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NEW ERA OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Madison rebranding the Chamber

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MADISON — The city is "redefining economic development" by merging the Chamber of Commerce with the Economic Development Department to create Madison Community Partners, the mayor announced this week. Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler said the city is rebranding

to better serve businesses and plan for the future. "In the early-'80s, we defined housing as our industry and people as our businesses," Hawkins-Butler explained. "We focused on a safe city and quality of life to build the premiere place to live in Mississippi." Hawkins-Butler said there was always a vision that once the rooftops came, the city

would then move to attract commercial growth. "We flipped it," she said. "Instead of focusing on commercial first, we considered residential as our industry. Now that the numbers are here and the rooftops have been counted, we can focus on building our commercial base." Hawkins-Butler said the rebranded economic develop-

ment arm includes a merger with the Madison the City Chamber of Commerce. For years, the city partially funded the chamber. The mayor said COVID-19 really amplified the decision to move forward with the rebranding. "COVID changed a lot and brought a lot of things to light," she said. "We were concerned about businesses sur-

living and what can we do to promote the businesses to keep them open. This was a wake-up call. "We discussed through the years when the time would be right (to rebrand economic development)," she continued. "COVID was the eye-opener that now is the time because Madison is a strong economic engine and we want to keep it strong. We want to be able to

grow our businesses and we want to be able to encourage more businesses to move to our city and to help those that have chosen to invest here." Brittany Mayfield, who currently serves as manager of special events for the city, will lead the new rebranded department. "It's going to be new, and unique, and different, and a lot See CHAMBER, page A2



Construction crews beat the heat Tuesday afternoon to work on the exterior of Walk-On's Bistreaux & Bar coming soon to Renaissance

Phase III on the Highland Colony Parkway. The city just issued tax increment financing of \$7.8 million to help fund infrastructure projects.

\$7.8M borrowed for infrastructure

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@onlinemadison.com

RIDGELAND — City officials will borrow almost \$8 million for infrastructure in the Renaissance Phase III area. The money is part of the Renaissance Phase III Tax Increment Financing plan. They will issue \$7.8 million in TIF bonds. The money will go toward infrastructure in the Renaissance Phase III area. Alderman-at-Large D.J. Smith said the exact items have not been decided yet. The city is waiting on suggestions from the developer. Smith said turn lanes and drainage were items they had discussed but the monies could go toward any number of projects in the area including street paving or street lights. A portion of sales and ad valorem tax from the

area will be diverted the debt service. Smith said officials are on track to pay the bond off in 15 years. Smith said current contributors to the TIF included Costco and Wendy's as well as a forthcoming Chick-fil-A and a Walk-On's. Ward 1 Alderman Ken Heard said he thought the development had "given a lot" and that he would give his "OK to proceed." The item passed on a unanimous 7-0 vote. An interlocal agreement between Madison County and Ridgeland approved at the April 20 meeting of the Ridgeland Mayor and Board of Aldermen means the county will divert tax money to the TIF. The county's contributions will exclude ad valorem taxes collected on the Costco building anchoring the development. Bonds can be issued

up to \$12.5 million. A TIF is a creative financing mechanism that diverts a portion of sales and property taxes generated by a development to debt service. The monies will be invested in the area's infrastructure. The Renaissance Phase III TIF was approved in December 2016 by the board with Butler Snow as bond counsel, Jerry Mills as counsel to the city and Government Consultants Inc., as the municipal advisors. In December 2020 the area eligible for TIF money was expanded to include the 9 acres across the street from the Costco known as Renaissance Phase IV that currently includes a fuel center, Wendys and the site of the future Chick-fil-A. Construction has already started on the Chick-fil-A after the site plan and architectural review were approved in April.

MADISON Shooting fireworks could draw fine, jail

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Most of the calls police receive about fireworks are from residents who say the booms and pops are agitating their pets, Madison Police Capt. Kevin Newman said. Shooting fireworks in the city limits of Madison or Ridgeland in particular could result in fines — possibly even jail time depending on the mood of a judge on the day of court. Madison police officials are warning residents not to shoot fireworks in the city over the Fourth of July weekend or they could be in trouble. Newman said they respond to fireworks calls more on July 4th than on New Year's Eve because it's summer and people aren't waiting until midnight to set off their arsenal. Police respond to all complaints made and fines for violating Madison's fireworks ordinance can be up to \$300 and or 90 days in jail, Newman said. There are so many organized events with fireworks shows, such as Madison's at Liberty Park on Monday, that people aren't missing out on anything, he said. Ridgeland's ordinance bans the possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling and use of fireworks within city limits to avoid fires and to prevent injuries and property damage. Only professionals with permits are allowed to use fireworks in the city limits of Ridgeland. While the cities of Canton and Flora do not ban the use of private fireworks in their cities, they do have restrictions on the use of fireworks. "You can shoot fireworks See FINE, page A3

MADISON FIREWORKS MONDAY

U.S kicks off 4th at Livingston

By STAFF REPORTS news@onlinemadison.com

The Fourth of July weekend kicks off today (Thursday) at Livingston with the ultimate small-town celebration and The Band U.S., wrapping up on Monday with Madison's annual fireworks show at Liberty Park. Ridgeland's Balloon Glow is set for Friday evening at Northpark with the Dialogue, the Blues Boyz, and the Victory Belles followed by fireworks. The Canton Balloon Fest gets underway too. (See stories, page 3A.)

The Thursday event at the Town of Livingston will be the final Livingston Spring Market for the year with the bash that begins at 5 p.m. and lasts until about 9:30 p.m. culminating with a fireworks show. Food trucks, children's activities in the Kid's Zone will be a part of the celebration. The Rails will open for U.S. Tickets are \$15 at eventbrite.com or will be \$20 at the gate. Children 12 and younger are admitted free. The Town of Livingston is located at 116 Livingston Church Road, Flora, MS

39071, at the intersection of Mississippi 463 and Mississippi 22. Madison Fireworks show Since the Fourth of July falls on a Sunday, the city of Madison's fireworks show is set for 9 p.m. Monday, July 5 at Liberty Park. Food trucks will start serving at 7:30 p.m. Vendors include Burgers & Blues, Hog Heaven BBQ, One Guy Steak and Chicken, Pizza Shack and Snow Critters and possibly a dessert truck. The best viewing area is in See FOURTH, page A3



Photo courtesy of Facebook

The Band U.S is headlining a Fourth of July celebration today (Thursday) at the Town of Livingston. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. and last until around 9:30 p.m. The event will end with a fireworks show. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the gate.



# Hard work pays off for Evans with scholarship

For Lana Evans, all her hard work paid off.

Evans, a recent Madison Central High graduate, was recently awarded scholarships from the Mayor's Youth Council and the Junior Ambassador program of the Madison the City Chamber of Commerce.

"I was absolutely honored to be awarded both of these scholarships. It really showed me that hard work will pay off in the long run and to always stay focused," said Evans, the daughter of Kathy Evans and Tonye Evans. "The scholarship committees recognized everything I had done in and out of high school, and that made me feel very proud of all my work."

She will use her \$1,000 MYC scholarship, provided by RiverHills Bank and Neel-Schaffer, and the \$2,500 Junior Ambassador scholarship, provided by C-Spire, at Mississippi State University where she will major in biology with the goal of becoming a doctor.

As part of the Mayor's Youth

Council, the senior class president said she welcomed the opportunities to learn more about Madison.

"Volunteering at community events and attending the Mayor and Board of Alderman meetings have been the most rewarding. Advocating for issues and initiatives that impact my age group has taught me the importance of civic engagement," Evans said. "Participating in service-learning projects that benefit the citizens of Madison has been the most rewarding. It has empowered me to realize my potential to positively impact others and make changes."

Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler congratulated Evans on her achievements in awarding her the scholarship.

"It's exciting to see that Mississippi's future is in good hands," Hawkins-Butler said.

At Madison Central, Evans was an all-A student and a member of the Beta Club, the 30-plus Club, the Student Minority Club, the Mystix dance team, the Fel-



Lana Evans, a recent Madison Central High School graduate, received the Mayor's Youth Council scholarship, sponsored by Neel-Schaffer and RiverHills Bank. Stan Wright of Neel-Schaffer, Mayor Mary Hawkins Butler, Evans, Shari Jones of RiverHills and Brittany Mayfield, MYC sponsor presented the scholarship. Evans also received the C-Spire Junior Ambassador scholarship from Madison the City Chamber of Commerce.

lowship of Christian Athletes leadership team, the Upstanders Club, Show Choir and the recipient of Madison Central's Wendy's High School Heisman

Award. As a member of the school's Speech and Debate team, Evans won a number of awards, qualifying and placing in several state tournaments.

Evans said she appreciated all she learned participating in the Chamber's Junior Ambassador program for the past year.

"Attending seminars and

touring local businesses, has shown me a glimpse of the hard work and positive attitude it takes to succeed. I have made new friends and invaluable business contacts. These alliances have helped build my leadership skills, interpersonal skills, and communication skills," she said. "The Junior Ambassador program has inspired me to make a difference in my community and I will be forever grateful for this opportunity."

Kathy Evans said she is proud of her daughter's hard work resulting in the two scholarships.

"As parents, Lana's dad and I have always promoted the value of an education and encouraged her to believe in herself. Lana has always been goal-oriented and has chosen to invest time in helping others in her community. We are so proud of her commitment to the Mayor's Youth Council and Junior Ambassadors. Her receiving these achievements are truly an honor," she said.

# GOP's Matthews declares self new mayor of Canton

By SCOTT HAWKINS  
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CANTON — Republican mayoral challenger Chip Matthews last week declared himself the winner of the mayor's race here after the municipal Election Commission refused to certify the election.

Incumbent Democrat William Truly defeated Matthews 739 to 498 after the final count in the June 8 general election.

"Yes people — I have declared myself the Mayor of Canton," Matthews declared in a social media post last Thursday. "Watch the news more details coming soon !!!"

Matthews made the rounds of television and radio news programs declaring himself the victor.

Truly, however, held a press conference Friday to say no legal reason exists for the general election results not to be certified and that he plans to file a lawsuit seeking to force the commission to certify the results.

Meanwhile, Canton City Clerk Debra Brown said Tuesday that Truly had canceled a swearing-in ceremony that had been scheduled at City Hall for this week.

"They were going to have one, but they told me it was canceled," Brown said. "That was just the mayor having a ceremony, but I think that they are individually getting sworn in."

Brown said the cancellation of Truly's swearing-in ceremony came in an email from the mayor's office.

Truly could not be reached for comment on this story.

Matthews filed his own complaint with the Madison County Circuit Court on Monday, however, asking the court to find that Truly "was not certified as the Democratic candidate for the general election and that the court will thereupon disqualify Mr. Truly and will declare the Plaintiff Charles E. Matthews Jr. elected as Mayor of the City of Canton."

Matthews said he believes Truly was not qualified to be on Canton's general election ballot after a judge's ruling in an ongo-

ing legal battle between two Canton Democratic Municipal Executive Committees.

One of the Democratic party committees is headed up by elected members John Scanlan and Marion Freeman Sr. and claims to be the only "legitimate Canton Democratic Municipal Executive Committee."

The other Canton Democratic Municipal Executive Committee was formed by Truly's wife, Natwassie Truly, who was also elected to be a committee member, and others she appointed after she said members of the other elected committee had failed to do their jobs.

"I was qualified by a judge for the primary," William Truly told WJTV after his Friday press conference. He was referring to a decision handed down after a hearing on the party primary process in March ahead of the April 6 primary election. "I was unopposed in the primary, so my qualification came as a consequence of a court order."

Matthews said he believes Truly's candidacy is invalid because of a later June 15 ruling

by special judge Jeff Weill Sr. who was appointed to hear motions from three Canton Democrat alderman candidates who lost their primary bids and filed suits against the Canton Democratic Municipal Executive Committee headed up by Natwassie Truly over the way candidates were placed on the ballots.

In the June 15 ruling, Weill said the hiring of the Blackmon & Blackmon law firm by a Canton Democratic Municipal Executive Committee headed up by Natwassie Truly was not valid and therefore the process by which Democratic candidates were placed on the ballots by Truly's Canton Democratic Municipal Executive Committee was not valid.

"The submissions filed in this matter by the attorneys of Blackmon & Blackmon, PLLC, are to be stricken from the record by the Circuit Clerk as such submissions were not filed on behalf of the Canton Democratic Municipal Executive Committee," Weill's June 15 order states. "The Circuit Clerk shall remove the attorneys of Blackmon & Blackmon, PLLC, from being listed as attorneys of record for the Canton Democratic Municipal Executive

Committee."

The ongoing legal battles also factored into the Canton Election Commission's decision not to certify the city's June 8 general election results.

A June 19 letter signed by two of three Canton Election Commission members, Felicia Horton and Lawrence Matlock, and sent to the Mississippi Secretary of State one day after the June 18 deadline for filing certified election results, cites three reasons for why the commission did not certify the general election results.

Canton Election Commissioner Shenna Johnson did not sign the letter.

All reasons cited by the commission members for not certifying the results have to do with the ongoing court battles between the two Canton Democratic Municipal Executive Committees.

In the Canton Municipal Election Commission's June 19 letter to the Mississippi Secretary of State and posted on the secretary of state's website Thursday, the first reason for not certifying the results is in reference to Weill's June 15 ruling that the committee formed by Natwassie Truly was not valid.

"The Court stated in his orders that Natwassie Truly on her own and without authority, 'the Truly Group' was illegally formed and all actions taken on behalf of that group were found to be invalid, and the Truly Group independently and unlawfully attempted to conduct the pre-and-post-election process for the April 6, 2021, Democratic Primary," the election commission letter to the Mississippi Secretary of State said.

"For the reasons stated above, We the election commissioners, have been informed of newly discovered information from the Orders of the Court that a number of irregularities in the voting process, could lead to the will of the voters not able to be known because of the actions of the Truly Group," the letter states. "We, the Election Commissioners, are therefore certifying the uncontested and unchallenged municipal offices, but we recognize that a ruling from the Court or any other agency may change the certifications of other Canton Democratic primary nominees or the election results based on the outcome before the Court or any other agency."

## Chamber

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of change," she said. "I'm excited. This is just what our city needs in order to take the next step and grow and prepare for all the potential growth we have on the horizon."

Mayfield said one of the big differences between the old

chamber model and the new model is there are no membership fees or dues.

"Our goal is to have this open line of communication with all our businesses," she said. "When they succeed, the city succeeds. It's the circle of

life."

Mayfield said Madison Community Partners will be open to all businesses in the city limits.

Hawkins-Butler said this is just the first step in a much bigger plan she said the community will see play out soon.

"When you look at the overall picture, our businesses are really proud of this city, their city," she said. "The developers and businesses build a cut above. They do more for this community than most communities require. And they pay ad valorem taxes, they pay sales tax, they pay inventory tax, and for a license. They are part of the very fiber of this city."

In addition to Mayfield, former city economic advisor Steve Vassallo will serve as a consultant for the department.

Hawkins-Butler said they will begin by focusing on development of the city's downtown square, as well as developable property the city currently owns.

"We have the location, we have the disposable income, and we have the quality of life people are looking for," Hawkins-Butler said. "We're just going to take Madison to another level."

Madison Community Partners will be located in the old Madison the City Chamber of Commerce building at 2023 Main Street. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held Friday, July 2 at 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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# Annual Balloon Glow offers food, fun, fireworks

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RIDGELAND — Food vendors, live music, a children’s fun area and fireworks will all be part of the Fourth of July festivities Friday at Northpark.

Musical acts will include the band Dialogue, the Blues Boyz and the Victory Belles.

Officials expect as many as 10,000 people to come out for the annual event beginning at 5 p.m. Friday.

The signature balloon glow

is scheduled for 8 p.m. with fireworks at 9:15 p.m.

“Enjoy an evening of patriotism and celebration,” said Rachel Collier of the parks department.

Collier said organizers have opted for more local acts this year. The Victory Belles are a vocal trio that performs music from the 1940s. They are based out of the National World War II Museum in New Orleans.

Parks and Recreation Director John Sidney North said the trio will perform “patriotic music.”

Dialogue is a Chicago cover band. The Blues Boyz describe themselves as a Blues Brothers tribute band.

There is no admission cost and parking is free.

“We encourage our citizens to come out and show their patriotism with a night of good food, fun and entertainment,” North said.

The city has held the event for at least 25 years.

For more information, go to [ridgelandsportsandevents.com](http://ridgelandsportsandevents.com).



The annual Ridgeland Balloon Glow draws nearly 10,000 people to Northpark each year for the Fourth of July holiday.

# Supervisors remove Megasite from new fire district

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A plan that would have given Canton control of a new fire district encompassing the new Amazon distribution center was rejected Wednesday because three south Madison County supervisors were opposed.

District 1 Supervisor Sheila Jones, District 2 Supervisor Trey Baxter and District 3 Supervisor Gerald Steen approved a motion to create a new fire district outside the Canton city limits that did not include the Madison County Megasite, which officials had said was initially intended to be in the new district.

The new fire district will not

include the county’s Megasite that will be the home of several businesses including an Amazon distribution center, nor will it overlap with areas currently served by the Gluckstadt Fire Department or in the Gluckstadt Fire District’s coverage area.

The decision to create the new fire district and to exclude the Megasite came after an hour-long meeting that included a public hearing on the issue during which five people spoke.

Three of those spoke in favor of the new district and two wanted to ensure the new district did not overlap with areas served by the Gluckstadt Fire Department and the Gluckstadt Fire District.

After the public hearing, District 4 Supervisor and Board of Supervisors President Karl Banks made an initial motion for the fire district to include the Megasite.

Banks included in his motion for a new \$1.8 million fire truck recently purchased by the county with state funds to be housed at the Canton Fire Department with the county retaining ownership of the truck.

During discussion, Steen made a substitute motion to exclude the Megasite from the new district and to get an update from County Administrator Shelton Vance and County Attorney Mike Espy at the board’s July 19 meeting on possibilities for funding and creat-

ing a separate fire district just for the Megasite.

Steen’s substitute motion did not include anything about the new fire truck.

“The fire truck that we have already ordered should not be in this motion at all at this point,” Steen said. “Leave the fire truck as is at this stage.”

During discussion of Steen’s substitute motion, District 5 Supervisor Paul Griffin said Steen was acting in favor of business over the people.

“He’s saying to hell with the people and go all with the business out there,” Griffin said.

“That’s what he is saying.”

Griffin and Banks said they believe the people who live in Districts 4 and 5 who are in their districts and who will be paying for the district should have the benefits of the Canton district.

The board approved Steen’s substitute motion 3-2 with Banks and Griffin voting against it.

Steen said the board could always come back and add the Megasite to the new fire district later if they choose to do so, but they had to create the new district Wednesday to get the mill-

age rate enacted and on the rolls by July 1 to have it on the books by January 2022.

“We are actually under a timeline,” Steen said. “If we want to come back and put the Megasite under that district we can actually do that if we think that is the best thing to do at that time because there is zero money that is going to come from that Megasite this year.”

The new district created will be funded by an 8 mill levy on people who live in the district.

One mill is equal to \$1 per \$1,000 of a property’s assessed value.

# Disney princesses invading Canton for Fourth

By **DUNCAN DENT**  
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Festival-goers can expect run-ins with hot air balloon pilots, funk monsters, Disney princesses and superheroes this weekend in Canton at the 36th annual Mississippi Championship Hot Air Balloon Fest.

The festival, one of Canton’s major signature events, is a collaboration between Canton Tourism, the Mid-Mississippi Balloon Association, Ridgeland Recreation & Parks and The Good Samaritan Center.

“This event brings pilots and crews from all over the country and what better place to celebrate our country’s Independence Day than right here in small-town USA, Canton, Mississippi,” said Jana Dear executive director of Canton Tourism.

Festivities start on the evening of Thursday, July 1, on

Canton’s Historic Square. The launch party will include a headlining performance from Dr. Zarr and the Amazing Funk Monsters. Opening for Dr. Zarr will be the top three winners from the Mississippi Song Writers competition.

Festival-goers will be encouraged to keep an eye out for special appearances from superheroes and Disney princesses. Magically Perfect will have Repunzel, Spider-Man, Belle and Ariel roaming the square on Thursday evening. Spider-Man and Ariel will also be at the festivities on Saturday joined by Wonder Woman and Tiana.

Dear said standard fare such as food vendors and face painting will be available Thursday evening.

Balloon races will be featured Friday at 6 a.m. and Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Canton Multipurpose Center.

Festival-goers are encour-

aged to attend the Balloon Glow in Ridgeland at Northpark Mall starting at 5 p.m. on Friday evening.

Canton Tourism administrative assistant Stacey Hodges said that the marquee event of the weekend will Saturday evening at the Multipurpose Center starting at 6:30 p.m.

“On Saturday evening people can come and sit and watch the balloons, talk to the pilots and crew and go up in the balloons,” Hodges said.

Good Samaritan executive director Kathy Clem said that they will host their annual Good Samaritan’s \$5,000 Golf Ball Drop Fundraiser at 8 p.m.

“We want folks to know that they can have a great time, and yet make a difference for our community,” Clem said.

Fireworks are scheduled for 9 p.m.

The Balloon Chase Bike Ride is also slated for Saturday morning.

# Fine

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anywhere in Canton,” said Canton Police Chief Otha Brown. “There are no restrictions. We only require them to stop being discharged past

midnight.”

In Flora, people can shoot fireworks at their discretion between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. from July 3 through July 5. Fireworks rules, officials said, may vary depending on homeowners’ associations and subdivisions.

In Madison County, it is also permissible to shoot per-

sonal fireworks, said Capt. Tommy Squires of the Madison County Sheriff’s Office, but some homeowners’ associations and subdivisions may have their own separate rules.

“Be sure to check with your subdivisions before shooting off your fireworks, and be safe with them,” Squires said.

# Fourth

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Liberty Park, said Nathan Hanson, Madison parks and recreation director.

“The playground and activity fields will be open, and we hope everyone comes out,” he said.

Liberty Park is located at 100 Liberty Park Drive. Contact Madison City Hall at 601-856-7116 for more information.

**Ridgeland Balloon Glow**  
Starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, there will be food vendors,

music, a children’s fun area and fireworks at Northpark.

Entertainment will be provided by the Dialogue, the Blues Boyz, and the Victory

Belles. Fireworks are scheduled for 9:15 p.m.

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### EDITORIALS

## Window dressing crime

The Biden Justice Department must think that members of the Missouri legislature and Gov. Mike Parson have a case of collective amnesia.

Acting Assistant Attorney General Brian Boynton in a June 16 letter warned Missouri officials that a bill Mr. Parson signed into law four days earlier banning police in the state from enforcing federal gun rules runs contrary to federal law.

In his letter, Mr. Boynton insisted that the U.S. Constitution's Supremacy Clause means that federal gun laws must prevail over state law on the matter.

Ordinarily, we'd be inclined to agree with the assertion that federal law trumps conflicting state laws, except for one thing: We'll believe the Biden Justice Department's concern for the Supremacy Clause when it sends similar letters to all of the left-wing so-called "sanctuary" cities and states shielding illegal aliens to remind them they are likewise obliged to follow — and help enforce — federal immigration laws.

Given President Biden's aggressive non-enforcement of the latter, Mr. Boynton must be counting on Missouri officials forgetting that illegal-immigration "sanctuary" jurisdictions have gotten a total pass on their noncompliance. They're certainly not facing the prospect of having federal funds withheld to force compliance the way Missouri is.

Missouri is in good — and growing — company as a "Second Amendment sanctuary" jurisdiction. According to the website Sanctuarycounties.com, as of June 18, "[t]here are now 1,930 counties that are protected by Second Amendment Sanctuary legislation at either the state or county

level." It further notes that that represents about 61.4% of all counties in the U.S.

Mr. Boynton's metaphorical shot across Missouri officials' bow was fired a week ahead of Mr. Biden's June 23 unveiling of an embarrassingly insubstantial "anti-crime plan."

That plan calls for getting tougher on gun dealers who break federal firearms laws (a minuscule part of the problem), establishing strike forces against weapons trafficking in several Democrat-controlled cities facing sharp spikes in violent crime, and increasing funding for the ATF. All of those measures target guns, but not the criminals who use them in the commission of crimes.

Mr. Biden also urged cities and states to redirect some of their unspent federal COVID-19 relief funding to community support and summer jobs programs for teens. (That's reminiscent of the risible Clinton-era "midnight basketball" program as an "anti-crime" initiative.)

Even The Associated Press' report on Mr. Biden's "Comprehensive Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gun Crime and Ensure Public Safety" raised doubts about its likely efficacy: "[Q]uestions persist about how effective the efforts can be in what could be a turbulent summer."

"The public safety of the people of the United States and citizens of Missouri is paramount," Mr. Boynton insisted in his letter to the Show Me State.

But what Mr. Biden's "anti-crime plan" really shows is that it's just for show and that he's not really serious about combating violent crime.

— *The Washington Times*

## Biden's IRS vs. the Bible

The Internal Revenue Service is, perhaps, Americans' least favorite government entity. Separating citizens from their hard-earned money, after all, is a dirty job but necessary one in a functioning nation. The Biden IRS has taken the task beyond dirty to despicable, though, by deploying its frightening authority against a Christian nonprofit organization. Unless Americans rally to the point of attack, government aggression against a common expression of civic life will likely proliferate.

The focus of IRS fire is a Texas-based group called Christians Engaged, which applied for tax-exempt status and was surprisingly denied. The organization's tax troubles were first reported by Breitbart News.

On its website, the group claims an aspiration as wholesome as mom and apple pie: "To awaken, motivate, and empower ordinary believers in Jesus Christ to: pray for our nation and our elected officials regularly, vote in every election to impact our culture, and engage our hearts in some forms of political education or activism for the furtherance of our nation."

Instead of good-hearted patriots harboring conservative values, Christians Engaged must look to President Biden's IRS like a fist-shaking mob. In rejecting the organization's application, the taxman trembled: "The Bible's teachings are typically affiliated with the Republican Party and candidates."

To be sure, the Bible's admonition to "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" undercuts the Biden administration's left-wing perspective. The dominant Democrat Party embraces a

faith foreign to America's Judeo-Christian heritage — one that favors the idea popular among Marxists that social evolution requires the clash of identity politics.

Americans have witnessed the principle in action as the party's foot soldiers march, riot and destroy in the name of "progress." Nevertheless, the Movement of Black Lives, an umbrella organization linking Black Lives Matter with common-cause support groups, boasts tax-exempt status, despite its stated anti-American aims: "[T]he U.S. is a country that does not support, protect or preserve [b]lack life," reads the introductory statement of Movement for Black Lives. "And so we seek not reform but transformation."

Yet, it is Christians Engaged that the IRS fears because the group's Bible-reading might signal the presence of patriotic Republicans. It is an abuse of power more striking than that of the Obama-era IRS, which launched unfair, tax-status inquisitions against Tea Party groups whose only "crime" was to rally in favor of prudent federal budgeting.

Fortunately, Christians Engaged is pushing back, first by appealing the IRS ruling and then, if necessary, by suing the service. Organizations similarly suffering IRS attacks for allowing biblical ethics to inform their activism should do likewise.

Samuel Adams once said: "Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote ... that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country." If he were alive, the Biden IRS would denounce this Founding Father. Shame on the "Infernal Revenue Service."

— *The Washington Times*

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

## Boris Johnson defies Putin

About that clash between a British destroyer and Russian warplanes and warships in the Black Sea last week there are conflicting versions.

The Kremlin version is the more dramatic.

HMS Defender, says Moscow, entered the Black Sea, made port in Odessa, Ukraine, and then sailed for Batumi on the coast of Georgia.

However, the British warship traversed Russia's territorial waters at the tip of the Crimean peninsula, near Sevastopol, Russia's principal naval base on the Black Sea.

The destroyer, say the Russians, had to be diverted by shellfire from a patrol boat and bombs dropped in its path by Sukhoi fighters.

London's version: Defender sailed through waters off Crimea that belong to Ukraine. Russian gunfire was far off and unthreatening. No dropped bombs impeded the destroyer's passage.

Yet, according to The New York Times, BBC correspondent Jonathan Beale, who was on board Defender, has "published video footage showing as many as 20 Russian warplanes buzzing the ship and a Russian Coast Guard vessel drawing close alongside."

In brief, this naval encounter was serious business.

Defender's captain, Cmdr. Vince Owen, made it clear his ship sailed close by Crimea deliberately "to assert the position that Crimea and the waters around it legally belong to Ukraine."

Added Owen: "The Royal Navy and U.K. will always call out states that do not follow international order."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitri Peskov described Defender's actions as a "deliberate and premeditated provocation." Deputy foreign minister Sergei Ryabkov warned that the next time a provocation like this occurs, Russia "may drop bombs and not just in the path but right on target."

With the incident over, where do Downing Street and the Kremlin stand now?

RICH LOWRY

## How to decimate police in two easy steps

WANTED: Trained security professionals to deal with elevated levels of crime and mayhem at risk to their own life and limb, while getting called racist oppressors and potentially thrown under the bus by elected officials.

This has become the de facto employment notice for police around the country, and, unsurprisingly, cops and prospective cops don't find it particularly enticing. Why would they?

America's cities are feeling the effects of a yearslong experiment in what would happen if nearly everyone celebrated a movement based on the idea that police are racist goons, excused rioting and explained away spiraling crime, and made it clear to cops that if they make a mistake, they will, at the very least, become instantly infamous.

It hasn't gone well. Portland, Oregon, has been a veritable research lab for this experiment. The latest blow to the city is the mass resignation of the Portland Police Bureau's Rapid Response Team, which is responsible for policing protests in the city - a challenging, endless, and literally thankless job.

Rioting has become part of the fabric of urban life in Portland, where demonstrators have battled with cops nearly every other night since the death of George Floyd.

The city's leadership has been hapless, at best, in dealing with the chaos, and loud voices have been condemning the cops.

After an officer in the unit was charged with a crime for

*Boris Johnson defies Vladimir Putin's claim to Crimea.*

Prime Minister Boris Johnson's government and the Royal Navy have declared it to be their right to use warships to send a message to Moscow that Crimea belongs to Kyiv. Moscow has responded: Send that message again, and you may find your warship at the bottom of the Black Sea.

This is not an unserious matter.

If the Brits repeat this exercise, which they see as a right, a duty and a mission, we could witness a Russian attack on a British warship.

This would trigger Article 5 of the NATO treaty that requires all member nations to treat an attack on one as an attack on all.

Britain's challenge to Russia, a few kilometers off Crimea, could have resulted in a shooting incident that could have forced a U.S. response against Russia. And that raises some serious questions:

Did Johnson inform us he was about to issue this direct challenge to Moscow? Or were the Americans left in the dark?

Did President Joe Biden or the Pentagon tell Johnson that if Defender were attacked, U.S. forces would have their back?

With this clash off Crimea, a peninsula Russia regards as vital and we have never regarded as vital, we could have been drawn into a conflict by our ally, Britain, which could not prevail against Vladimir Putin's Russia without the military assistance of the United States.

There is another matter that makes this problematic.

To reach the Black Sea, Defender peeled off from a flotilla centered on the aircraft carrier Queen Elizabeth, which is in the Mediterranean.

That flotilla is headed to the Indo-Pacific region and likely to traverse the South

China Sea, whose islets, reefs and rocks are the claimed national territories of China.

Are the British warships going to emulate the U.S. naval challenges to China's claims to those tiny pieces of land in the South China Sea?

Also, Monday was the first day of the 12-day Exercise Sea Breeze 2021 in the Black Sea, hosted by the U.S. Sixth Fleet and Ukrainian navy.

These exercises have been held yearly since the end of the 20th century, and the 2021 roster of participants is the largest yet.

The exercises will involve 32 nations, 32 ships, 5,000 troops and 40 planes. Among the participants are 17 NATO nations, including all three NATO allies on the Black Sea — Romania, Bulgaria and Turkey — and two aspiring NATO nations on the Black Sea — Ukraine and Georgia.

Are warships from any of these 32 nations going to follow the example of HMS Defender and sail close to the Russian naval base of Sevastopol? Are the Brits going to challenge Putin's claim to Crimea again? Or will they, chastened, avoid a confrontation?

The U.S. does not recognize Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014, but we have not threatened or used force to alter that reality.

For no vital U.S. interest is imperiled in Russia's control of Crimea and its 2 million people. After all, czarist and Bolshevik Russia controlled that peninsula from the time of Catherine the Great to the time of Mikhail Gorbachev.

The U.S. should tell Boris Johnson that if he wants to provoke the Russian navy in the Black Sea, he should not assume that, if a collision comes, the U.S. Sixth Fleet will pull his chestnuts out of the fire.

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to suffer through baseless complaints and lengthy investigations devoid of due process."

What's happening in Portland's riot unit is a microcosm of what's happening everywhere. According to a survey by the Police Executive Research Forum, police resignations were up by 45% and retirements up 18% over the last year, while hiring has been slow.

In other words, when we need more cops in response to rising crime, we are getting fewer. This is like cutting back on firefighters while a wildfire is raging or reducing the size of the Army while it is fighting a war. No rational person would want smaller forces right now, yet the elite culture, leftist politicians, and obnoxious street protestors are conspiring to shrink them.

The crux of the matter is the moral status of the police. The question is whether they fulfill an absolutely crucial role that deserves to be honored and supported to the hilt by public officials, who unstintingly back order on the streets as a foundational public good - or not.

There are signs that even liberal jurisdictions are beginning to get this (crime has been a top issue in the New York City mayoral race). We aren't going to keep or recruit good cops unless the job description, which has become so off-putting, is again worthy of the indispensability of the work.

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### BIBLE SELECTION

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

— 2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)

# Teen nabbed on 6 car burglaries

By DUNCAN DENT  
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MADISON — A teenager wanted on six car burglary charges in this city alone was arrested by U.S. Marshals on Monday.

Antarvon Ladarious Luckett, 19, was arrested in Jackson and charged with six auto burglary charges that occurred on the evening of June 25.

Madison Police Capt. Kevin Newman said that during Luckett's initial court appearance June 28 in Madison Municipal Court, his bond was set at \$60,000. Newman said the bond was \$10,000 for each count of auto burglary.

Luckett was wanted in connection with a series of auto burglaries of unlocked vehicles parked at residences in the San-

dalwood and Woods Crossing subdivisions in Madison on June 21.

Through an investigation and review of video surveillance, Luckett was developed as a suspect, Newman said. Madison police investigators subsequently obtained six arrest warrants for Luckett for auto burglary.

On June 25, Luckett was located and arrested in Jackson by the U.S. Marshal's Service Fugitive Task Force at which time he was returned to Madison and charged accordingly, Newman said.

"Other jurisdictions within the metro area also possess arrest warrants for Luckett," Newman said.



Antarvon Luckett

Luckett was a fugitive wanted by the Ridgeland, Flowood and Pearl Police departments in addition to the Madison Police Department for auto burglary, according to a post on the Crime Stoppers website.

A Central Mississippi Crime Stoppers notice released on Luckett that same evening noted that he is known to have ties locally to the Sharon and Farmhaven communities of Madison County. He is also said to have ties to associates in Kosciusko and Attala County.

He is currently housed at the Madison County Detention Center.

# Fugitive wanted on burglary charge

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A fugitive wanted on aggravated domestic violence and house burglary is being sought by the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

Bryen Jerome Gamble, 34, is described as a black male, about 5-feet, 7 inches tall and

weighing 170 pounds.

Gamble is wanted for felony aggravated domestic violence and house burglary, the authorities said.

Central Mississippi Crime Stoppers is offering an award of up to \$2,500 for information that could lead



Bryen Gamble

to his arrest.

Anyone with information Gamble's whereabouts is encouraged to call Crime Stoppers at 601-355-TIPS(8477) or submit a tip online or with your mobile device at www.P3tips.com.

# Madison tops list of safest cities in Mississippi

Madison the City has once again been named the "Safest City" in Mississippi by SafeCity, a website that specializes in safety and security.

This is the fourth year in a row Madison landed in the top

spot.

"Kudos to the Madison Police Department," Mayor Mary Hawkins Butler said. "This is one city where you'll never hear 'Defund the Police.'" Ridgeland also made the list

this year, landing in the sixth spot.

Other cities on the list include Brandon, Horn Lake, Ocean Springs, Olive Branch, Southaven, Gautier, Hattiesburg and D'Iberville.

## OBITUARIES

### Clarence Melvin Ray

Clarence Melvin Ray was born on June 6, 1939, in Raytown, MS and he passed away on June 24, 2021. His parents were Clarence Greaves Ray and Joycie Vance Ray. A celebration of life was held June 29, 2021 at First Baptist Church in Canton, MS, where he was a member for 55 years.

He is survived by Ruth Brooks Ray, his wife of 57 years; his children, Jeffrey

Ray and Leigh Ann Irby (Tal) and two grandchildren, Cole Irby (Bailey) and Leah Brooke Irby (Brayden Brumfield). Surviving siblings are Modena Henry (Leon) and Alma Gunter, special cousin, Charlotte Biedenbarn. He is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews.

Melvin Ray served as assistant Superintendent of Madison County schools for 20 years and as Superintendent

for 10 years. His many accomplishments include building Madison Central High School and Madison Avenue Elementary School which opened up the way for great growth in southern Madison County. Melvin was actively involved in his church, Lions Club, coffee club, Commissioner on the board of Region 8 Mental Health, and taught classes for alcohol safety for 35 years.



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7:30 p.m. | Balloon Glow Regular Shapes with Special Music by DJ William Griffin  
8 p.m. | Good Samaritan's \$5,000 Golf ball Drop Fundraiser  
9 p.m. | Fireworks

## BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

# The promised Messiah has come

Please turn in your Bible to the Gospel of Matthew 1:1-17. We use this word, gospel, in different ways. Sometimes we use the word gospel to refer to one of the four books which begins the New Testament. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are all called gospels. That is, they are books which record the message of the acts of God for the salvation of His people. Thus, a gospel is a record of what God has done to save sinners through the incarnation, the suffering and death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. The gospel of Matthew, it is said is written to convey the gospel to the Jews. It is written in language and in style and in concept designed to appeal to those who knew the Old Testament and whose thought world had been formed by allegiance to the God of Israel.

Matthew is emphasizing five important truths in this passage which records the genealogy of Jesus Christ. First of all, Matthew shows us that Jesus is the Messiah. Secondly, Matthew is aiming to show that Jesus is the Son of David, and thus fulfills all the specific Davidic covenantal promises of the Old Testament. Thirdly, Matthew is interested in showing that Jesus is the Son of Abraham. Matthew is showing us that Jesus is the fulfillment of the covenantal promises to Abraham. Thirdly, Jesus is both truly divine and truly human. He was supernaturally conceived, indicating His divine origins and character, yet he took on flesh, so as to sympathize with sinners, and stand in their place. Fifthly and finally, Jesus Christ is the only Savior of the world.

**I. Jesus Is The Messiah.**  
Matthew's great purpose in setting down this genealogy in chapter 1 is to bring home the point that Jesus is the Messiah. In other words, Jesus is the one sent by God to deliver Israel from her sin and oppression. In verse 1, we read what is effectively the title of the genealogy, the record of the genealogy of Jesus, the Messiah. Already, Matthew identifies Jesus as the Christ. And one of the great emphases of the Gospels is that Jesus chose to come. As Messiah, He was not only born, but He came. Jesus came as the Messiah appointed by God, anointed by God, equipped by God,

sent by God, and He came voluntarily to save us. Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament hope of Israel.

**II. Jesus Is The Son of David.**

Matthew calls Jesus the son of David. When Matthew says that, he is telling us that Jesus is the one in whom we find the fulfillment of all the promises that were made to David. In fact, the whole genealogy is structured around David's house. If you look at verses 1-6, you see the origins of David's line from Abraham to David's father. Then, if you look at verses 7-11, you see the rise and the decline of the house of David. If you look at verses 12-17, you see the descent into obscurity into the house of David. In fact, it is almost if the house of David is going to go extinct. It is going to go underground. It ceases to rule in Israel. But isn't it beautiful that just when you think David's line has become extinct, then the root comes from the stump of Jesse. Matthew is reminding us that Jesus is the fulfillment of the promise that God had given to David in II Samuel chapter 7:12-13, when he promised to put on David's throne a son who would rule forever and ever.

**III. Jesus is the Son of Abraham.**

In verse 1, Matthew is also reminding us that Jesus is the fulfillment of all the promises of God to Abraham. He is the fulfillment of the substitution on Mount Moriah when that ram was caught in the thicket bush and substituted for Isaac. This genealogy begins with a supernatural birth, for Abraham and Sarah came together and yet they were beyond the age of child bearing, and it ends with a supernatural birth. It begins with the birth of Abraham's son, Isaac, and ends with the virgin birth of Christ. All of these themes are recorded to remind us that Jesus is the Messiah. He is the one hoped for by the people of God.

**IV. Jesus Is Truly Divine and Truly Human.**

Another important theme that this genealogy teaches us is that Jesus is both truly divine and truly human. The supernatural conception of Christ is meant to point to His divine origins and character. We are told explicitly in verse 16 that Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, by whom

Jesus was born. Isn't it interesting how carefully Matthew states that? Joseph is not his physical father. He is the father in a legal sense, in covenantal sense, but Jesus is born of Mary. This itself is designed to point to the truth that Jesus is divine. He is the Son of God.

Christ is the Son of God, but He is also truly human. He was a legitimate child born of the line of David. This is significant, because in Matthew's time, both the Jews and the Romans were accusing Christ of being illegitimately conceived. And so Matthew defends the legitimacy of Christ's birth, and the circumstances of His birth against the attacks of the first enemies of Christianity. Jesus' humanity is one of the most important doctrines of Christianity and it is one of the most important doctrines for our comfort. If Christ is not fully human, He is incapable of sympathizing with our weakness as human. But Scripture tells us that He is fully human, and he has experienced our temptation and weakness. Thus, this passage teaches us that Jesus is divine, and that Jesus is human.

**V. Jesus Is The Savior Of The World.**

Finally, this genealogy is designed to show us that Jesus Christ is the only Savior of the world. He is the redeemer of all kinds of people. Have you looked over this genealogy? The names that we read bring to mind so many stories. In this genealogy are listed both good men and bad men. Good women are listed in this genealogy and women of doubtful backgrounds are listed in this genealogy. Jesus is the Savior of all kinds and types of men and women. You see, my friends, we need to know and understand this truth because it is important for our salvation and growth in grace. For if you will embrace Jesus as the Messiah, as Son of God and Son of man, as the only Savior of the world, you will find in Him delights which transcend your ability to comprehend. Jesus is our all in all. By God's grace, may we trust in Jesus alone for salvation.

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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

Jesus came to take away sin

The Lord had promised to build His church, beginning in Jerusalem and then spreading to Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth (Acts Chapter 1). Thus far in Acts we have seen the gospel spread in the Jewish cities as promised. Many have been converted through the good news that Jesus came to take away sin, vanquish death, and break the power of Satan.

Now the gospel will go to the Gentiles, or to the nations. Luke tells us about Cornelius, a Roman centurion, who is a Gentile (Acts 10: 1). He was a devout man who feared God, and gave generously. This means he believed in the God of the Old Testament, the Lord of Israel.

We are also told he prayed continuously (verse 2), and one day when he was praying he saw a vision of an angel. The angel told him that his prayers and alms had ascended as a memorial to God. For the Lord to be well pleased with them meant Cornelius prayed and gave from a humble, thankful heart. No sinful man can do this without also sincerely confessing his sins.

The angel instructs Cornelius to send men to Joppa where Peter was staying at the time, and the centurion immediately complies. As the men he sent draw near to Joppa, Luke tells us that while Peter was praying, he went into a trance, and the Lord gave him a vision of a sheet descending from heaven filled with all kinds of living animals.

The voice of the Lord commands Peter to "Rise, kill, and eat (verse 13)." Peter objects because as a devout Jew he had never eaten unclean animals, which were forbidden in the ceremonial laws of Israel. The Lord tells Peter to not call common what he has made clean and this same interaction happened three times, and then the vision was over.

While Peter is puzzling over the meaning of the vision, the men from Cornelius were out by the gate of the house asking for him by name. The Spirit of the Lord tells him to go to them and not hesitate to accompany them. Peter invites them in and will go back with them to see Cornelius.

But we will pause in the story at this point to think of the meaning and application of what we have read. The first point is the need we have to be made clean before God and that

only Christ can do that. The Jewish ceremonial laws were enacted by Moses to teach Israel to be separate from the corruption of the nations, and to be holy unto God.

All of the constant washings, sacrifices, dietary laws, and other Jewish ceremonial laws pointed to the need to be pure before God. They all pointed to the need we have of Christ; the washings, His cleansing; the sacrifices, His atoning sacrifice; the dietary laws, the need to be pure in heart toward Him. Christ was the fulfillment of all these laws, so they are abrogated by his coming and work.

The repetition of the vision to Peter was to emphasize that the Lord's plan is to make Gentiles clean and part of the church. They too, like the Jews, would be cleansed from sin and the corruption of the world. There is no difference in Jew and Gentile; both can be made right with God through the blood of Christ.

The astounding thing to Peter and the Jewish Christians is that the Lord would call the corrupt Gentiles to be his people. They were far from God, without hope and without God (Ephesians 2:12). This should astound us as well. Salvation is undeserved and we may rightly tremble before God, but when the Father sees the blood of Christ we are safe.

We may rest in calm security. We have God's Sacrifice and God's word to create in us a sense of perfect security. He will spare us, because he did not spare his Son. We should be joyful in this truth and be careful of pride and boasting in light of it.

Peter had revulsion at eating anything unclean. The Lord, with his holy nature, is rightly repulsed by our corruption, and the uncleanness of our hearts (Matthew 15:10-20). If Christ doesn't wash us, we can't be clean or acceptable to him. We can't wash ourselves.

But the Lord will take us in. Jesus never repulsed a humble sinner who came to him. He ate and drank with sinners. He said it was the sick that were in need of a physician. There will not be any lost souls who can say "I went to Jesus but he refused me." It is not possible that you would be the first person to whom Jesus shall break his word. He casts out none who come to him.

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#### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DEAN H. BARGER DECEASED NO. 21-484 (W) RUTH D. BARGER ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 28th day of May, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administratrix of the Estate of Dean H. Barger, 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, registration, and allowance, according to law, within 90 days from this date, or they shall forever be barred.

WITNESS my signature this the 28th day of May, 2021

[u]/s/ Ruth D. Barger/[u] RUTH D. BARGER ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF DEAN H BARGER PREPARED BY: David L. Valentine Attorney at Law 717 Rice Road, Ste H Ridgeland, MS 39157 Phone: 601-9563636 PUBLISH June 3, June 10, June 17 and June 24, 2021

#### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ELEANOR ROSS JOHNSON DECEASED NO. 2021-405 SPENCER LEE JOHNSON, LONNIE ROSS JOHNSON CO-ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 17TH day of May, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Co-Administrators of the Estate of Eleanor Ross Johnson, 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, registration, and allowance, according to law, within 90 days from this date, or they shall forever be barred. WITNESS my signature this the 26th day of May, 2021. /s/ Spencer Lee Johnson SPENCER LEE JOHNSON CO-ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ELEANOR ROSS JOHNSON/s/ Lonnie Ross Johnson LONNIE ROSS JOHNSON CO-ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ELEANOR ROSS JOHNSON PREPARED BY: David L. Valentine Attorney at Law 717 Rice Road, Ste H Ridgeland, MS 39157 Phone: 601-9563636 PUBLISH June 3, June 10, June 17, AND June 24, 2021

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

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FLORENCE ANN KULL LARRIMORE, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 2021-254

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary having been granted to the undersigned on the 14th day of June, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, upon the Estate of Florence Ann Kull Larrimore, deceased, late of Madison, Mississippi, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 14th day of June 2021.

/s/ JANET RENEE LEFLORE, Executrix of the Estate of Florence Ann Kull Larrimore, deceased

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Attorney for Estate

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

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHNNY JAMES, JR., DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021-322

#### SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

#### THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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

You have been made Respondents in the suit filed in this Court by the Petitioner, Tamara James, seeking the Adjudication of the heirs at law of Johnny James, Jr., Deceased. Respondents in this action other than you are Ora James and Shelton James.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said petition at 9:00 a.m. on the 11th day of August, 2021, before the Honorable Robert G. Clark, III, Chancellor for Madison County, Mississippi, in the courtroom of the Madison County Chancery Courthouse in Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 15th day of June, 2021.

Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk  
Madison County, Mississippi

By: /s/ W. Stephens, Deputy Clerk

#### Prepared by:

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

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RHODERICK COLEMAN, DECEASED

CASE NUMBER: 2021-548 C

#### BY: LINDA COLEMAN PETITIONER SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

#### STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

#### TO: ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF RHODERICK COLEMAN, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the Petition filed in this Court on behalf of Rhoderick Coleman, deceased, by Linda Coleman, Petitioner. You are summoned to appear and defend the Petition filed against you on August 11, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the Chancery Court of the Chancery Court of Madison County located in Canton, Mississippi, before the Honorable Robert Clark, Chancellor, and should you fail to appear and defend this action, a Judgment or Order will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an Answer or other pleading herein; however, should you so desire, then you should timely file the Original of your pleading in the Madison County, Mississippi, Chancery Clerk's office, and mail a copy of your pleadings to Omar L. Nelson, Esq., Gibbs & Travis, PLLC, 210 E. Capitol Street, Suite 1801, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 17th day of June, 2021.

Kim Sievers, D.C.

Ronny Lott  
Madison County Chancery Clerk

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

#### IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DEAN H. BARGER DECEASED NO. 2021-484 (W)

#### RUTH D. BARGER ADMINISTRATRIX SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

TO: ALL HEIRS OF DEAN H. BARGER DECEASED BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN

#### NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Ruth D. Barger, Administratrix of the Estate of Johnny James, Jr., deceased, wherein she is seeking a determination of the heirs of Dean H. Barger, deceased. Defendants are the Unknown Heirs of Dean H. Barger, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 8:45 a.m. on the 21st day of July, 2021 in Chancery Courtroom No. 3 of the Madison County Chancery/ Administrative Building in Canton, MS, before the Hon. James Walker, Chancery Court Judge, and in case of your failure to appear and defend an Order will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 11th day of June, 2021.

RONNY LOTT  
CHANCERY COURT CLERK  
MADISON COUNTY  
CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

BY: /s/ Stacey Tolen DEPUTY CLERK (SEAL)

Publish June 17, June 24, and July 1, 2021

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

#### IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ELEANOR ROSS JOHNSON, DECEASED CASE NO. 2021-405 (B)

SPENCER LEE JOHNSON,  
LONNIE ROSS JOHNSON  
CO ADMINISTRATORS

#### SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

TO: ALL HEIRS OF ELEANOR ROSS JOHNSON, DECEASED BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN

#### NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Spencer Lee Johnson and Lonnie Ross Johnson, Co-Administrators of the Estate of Eleanor Ross Johnson, wherein they are seeking a determination of the heirs of Eleanor Ross Johnson, deceased. Defendants are the Unknown Heirs of Eleanor Ross Johnson, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 8:30 a.m. on the 19th day of July, 2021 in Chancery Courtroom No. 2 of the Madison County Chancery/ Administrative Building in Canton, MS, before the Hon. Cynthia Brewer, Chancery Court Judge, and in case of your failure to appear and defend an Order will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 10th day of June, 2021.

RONNY LOTT  
CHANCERY COURT CLERK  
MADISON COUNTY  
CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

BY: /s/ Stacey Tolen DEPUTY CLERK (SEAL)

Publish June 17, June 24, and July 1, 2021

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

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY M. WRIGHT, DECEASED CAUSE NO.: 2021-0529B

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary upon the Estate of Betty M. Wright, having been granted and issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, on the 15th day of June 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 16th day of June 2021.

/s/ Sherribeth Wright  
Sherribeth Wright, Executrix

Attorney for the Executrix:  
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Matter No. 1180-02

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

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: HOLLIS E. LEE, DECEASED

LINDA LEE, PETITIONER  
CAUSE NO.: 21-cv-00540

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 8th day of June, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County to the undersigned, Linda Lee, as Administratrix of the Estate of Hollis E. Lee, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present such claims to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days of the date of the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred. Respectfully submitted this the 24th day of June, 2021.

#### LINDA LEE

By: /s/ William S. Kellum  
William S. Kellum

#### OF COUNSEL:

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

#### IN RE: VALIDATION OF CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI TAX INCREMENT LIMITED OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2021 (RENAISSANCE PHASE III), ISSUED IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,800,000) (the "SERIES 2021 BONDS")

NO: 2021-603B

#### NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

TO: THE TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI

You are hereby notified that the matter of the validation of the above-described obligation will be heard on the 9th day of July, 2021, at 9 o'clock a.m., in the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, at the Madison County Courthouse in the City of Canton, Mississippi, at or before which time and date written objections to the validation of the issuance of said obligation, if any, must be filed. By order of the Chancellor, this the 29th day of June, 2021.

RONNIE LOTT  
CHANCERY CLERK  
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: /s/ Ivy Stephens, D.C. (SEAL)

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

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN AND CONSERVATOR OVER THE PERSON AND ESTATE OF ROBERT LEE DAVIS, an adult CAUSE NO. 2021-489W

#### ROVONDA RUSHING, PETITIONER RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

#### STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: Dwight Black, Tremekia Sims and any other known or unknown interested parties

You have been made a party in the suit filed in this Court by Rovonda Rushing seeking appointment as guardian and conservator for the person and the estate of Robert Lee Davis.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed in this action on the 22nd day of July, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. before the Honorable James Walker, Chancery Court Judge, at the Madison County Courthouse, Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the relief or other things demanded in the Petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court this, the 4th day of June, 2021.

#### RONNY LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT

BY: Rita Carpenter, D.C.

Prepared and Requested By:  
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#### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF REBA ROBINSON PETTIT CAUSE NO. 2021-0537-W

#### Notice To Creditors

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 10th day of June, 2021 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Co-Executors, on the Estate of Reba Robinson Pettit, 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 10th day of June, 2021.

/s/ Michael Gregory Tant  
/s/ Jeffrey Stanley Tant  
Co-Executors

Counsel:  
/s/ William C. Bell  
William C. Bell  
Bell Law Firm, PLLC  
443 Northpark Drive, Suite B  
Ridgeland, MS 39157  
601-956-0360

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2002 CHEVY VENTURE, VIN # 1GNDC03E82D233647, \$ 2648.25. Public sale of this abandoned/unclaimed vehicle will be held on Friday July 9, 2021 at Big Byrd Towing & Recovery located at 120 E. State St. Ridgeland, MS 39157 at 10:00 A.M.

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

OFFICE OF GEOLOGY Mining and Reclamation Division P. O. Box 2279 Jackson, MS 39225 (601) 961-5527 P U B L I C N O T I C E Public Notice No. A2065 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The Office of Geology has received an Application for a Surface Mining Permit pursuant to Sections 53-7-27 and 53-7-29 of the Mississippi Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1977, as described below: APPLICANT: MS H&L 2, LLC, Zoo Mine 91 Grandview Circle Brandon, Mississippi 39047 LOCATION: Southwest ¼ of Northeast ¼ of Section 1, Township 8 North, Range 2 East, Madison County (Lat. 32° 34' 8.65", Long. 90° 2' 33.95") DESCRIPTION: Operator proposes to open pit mine 22.4 acres to a depth of 15 feet borrow material. Sediment and erosion will be controlled by settling ponds and silt fences. Reclamation will consist of perennial grassed slopes and a pond. This public notice is being distributed to interested persons and agencies to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the Office of Geology can be based. You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter. All agencies and persons shall have until July 13, 2021, to submit comments, recommendations, or evaluations to the Office of Geology. Comments by an agency shall include an enumeration of permits or licenses required under the agency's jurisdiction. If further information is needed, an agency may be furnished a copy of the notice of intent or permit application. Any person may inspect the permit application on the MDEQ website at [http://opc.deq.state.ms.us/geology\\_public\\_notice.aspx](http://opc.deq.state.ms.us/geology_public_notice.aspx) or at the Office of Geology, 700 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39202. In the event comments are not received by July 13, 2021, the Office of Geology will consider that the agency has no comments, recommendations and/or evaluations that the agency deems necessary and proper based upon the effect of the proposed operation on matters within the agency's jurisdiction.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed in this action on the 22nd day of July, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. before the Honorable James Walker, Chancery Court Judge, at the Madison County Courthouse, Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the relief or other things demanded in the Petition.

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

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2008 NISSAN ALTIMA, VIN #1N4AL21E78C256265, \$2835.50, 2005 SUZUKI XL7, VIN #JS-3TY92V554100356, \$2787.35, 2004 CHEVY SUBURBAN, VIN #3GNCC-16Z14G293876, \$2835.50. Public sale of these abandoned/unclaimed vehicles will be held on Friday July 9, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at Gilmore Towing & Recovery, 124 E. State Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

#### IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DARLENE VOLKMAR HAERER, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-485W

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 1st day of June, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to Alice Haerer, Executor of the Estate of Darlene Volkmar Haerer, 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 in writing within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred.

This the 15th day of June, 2021.

#### ALICE HAERER, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF DARLENE VOLKMAR HAERER, DECEASED

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The mission of the City of Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce is to encourage an economic environment conducive to the continuing development of new and existing business.

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Thursday, August 26  
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### WHAT TO DO & WHEN TO DO IT

Friday, July 2 • 5:00 P.M.  
Celebrate America Balloon Glow  
Northpark  
Fireworks at 9:15 P.M.!

Sunday, July 4 • Independence Day

Friday, July 9 • 11:30 A.M.  
Diplomats First Friday  
Bangkok Thai Cuisine  
6800 Old Canton Road

Tuesday, July 13 • 10:30 A.M.  
Ribbon Cutting  
Fajardo Hair Studio  
676 S. Pear Orchard Road, Unit B

Thursday, July 15 • 10:30 A.M.  
Ribbon Cutting  
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Friday, July 30 - Saturday, July 31  
MS Tax Free Weekend  
Shop Ridgeland businesses to take advantage of special savings on exempt items!

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kathysuewells@comcast.net  
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### POLICE CHECK PRESENTATION

Celebrating Ridgeland's Men and Women in Blue ~ 2021 Ridgeland Chamber President Chase Bryan, Young Wells Williams, P.A., presents Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee and Ridgeland Police Chief John Neal with a certificate for (12) VISA/MasterCard gift cards to be presented for Officer of the Month recognition as well as a certificate for (12) pairs of running shoes to be given for Officer of the Month recognition donated by Fleet Feet. Joel and Samantha Lofton of Barnett's Body Shop presented Mayor McGee and Chief Neal with a refrigerated drinking fountain with water bottle filler to be installed at the department's Employee Wellness Center.

## SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 • 11:30 A.M. TO 1 P.M.  
THE COUNTRY CLUB OF JACKSON



### MISSISSIPPI ON THE HORIZON

WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
**JIM BARKSDALE**  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND PRESIDENT  
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### DIPLOMAT OF THE MONTH MAY 2021



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