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Madison motorcycle patrol officers John Cannon and William Davis surprised Easton Hardin, 4, outside his home for a play date earlier this month. Easton wants to be a police officer — preferably a motorcycle patrol officer — when he grows up.

Police surprise 4-year-old with play day

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MADISON — For most boys his age, it is a toss-up between growing up to be a police officer or a fireman, but for 4-year-old Easton Hardin, the choice is now clear — no disrespect to firefighters. But he is a police officer all the way, a motorcycle officer if possible, thanks to a play date with Madison Police earlier this month. Easton, the son of Kim and Wesley Hardin, will be 5 years old in October and he recently started attending the Madison Premier Preschool. Easton definitely wants to be a police officer when he grows up. "They are my favorite because they get the bad guys and they have dogs who can sniff out the bad guys," Easton said during a visit to the Madison Police Station last Friday. Kim Hardin said her son has been fixated on police officers for some time but his fandom reached a peak when MPD officers were handing out soccer balls in a partnership with Dick's Sporting Goods to promote youth sports. She sent them a message saying her son, who attended the Little School Learning Center at the time, would love a ball.



Officer Brian McCarty lets Easton Hardin work the lights and sirens in his patrol car.

"On Aug. 2, Little School Learning Center called to let me know some officers dropped off a ball for Easton," she said. "My sister's children go to LSLC so the ball was sent home to us through them. Once we received the ball I took a picture of Easton with it and posted it to Facebook to say thank you to those officers. It made Easton's day knowing that ball came from police officers." A few days passed and she received a message on Facebook from Capt. Stephen Patrick with Madison Police Department to set up a time that he could get some officers to come by and meet Easton. On Aug. 10, around 11 a.m., Easton got a visit from motorcycle patrol officers John Cannon and William Davis in his front yard. "Easton has an absolute love for motorcycles and police officers so when the two are combined he is mesmerized," his mother said. They set up a time on that Aug. 10 morning and she made sure they were playing outside around then. "I took Easton outside at the front of our house to play close to that time and when he heard the sounds of the motorcycle engines he looked up and to his surprise saw it was two motorcycle officers heading in his direction," she said. "He was in such awe that he was almost speechless." They were able to meet with Easton for about 20 or 30 minutes. They gave him a tour of their

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COVID AID

Governor hires 1,000 healthcare workers

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Mississippi is deploying more than 1,000 healthcare workers within the next six days to 61 hospitals throughout the state that requested extra staffing, Gov. Tate Reeves said Tuesday. The news comes after statewide COVID-19 new cases have surged in recent weeks due to the delta variant of the virus, overcrowding hospitals and stretching the limits of existing staff at critical care hospitals throughout the state. Madison County has recorded 458 new COVID-19 cases and four new deaths in the past week, according to the Mississippi State Department of Health's Aug. 25 report. Madison County has now recorded a total of 12,793 cases of COVID-19 and 245 deaths since the pandemic began in March 2020. Last week, there were 454 new weekly cases. During the Tuesday press conference, Reeves said the state will deploy 808 nurses, three certified and registered nurse anesthetists, 22 nurse practitioners, 193 respiratory therapists and 20 paramedics to the state's 61 hospitals that requested them after the state received approval on Aug. 13. "These are the number of healthcare personnel beginning to deploy this morning to 50 hospitals across the state to meet the staffing shortages in our hospitals," Reeves said Tuesday. "This medical staffing was secured through utilization and awarding of four of the original 19 bids that MEMA received on Aug. 13." The cost of the staffing will be \$10 million per week for eight weeks. "Medical staffing provided by the state is for the COVID-19 mission to address the surge of patients due to the Delta Variant. Our staff has worked tirelessly to give our hospitals the relief they need and deserve. We are working with FEMA to secure reimbursement for these contracts worth

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HOMEMADE SAUERKRAUT

St. Joe prepping for GermanFest Sept. 26

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GLUCKSTADT — Preparing more than 600 quarts of homemade sauerkraut for next month's 34th Annual GermanFest has been under way for some time and the last jar was canned last week. Members of St. Joseph Catholic Church along with other community members have spent the past few weeks preparing the mix that brings people from all over the world here to celebrate the city's German culture. The advance work includes other goods and canned items to offer for sale and consumption at the event. Pam Minninger's husband Kerry said the sauerkraut is always a hit at GermanFest but other homemade offerings are available at the event as well.

sauerkraut to sell at St. Joseph's Germanfest for the past 25 years. "One of our senior members at the church, Billie Endris, suggested we start making the kraut homemade since it's much better than the canned stuff," Minninger said of the origins of the community making homemade sauerkraut for the event. "It's a simple recipe: cabbage and salt, and then you let it ferment. People loved it the first year we gave it out and wanted to take it home with them. Since then, we've been making it before the festival every year and storing it in jars to sell for \$10 each." Pam Minninger's husband Kerry said the sauerkraut is always a hit at GermanFest but other homemade offerings are available at the event as well.

"A lot of parishioners are making things for the country store, and the last jar of sauerkraut got canned last week," Kerry Minninger said. "Our cooks are making another batch two and a half weeks before the festival to get it ready to go with the bratwurst. They make it at the church and have some big crocks. It stays there until they can put it in the jars and use it at the festival." Pam Minninger said many parishioners are excited about this year's Germanfest that will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 26 on the grounds of St. Joseph Catholic Church at 127 Church Road in Gluckstadt. The excitement is not only because Germanfest was canceled last year, but also because this will be the first

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Volunteers of all ages brave the heat and humidity to make sauerkraut for GermanFest.



Shopping center being built in Ridgeland's Olde Towne

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RIDGELAND — A small shopping center is under construction in the Olde Towne District here.

Dirt work is nearing completion and construction on the center located at 212 Hamilton Street should begin soon, said Developer Patrick Rowland, the managing member of the Madison-based Patrick Rowland Builders LLC.

"It is 9,000 square feet and it won't be too long until it's all leased out," Rowland said. "There's an Edward Jones, a cosmetology place and a counseling service. It will probably be four in there."

He expects the center to be open by January.

Rowland said he considered making the center a 17,000 square foot area but decided against it based on parking. The shopping center will have 37 parking spaces, Rowland said.

"It will be a nice building with 20-foot tall parapets on it,"

Rowland said. "There is a bunch of brick and it is all one level. I was still under the parking requirement (at 17,000 square feet) but that was a lot of space. That was one parking space for every 500 square feet. I was worried that I couldn't rent them all out so I dialed it down."

Rowland is working within the Olde Towne guidelines in the construction of the center.

"It's more historic, and it gives it that old-school look," he said. "I did the office buildings on Jackson Street across from that."

Rowland said he is drawn to working in the area and enjoys creating a center that offers benefits to residents and shoppers.

"It's nice and there is a lot going on in Ridgeland," Rowland said. "I believe in it, that little section of Ridgeland. The quaintness of that little area — you can drive right up to the back door is the best selling point out of all of it — you can get in and get out. I think that's



Dirt work is underway at a new shopping center in Ridgeland's Olde Towne.

the advantage." Rowland, who has a business degree from Delta State

University, has been in the business since 2004 and started by picking up trash for a construc-

tion company. "I've developed a few neighborhoods in Gluckstadt.

I've worked between Ridgeland and Gluckstadt," he said.

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roughly \$10 million a week statewide for eight and a half weeks. MEMA stands ready to coordinate any additional resources needed," said MEMA Executive Director Stephen McCraney.

MEMA is requesting an expedited federal reimbursement from FEMA to cover the costs of medical staffing contracts.

Meanwhile, last week the Mississippi State Department of Health re-issued a 2020 home-isolation order for people who are diagnosed with COVID-19.

"All persons, including fully vaccinated individuals, infected with COVID-19 must remain in the home or other appropriate residential location for 10 days from onset of illness (or 10 days from the date of a positive test for those who are asymptomatic)," states the isolation order issued by Dr. Thomas Dobbs, Mississippi's top health official and executive director of the MSDH.

A negative test for COVID-19 is not required to end isolation at the end of 10 days.

"You must be fever-free for at least 24 hours with improvement of other symptoms," the order states.

Mississippi K-12 schools are required to exclude all

students and faculty diagnosed with COVID-19 from the school setting during the isolation period under the order.

"The failure or refusal to obey the lawful order of a health officer is, at a minimum, a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$500 or imprisonment for six months or both," the order states. "If a life-threatening disease is involved, failure or refusal to obey the lawful order of a health officer is a felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment for up to five years or both."

People who are infected with COVID-19 should limit exposure to household contacts and no visitors should be allowed in the home, the order states.

"Please stay in a specific room away from others in your home," the order states. "Use a separate bathroom if available. If you need to be around others in your home, you should wear a face mask."

Madison County continues to have one of the state's

highest vaccination rates with 50% of residents having received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine and 58% of residents having received at least one dose, as of the Aug. 24 MSDH report. Jefferson County also has a 50% two-dose vaccination rate.

The statewide vaccination rate stands at 35% of residents having received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine and 43% of residents having received one dose.

Vaccinations are available at Krogers, Walmarts, Walgreens, CVS's and other locations throughout Madison County and are available to residents 12 years old and older.

Statewide, since the pandemic began in March 2020, 248,795 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been recorded by the MSDH along with 171,379 probable cases, totaling 420,174 cases. There have been 5,594 confirmed COVID-19 deaths, along with 2,586 probable deaths, totaling 8,180 deaths.

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year of Germanfest since Gluckstadt became an incorporated city earlier this year.

"St. Joseph Church has been in the area for almost 120 years, and this community has built up around the church," Pam Minninger said. "We're happy to put Germanfest on to bring people to Gluckstadt to see what a treasure it is and be part of the community for a day."

As is the tradition, Germanfest will have foods including bratwurst, homemade desserts, jams and jellies, and arts and crafts, games for children, a German band the Polkameisters of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and more, she said.

One of the highlights of the annual event for Pam Minninger is seeing people come from all over including from out of state and even Germany to take part in the festivities.

"Everything this year is out-

doors, and everyone is asked to bring their chairs and blankets," Pam Minninger said. "If anyone wants to wear a mask, they are welcome to do so, but it is not a requirement. Whatever makes everyone feel safe and comfortable."

Advance meal tickets for Germanfest are \$7 and are available from parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Church. Ticket information is also available by calling the parish office at 601-856-2054. Meals on the day of the festival are \$8.

To find St. Joseph Church, take Exit 112 from Interstate 55 North, and go west for three-quarters of a mile. Admission and parking for the festival are free.

For more information, call Pam Minninger at 601-856-2054, or visit the St. Joseph Catholic Church website at www.stjosephgluckstadt.com.

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5K being held in memory of Corey Ray

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Beloved Madison Central High School Resource Officer Corey Ray will be remembered with the Corey Ray 9/11 5K Walk-Run Honoring the Heroes event next month in Madison and Brookhaven.

The Warriors of the Badge Foundation, a nonprofit focused on aiding injured and fallen first responders, is hosting the event they hope will become an annual event remembering Ray who died last month after a long illness.

The purpose of the run is to honor Ray and remember other first responders who gave their lives during the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center in New York City, organiz-

ers said.

Vicki Moak, president of the Warriors of the Badge Foundation and the mother of a fallen Brookhaven officer, said she met Ray three weeks before he died and decided to honor him in the upcoming run in gratitude for his help in planning the event, and for being a beloved and well-known Madison officer.

"I heard about Corey on TV, and it was around the time I wanted to start branching out to different places besides Lincoln County, where we're based," Moak said. "I met with him, and he agreed to help out with the run."

Moak said by that time, the 5K had been set in motion, but Ray died July 14, the week he was supposed to meet with

Moak again for more planning.

"It was when he passed that I decided I wanted to honor him in this race along with fallen first responders," Moak said. "Even if there are people that don't take part in the walk or run, we ask that you purchase a T-shirt to help the organization, and cheer on the first responders and give them the honor they deserve."

Warriors of the Badge is a nonprofit organization founded in 2019 that provides aid and assistance to law enforcement, firefighters, EMS, and families killed or critically injured in the line of duty throughout the



Corey Ray

United States. Warriors of the Badge is based in Lincoln County but hopes to branch out to other counties such as Madison.

The Corey Ray 9/11 5K Walk-Run Honoring the Heroes will take place in two official locations on Sept. 11, one in Madison at Parkway Pentecostal Church at 301 Reunion Parkway and the other at Brookhaven Central Fire Station at 314 Brookhaven St. in Brookhaven. Both runs start at 8:46 a.m., which is the time an airplane struck the first World Trade Center Tower on Sept. 11, 2001.

Online registration for the 5K is open until Sept. 10, and participants can still register on-site before the race between 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Participants receive a T-shirt upon registration if they sign up before Aug. 27.

Registration is \$25 per person, or you may purchase only a shirt or extra shirts for \$18 each. Children 12 years and under may walk/run for free, but shirts are not available.

"Come out and support the first responders," Moak said. "If one of your family members is a firefighter, EMS, or in law enforcement, come out in honor of them."

For more information and how to register for the run, visit the Warriors of the Badge website at www.warriorsofthebadge.org/events.

Police

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motorcycles and allowed him to play with the siren, lights and horn. It wasn't long before Easton got his smaller motorcycle out of the garage and showed it to the officers.

"He really loved it we got to show him our setup and got him to show us his and he said he wanted to be a police officer when he grows up," Davis said.

Easton even declined trading motorcycles saying he liked how his fit better, at least for the moment.

His mother said the officers were "amazing" with her son. She was impressed by the time and care they spent with him and noted that they were "in no rush" while talking to him.

"It is just an aspect of community policing," she said. "Letting the kids see us and know that we are there when they need us and not to be fearful."

Easton enjoyed himself so much that she scheduled a tour of the police station last Friday where he got to meet more

officers, staff and the K9 unit as well as see a whole range of equipment.

"It's the small gestures like this that our officers make, may seem small but are actually really big, especially in the eyes of our youth," she said.

"I cannot thank Capt. Patrick, Officer Cannon and Officer Davis enough for putting such a big smile on Easton's face and making such a big impact in Easton's life."

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Chaotic U.S. withdrawal

*Biden oversees
America's worst
humiliation in living
memory in rugged
Afghanistan.*

guerrilla war.

As President Lyndon Johnson and the best and brightest of the 1960s were broken on the wheel of Vietnam, the Biden presidency may well be broken on the wheel of the Taliban's triumph in Afghanistan.

Less than a week into the chaotic U.S. withdrawal at Hamid Karzai International Airport, a CBS poll found that Americans, while still approving of President Joe Biden's decision to get us out of this "forever war," were stunned by how badly botched the withdrawal was being executed.

By 75-25, Americans believe the withdrawal is going badly. And those who believe it has gone "very badly" outnumber by 9-1 those who believe it has gone "very well."

Biden's own approval rating has plummeted to 50%, the lowest of his presidency. Yet, the disastrous debacle at Kabul airport is by no means played out. It may yet become worse, far worse.

For it is difficult to believe the United States can get all its citizens out by Biden's deadline of Aug. 31, and impossible to believe we can withdraw all of our imperiled Afghan allies from that 20-year war who today live in terror for themselves and their families.

And there is a certainty — indeed, it is already happening — that some of those left behind will be subjected to atrocities by rogue elements of the Taliban, if not its leadership. Those atrocities will make for film and footage in the Western press, underscoring the failure of the United States to rescue allies it left behind.

And, with reports already emanating from Afghanistan about food shortages, the country could become a human rights hellhole by fall.

Consider. The Taliban may have been able to overrun 15 provincial capitals and Kabul in a week. But the government officials running those cities cannot readily be replaced by Taliban fighters whose vocation for the last two decades has been fighting a terrorist-

At the end of the 1970s, our Near East ally, the shah of Iran, was overthrown, and an anti-American Islamic republic led by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini was established.

In 1979, the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan.

Across the Atlantic, "Eurocommunism" took root.

The perception that President Jimmy Carter did not understand the character and purpose of our Communist enemies, and that Ronald Reagan did, was high among the reasons the country took its gamble on the Gipper.

That another casualty of the Afghan fiasco is Biden's credibility is his own doing. Repeatedly, in recent days, what Biden predicted would never happen did happen. And the president made statements seemingly disconnected to the events on the ground in Kabul.

Often last week, Biden gave off the image of a befuddled man who did not understand what was going on or know what he was doing. Nor are Republicans alone in making the point. Democrats and NATO allies are saying the same thing.

One of the principal casualties of Kabul is the establishment's grand vision of a U.S. foreign policy for the new century — where liberalism and democratic capitalism have won the battle for the future, and the U.S., victorious in the Cold War, would lead the world in the realization of a new world order where we would write the rules and police the planet.

Biden depicted that new world struggle as between democracy and authoritarianism, and America as leading mankind toward the triumph of democracy.

The debacle in Kabul begins Biden's leadership of that struggle with America's worst humiliation in living memory.

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Biden sells out America

The scenes are stunning from President Biden's precipitous pullout of U.S. forces from Afghanistan: civilians clinging to U.S. cargo jets as they soar away from Kabul's international airport only to be blown off and die; traffic gridlock as frantic residents flee before a feared urban slaughter; Taliban fighters showing off warehouses of sophisticated armaments abandoned by departing U.S. personnel.

It all seems not only surreal but incomprehensible. How could the world's strongest superpower act with such apparent incompetence, or was it intentional? The answer could lie in a geopolitical cause more crucial than the fate of one remote realm: globalization.

Hillary Clinton, for one, has described the next phase in advancing toward the globalist dream: "a hemispheric common market, with open trade and open borders." President Biden's refusal to safeguard the nation's southern border amounts to tacit support for the chaos considered necessary to form a supranational merging of the Americas.

Added to the millions of illegal immigrants expected to be admitted and legalized during the Biden presidency are likely upwards of 100,000 Afghan refugees to be airlifted out of the convulsed country. While many are presumed to be interpreters and aides who assisted American forces in their 20-year effort to democratize the tribalistic land, certainty requires proper vetting. Without it, Mr. Biden may be opening the nation's door for another kind of immigrant — one who harbors the Islamicist hatred for America.

A red flag has been raised by Noor bin

Laden, the niece of, yes, Osama bin Laden. A Trump supporter, the 33-year-old, who lives in Switzerland and condemns the diabolical legacy of her dead uncle, warned Americans of what they might face during a recent Steve Bannon podcast:

"What's happening right now in 2021 is that you have this debacle, this failure in Afghanistan, and it's being used to pin it on Americans to justify the taking of all these migrants into the country," she said. Later she added, "The majority of the people are able-bodied men, many of whom have this ideology. You have to close your borders. You cannot let these people come into the country."

Only a clueless naif could discount the admonition of one who has witnessed the danger of religious extremism up-close and personal. Still, rather than smother these refugees under a blanket condemnation, the American way is, as Ronald Reagan once advised, "trust, but verify."

Preserving national security — something the Biden administration treats as optional — should be the sine qua non of immigration policy. The teeming thousands of Afghans flown out of Kabul in the bellies of military aircraft must be carefully screened to weed out possible evildoers before being freed on U.S. soil.

Mr. Biden's handling of the southern border suggests he, like Mrs. Clinton, has little use for national boundaries. Blind acceptance of Afghans he made homeless with his chaotic U.S. pullout would confirm he has sold out America and bought into the globalist doctrine.

— *The Washington Times*

Pfizer's coincidental timing

The day before the U.S. Food and Drug Administration granted Pfizer full approval to its COVID-19 vaccination, Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson pleaded with the agency, along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institute of Health, not to hurry the process.

"I see no need to rush the FDA approval process for any of the three COVID-19 vaccines," he wrote in a letter to the agency heads, obtained exclusively by the Washington Times, dated Aug. 22. "Expediting the process appears to only serve the political purpose of imposing and enforcing vaccine mandates. The observational phases of FDA approval take time because there is no substitute for time in detecting and determining possible long-term harm."

Mr. Johnson cited his concerns the FDA short-circuited many steps in their approval process, including the FDA's decision to cancel assembling an independent safety panel of outside experts to evaluate Pfizer's application. He also fears the government agencies downplayed adverse events of the vaccinations, citing how according to the Biden administration's own data, 36.2% of people who received a COVID-19 shot and experienced adverse events, died within two days of getting the jab.

It's a much higher death rate than all other vaccinations approved by the U.S. since the CDC began tracking the data 31 years ago, which, as Mr. Johnson pointed out, "should raise serious concerns." These numbers don't even account for those reporting permanent disabilities, hospitalizations, and total adverse events related to COVID-19 shots.

So what's the hurry? After all, Pfizer's FDA approval wasn't anticipated for another two weeks.

It seems politics may be the answer.

Last week, the Biden administration experienced its worst criticism since entering the White House seven months ago. President Joe Biden faced blistering attacks — from both sides of the aisle — questioning his competency for office amid his disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan. He

saw his approval numbers sink to an all-time low, on everything from foreign policy, to coronavirus, to the economy.

There's no doubt that the Biden administration wants to switch the narrative from Afghanistan to anything else and fast. It's also no secret they have been pressuring the FDA to give Pfizer's vaccination full approval ASAP so that they can justify further mandates and coronavirus lockdowns.

"There are universities and businesses that have been considering putting in vaccine requirements in order to create a safer, a workplace, a learning environment," U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy told "Fox News Sunday" a day before the FDA's approval. "I think [full approval] from the FDA would likely encourage them and make them feel more comfortable in putting some requirements in place."

The FDA previously said their unofficial deadline to get Pfizer's vaccine approved was by Labor Day. Yet, as the New York Times reported on Friday, the agency was under extreme pressure to expedite the process.

After all, the Pentagon announced this month it would make COVID-19 vaccinations mandatory for its 1.3 million active-duty troops "no later" than the middle of September but would act faster if the FDA's full approval was granted. Other private and public organizations have indicated the same in recent weeks. On August 8, Mr. Biden's top infectious disease expert, Dr. Anthony Fauci, said he was "hopeful" the FDA would act in short measure, as "mandates at the local level need to be done," to curb the virus.

Not surprisingly, Mr. Biden was eager to get out in front of the cameras on Monday to urge requirements for vaccinations after hiding from the American public for the majority of the last two weeks as Kabul fell to the Taliban. He took no questions.

Mr. Johnson is correct to question why the hurry. For many vaccination skeptics, the FDA's announcement's timing may seem all too political and not at all scientific.

— *The Washington Times*

RICH LOWRY

Who will believe Biden now?

Joe Biden did to himself what his opponents couldn't — shredded his own credibility in a high-profile, hugely consequential matter that won't be forgotten.

No memos from the desk of Donald J. Trump, no RNC talking points, no right-wing Twitter memes or excoriating floor speeches by Republican senators possibly could have had the effect on Biden of Biden himself selling and defending his Afghanistan policy in terms instantly discredited by unforgettable and horrifying images on the ground this week.

The fate of Biden's presidency might now depend on whether Taliban commanders decide to transform an ongoing evacuation crisis in Kabul into an explicit hostage crisis.

Even if the United States and the president escape that scenario, Biden has done himself long-lasting harm — not for the first time — with his own spectacularly ill-considered words.

Every president needs credibility, which is essential to the public trust necessary for political leadership. Biden has gone further, though, and made the telling of inconvenient truths a signature part of his political brand.

The idea was the Biden would be too experienced, too grounded in reality, too committed to the truth out of principle, too respectful of the American public to paint rosy scenarios to try to gull Americans into an unwarranted optimism.

Then came July 8. In that now-infamous press conference, Biden unloosed a farrago of wishful thinking, happy talk, half-truths and blatant deceptions. It was a justifi-

Joe Biden did to himself what his opponents couldn't — shredded his own credibility.

cation of alleged foreign-policy realism swathed in delusion and comforting talking points.

Worse for Biden, his July 8 statements weren't countered by a "four Pinocchio" fact-check in The Washington Post, but by pictures and video over the past few days of Taliban flags flying from Kabul, Taliban fighters sitting in the presidential palace and desperate Afghans clinging to a U.S. transport plane — by powerful images that were broadcast across the media landscape, from Fox News to NPR.

Now that the withdrawal is considered a debacle by nearly everyone, government officials are leaking to protecting their interests, and anonymous intelligence officials say their assessments were already quite dire by July. This isn't hard to believe, but whatever the truth, at the very least, Biden should have been more guarded on July 8.

He wasn't for a simple reason — it was easier in the moment to accentuate the implausibly positive.

Once Biden had made assurances that didn't come close to bearing out, he could have frankly admitted error, a painful move for any officeholder, but one that is often met with a generous attitude by the American public.

Instead, in his speech about Afghanistan earlier this week,

BIBLE SELECTION

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

— **Psalm 116:1-2 (ESV)**

OBITUARIES

Donald Lee Seago

2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the Faith."

Donald Lee Seago was born on September 17, 1943 to Calvin Flow and Mary Isom Seago. He passed away at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson on August 19, 2021.

A funeral service will be held on Sunday, August 22, 2021 at Parkway Funeral Home in Ridgeland at 4:00 pm, with visitation from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Don is survived by his wife of 55 years, Rosemary Moore Seago; four children, Paul Seago (Gail), Lee Seago (Gina), David Seago (Stacy) and Andrew Seago; nine grandchildren, Katelyn "KaKa", Stephen, Peyton, Timothy, Bryant, Anna Claire,

Mary Grace, Ellie, and Annie Lous; and one great grandchild.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Calvin House Seago.

Donald was born in Memphis, Tennessee and was raised in Senatobia, Mississippi. He attended Senatobia High School, and upon graduation, he attended Mississippi State University and The University of Tennessee Dental School. Donald practiced oral surgery from 1973 until 2019 and also served the dental community as a board member of several dental associations, including the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

Donald was a devout Christian man and an active member of Meadowbrook

Church of Christ in Jackson, MS. His favorite pastimes were playing golf with his friends, attending Mississippi State sporting events and volunteering in church activities. He also served his country in the United States Navy in Vietnam. Most of all, he loved his Savior Jesus Christ, his wife Rosemary and his four sons. He spent much of his family time in Starkville watching numerous sporting events. He was so excited to be able to attend the College World Series in 2021 with family to watch the Bulldogs win their first National Championship.

Don will be remembered most for his desire to know Jesus and his love for his family.

Billy Cade Dunning

Billy Cade Dunning of Madison died August 19, 2021.

He was born on July 10, 1925, in West, Mississippi, and was the son of Mary Cade Dunning and Frank H. Dunning.

Mr. Dunning began working for Southern Bell Telephone Company in February, 1946, and remained an employee for many years, retiring from Bellsouth Telephone in 1986.

He entered the Marine Corp at age 17 and served as a 30 caliber machine gunner in the U.S. Marines 4th Division during World War II in the

Pacific Theater. He participated in the battles at Saipan, Tinnin and Iwo Jima.

He returned home after serving three years in the Marines and, because the legal voting age was then 21, was too young to vote upon his return.

Mr. Dunning's wife, Ernestine Jordan Dunning, was also employed at BellSouth Telephone and predeceased him in 2011.

His first wife, Frances McMillan Dunning, predeceased him in 1978.

He is survived by his cousin, Sara Powell, and her husband, Ray, of Tupelo, Mis-

sissippi; Ernestine's sister, Betty Rorie, of Marietta, Georgia; and long-time friends Allison New and Marlene Cook of Jackson, Mississippi, Thomas Cook of Boulder, Colorado, and Tom and Linda Cook of Madison, Mississippi.

Graveside services were held August 24, 2021 at Parkway

Memorial Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to West Cemetery Association Perpetual Care Fund, P.O. Box 104, West, MS 39192 are suggested.

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

Proclamation and healing

Please turn in your Bible to Matthew 4:23-25. In this passage, Matthew turns his attention to the teaching and proclamation of our Lord as he gives us a summary of Jesus' ministry in Galilee. He provides an outline in these verses of what Jesus did and the response to his ministry. Specifically, there are four things that we learn about Jesus' ministry in this passage. First, we learn about the pattern of Jesus' ministry. Then, we see the people's response to Jesus' ministry. Next, we learn about the message of Jesus' ministry. Finally, we see the proof of Jesus' ministry.

I. The Pattern of Jesus' Ministry.

In verse 23, Matthew tells us three things about Jesus' ministry. First, Matthew tells us that Jesus went about teaching in the synagogues. Jesus preached the message of the gospel of the kingdom everywhere he went. But in the synagogues, He was able to teach about that message, showing how it was rooted in the Old Testament, showing how it flowed out of God's covenantal promises, and showing how it was consistent with God's revelation which He had given by Moses and by the prophets. Jesus' purpose there was to instruct the hearts of the people that they might know that His message was a scriptural message.

Secondly, he says that Jesus went about preaching the Gospel of the kingdom. Jesus' purpose in that preaching was not merely to inform the mind or even to instruct the heart. His purpose was to exhort the will of men and women to commit themselves to Him. He not only wanted them to learn something, He wanted them to do something. This reminds us that when we have embraced the Gospel, we not only believe it cognitively, but it impacts our lives, and it reflects itself in our lives.

Thirdly, Matthew says that Jesus went about healing all their diseases. Jesus' healing ministry showed that God's redemption is a redemption of the whole man. God's redemptive plan is a plan to renovate the entire world and to renovate us body and soul. And Jesus' ministry of healing points to the fact that God is not only concerned with the saving of souls but of the ultimate redemption of our bodies.

II. The People's Response to Jesus' Ministry

In verses 24-25, we read that the news about Jesus

spread throughout all Syria and they brought to Him all that were ill. It is important to notice three things about the response to Jesus' ministry. First, Jesus' ministry was so noteworthy, that news about it spread all around, even north towards Syria. Secondly, notice that people began bringing to the Lord Jesus their sick and their diseased. And in His compassion, the Lord Jesus healed them. Thirdly, in verse 25, we read that large crowds began and continued to follow Him in His ministry. People from all over Israel and even from the outside were coming to see and to be healed by the ministry of the Lord Jesus.

There is a great message in this passage for us. For though there were large crowds following our Lord at the beginning of His ministry, we know that at the end of His ministry everyone had deserted Him, even His own disciples. And that reminds us that there were people in these crowds and perhaps people who were healed by the Lord Himself, who did not go on with the Lord Jesus until the end. They turned their back on Him for whatever reason. Perhaps in the crisis of their lives, they trusted Jesus temporarily, and yet they forgot Him later. Friends, seeking out Christ in a time of need and forgetting Him after that time of need is over says something about our hearts. We must remember that God's work is not done until our hearts are brought under the Lordship of Christ.

III. The Message of Jesus' Ministry.

In verse 23, Matthew tells us that Jesus was proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom. The gospel of the kingdom of heaven was Jesus' emphasis in His preaching. And note that there are two parts of the message that Jesus was teaching. Specifically, Jesus was preaching about the kingdom of heaven. The gospel is good news to those who are repentant. Jesus had already preached that we must repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Jesus knew that men had to acknowledge that they needed Christ and of His own saving work, that they were condemned by their sins, and were at enmity with God. But He also added that those who repent will find that God has done a work of grace in order to show His mercy to them. And so, the first part of Jesus' message is good news. It is good news to those who have

repented. The Christian message is for those who have found that they cannot earn their way back into fellowship with God. The Christian good news, the Christian gospel, the gospel of the kingdom, is for those who know that they are hopeless without Christ.

Jesus also preaches that it is the good news of the kingdom of heaven. Matthew uses three synonymous phrases throughout his gospel which include "the kingdom", "the kingdom of heaven", and "the kingdom of God." These different phrases refer to the rule of God. The gospel tells us that God has saved us by grace, but the gospel works grace out in us by establishing God's lordship in our lives. Gospel acknowledgment of God's lordship is when we come to realize that we do not own ourselves but that God owns us. Jesus' message of the good news of the kingdom stresses both God's grace in our salvation and the rule of God in our lives.

IV. The Proof of Jesus' Ministry.

In verse 23, we read that Jesus was healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. These miracles provide proof that Jesus is the Son of God and promised Messiah in the Old Testament. They were also proof of the divine stamp of approval of the gospel message which Jesus preached. It is also important to notice the universal character of these healings. Jesus healed all people regardless of race or nationality and so showed Himself to be the Savior of the world. And this is a lesson for us because there is nothing in our experience outside of Jesus' reign. Sometimes the Lord answers us in glorious prayer, sparing us from disasters. Other times the Lord Jesus determines to call us home and heal our bodies in glorification. But Jesus is the only one who can heal body and soul. If you have never trusted in Jesus and if you have never rested in Him, do so today. Trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. Come to Jesus whose message is the good news of the kingdom and who has power to bring completion to that message.

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Dean named CEO of Merit Health River Oaks

By STAFF REPORTS
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Merit Health River Oaks has named Sam Dean as the new Chief Executive Officer, effective August 23, 2021.

In addition to the CEO role at Merit Health River Oaks, Dean will also assume the Chief Operations Officer role for the Merit Health Jackson/Vicksburg network.

"I am excited to work with and support the employees and medical staff as Merit Health

River Oaks continues to provide the people in our community the best possible care every time they choose us," said Dean.

Dean comes to Merit Health from USA Health University Hospital in Mobile, Ala., where he served as Hospital Administrator since 2017.

Throughout his 16 years in healthcare leadership, Dean



Sam Dean

has recruited physicians and gained extensive knowledge and understanding of physician practices.

"Merit Health River Oaks will benefit from Sam's leadership skills, community focus and desire to provide our patients with quality, compassionate healthcare," said Barry Moss, CEO, Merit Health Jackson/Vicksburg market.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FOR CITY OF MADISON, MISSISSIPPI

The City of Madison, Mississippi will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2022 on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Madison Justice Complex, located on Crawford Street, Madison, Mississippi 39110.

The City of Madison, Mississippi is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$46,968,693. (28 percent) or \$12,941,750 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes.

For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$49,237,516. Of that amount, (27 percent) or \$13,147,500 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

The decision to not increase the ad valorem tax millage rate for fiscal year 2022 above the current fiscal year's ad valorem tax millage rate means you will not pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property, unless the assessed value of your property has increased for fiscal year 2022.

Any citizen of the City of Madison, Mississippi is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for fiscal year 2022 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

s/Susan B. Crandall
Susan B. Crandall, City Clerk
Director of Administration & Finance

August 26, 2021
September 2, 2021



Special Events

Cycle Out Kids Cancer

Ridgeland Recreation & Parks is hosting a fundraising bike ride to support the Children's of Mississippi Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders

Registration: www.ridgelandsportsandevents.com
Date: Saturday, October 9, 2021
Start Time: 7:30 a.m.
Location: Renaissance at Colony Park

Trunk or Treat

Ridgeland Recreation & Parks will hold Trunk or Treat at Freedom Ridge Parks in October. Trunk or Treat is for Ages 10 & under. Volunteers will fill their trunks with candy and prize. Kids will trick or treat from car trunk to car trunk.

Program Price: \$5.00 per child 10 & under
Event Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021
Start Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Freedom Ridge Park

Mayor's Fun Walk

A favorite event of local senior adults, the Mayor's Fun Walk includes; a walk with the Mayor, health information, demonstrations and entertainment.

Registration: starts September 7th, 2021
Event Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021
Start Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Northpark

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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

Wait patiently for the Lord

This psalm begins with remembrance and thanksgiving for a past act of deliverance David experienced from the Lord. David establishes this precedent in his mind before his appeal to the Lord for deliverance from a critical situation he addresses later in the psalm. He remembers how he "waited patiently" for the Lord, and the Lord "turned to him and heard his cry." The word "turned" means to turn attentively toward someone, like a judge interested in a testimony leaning forward with interest. The Lord, David remembers, was ready and listening the time he was in a desperate condition.

David recounts for us in Psalm 13 a time when he was in desperate need of the Lord's deliverance. The Lord had hidden his face from him, and he was like Job's misery at its height when he said, "O that I knew where I might find him... Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him."

God sometimes delays his visitations of relief to the soul for his own reasons. In Psalm 13, David cried out for the Lord to "turn to me and answer me O Lord my God... lest I sleep the sleep of death." His love is so great for the Lord; the thought of dying in a sense of rejection is intolerable. But the Lord answered David, and the psalm ends with songs of thanksgiving and rejoicing.

That may be the deliverance David is thinking of here. He describes just how bad his situation was. He was lifted "out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire." We don't have to understand this as a literal pit like Jeremiah was thrown into, but a metaphor of intense distress David was under. It was a kind of imprisonment that was overwhelming to David, something he had no hope of extracting himself from on his own. The Lord alone could have and did rescue David.

The Lord did not stop with mere liberation; he made sure to set David's feet "on a rock and gave him a firm place to stand." In other words, the Lord gave David permanent stability. This foundation is what gives David confidence that the Lord will help him in his

present trial. The salvation in the past was too great for David to consider that the Lord would not come to his aid again.

This is, of course, a picture of the gospel. The greatest pit we are in by nature is the pit of sin. It not only renders us guilty before God, but it controls our life. The Scripture says all men are under the power of sin. Christ came to pay the penalty for sin on the cross and to free us from the guilt and power of sin. He sets our feet on the solid rock of his salvation in contrast to the miry clay of our own sinful works.

The deliverance of salvation is so great because it is plain that none but God could have wrought it. William Plumer writes, "The pit was too deep for a created arm to reach its bottom. The load was too heavy for created strength to bear. God will have, because he deserves to have, all the glory of man's salvation."

The problem is we don't naturally feel as if we are in a miry bog and that reconciliation with God is our desperate need. We can list a dozen other things we could use God's help in and this is what we focus on. But the gospel forces us to always consider our greatest need first and all other needs in light of it. There is never a time when the Christian doesn't evaluate his circumstances on the basis of God's delivering him from sin by Christ's death in his place. The greater the trial, the greater the deliverance, and the more joyous and loud should be the song which we sing to the praise and glory of God. A true believer rejoices over redemption in Christ above all else.

We see David's thanksgiving in verses three through five. David says of the Lord, "He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God." A "new song" is not ordinary; it is a particular refrain for an extraordinary event. This is how Christians are to regard the salvation they have in Christ. We are to never stop singing the "new song" that is particular to salvation whatever circumstances we are in and whatever other needs we have.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICK SHOWERS DECEASED CAUSE NO.: P2021-270/C****DENEEN SHOWERS, ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 10th day of August, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned DENEEN SHOWERS, upon the Estate of PATRICK SHOWERS, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi 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.

Witness my signature, this the 20th day of August, A.D., 2021.
s/*Deneen Showers*
DENEEN SHOWERS, ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICK SHOWERS, DECEASED

s/*Delano Funches*
DELANO FUNCHES, MSB #8849
Attorney for Administratrix
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or is anyway affected thereby, that Applicant **Everett White** has filed with the City Clerk/Administrative Director of the City of Madison, Mississippi, an application for a **variance for a rear yard setback decrease from 35 feet to 10 feet in the R-1 (Single Family Residential District)** for the purpose of expanding a residential structure, as provided by the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Madison, Mississippi. Property located at 445 Kingsbridge Road, Madison, Mississippi, Madison County, Mississippi.

Notice is further given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Madison, Madison County, Mississippi, will have a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 2021, in the Municipal Courtroom of the Madison Justice Complex, at 2001 Main Street in Madison, Mississippi, and at such time, date and place hold and conduct a Public Hearing at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard thereon, either in person, by petition, or by counsel.

For additional information, contact Madison City Hall, Community Development Department at 601.856.7116.

By: s/*Susan B. Crandall*
Susan B. Crandall, City Clerk
Director of Finance and Administration

Publication: August 26, 2021

SLEDGE'S, INC.
P. O. BOX 1694
MADISON, MS 39130
TELE (601) 856-8220
FAX (601) 790-7844

NOTICE OF SALE is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles, that the following vehicles, bearing their respective serial numbers and registration will be sold along with all contents of said vehicles for towing and storing charges and costs of this sale as follows:

2010 AUDI A4 VIN# WAUAFAL2AN056145

Date of Sale: August 30, 2021
Time: 9:30 am
Place: 308 N Wheatley Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MAGGIE BLANCHARD, DECEASED NO. 21-758**

ADAM BLANCHARD ADMINISTRATOR

S U M M O N S

TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF MAGGIE BLANCHARD, DECEASED

NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS

You have been made Respondents in the Petition filed in this Court by Adam Blanchard, seeking an adjudication of Heirship of Maggie Blanchard, Deceased.

You are WAUAFAL2AN056145 required to appear on October 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., at Madison County Chancery Court in Canton, Mississippi, in the Courtroom of the Honorable Cynthia Brewer, to respond to the Petition for Determination of Heirship filed against you.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO APPEAR AND FAILURE TO APPEAR WILL RESULT IN JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE MOTION. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE AN ANSWER. If you do, you must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, this the 19th day of August, 2021.

RONNY LOTT
CHANCERY CLERK, MADISON COUNTY

BY: Kim Sievers, D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MAGGIE BLANCHARD, DECEASED NO. 21-758**

ADAM BLANCHARD ADMINISTRATOR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been issued on the 17th day of August, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Maggie

Blanchard, 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; otherwise, said claim will be forever barred. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 18th day of August, 2021.

/S/ ADAM BLANCHARD
ADAM BLANCHARD, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF MAGGIE BLANCHARD, DECEASED

CODY W. GIBSON, MSB #103967
SCOTT MULLENIX MSB#104859
1755 LELIA DRIVE, SUITE 300
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39216
TELEPHONE: 601-948-9840; FAC-SIMILE: 601-599-0000
EMAIL: cwgibsonlaw@gmail.com

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2003 CHEVY TRAIL BLAZER, VIN # 1GNES16S836245670, \$2760.60, and a 2004 BMW X5, VIN # 5UXF-B53594LV09807, \$2760.60. Public sale of these abandoned/unclaimed vehicles will be held on Friday September 3, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at Gilmore Towing & Recovery, 124 E. State Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

Summons. Notice to Defendant: Jacob Alexander Tackett, an individual; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Paul Atteukenian. Notice! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without you being heard unless you respond within 30 Days, read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/soe/fhe/p), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center www.courtinfo.ca.gov/soe/fhe/p), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. Superior Court of the State of California Stanley Mosk Courthouse-Central District 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. The name, address, and telephone number if plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: Melkon Melkonian, Esq., 16530 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 555, Encino, California 91436; Tel. 818-986-9331.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF Daniel Shelby Peterson CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021-301-W NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Daniel Shelby Peterson, deceased, having on the 14th day of May, 2021, been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in Cause Number 2021-301-W, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of said Court within ninety (90) days from the first day of this publication, or the same will be forever barred. Dated this 24th day of May, 2021.
s/ J. B. Peterson
J. B. Peterson, Executor
BENTLEY E. CONNER
Attorney at Law
164 East Center Street
Post Office Box 563
Canton, Mississippi 39046
(601) 859-6306
(601) 859-6307 Fax
Bar No. 6465

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF William A. Vaughan CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021-161-W NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters Testamentary on the Estate of William A. Vaughan, deceased, having on the 14th day of May, 2021, been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in Cause Number 2021-161-W, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of said Court within ninety (90) days from the first day of this publication, or the same will be forever barred. Dated this 24th day of May, 2021.
s/ Betty Vaughan
Betty Vaughan, Executor
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Attorney at Law
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF William A. Vaughan CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021-161-W NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters Testamentary on the Estate of William A. Vaughan, deceased, having on the 14th day of May, 2021, been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in Cause Number 2021-161-W, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of said Court within ninety (90) days from the first day of this publication, or the same will be forever barred. Dated this 24th day of May, 2021.
s/ Betty Vaughan
Betty Vaughan, Executor
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EN EL TRIBUNAL DE LA CANCELLERIA DEL CONDADO DE MADISON, MISSISSIPPI EN RE: ESAU SILVESTRE-MATEO, MENOR CAUSA NO. 2021-666B MATEO SILVESTRE-LOPEZ, PETICIONARIO REGLA 81 CITACION –POR PUBLICACIÓN EL ESTADO DE MISSISSIPPI
PARA: JUANA MATEO PABLO ALDEA YACA, SAN MATEO IXTATAN, GUATEMALA
AVISO AL DEMANDADO

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

Usted está convocado para comparecer y defenderse contra la Petición para Nombrar Tutor radicada en su contra en esta acción a las 9:00 a.m. el día 28, de Septiembre, 2021, en el Tribunal de la Cancillería del Condado de Madison en Canton, Mississippi, ante Su Señorío Cynthia Brewer, y en caso de que usted no aparezca y se defiende, un fallo será dictado en su contra por el dinero u otras cosas exigidas en la Petición para Nombrar Tutor Verificada. No es necesario que presente una respuesta u otro alegato, pero puede hacerlo si lo desea.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROSE JUNE AMMONS, DECEASED**

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021-646 W

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary having been granted on the 10th day of August, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Rose June Ammons, Deceased, being administered in **CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021-646 W** of said Court, notice is hereby given to all persons or parties having claims against said estate to present the same to 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 10th day of August, 2021.

Robin R. Ammons Powell ROBIN R. AMMONS POWELL, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF ROSE JUNE AMMONS, DECEASED

ALBERT BOZEMAN WHITE, ESQ.
MSB #7132
204 Key Drive, Suite A
Madison, MS 39110
Phone: (601)856-5731

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2012 DODGE CHARGER, VIN # 2C3CDXHG0CH164560, \$ 2947.85, Public sale of this abandoned/unclaimed vehicle will be held on Friday September 3, 2021 at Big Byrd Towing & Recovery located at 120 E. State St. Ridgeland, MS 39157 at 10:00 A.M.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT**OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI ESTATE OF ROBERT P. MYERS, DECEASED NO. 2021-615C NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 6th day of July, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executor of the ESTATE OF ROBERT P. MYERS, 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 6th day of July, 2021.
s/ Geneva Houston Myers, Geneva Houston Myers, Executor of the Estate of Robert P. Myers, Deceased
s/ Leonard C. Martin

Leonard C. Martin BAKER, DONELSON, BEARMAN, CALDWELL & BERKOWITZ Post Office Box 14167 Jackson, Mississippi 39236 Telephone: (601) 351-2400 State Bar #1897

ATTORNEY**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI****ESTATE OF WILLIAM A. NORTON, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-325-B****NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 23rd day of June, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of William A. Norton, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against this Estate to present such claims 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 such claims will be forever barred. THIS the 15th day of August, 2021.
s/ William A. Norton, Jr. William A. Norton, Jr., Executor of the Estate of William A. Norton
David P. Webb, MSB No. 7052 / Leonard C. Martin, MSB No. 1897
Baker Donelson PO Box 14167, Jackson, MS 39236 (601) 969-4678 ATTORNEYS

MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SULPHUR SPRINGS PARK FENCING PROJECT BID NUMBER 2021-0007

Bids will be received by the Madison County Board of Supervisors until 10 A.M. Friday, September 17, 2021, at the Sulphur Springs Park Fencing Project. All bids so received will be publicly opened and read aloud. The project generally consists of the installation of roughly 1350 LF of 6 ft decorative fencing with a double swing automatic gate and 2100 LF of 8 ft vinyl coated chain link fence with an automatic sliding gate and a 20 ft double swing gate. Bids may be submitted by either of the following methods:
1. Sealed bids will be received until 10 A.M. Friday, September 17, 2021 at the Madison County Chancery Clerk's office, Room 225-228, 146 West North Street, Canton, MS 39046. All sealed bids submitted to the Chancery Clerk's office shall be marked on the outside face of the envelope "SULPHUR SPRINGS PARK FENCING PROJECT," and shall have the bidder's Certificate of Responsibility Number written on the outside of the envelope. If any envelope is not so marked, said bid shall not be opened and considered.
2. Electronic bids will be received until 10 A.M. Friday, September 17, 2021, as a PDF file via Madison County's website at <http://www.madison-co.com/bids>. Each bidder submitting a bid electronically as a PDF file shall include its Certificate of Responsibility Number as part of its PDF electronic bid submittal. Any electronic PDF bid

that does not include the bidder's Certificate of Responsibility Number shall not be considered.

Plans, specifications, and contract documents are on file and can be viewed and downloaded at <https://www.madison-co.com/bids>. Questions regarding plans and specifications should be sent to Tim Bryan, P.E. with the Madison County Engineer's Office at tim.bryan@madison-co.com or 601-790-2520. Madison County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Madison County Board of Supervisors By: (s) Keshia Buckner, Purchase Clerk
Publication Dates:
August 19, 2021
August 26, 2021

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE: THE INTESTATE ESTATE OF JAMARQUIS LIL' JAMEZE BLACK, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-374**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 12th day of July, 2021 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in Case No.: 2021-374 to the undersigned Administratrix of the Intestate Estate of Jamarquis Lil' Jameze Black, Deceased, notice is hereby given to 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, which was August 19th, 2021, or they will be forever barred. This the 16th day of August, 2021.
ELIZABETH BLACK WOOTEN, ADMINISTRATION

BY: s/ Jenessa Carter Hicks
DAVID E. ROZIER, JR. (MSB 5712)
JENESSA CARTER HICKS (MSB 103287)
OF COUNSEL:
ROZIER LAW FIRM, PLLC
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PO Box 2388
Oxford, MS 38655
Telephone: 662.234.0065
Facsimile: 662.234.3007

PUBLISH: August 19, 2021, August 26, 2021, September 2, 2021

Legal Notice

St Romain/Gallagher II LLC intend to make application for an On Premise Retailer Permit as provided for by the local option Alcoholic Beverage Control laws, section 67-1-1, et seq. of the Mississippi code of 1972, annotated. If granted such permit, we propose to operate as a Limited Liability Company under the trade name of Walk-Ons Sports Bistreaux Ridgeland located at 720 Highland Colony Parkway, Ridgeland, Ms , Madison County.

Matt Gallagher, Member Jeff St Romain, Member

If any person wishes to request a hearing to object to the issuance of this permit a request for a hearing must be made in writing and received by the Dept of Revenue with 15 days from the first date of this notice was published.

Requests shall be sent to Chief Counsel, Legal Division

Dept Of Revenue PO Box 22828 Jackson, Ms 39225

Date of first Publication 8-19-2021**This 19 day of August, 2021****NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Madison, Mississippi will meet on September 7, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Courtroom, 2001 Main Street, in the City of Madison, Mississippi to hear any objections or remonstrances that may be made to the improvements, or any part thereof, which the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have found, determined and adjudicated to be necessary and in the public interest:

Installation of paved public roads, including all necessary rights-of-way and related drainage and utility improvements in the Wind Dance Subdivision. The Project Area includes the existing private drives/rights-of-way, identified on the Plats of Wind Dance Phase I, Wind Dance Phase I-A and Wind Dance Phase II, as Wind Dance Drive, Wind Dance Boulevard, and Wind Dance Way, as recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi and found as attached to the adopted Resolution as Exhibit "A". The Roadway will be hard surfaced (asphalt) and the associated drainage/utility work will conform to the City's standards. The Project Area is located fully within the Platted Subdivision and the Benefitted Area includes the residential properties identified in the Plats for Wind Dance Phase I, Wind Dance Phase I-A and Wind Dance Phase II. The complete legal description of the Project Area is attached as Exhibit "B" to the Resolution. The Benefitted Area affected by the above improvements and against which property the cost of such improvements will be assessed is attached as Exhibit "C" to the Resolution. Copies of all documents are available at City Hall, 1004 Madison Avenue, Madison Mississippi 39110 and the Department of Public Works 1239 Highway 51, Madison, Mississippi 39110. Copies may also be obtained by contacting the City Attorney at (601) 856-7116.

At said meeting, or at a time and place, to which same may be adjourned, any person aggrieved may appear in person, by attorney, or by petition may object to, or protest against said improvements or, any part thereof; the Mayor and Board of Aldermen will consider objections and protests, if

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any, and may confirm, amend, modify or rescind the Resolution of Necessity and shall determine whether said improvements shall be made and how the costs thereof shall be paid, which determination shall be final and conclusive. If a majority of the property owners owning more than 50% of the property involved and actually occupying property owned by them and included within that area determined to be benefited shall file a protest, then the improvements shall not be made.

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MADISON, MISSISSIPPI, in a regular meeting assembled on this the 17th day of August, 2021.

CITY OF MADISON
By: Susan B. Crandall/Rut
Title: City Clerk

PUBLICATION DATES:
Thursday, August 19, 2021
Thursday, August 26, 2021
Thursday, September 2, 2021

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Joe Ann Torrey Cause No. 2020-145-W

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters of Administration on the Estate of Joe Ann Torrey, deceased, having on the 17th day of July, 2021, been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in Cause Number 2020-145-W, notice is, therefore, hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of said Court within ninety (90) days from the first day of this publication, or the same will be forever barred. Dated this the 17th day of July, 2021.
s/ Linda Denise Dugeon
Linda Denise Dugeon, Administratrix
BENTLEY E. CONNER

Attorney at Law
164 East Center Street

Post Office Box 563
Canton, Mississippi 39046
(601) 859-6306 office
(601) 859-6307 fax
Bar No. 6465

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MICKEY BETHANY SULLIVAN, Deceased Cause No.: 2021-453 C NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 16th day of July, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executrix of the Estate of MICKEY BETHANY SULLIVAN, 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 16th day of July, 2021.
s/ Stephanie Lovelady
STEPHANIE LOVELADY
Executrix of the Estate of Mickey Bethany Sullivan, deceased
OF COUNSEL:
s/ Natalie J. Gideon
Natalie J. Gideon, MSB 9953
BRIDGERS & SMITH PLLC
102 Plantation Cove
Madison, MS 39110
Tel. 601-812-5888
Fax. 601-812-5880
natalie@bridgerslaw.net

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EUGENE ALBRECHT, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 45CH1:21-cv-00217
PAUL ALBRECHT PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF EUGENE ALBRECHT

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 22nd day of July, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Eugene Albrecht, deceased testate, 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 26th day of July, A.D., 2021.

s/ *Paul Albrecht*
PAUL ALBRECHT, Executor

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, EX REL. MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PLAINTIFF

VS. Civil Cause No. CO 2021-0856 JH

TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,200.00) IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY, NINETEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$19,000.00) IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY, & ELEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$11,660.00) IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY DEFENDANT

SUMMONS**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

TO: Cornelius M. Brown, III, Matina N. Chester, and the unknown owner of Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$2,200.00) in United States Currency, Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000.00) in United States Currency, & Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$11,660.00) in United States Currency

A PETITION FOR FORFEITURE OR COMPLAINT HAS BEEN FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. You are required by law to mail or hand-deliver a written response to the Complaint filed in this action to the lawyer for the Plaintiff, whose name and address is: **Todd McAlpin, Assistant District Attorney, Post Office Box 121, Canton, Mississippi 39046**.

A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR HAND-DELIVERED

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TO SAID LAWYER WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS SUMMONS AND PETITION ARE SERVED UPON YOU, OR A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE CURRENCY AND PROPERTY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION OR COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of the Court within a reasonable time afterward. The name and address of the Clerk of this Court is Honorable Anita Wray, Madison County Circuit Court, Post Office Box 1626, Canton, Mississippi, 39046.

Issued under my hand and the official seal of this Court this the 2nd day of August 2021 .

ANITA WRAY
MADISON COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: Wanda Jefferson D.C.
Wanda Jefferson
(SEAL)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 65-7-121 of the Mississippi Code, the Madison County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on September 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Supervisor's Board Room of the Madison County Office Complex, 125 West North Street, Canton, Madison County, Mississippi, for the purpose of allowing public comment on the question of whether or not to abandon a portion of Luebirdia Road, a public county road located in Madison County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows to wit:

PORTION OF LUEBIRDIA ROAD TO BE ABANDONED
A parcel or tract of land, lying and being situated in the SW ¼ of Section 18, T8N-R2E, Madison County, Mississippi, said parcel of land being described as lying thirty (30) feet each side and at right angles to the following described centerline, said centerline being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a found concrete monument lying at the SW corner of Section 18, T8N-R2E, Madison County, Mississippi; run thence

Famous Louisiana pizza chain now open in Ridgeland

By JOHN LEE
john@onlinemadison.com

RIDGELAND — Tyler Harrison grew up in Monroe, Louisiana, eating at the famous Johnny's Pizza House he brought here this summer as a franchisee.

Johnny's is well-known for its Sweep the Kitchen specialty pizza, along with eight other specialty pizzas, signature pizzas, flips (a pizza-sandwich hybrid folded in half and glazed with garlic butter sauce), wings, salads and muf-flettas.

Sweep the Kitchen is a leg-endarily combination of 11 ingredients. Generous helpings of pepperoni, ham, hamburger, sausage, onions, mushrooms, black olives, bell peppers, jalapenos, anchovies, all crowned with 100% real moz-zarella cheese, fresh-cooked juicy hamburger, bacon, ched-dar cheese and onions.

Michael Eakin, manager of the Ridgeland store, has been working with Johnny's since he was 16. The company is a "family man" establishment where every employee is part of the family, he said.

Harrison has lived in Madi-son for more than a decade and opened the restaurant July 27. He is already seeing happy cus-tomers.

"Since I grew up with John-ny's, seeing so many people show how excited they are about us being here is a great feeling," he said. "I've seen people recently from Monroe that I haven't seen in decades come in here and tell me they were glad I opened here."

Over the past 74 years, Johnny's Pizza House has grown from a small business opened by Johnny Huntsman to a large chain with 43 loca-tions, the newest being at 670 U.S. Highway 51 in Ridgeland.

Although the original John-ny's Pizza closed in 2001, the chain lives on with many loca-



Tyler Harrison, owner of the new Ridgeland Johnny's Pizza House, proudly showcases a pizza fresh out of the oven.

tions throughout Louisiana and two Mississippi locations, one in Natchez and now here.

"I got involved in the John-ny's business around a year ago and trained at their different locations in Louisiana before coming here and taking owner-ship of this restaurant," Harri-son said. "My family and I would always get Johnny's Pizza as I grew up."

Harrison said he believes Johnny's Pizza House stands

out because of the company's focus on customer satisfaction, community involvement, and the customers' love for John-ny's pizza. He said what grabbed him about the Ridgeland location was the drive-thru window.

"People love to drive through, pick up their pizza, and go home," Harrison said. "I know a ton of people here who love Johnny's Pizza. I've had multiple people walk in

and personally thank me for opening this place since before they would drive to Louisiana just to get Johnny's and bring it back."

Harrison said he hopes to open another Johnny's location in Gluckstadt sometime in early 2023.

"I'm more focused on keep-ing customers happy," Harri-son said. "Sales are great, but it's more important to take care of the customers."

"The best part of being here is seeing the community response and support," Harri-son said.

Eakin said Harrison expressed to him that he wanted to make people feel at home. "Your coworkers are your family," Eakin. "It's a very cohe-sive unit."

Eakin pointed out that everyone in Madison County has been "very welcoming, and we want to give everyone here

the same experience we grew up with."

"I'm happy to be where I am. It's fun meeting so many different people and bringing the love of Johnny's Pizza to everyone. It's enjoyable, and the community loves it."

For more information about Johnny's, including their menu, story, and additional locations, visit their website at www.johnnysph.com.

Madison County Nursing Home in Canton is now hiring employees for Nurse Aides. This would lead to taking a class to become a Certified Nursing Assistant. Get paid while you work and take class and get your certification in the process. Please call (601) 855-5761 for more information.

NOTICE OF A TAX INCREASE AND A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE CITY OF GLUCKSTADT, MISSISSIPPI

The City of Gluckstadt will hold a public hearing on a proposed ad valorem tax revenue increase for fiscal year 2021-2022 and on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2021-2022 at 6 p.m. on September 7, 2021, at Germantown High School, in the Cafetorium, 409 Calhoun Station Pkwy, Gluckstadt, MS 39110.

The City of Gluckstadt is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$360,500. Zero (0) % or \$0 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$3,584,027. Of that amount, 37.97% or \$1,360,793 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

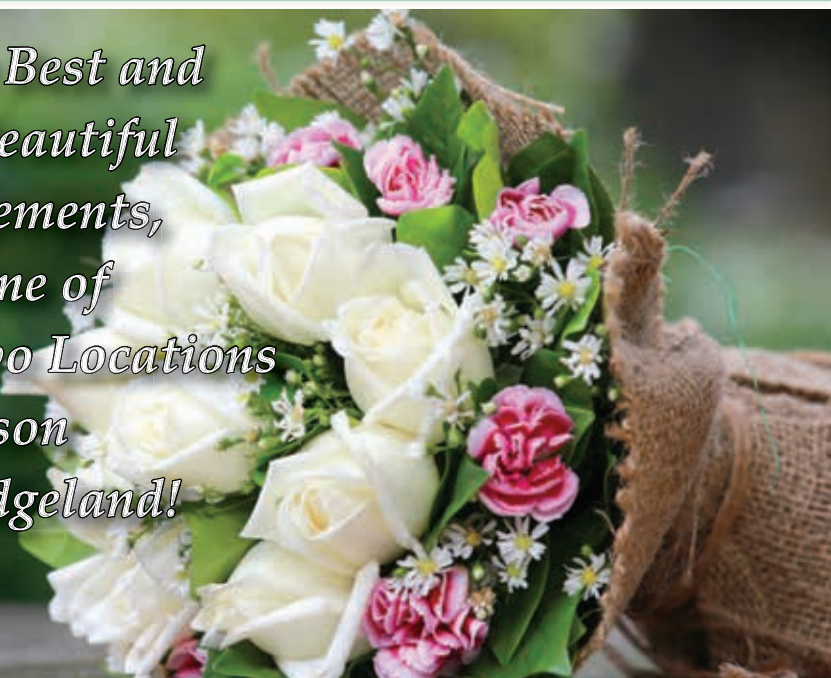
For next fiscal year, the City of Gluckstadt plans to increase your ad valorem tax millage rate by 12 mills from 0 mills to 12 mills. This increase means that you will pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property.

Any citizen of City of Gluckstadt is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax increase, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken. The proposed 2021-22 budget is available for inspection at 113 Dees Dr., Suite C, Gluckstadt, MS 39110

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

McGee honing his skills this year

By **JOHN LEE**
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Madison-Ridgeland Academy kicker Landon McGee said he has much to look forward to and a lot of expectations for his senior year with the Patriots this season.

"Our first game of the year was against Greenville Christian, and they were much better than we expected them to be," said McGee of the team's 58-32 season-opening loss to Greenville Christian two weeks ago. "We did much better during our second game, and I feel like we just had some first-game jitters."

The Patriots rebounded last week with a 56-7 road win over Cathedral in Natchez.

Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee, Landon McGee's grandfather, said he is "very proud of" his grandson's "great" performance at Cathedral last Friday.

"His kickoffs were in the endzone and his extra points looked good and clean," Gene McGee said, adding that his grandson is a young man of character. "He is a kind-hearted young man. He has his head on correct and is the kind of young man you can be proud of."

Gene McGee said Landon's father, Wint McGee, was also a kicker at MRA his senior year and he lettered in football, track, baseball and soccer.

Landon McGee, Gene McGee said, has worked hard in both football and soccer.

"We are just excited for him. His hard work has paid off," Gene McGee said. "He has worked hard in both football and soccer, and I think that is going to pay off when he is looking at colleges."

Landon McGee, who has started as the kicker for the Patriots since his 10th-grade year, said he has enjoyed playing, and he likes his coaches.

"They are more than coaches," Landon McGee said. "They are our mentors."

Landon McGee said one of his favorite moments of playing football for the Patriots was last



Landon McGee

year during the team's first game of the season against Trinity Christian of Dallas, where he kicked an extra point to win the game.

"That was probably the best moment of playing for them," Landon McGee said. "Being able to play a crucial role for the team is a great feeling."

Landon McGee is graduating from MRA in May, and while he isn't sure where he's going to college, he said he dreams of going to Mississippi State University and playing college ball there.

"My goal is to play football wherever I decide to go, even if it isn't MSU," Landon McGee said. "I do hope to go to MSU, though, and play there."

Landon McGee said he plans to major in business and do something like his father does, which is lending and mortgaging homes.

Along with being the kicker for the football team, Landon McGee also plays soccer for MRA and has played since he was in the eighth grade. His motivation to become the kicker for the football team came one day when he went out to kick a soccer ball around with his father and realized he was decent at kicking the ball a long way.

Landon McGee's favorites:
• Favorite foods: Steak, any kind of Mexican food, and chicken from Cane's or Chick-Fil-A.
• Favorite vacation spot: The

beach, any kind of beach.

Favorite video game: Madden.

While not playing football, Landon McGee loves to hang out with his friends, play golf, take a boat out on the reservoir, and go to church at Colonial Heights in Ridgeland. Additionally, he works part-time for Ridgeland Parks and Recreation.

Head coach Herbert Davis said Landon McGee is one of the most improved players on the team.

"Landon has worked very hard in the offseason, and he's excelled this year in his ability to kick the football," Davis said. "He's doing well. He place-kicked for us last year for extra points, but this year he is kicking off along with doing extra points. He's improved in accuracy and distance. He has gone to a lot of kicking camps to improve, and he's also gotten stronger. We're excited about that."

Davis said the Patriots won the state championship in 2019 and 2020 and went undefeated last year.

He hopes his team can once again take the state title for the third year in a row.

"This year we've got a great team but a lot of young players," Davis said. "We also have a very tough schedule. We've played two games, and we are 1-1. Greenville Christian beat us for the first game, and we beat Natchez Cathedral. This week we're playing a back-to-back 6A champion, Oakland High School of Tennessee. That will be broadcast on Saturday at 2 p.m. on ESPN2."

Davis said the sooner the players can mature and grow as a team, the better the chance the team will have that state championship.

Landon McGee also agrees that a third state championship is possible.

"I think we can only go up from here," McGee said. "If we've won two state championships in a row, I know we can get a third."



Germantown loses 9-7 in two-quarter Jamboree

The Germantown Mavericks hosted the Neshoba Central Rockets in two-quarter scrimmage last Friday night and fell to the Rockets 9-7 after snapping a punt attempt out of the end zone for a safety that accounted for the two-point loss. The Mavericks travel to Vicksburg to face the Vicksburg High School Gators on Friday for the first game of the first game of the season.



Tri-County Academy bests Indianola Academy 47-7

Tri-County Academy's first home game ended up with Tri-County being victorious with a score of 47-7. The game was dedicated to Mississippi Highway Patrol Fallen Officer John Harris Z-21. There were numerous activities that included fireworks and a helicopter flyover.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF GLUCKSTADT, MISSISSIPPI

The City of Gluckstadt will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2020-2021 at 6 p.m. on Aug. 26, 2021, in the Parish Hall of St. Joseph Catholic Church, 127 Church Rd, Gluckstadt, MS 39110.

The City of Gluckstadt is now operating with no budget because of its recent incorporation, first legally effective June 6, 2021. For the current fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$360,500.00, zero percent (0%) or \$0.00 of which is obtained through ad valorem taxes.

The decision not to impose the ad valorem tax millage rate for fiscal year 2020-21 means for the current fiscal year, you will pay no ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property, even if the assessed value of your property has increased for fiscal year 2020-21.

Any citizen of the City of Gluckstadt is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for fiscal year 2020-2021 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken. The proposed 2020-21 budget is available for inspection at 113 Dees Dr., Suite C, Gluckstadt, MS 39110.

Scoreboard

Here is a look at area school's football scores from Friday, Aug. 20.

- Jackson Academy 37
Starkville Academy 0
- Madison Ridgeland Academy 56
Cathedral 7
- St. Joseph Catholic 19
Copiah Academy 34

Upcoming games for Aug. 27. All games are Aug. 27 with kick off at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted:

- Canton Academy will host Winston Academy
- Canton High School travels to Velma Jackson
- Germantown travels to Vicksburg
- Jackson Academy travels to Leake Academy
- Jackson Prep travels to Heritage Academy
- Madison Ridgeland Academy will host Oakland (Saturday at 2 p.m. on ESPN2)
- Madison Central will host West Jones
- Ridgeland High School travels to Northwest Rankin
- St. Andrews travels to Salem
- St. Joseph will host Cathedral
- Tri-County Academy travels to Bowling Green
- Velma Jackson will host Canton High School

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