, etc.) may be examined at the following locations: FAA, Airports District Office, 100 West Cross Street, Suite B, Jackson International Airport, Jackson, Mississippi 39208 Office of Aeronautics, Mississippi Department of Transportation, 401 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 Neel-Schaffer, Inc., 215 Waterford Square, Madison, Mississippi 39110 ABC Plan Room, 5165 Old Brandon Road, Pearl, MS 39208 AGC Plan Room, 2093 Lakeland Dr., Jackson MS 39216 Bidders attention is invited to the Instructions to Bidders relative to pre-award, equal employment opportunity requirements, and non-segregated facilities. Bids must be submitted on the standard form of bid proposal and must include a Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of

the Bid. The successful bidder will be required to execute the standard form of Contract and Agreement, together with a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond, within 10 days after formal award of the contract. The bidder shall guarantee to hold his bid good and may not withdraw his bid for a period of 90 calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids. This project is subject to the requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended. The Contractor is required to comply with wage and labor provisions and to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedule of wage rates established by the United States Department of Labor. This project is subject to the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation. The owner has established a contract goal of 0.00 percent participation for small businesses owned and controlled by qualified disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE). The bidder shall make and document good faith efforts, as defined in Appendix A of 49 CFR Part 26, to meet the established goal. Award of contract is also subject to the following Federal provisions: Executive Order 11246 and DOL Regulation 41 CFR Part 60 - Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity DOL Regulation 29 CFR Part 5 - Davis-Bacon Act DOT Regulation 49 CFR Part 29 - Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace DOT Regulation 49 CFR Part 30 - Denial of Public Works Contracts to Suppliers of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors (Foreign Trade Restriction). TITLE 49 United States Code, CHAPTER 501 - Buy American Preferences MDOT Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement The award, if made, will be made to the party submitting the bid deemed most favorable to City of Madison at the time the conditions are stipulated. The City of Madison reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bids received. BY: s/ Susan B. Crandall City Clerk FOR: City of Madison, Mississippi ADVERTISING DATES: March 25,

2021 April 1, 2021

**Notice of sale** is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2001 FORD EXPLORER, VIN#1FMZU63E-61ZA74344, \$ 2985.30. Public sale of this abandoned/unclaimed vehicle will be held on Friday April 9, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at Gilmore Towing & Recovery, 124 E. State Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ANN CANADY, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-0157-B Notice To Creditors

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 11th day of March, 2021 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, on the Estate of Mary Ann Canady, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against this Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred. This, the 18th day of March, 2021. /s/ Jana Canady Bell Executrix-Counsel: /s/ William C. Bell William C. Bell Law Firm, PLLC 443 Northpark Drive, Suite BR Ridgeland, MS 39157 601-956-0360

### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE DETERMINATION OF THE HEIRS AND/OR WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF CLETA HOWELL, DECEASED Cause No.: 2021-82W SUMMONS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMONS:

Any and all persons or parties who are interested in or claim any right, title or interest as heirs-at-law and wrongful death beneficiaries of Cleta Howell, deceased, including, but not limited to, the unknown heirs-at-law and

wrongful death beneficiaries of Cleta Howell, if they believe and not to be found therein after diligent search and inquiry and whose places of residence, post office, and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent street search and inquiry to ascertain the same, and if dead, their unknown devisees, executors, administrators or legal representatives are not to be found after diligent search and inquiry, and whose places of residence, post offices, and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the same. You have been made Defendants in the lawsuit filed in the Court by Ronald Howell to establish the heirs-at-law and wrongful death beneficiaries of Cleta Howell, deceased. IF TO BE FOUND IN THIS COUNTY, to be and appear before the Honorable James C. Walker, of the Chancery Court of Madison County, at the Madison County Chancery Courthouse in Canton, Mississippi, on the 10th day of May, 2021, at 8:45 a.m., next, then and there to show cause, if any they can why Ronald Howell should not be declared the only heir-at-law and wrongful death beneficiary of Cleta Howell, deceased, according to law, and further to do and suffer such things as shall be considered and ordered by the Court aforesaid in the premises, and have then and there this, with an endorsement thereon to the manner in which you shall have served. YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action on the date and time as set forth herein above before the Honorable James C. Walker in Canton, Mississippi; and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you desire. WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Madison County, Mississippi, this the 23rd day of March, 2021. RONNY LOTT, CLERK MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT (Seal) BY: s/ Stacey Totten, D.C

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# UMMC med student highlights 'Idol' experience

By JOHN LEE  
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Conner Ball said getting a golden ticket to Hollywood from all three "American Idol" celebrity judges — Katy Perry, Lionel Richie and Luke Bryan — was a surreal experience.

Ball, a second-year medical student at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, grew up in Madison and has been into music since he was just 10 years old.

Over the years he played guitar, participated in the Jackson Prep Show Choir, and played in multiple cover bands when he attended Ole Miss from 2014 to 2018. Ball has also studied biology, chemistry and Spanish at the University of Mississippi, and is a former medical assistant at the Eli Manning Children's Clinic at Children's of Mississippi.

Last September, Ball said he decided to audition for "American Idol" while they were doing Zoom auditions due to the pandemic. He said his father and mother-in-law sent him the link and thought he should give it a shot.

"I got on there and sang 'Falling' by Harry Styles, 'Tenerife Sea' by Ed Sheeran and my original song, 'Hold on For Me.'" Ball said. "The producers liked me and told me I was going to audition in front

of the celebrity judges."

In October 2020, Ball stood in front of the judges and stuck with "Falling" by Harry Styles as his audition song. All three of them gave him their approval and awarded him a golden ticket to the "American Idol" Hollywood round.

"Getting a golden ticket was a huge deal for me. I had no idea what the judges were going to think of my voice and my story," Ball said. "The fact that all three of them said yes and gave me a golden ticket to Hollywood was surreal."

He said meeting the other contestants and seeing how everyone supported and appreciated each other's talent was a great experience and he had a good, genuine conversation with the judges.

"They asked me about who I am and what I do, listened to me sing, then gave some encouraging feedback. I appreciated that they wanted to know the real me," he said. "Lionel Richie said he loved the tenor and tone in my voice, and Luke Bryan said the same thing. Katy Perry said she felt I had a 'boy next door' kind of vibe."

Ball recalled his experiences being in Hollywood. He made it to the "genre" round with 160 finalists, where he was eliminated when the finalists were narrowed down to 75.



UMMC medical student Conner Ball holds up his Golden Ticket to Hollywood.

"My first performance was in The Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel in October. There was a lot of filming going on in there and interviews left and right," he said. "In December for Hollywood Week, I performed on the Dolby Theater stage and I

did 'Superstition' by Stevie Wonder."

When asked why he wanted to be the next "American Idol" by the judges, Ball said he told them he wanted to be a physician and a musician and do both of those things together.

He recalled walking past Richie after being eliminated and Richie told him to keep his chin up and to keep doing what he was doing.

"Even though I was eliminated, it was still a really fun experience, and I plan to keep

pursuing my music and studying medicine," he said.

Ball lives in Madison with his wife, Carrie, who is finishing up her last year as a physical therapy student at UMMC. She has been married to Ball since May 2019.

"It was so cool to go out to Los Angeles to see Conner try out in front of the celebrity judges," Ball said. "It was nice that the auditions were done on Zoom since that made things a little easier. I'm so proud of him for putting himself out there since he didn't always do that."

She recalled sitting near the door when Ball was called back to go and audition in front of the judges. She said she was so nervous and was praying that he would do his best.

"I could hear him through the door and I could tell he was having a good time. It made me very excited," she said. "They called me up to the door and I could hear the judges yell, 'You're going to Hollywood.' Hearing that right up close and personal was neat."

Ball is the son of Scott and Janyce Ball of Madison.

For more of Conner Ball's music, visit his Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/connerball23](http://www.facebook.com/connerball23) or check out his Spotify account, Conner Ball.

# Traffic lights in front of Costco now operational for testing

By SCOTT HAWKINS  
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RIDGELAND — New traffic signals at the entrance to Costco on the Highland Colony Parkway went into operation last week putting the project ahead of schedule.

"They are in operation," said Mike McCollom, Ridgeland public works director. "There is a 30-day burn-in period and that has started, but the average driver would not ever know it was in that type of a cycle."

McCollom said engineers will be monitoring traffic flow during the next 30 days and making adjustments as necessary.

"We do have to adjust the timing to make sure they are synced up with the lights that are right there in the area, so you don't have a green light and then all the sudden you catch a red one on the other one," McCollom said. "We do have to install some additional markings on the road."

When work began on installing the new traffic signals late last month, officials said the lights would not be completed until May.

"There are going to be minor adjustments going forward like with anything you just put in operation," McCollom said. "We don't expect any serious problems or anything

like that."

The new traffic lights replaced temporary traffic signals that were installed last March when Costco opened.

The temporary lights were necessary because ordering the antique-looking traffic signal poles was a long-term delay, officials said.

The new lights were 100% paid for through \$926,000 in grants from the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District administered through the Mississippi Department of Transportation as part of a Local Public Agency project, McCollom said.



Crews finalize new traffic lights on Highland Colony Parkway that will be tested for 30 days.

# Winter storms disrupt Nissan production

By DUNCAN DENT  
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Production on Altimas and vans at the Nissan Canton plant resumed Tuesday, a company spokesman said, after parts shortages and scheduled recovery from winter storms halted production across Nissan North America plants.

Lloryn Love-Carter, a spokesman for Nissan Group of the Americas, said that Nissan is adjusting production schedules within their North American manufacturing operations due to semiconductor-related

parts supply.

"We continue to work closely with our supplier partners to assess the impact of supply chain issues and minimize disruption for vehicle deliveries to our dealers and customers," Love-Carter said.

The shortage has affected the production of Nissan products, including Titan, Frontier, Altima, NV vans, Murano, Maxima, LEAF Versa, Kicks, March and Rogue.

Love-Carter said shortages were not likely to affect Line One at the Canton plant that manufactures the Titan and

Frontier but that Lines Two and Three in Canton saw some slow down this past weekend but should all be back online by Tuesday.

She said that Line 2, which manufactures the Altima, canceled production on Friday, March 19, the overtime shift on Saturday, March 20, and Monday, March 22. Production will resume on Tuesday, March 23.

Line 3, which produces NV vans, resumed Monday after canceling the Saturday overtime shift.

This is the second cancellation this year.

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**Wednesday, March 31st**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
**S, O, C, I, A, L,**  
**D, I, S, T, A, N, C, I, N, G,**  
Grace Chapel  
(across from the Hilton Garden Inn)  
Seating limited to 20 - sign up on our website

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
"Keep Madison the City Beautiful" Committee announces  
**OPERATION trash bash**  
"Walk the Walk to Help Keep Madison Clean!"  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH**  
**9AM-NOON**  
Meet at Strawberry Patch Park

Great opportunity for service hours for civic groups, church groups, etc. And a chance to give back to your community. We will meet at Strawberry Patch Park at 9am to clean up the park and surrounding areas, then return to our neighborhoods to continue the clean up!

Garbage bags, vests and grabbers will be provided.

To volunteer or for more information, please call Miriam Ethridge at 601-856-7116

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**Let's play GOLF!**  
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**Chamber Challenge Golf Tournament**  
Friday, May 7 at Lake Caroline Golf Club

- \_\_\_\_\_ Title Sponsor - \$2000  
Includes a team, tee, logo on all promotional/advertising, hospitality tent.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Team - 4 players/tee - \$600
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Player Team - \$300
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality Tent Sponsor - \$400
- \_\_\_\_\_ Drink Cart Sponsor - \$250
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tee Sponsor - \$150

Lunch and cart included for all players.

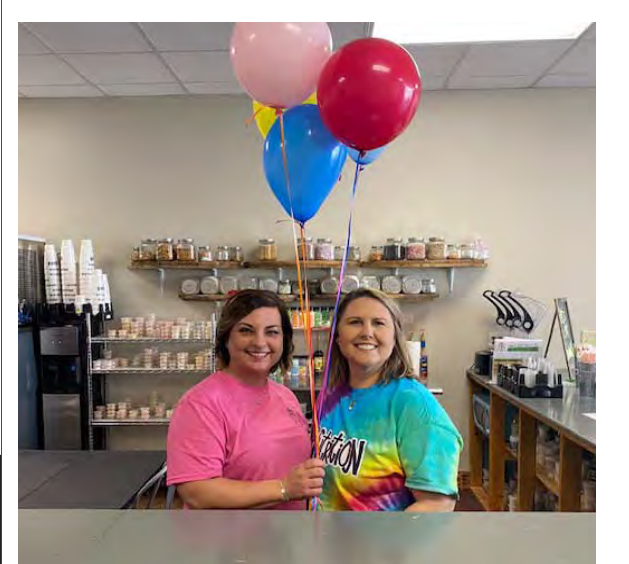
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Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information contact  
Madison the City Chamber of Commerce  
601-856-7060 or efulcher@madisonthecitychamber.com

**Welcome New Members**

**The Pinnacle Group of EXP Realty**  
Teresa Fortney  
Associate Broker/Team Leader



**Sipp Nutrition**  
769-235-9349

**Thank you Firehouse Subs!**

**Ambassadors of the Month**  
MADISON THE CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

This month we had a 3-way tie!

- Carolyn Monfils**  
Hilton Garden Inn
- Mandy Sisson**  
Mustard Seed
- Jane Ellen Wolf**  
Rodan + Fields

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