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From left, Erin Burton, a registered care coordinator for University Heart; Holli Roach, registered nurse care coordinator with the Department of Cardiology; and Joel Shows, associate director of administration and finance in the Department of Cardiology.

DRIVER SHORTAGE Madison garbage rates to increase

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MADISON — Light commercial garbage collection rates will rise nearly 50 percent because of a national driver shortage, officials said.

Residents and other businesses will see increases in garbage collection and recycling fees beginning Friday after the Mayor and Board of Aldermen awarded a new contract to Waste Management during a Sept. 23 special called meeting.

Waste Management was the only company to submit a bid.

Residential customers will pay an additional \$4.09 to their existing bill of \$11.85 for a total of \$15.94 after the raise. Light commercial customers will see an \$8.53 increase to \$25.82 and recycling will go up \$2.24 to \$4.31 total.

The increased rates reflect an increase of 35.51% for residential garbage collection, a 49.33% increase for light commercial garbage collection and a 108.21% increase in recycling.

Chelsea Brannon, an attorney for Madison, said the city received several responses to the city's request for proposals on waste collection but only Waste Management, the current provider, submitted a bid. Brannon said the city then negotiated the pricing with Waste Management.

"We negotiated with Waste Management to reduce the overall cost of the contract which provides for residential garbage collection, light commercial garbage collection and recycling for both," Brannon said.

She said the established rate charged is the exact cost of the contract rate to the city.

Waste Management Public Sector Solutions Representative David Holloway said the increase is due to increased operating costs and specifically the need to hire new drivers.

"Like other businesses across the U.S., Waste Management is experiencing higher operating

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Students honor healthcare workers with cards

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MADISON — More than 3,000 hand-made thank-you cards that were recently delivered to healthcare workers at the University of Mississippi Medical Center were made by Madison County Schools students.

Art students from 11 elementary schools and four middle schools made the cards to show their appreciation for the healthcare workers' efforts throughout the COVID-19 pandemic that began in March 2020.

Brittany Starnes, an art teacher at Germantown Middle School, said she created a lesson for making the cards and the importance of thanking men and women in the medical field who work to keep the community healthy and safe.

"Charlotte Seals, our superintendent, asked if we could do something for our healthcare workers, and we chose to do thank-you cards," Starnes said. "I talked with my students about their writing and drawing, and I allowed them to create their cards how they wanted."

Starnes said a lot of students at Germantown Middle School and in the district have parents who work in healthcare as nurses, doctors, X-Ray techs, lab workers, cleaning crew and more.

"When I introduced this lesson, I saw my students' eyes light up," Starnes said. "They see their parents come home tired and exhausted since they try their hardest to keep our community healthy and safe. I feel we sometimes overlook how chil-



Mannsdale Elementary student Ramsey Bayles-Rankins holds up a card she made in class.

dren feel, what they believe and how they think when they are where we need to find our happiness. They were so excited to do this and do something for their parents."

Starnes said her students also were excited to share and get help from their classmates.

"It is nice to feel like you are needed and wanted, and it was encouraging to me to see them so excited," Starnes said. "I enjoy getting to do this. We do a similar project with our veterans for Veterans Day. Getting to do this was neat and it is

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Full Moon Bar-B-Que officially open

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MADISON — Full Moon Bar-B-Que opened here Monday morning with much fanfare and the smell of meat smoked over a wood-fired pit wafting in the air.

Full Moon has a long history of Southern-style barbecue made in the time-honored, traditional way — with quality meats cooked low and slow over a hickory wood-fired pit and spiced with their award-winning sauce.

"It has been a long time coming, and we're excited to be here and be a part of the Madison community," said Brian Ahmed, owner of the Full Moon franchise here. "We're going to have the best barbecue in town."

Ahmed cut the ribbon with Full Moon owners David and

Joe Maluff along with Madison Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler and several Madison aldermen and city officials.

Madison marks the 17th location and first in Mississippi for the chain founded in 1986.

Pat James, a former football coach who spent a dozen years as Alabama legend Paul "Bear" Bryant's trusted assistant, opened the original Pat James' Full Moon Bar-B-Que near Gadsden, Alabama, with his wife, Eloise, in the early 1980s. The Maluffs took ownership in 1997.

"We are very proud to come to a city like Madison," David Maluff said. "It's very community and family-minded. I'm glad we're here in Madison, and we can share our food with the community here. We're the real deal and don't take shortcuts."

The original spicy, sweet

famous "chow-chow" recipe is still made accordingly to Eloise James' original recipe.

Each Full Moon BBQ is built around a 30ft x 15ft brick wood fired pit because Alabama barbecue originated with all meat smoked over a wood-fired pit.

Full Moon is open seven days a week and includes interior seating, an outdoor patio with TVs, and a drive-thru. It also specializes in catering for crowds of 10 to 10,000 from tailgates to corporate events.

Maluff said the service is quick, and servers bring the food to your table. The menu features a variety of items, including ribs, brisket, chicken, turkey, pork butt, smoked wings, fresh salads, a "soul bowl" with cheese grits, collard greens and your choice of protein.

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Full Moon Bar-B-Que owners David and Joe Maluff dive into some barbecue. The founders were at Madison's grand opening Monday where they joined local franchise owner Brian Ahmed and other business and city leaders.

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15K spectators expected for Euro Fest

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RIDGELAND — More than 150 European automobiles and motorcycles will be on display at the Renaissance for the 13th Annual Renaissance Euro Fest Classic European Auto & Motorcycle Show this weekend.

The free event opens at 10 a.m. Friday and lasts through 5 p.m. Saturday.

Euro Fest Director Mike Marsh said he expects a big crowd to turn out to see the variety of cars and motorcycles from Europe that make their way to Renaissance.

Since 2008, British, Italian, German and many other European vehicles have graced the walkways of the Renaissance during the festival for spectators to observe.

Marsh said the inspiration for the festival struck him when he visited the Renaissance in 2008 and realized there were no shows in the area specifically for European cars.

"I am a collector of these kinds of cars, such as a Venice Mercedes, and I wanted to bring my love for them here," Marsh said. "When I discovered the Renaissance 13 years



Thousands are expected to flock to Renaissance at Colony Park this weekend for the 13th Annual Renaissance Euro Fest Classic.

ago, with its beautiful space and Mediterranean architecture, I felt it was perfect. I did a presentation to sales management at Renaissance, which was brand new at the time. They decided to give us an opportunity. They were pleased with it and have been pleased for the last 12 years."

Marsh said the festival is

free to the public and has more than 150 cars and motorcycles registered for display. He recommends spectators come early for photos and to stay for a while and wear their best walking shoes.

The spectators will be able to view the more than 150 vehicles manufactured in five different countries, including Italy, England, France, Ger-

many, Sweden and Yugoslavia.

"There will be plenty of restaurants open throughout Renaissance to visit during the festival," Marsh said. "It's a free, fun, family event. You'll see people of all ages. The average person usually stays looking at the cars for three and a half hours."

An awards presentation follows the festival, with awards

presented to Best in Class of 15 Different Classes, several Sponsor's Choice awards, Renaissance Tourism "Inside + Out" award, and Best of the Renaissance, both Vintage (1996 and older) and Nouveau (1997 and later). Additionally, the Mayor's Travel Award and the Governor's Travel Award are presented to out-of-state entries.

The at the Renaissance is located at 1000 Highland Colony Parkway, Ridgeland. Registration for displaying vehicles in the festival closed Monday. For more information about Euro Fest, visit www.euro-fest.net/ridgeland/, or call Marsh at 601-946-1950.

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Stabbing at Nissan auto plant under investigation

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A stabbing reported last week at the Nissan plant left one injured, the authorities said.

"The incident is currently under investigation," said Heath Hall, spokesman for the Madison County Sheriff's Office.

Hall said the MCSO received a call from Nissan Security at 9:49

p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, regarding a fight between two employees and that one person was either cut or stabbed.

Deputies responded and located the victim, who was treated by

EMS and transported to a local hospital. Investigators determined the suspect had already left the scene, Hall said.

No further information was available, Hall said.

Masks still required on Madison school buses

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Madison County Schools students are no longer required to wear masks in buildings as of last Friday but are still required to wear masks on school buses, the district announced in a letter to families last week.

The letter signed by Superintendent Charlotte A. Seals was sent to Madison County Schools families on Thursday, Sept. 23, announcing the change in the district's COVID-19 protocol level

from Level 3 to Level 1.

"This protocol recommends but does not require mask-wearing in school buildings," Wright said. "Masks will be required on school buses."

Seal's letter states that the district has seen a significant decline in COVID-19 cases and quarantines across campuses while observing COVID-19 Protocol Level 3 over the last month.

The Madison County Schools district is operating under a COVID-19 protocol system with Levels 1 through 3. Under Levels

1 and 2 masks are optional for all faculty and students (PreK-12) regardless of vaccination status.

Level 3 states that "all faculty and students (PreK-12) regardless of vaccination status, will wear masks at all times practicable while indoors and on buses."

The district has been operating under Level 3 since the first day of full student attendance Aug. 13.

The decision is "data-driven" and in line with the district's stated COVID-19 policies, Seals said.

Madison County has recorded 213 new COVID-19 cases and

four new deaths in the past week, according to the Mississippi State Department of Health's Wednesday COVID-19 report.

Madison County has now recorded 14,314 COVID-19 cases and 274 deaths since the pandemic began in March 2020, according to MSDH.

Statewide, since the pandemic began, 280,747 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been recorded by the MSDH. There have been 6,437 confirmed COVID-19 deaths.

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important that we're helping our community. It is what our kids need to see."

Mollie Buchanan, an eighth-grader at Germantown Middle School, said the project was a great idea.

"Mrs. Starnes told us we were going to make a bunch of cards for our healthcare work-

ers to thank them and honor them for the work they do," Buchanan said. "I thought it was a great idea since for the past two years they've been doing so much for all of us and have been so courageous. It makes me feel really good they got the cards because I think they deserve it."

Daelon Allen, another eighth-grader at Germantown Middle, said the project showed how much he and his fellow students cared for the people working in the hospital.

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Highland Colony Chick-fil-A coming to Ridgeland

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RIDGELAND — Dirt work is underway on a Chick-fil-A off the Highland Colony Parkway with a target open of mid-February.

The restaurant is next to the Costco Fuel Center and developers hope to have construction completed by Feb. 15, officials said.

A Chick-fil-A representative said the new Chick-fil-A will give the restaurant's fans another location and that the County Line Road Chick-fil-A Restaurant will remain open.

Kevin Miller, restaurant operator for the County Line Road location said the current owner Chris Rosson, who also owns the Madison and the new Ridgeland Chick-fil-As, will give up ownership of the County Line location to take ownership of the Ridgeland location when it opens and the County Line location's ownership will revert to Chick-fil-A corporate ownership.

Miller said he anticipates corporate will name a new owner of the County Line location within four months of the new Ridgeland location opening.

The new Ridgeland Chick-fil-A will be the third restaurant in the vicinity following a Wendy's that opened in 2020 and a Walk-Ons sports bar across the Parkway that opened Monday.

When the Chick-fil-A project was approved in April, officials said the building met the city's standards and had one of the biggest parking lots for a Chick-fil-A they have seen.

Development continues in the Renaissance Phase III. Across the street from the Chick-fil-a at the end of the Costco parking lot, an Xfinity store opened iwithin the past couple of months.

The tenant for the space next door to Xfinity is poised to begin interior construction as soon as they complete the permit process, officials said.

The developers expect to close on a package of now unidentified tenants soon that will lead to further construction in the development.

A portion of sales and ad valorem tax from the area will be diverted to the city's debt service in financing Renaissance construction through Tax Increment Financing bonds.

A TIF is a creative financing



Dirt work has begun at the site of the new Highland Colony Chick-fil-A.

mechanism that diverts a portion of sales and property taxes generated by a development to debt service to be used for infrastructure.

City officials said they are on track to pay the bond off in 15 years. Bonds can be issued up to \$12.5 million.

Current contributors to the TIF include Costco, Xfinity, Walk-Ons and Wendy's. More are expected as the development continues to grow.

Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee said the infrastructure includes work that has already been done and includes such

work as street lights, roadways and sewers.

In December 2020 the area became 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, Wendy's and the site of the future Chick-fil-A.

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.

City officials approved issuing \$7.8 million in TIF bonds from the Renaissance Phase III TIF in June and accepted at the Sept. 21, Board of Alderman meeting.

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.

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costs (fuel, labor, maintenance, parts and more) to provide its services, including hiring competent and qualified drivers during a national driver shortage," Holloway said. "It is Waste Management's policy to pay

competitive wages and offer attractive benefits packages to its employees to ensure cost-efficient and high-quality service for our customers. Waste Management has been a proud partner to the City of Madison for over three decades. We look forward to continuing to provide the City with exceptional services at a competitive price for many years to come."

Holloway said the new

garbage rates go into effect for Madison on Oct. 1, which is Friday.

Brannon said the city must advertise the rate increase three times before the rate can increase and the advertisements are scheduled for Sept. 30, Oct. 7 and Oct 14. An additional notice will come with the bill that sees the first increase after Oct. 14, she said.

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"There's something for everyone here," David Maluff said.

Maluff said he wants Full Moon to get involved in the

community and support local schools, teachers and sports programs.

"We're a giving group, and we want to give as much as we can to the community," he said.

The menu is vast and has a little bit of everything, Ahmed said. "We have great ribs, beautiful tender brisket and amazing smoked wings.

There's something for everyone here."

Full Moon Bar-B-Que is located at 1935 Main Street in Madison, right off Highway 463 across from Academy Sports. For more information about the chain, visit their website at www.fullmoonbbq.com.

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Opinion & Editorials

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The eclipse of Europe

Not only is the center of political gravity shifting from Europe to Asia, European unity seems a thing of the past.

For centuries up to and including the 20th, Europe seemed the central pivot of world history.

Then came the Great Civil War of the West, our Thirty Years' War (1914-1945), where all of the great European powers — Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia — along with almost all of the rest, fought some of history's greatest battles.

Result: Europe's greatest nations were all bloodied. All of Europe's empires fell. The colonial peoples were all largely liberated and began the great migration to the mother countries. And Europe was split between a U.S.-led West and a Moscow-dominated Soviet bloc.

Yet, even during that four-decade Cold War, Europe was viewed as the prize in the struggle.

By the time that Cold War ended in triumph for the Free World, a European Union modeled on the American Union was rising, and almost all of Europe's newly freed nations began to join the NATO alliance.

Yet one senses today that Europe's role in world history is passing, that the American pivot to China and the Indo-Pacific is both historic and permanent, and that as the past belongs to Europe, the future belongs to Asia.

Asia, after all, is home to the world's most populous nations, China and India; to six of the world's nine nuclear powers; and to almost all of its major Muslim nations: Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Turkey and Iran, as well as to the world's largest economies outside the USA: China and Japan.

And Europe?

In 2016, Great Britain voted to withdraw from the EU. This summer, the British joined the Australians and the U.S. in an AUXUS pact that trashed a cherished French deal to build a dozen diesel-powered submarines — and to replace them with British- and U.S.-built nuclear-power subs.

Paris saw this as a "betrayal," a "stab in the back" by

allies whom Gen. Charles De Gaulle had disparaged as "les Anglo-Saxons." Yet AUXUS was also an undeniably clear statement as to where the Australians saw their future, and it was not alongside France, but the USA.

Still, this was the worst U.S. affront of our French ally since President Dwight Eisenhower ordered the British and French out of Suez.

But, at least then, Ike could say in 1956 that he had not been alerted to the British-French invasion of Egypt and that our NATO partners had acted without his knowledge or consent.

To protest the treatment of France in the submarine deal, President Emmanuel Macron recalled his ambassador to the U.S., something that had never been done since France recognized the American colonies and came to their aid during our War of Independence.

Indeed, the submarine agreement forced cancellation of a grand party at the French embassy in Washington, D.C., to celebrate the 240th anniversary of the Battle of the Capes.

This was the critical British-French naval battle at the mouth of the Chesapeake in 1781, where a French fleet prevailed, enabling it to provide Gen. George Washington's army cover as it surrounded, shelled and compelled the surrender of Gen. Lord Cornwallis' army at Yorktown.

But if the British are out of the EU, and the French are estranged from their NATO allies, Germany yesterday held an election, where, for the first time in its history, the Christian Democratic Union of Konrad Adenauer, Helmut Kohl and Angela Merkel was reduced to a fourth of the national vote.

The new leader of Germany, after months of negotiations, may be the leader of the Social Democrats, in concert with the Greens. But even that government may not be cobbled together by Christmas.

Neither of the prospective chancellors for the Christian Democratic Union or the Social Democratic Party has the stature of Merkel, who has been both leader of Germany for the last decade and a half but also de facto leader of Europe.

And consider the present condition of NATO, once celebrated as the most successful alliance in history for having deterred any Soviet invasion of NATO Europe for the entire Cold War.

In 2001, invoking Article V about an attack on one being an attack on all, NATO joined the Americans in their plunge into Afghanistan to deal with the perpetrators of 9/11.

This August, 20 years later, all our NATO allies pulled out as the Afghan army crumbled and vanished and the Afghan regime collapsed. Our NATO allies thus shared in the ignominy of the American retreat and defeat.

Not only is the center of political gravity shifting from Europe to Asia, European unity seems a thing of the past.

As Britain has left the EU, Scotland is considering secession from England. Catalonia is still thinking of secession from Spain. Sardinia is considering secession from Italy. Poland and Hungary are at odds with the EU over domestic political reforms said to be in conflict with the demands of the bureaucrats in Brussels.

As for the southern-tier EU and NATO nations, Spain, Italy and Greece, their main concern is less an invasion by Russia than the ongoing invasion from across the Mediterranean from Africa and the Middle East.

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Biden's newest whopper

Since all of the fact-checkers seem to be on vacation during Joe Biden's presidency, we decided to help out, confronting the newest whopper from the Biden administration: That his \$3.5 trillion social-welfare bill will cost the American people "zero dollars."

"My Build Back Better Agenda costs zero dollars," Mr. Biden's account tweeted Saturday. "Instead of wasting money on tax breaks, loopholes, and tax evasion for big corporations and the wealthy, we can make a once-in-a-generation investment in working America. And it adds zero dollars to the national debt." On Monday, his press secretary, Jen Psaki, repeated the claim.

This gets a "pants on fire, totally false, four Pinocchios, absolute BS" rating from the Washington Times.

First, let's understand the meaning of cost. According to Merriam-Webster, it's "the amount or equivalent paid or charged for something" or "the outlay or expenditure (as of effort or sacrifice) made to achieve an object."

Therefore, a \$3,500,000,000,000 bill, which the Biden administration proposes will be paid for by taxing the rich and corporations who don't pay their fair share — is not "costless." These new taxes will eventually trickle down to the middle-class, in the form of higher product prices, lower wages, and more unemployment, as American firms look to offshore their businesses to avoid paying a higher tax rate.

Senior Army flight surgeon warns pilots could die in mid-flight from vaccine side effects

Moreover, these proposed tax hikes don't even cover the \$3.5 trillion price tag. The nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation estimated this month, the Democrats' tax-the-rich proposal will only raise \$2.1 trillion in revenue — still about \$1.4 trillion short of covering the cost of their plan. Congress says it will make up

the difference by giving the Internal Revenue Service \$80 billion to go after individuals and small businesses who may be shirking their responsibility.

Most importantly, the \$3.5 trillion figure is fake. The true cost of the president's entitlement plan is much higher when estimated beyond the ten years Congress is scoring it. The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget finds the Democrats' plan will cost as much as \$5.5 trillion over a decade. This is because once entitlements go into effect, it's very hard for lawmakers to take them away.

In terms of adding zero dollars to the national debt? Impossible. Mr. Biden is contradicting his own budget officials, of whom earlier this year estimated his agenda would increase the national debt by nearly \$1.4 trillion over the decade. Furthermore, this week Congress is also looking to increase the federal government's debt ceiling, increasing the amount the federal government can borrow.

If all this government spending is "paid for" as politicians have promised us for decades, then why does Washington, almost every year, have to raise their own debt limit? It would be akin to the average American maxing out all of their credit cards, then telling the bank to raise their limit, that they promise to pay it back — at some point — down the road.

Mr. Biden has already spent \$1.9 trillion on a coronavirus relief bill. The Senate has passed a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill. Now, Mr. Biden wants \$5.5 trillion more on a cradle-to-the-grave welfare program. This as American families are already facing rising prices everywhere, from the gas pump to the grocery store.

Now is not the time for Mr. Biden's and Democrats' tax and spending spree. We all know it's not going to cost "zero-dollars," but rather pass unheard of debt onto our children and grandchildren for generations to come.

— *The Washington Times*

Less than 10% infrastructure

As the House Republicans consider their next step concerning the "infrastructure" legislation on which they may be voting next week (depending on the whims of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi), they need to keep a few things in mind.

There are plenty of reasons not to like the non-infrastructure legislation. The primary reason is that it is not about infrastructure. Less than 10% of its spending is dedicated to roads and bridges. That may seem crazy in a world where everything is infrastructure, but it's true.

The legislation creates a foundation for a tax on miles driven. Such a tax will eventually be enforced by onboard computers automatically reporting to the government how many miles you've driven and probably where you've gone. It's possible that at some point, the government may simply be able to shut down your car for whatever reason.

The legislation already mandates ignition interlocks (breathalyzers) in new cars. You will need to prove you are sober before being allowed to drive your vehicle. It is a short distance from there to authorizing other reasons not to allow you to drive (unpaid bills, or taxes, or simply "anti-social" behavior).

Environmentalists want to get people out of their cars in large measure because vehicles provide access to both prosperity and freedom. This legislation helps the environmentalists achieve their goals.

Senior Army flight surgeon warns pilots could die in mid-flight from vaccine side effects

In the category of "not infrastructure,"

the legislation also establishes a protected class based on one's "real or perceived" gender identity. Page 2149 the legislation reads: "No individual in the United States may, on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that is funded in whole or in part with funds made available to carry out this title."

This is the first time we know of that gender identity has gained protected status in federal law. But, hey, it's all infrastructure.

Finally, and most importantly, the legislation is a gateway drug for the truly destructive reconciliation legislation. Failure of the infrastructure bill will add kerosene to the already impressive fire burning through the Democratic coalition. It will empower moderates to go ahead and sink reconciliation. It will significantly complicate Democratic efforts to deal with both the debt ceiling and the looming government shutdown.

In short, if the infrastructure legislation is defeated, it will shatter the fragile coalition that holds the Democrats together and gut what is left of the destructive Biden agenda.

A vote against infrastructure legislation is the right answer concerning policy and the right answer concerning politics as well.

— *The Washington Times*

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BIBLE SELECTION

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

— **Matthew 6:33 (ESV)**

OBITUARIES

Anne Naomi Carsley

Anne Naomi Carsley was born in Jackson, Mississippi on April 11, 1935. She received her B.A. from Millsaps College in 1957 and her M.A. from Ole Miss in 1959. She was a Disability Review Examiner for the State of Mississippi for 30 years until her retirement. She was a long-time resident of Ridgeland and spent the last four years of her life at The Home Place, The Willard F. Bond Home, in Madison, Mississippi.

Anne was preceded in death by her parents, Naomi Sweeny Carsley and Robert E. Carsley. She is survived by many friends who enjoyed her interesting personality. She is

also survived by her beloved dog Jason, named after the Greek mythological hero and leader of the Argonauts in Greek literature. Anne loved animals and pets of all kinds.

Anne was an essayist and romance writer who published at least six books based on historical figures or events. For her nonfiction essays she received awards from Millsaps College, the Southern Literary Festival, the Mississippi Arts Festival, and the Mississippi Commission on the Arts. She also received third prize in 1970 for a screenplay in a contest sponsored by the Mississippi Authority for Educational Tel-

evision. Her books include This Triumphant Fire (1982), The Winged Lion (1981) and the Golden Savage (1984).

Anne enjoyed her time during her final years at The Home Place, where she was comfortable, and was loved and appreciated. Memorials may be sent to the Home Place, 7521 Old Canton Road, Madison, MS 39110.

A memorial service will be held at the pavilion at Lake-wood Memorial Cemetery, 6000 Clinton Boulevard, Jackson, MS 39209 at 11:00 a.m. on October 5, 2021. Natchez Trace Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Margaret Anne Riley Montgomery,

Margaret Anne Riley Montgomery passed away peacefully on the evening of September 15, 2021, at her home in Canton, Mississippi, surrounded by loved ones. Margaret was 76 years old.

With her husband of 55 years, Margaret loved and nurtured her family that includes four daughters, four sons-in-law, twelve grandchildren, and two aging golden retrievers.

Margaret graduated from Provine High School in 1962. She attended Millsaps college for two years, and then transferred to the University of Mississippi. There, she majored in English and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts.

Margaret was an avid reader and appreciated well-written stories. She loved flowers, antiques, and hosting friends and family in her home. Margaret's warmth, kindness, and encouragement to others was evident to every person she met. She had such a positive outlook on life, and her faith in God not only sustained her but others around

her.

She loved gathering her family together for meals, beach trips, and birthday celebrations. She enjoyed travel with friends and overnight visits with out-of-town grandchildren. She cherished the beautiful friendships formed through Bible studies, book clubs, and yoga classes. Margaret connected deeply with each daughter, son-in-law, and grandchild, and each one feels uniquely loved and appreciated by Margaret.

Margaret is preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Martin Luther Riley and Clara Conn Riley of Jackson, Mississippi. She is survived by her husband, C.R. "Bob" Montgomery of Canton, Mississippi; four daughters, Kathleen Mitchell (Mack) of Jackson, Mississippi; Meg Fuller (Brian) of Birmingham, Alabama; Sarah Largen (Tim) of Madison, Mississippi; and Polly Haley (Jason) of Dallas,



Margaret Montgomery

Texas; her twelve grandchildren, Mary Margaret Mitchell, Mont Mitchell, Elizabeth Mitchell, Rob Fuller, Clara Fuller, Lewis Fuller, Henry Largen, Ruthie Largen, Max Largen, William Haley, Charlie Haley, and Maggie Haley; and

her two sisters, Martina McRae (Ed) of Simi Valley, California and Connie Burns (Pat) of Natchez, Mississippi.

Margaret's entire family is grateful for the medical teams that cared for her at Jackson Oncology in Jackson, Mississippi, and MD Anderson in Houston, Texas.

There will be a service celebrating Margaret's life on Saturday, October 2, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 202 East Peace Street, Canton, Mississippi. To honor Margaret, please consider contributing to the First Presbyterian Church of Canton or the First Methodist Church in Canton.

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BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

The kingdom citizens in the world

Please turn in your Bible to Matthew 5:13-16. Over the past several weeks, we have been looking at the Beatitudes, those blessings with which our Lord opens the Sermon on the Mount. The Lord Jesus wanted his disciples to know at the outset that the life of holiness, the way of Christ, even the way of the cross, even persecution and death is the blessed life. It is the believer who has satisfaction. It is the believer who has true happiness. It is the believer who has fulfillment. It is the believer and the believer alone in Christ who knows and experiences true blessedness. The relationship between the Christian and the world is the theme of Jesus's message. And in verses 13-16, Jesus is telling us how we ought to relate to the world. And he knows that if we understand that the world is in opposition to us that we are going to have one of two tendencies. One tendency is going to be to withdraw from the world. The other tendency is to compromise. So isolation and compromise are both temptations that every generation of Christians face as we contemplate what our proper relationship is to the world. However, Jesus answers our tendencies to withdraw and to compromise by telling us that we are to be salt and light. Thus, Jesus teaches us two lessons from this passage. First, we learn that Christians must be distinct from the world for the sake of the world. Secondly, we learn that Christians must be concerned for the world.

I. Christians Must Be Distinct from the World for the Sake of the World.

In verse 13, Jesus says, "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men." The Lord Jesus' words "you are the salt of the earth" are not only an exhortation, they are an encouragement. We are to be salt of the world. Christians are to be a preservative in a decaying and dying world. We know that salt certainly serves as flavoring, but in this passage, the prime idea is preservative. We are that thing which God weaves into the creation in order to keep it from decaying. In other

words, we have a common grace function.

Christians are the salt of the earth. Jesus didn't just say believers were the salt. He said Christians are the salt of the earth. Believers have a function which is beneficial to the world. So friends, how are you to relate to this world that's going to persecute you? You are to relate to them by being distinctive so that you can be a blessing to them. And that means we as Christians must hate the world without hating the world. We really and truly must hate the lawlessness and opposition to God which manifests itself in society and in the hearts of men and women. We should see it for what it is: open rebellion against the living God. And yet we are never given the option to oppose and confront and resist that lawless thinking and behaving without loving. We are distinctive precisely because we want to love them with a tough love, with a real love, with a love that does not gloss over real distinctions, but with a love which acts in their best interest. In fact, we say "no" to the world and to its wickedness, precisely because we want to say "yes" to the world, precisely because we want the world to taste the blessings that Christ speaks of in the beatitudes.

So that is our posture. Even though the world opposes us and persecutes us, we are distinct from the world so that the world might experience blessing. We love the world, but we do not love the ways of the world. And we are not enticed by the desires of the world. And that is going to exhibit itself in a willingness to say that there are distinctions. That all truth is not equal. That all roads do not lead up the mountain. That all lifestyles are not acceptable. If we are going to be salt, we must be distinct. We must not give into the mindset of the world. We must not compromise. God has called us to be the salt of the earth.

II. Christians Must Be Concerned for the World.

In verses 14-15, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house."

Christians must be concerned for the world, showing that concern by manifesting the truth in word and deed. And so the second great principle that we learn is not simply that we must hate the world without hating the world, but we must learn to love the world without loving the world. That's what Jesus is saying here. Our love must be in accordance with truth, and it must be without compromise. We must truly have a concern for people. We must truly love them in the sense of looking out for their best interests. Not simply feeling kindly toward them, but tangibly looking out for their best interests. But even as we do so we must not love at the compromise of truth or else our love ceases to be love.

To love is not to condone sin. It is not loving to say, "God will accept you no matter how you live toward Him, no matter how you relate to Christ." My friends, it is loving to say, "That way of living is in opposition to God, and I love you so much that I risk your rejection of me to tell you so." It is not loving to say, "We must embrace every lifestyle because how can we be judgmental about people in the way they choose to live." Instead it is loving to say, "Your behavior will destroy you, and it is an affront to God, and you must embrace Him if you would find the grace of forgiveness." That is the love that Christ is calling us to in this passage.

Finally, Jesus says in verse 16, "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." We are God's people. We are salt and light. That's God's estimation of us. We do not want to see the people of the world consumed by their own self-destructive rebellion against God. As we say "yes" to the world, we say "no" to its ways and call the world to follow the way of Christ because, as believers, we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

Soldiers of Christ arise!

We see the reaction to Paul's sermon (Acts 13:16-41) in this passage. The initial response is positive. The people begged to hear more from Paul the next Sabbath. Some believed in Christ and followed Paul and Barnabas, who urged them to continue in the grace of God (verse 43). We begin the Christian life by grace and continue in grace.

What a difference the gospel made in the lives of these people. They had been without God and without hope a week before. Now they have the greatest treasure a man can have: fellowship with the living God. They now find Christ to be a more worthy and noble portion than anything else. It is the Lord's way when he has made a beginning to go on bestowing the grace of his Spirit, but our faith must be true.

Believing in Christ is a commitment. It's more important by far, but not unlike other commitments we make. When I graduated from high school I had offers to play baseball. The first school I went to visit was a relatively new junior college. They were proud of their new facilities; and someone took me and some other recruits on a tour extolling the benefits of campus life there.

The coach talked with us about his style of coaching, the team, opportunities, and such. Then, he talked with each of us individually. He told me I had an offer for a scholarship, and that if I signed, he expected me to do well. He said he also expected commitment on my end to represent the team and the school with effort and class. He presented his case, and it was left for me to decide.

Paul had told his hearers the story of the Old Testament. He had reviewed the rebellion of men against God. The history of the Jewish people is a paradigm of the need men have for a Savior. Paul noted how in the prophets God had promised of a Savior who would come.

He told them God's promise culminated in Jesus of Nazareth. Christ was the one written of in the prophets. Though he was sinless, men put him to death on an accursed tree. Yet, Paul said, by doing this they unknowingly fulfilled what God had said long before of the

Savior suffering and dying for sinners.

So Paul makes it very clear that the gospel is the pure grace of God. The gospel is of God. It's not men's gospel, it's God's. He offers the gift and sets the terms. The benefits of coming to Christ are immense. Paul said you will receive forgiveness of sin, justification before God based on Christ's finished work, and eternal life. So it is left for you to choose.

The whole substance of faith is in Christ's person. He requires commitment to him. Those who come to him enter his kingdom, meaning they are under his reign. Therefore, they purpose to honor the Lord, who gave himself for them and who rules over all things. They are no longer their own, but belong body and soul to Christ.

Some reacted angrily to Paul's sermon (Acts 13:45-46). Why, you might ask, would any refuse the offer of being saved from such sin and misery while entering into such blessedness? We see the answer in John 11, where the Jewish leadership responded to the miracle of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. They didn't celebrate such a miracle and come to anoint the feet of Jesus with precious ointment. They made plans to put him to death so he wouldn't take away their place.

And that is the way of all who reject Christ. He threatens their position. They regard him as a hard master, not a blessed Savior. We see in verse 50 that they ran Paul and Barnabas out of town. Paul and Barnabas shake the dust off their feet, a sign that the curse remained on the city.

Conversely, we see in verse 52 that the new converts in the city "were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." This is an important notation. They had just witnessed the leaders of their city drive out Christian leaders. No doubt they understood this meant trouble for them. They still had to live in the midst of that hostility. But the Holy Spirit gave them joy in knowing they were no longer under the curse of death. They had life with God through Christ. Tribulations and temptations lay ahead, but so did Christ and his kingdom. They were now soldiers of Christ.

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Aldermen approve petition for covered patio at Dogmud Tavern

By **DUNCAN DENT**
duncan@onlinemadison.com

RIDGELAND — Dogmud Tavern, where every night is board-game night, has been open less than a year and the venue is already expanding with an open-air patio. The owners recently submitted plans to the city to build a

covered, open-air patio along the length of their building on the south side. The bar is owned by co-owners Rick Moore and Jesse Labbé who opened their doors on April Fools' Day in the old Abner's building on South Pear Orchard Road. "We are excited," Moore said Tuesday. "We started the

process today." Moore said the work done so far has mostly been demolition and prepping the site of the future patio. The Ridgeland Mayor and Board of Aldermen approved a petition and application for a dimensional variance for Moore and Labbé at the board's last regularly scheduled meet-

ing on Sept. 21 for a 1,800 square foot covered patio. Community Development Director Alan Hart said the developers will still have to have designs approved by the Architectural Review Board. Moore said they hope to "make short work" of the project and hope to have the patio open for Halloween but

acknowledged that might be a bit optimistic. "I think we can have it done in two months," Moore said. Moore and Labbé have said that part of the fun of owning the bar has been naming menu items and other bar features. He said some names and themes for the patio are in the works but ultimately remain "to be

determined." Moore said they would have a few standard tables outside but they are going for a "rooftop" bar or lounge feel with couches and traditional outdoor pub games such as giant Jenga and corn hole.

St. Joe senior Calvert named National Merit Scholarship semifinalist

By **SCHOOL REPORTS**
news@onlinemadison.com

St. Joseph Catholic School senior Avery Calvert has been named a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist and remains in the running for a National Merit Scholarship next year. Calvert is one of about 16,000 semifinalists in the 67th

annual National Merit Scholarship Program — each one of whom has an opportunity to continue competing for about 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$30 million. "We are so proud of Avery," said Dr. Dena Kinsey, St. Joseph Catholic School principal. "Avery has worked hard for this honor. I and the entire

St. Joseph Catholic School community look forward to Avery's continued academic success." The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition that began 1955 and is administered by the



Austin Calvert

non-profit National Merit Scholarship Corp. The program is expected to award about 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$30 million. High school students across the United States enter the

National Merit Scholarship competition when they take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, usually in the fall semester of their junior year. The nationwide pool of semifinalists represent less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors. National Merit Semifinalists

are the highest scoring students in each state. "Colleges will be able to see that I'm a semifinalist," Calvert said. "Hopefully, this is just a way for me to have a better chance of getting into the colleges that I really want to go to."

Legals

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Trust and the holder having declared the entire balance due and payable; and WHEREAS, Marinosci Law Group, Substituted Trustee in said Deed of Trust will on October 7, 2021, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., offer for sale and will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the South front door of the Madison County Circuit Courthouse, located at 128 W. North, Canton, Mississippi, the following described property located and situated in Madison County, Mississippi, to wit: The following land and property located and situated in the County of Madison, State of Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: Lot 6, St. Charles Subdivision, Phase 1, a subdivision according to a more or plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Cabinet C, Slide 149, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as part of this description, For title reference see deed from Tommy Dunlap recorded August 02, 1995 in Book 360, Page 310. Indexing Instructions: Lot 6, St. Charles Subdivision, Phase 1, More commonly known as: 615 ST CHARLES STREET, FLORA, MS 39071. Subject to the rights of way and easement for public roads and public utilities, and to any prior conveyance or reservation of mineral of every kind and character, including but not limited to oil, gas, sand

and gravel in or under subject property. The Substituted Trustee has authorized Scot P. Goldsholl to sign the instant Notice. The Substituted Trustee will convey only such title as is vested in it under said Deed of Trust. This 9th day of September, 2021. Respectfully submitted, Marinosci Law Group, PC as Substituted Trustee for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the Tiki Series III Trust 1100 West 2nd Street, Suite 1 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 (401) 234-9200. THIS INSTRUMENT IS PREPARED BY: Marinosci Law Group, PC Scot Goldsholl, MS Bar No. 8461 1100 West 2nd Street, Suite 1 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 (401) 234-9200. 19-13189

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LONNIE MAE FANCHER LEDLOW, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 2021-774

ANITA L. HUNT, PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letter of Administration having been granted on the 31st day of August 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the

undersigned Executrix of the Estate of Lonnie Mae Fancher Ledlow, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of the 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 2nd day of September 2021

Anita L. Hunt, Executrix of the Estate of Lonnie Mae Fancher Ledlow, Deceased

Brad Thompson, MSB #102484
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P. O. Box 45
Laurel, MS 39441-0045

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES JOSEPH OWEN, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 2021-775W

AUSTIN DAVID OWEN
ADMINISTRATOR

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The Unknown Heirs at Law of Charles Joseph Owen, Deceased (whose identities and addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry)

You have been made Respondents in a Petition filed in the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, by Austin David Owen petitioning for an adjudication of the statutory heirs at law of Charles Joseph Owen, Deceased. You are summoned to appear before the Honorable James C. Walker, Chancellor of the Chancery Court of Madison County, State of Mississippi, on **Monday, the 18th day of October, 2021**, at the Courthouse thereof located at 125 W. North Street, Canton, Madison County, Mississippi, in your capacity as an Heir at Law of Charles Joseph Owen, Deceased, for a hearing in connection with a determination and adjudication of the heirs at law of Charles Joseph Owen, Deceased. Said hearing will commence at **8:45 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard. In case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for 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 seal of the said Court, this 26th day of August, 2021.

Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi

By: /s/ Kim Sievers
D.C.
(seal)

ISSUED AT THE REQUEST OF:

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Madison, Mississippi 39130
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ATTORNEY FOR ADMINISTRATOR
AUSTIN DAVID OWEN

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY MISSISSIPPI. IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SAMMYE WARD, DECEASED. CAUSE NO. 45CH1:21-cv-00571. PETITIONER: LISA ANNE COURSEY

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND NOTICE TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF SAMMYE WARD

You have been made Respondents in the Petition filed in this Court by Rodrick D. Ward, III, seeking an adjudication of Heirship of SAMMYE WARD,

Deceased. You are required to appear on October 22, 2021 at 8:45 a.m., at Madison County Chancery Court in Canton, Mississippi, in the Courtroom of the Honorable James C. Walker, 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. 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 2nd day of September, 2021. RONNY LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK, MADISON COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

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Northeast Lauderdale HS 84%
Corinth HS 83%

5A

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Saitillo HS 73%
Cleveland Central HS 73%
Long Beach HS 68%
Brookhaven 67%
Florence HS 67%
West Jones HS 67%
Ridgeland HS 67%

6A

Clinton HS 76%
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Center Hill HS 75%
Northwest Rankin HS 75%
Germantown HS 74%

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**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR
FOR THE CITY OF MADISON, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MADISON, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That for the fiscal year 2022, there shall be the adopted budget for the City of Madison, Mississippi.

SECTION 2. That for cause, this Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its passage.

SO RESOLVED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, on this the 15th day of September, 2021.

s/ Mary Hawkins Butler
Mary Hawkins Butler
Mayor

Attest:

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

(Seal)

The Fiscal Year 2022 budget for the City of Madison, Mississippi was adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at a special-called meeting held Wednesday, September 15, 2021.

In addition, the revised Fiscal Year 2021 budget for the City of Madison was adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Madison, Mississippi at a special-called meeting held Wednesday, September 15, 2021 to allocate unexpended funds between the various departments due to the City's growth.

The approved budgets are as follow:

**CITY OF MADISON
REVENUE BUDGET SUMMARY
FISCAL YEARS 2021 & 2022**

FUND: General Fund

	2021 ORIGINAL	2021 REVISED	2022 BUDGET
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 9,453,000	\$ 9,608,000	\$ 9,608,000
Sales Tax	9,550,000	10,442,800	10,800,000
Franchise Tax	1,312,500	1,200,000	1,250,000
Building & Development Fees	807,000	772,000	857,000
County Road Tax	875,000	775,000	800,000
Municipal Aid	162,849	162,849	162,849
Grants	92,900	92,900	81,645
Sanitation	1,670,000	1,750,000	1,750,000
Public Safety Fees	1,238,572	1,680,314	1,275,694
Grand Gulf Proceeds	265,000	261,393	261,500
Parks & Special Events	40,000	5,500	88,000
Art Center	62,500	62,500	80,000
Miscellaneous	635,500	575,500	635,500
Other Financing Sources	3,225,000	975,000	2,875,000
TOTAL	\$ 29,389,821	\$ 28,363,756	\$ 30,525,188
Beginning Fund Balance	5,846,868	7,030,861	7,063,655
TOTAL	\$ 35,236,689	\$ 35,394,617	\$ 37,588,843

**DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET SUMMARY
FISCAL YEARS 2021 & 2022**

FUND: General Fund

	2021 ORIGINAL	2021 REVISED	2022 BUDGET
Mayor and Board of Aldermen:			
Personnel	\$ 419,000	\$ 422,251	\$ 441,306
Supplies	1,500	1,500	1,500
Other Services & Charges	13,700	13,700	13,700
Capital Outlay	2,500	2,500	2,500
TOTAL	\$ 436,700	\$ 439,951	\$ 459,006
Administration/Finance:			
Personnel	\$ 604,620	\$ 529,590	\$ 679,633
Supplies	21,500	21,500	21,500
Other Services & Charges	1,052,630	1,217,630	1,045,308
Capital Outlay	17,500	17,500	17,500
TOTAL	\$ 1,696,250	\$ 1,796,220	\$ 1,763,941
Legal:			
Personnel	\$ 249,783	\$ 187,258	\$ 278,441
Supplies	500	500	500
Other Services & Charges	8,250	23,250	8,250
Capital Outlay	1,000	1,000	1,000
TOTAL	\$ 259,533	\$ 212,008	\$ 288,191
Police:			
Personnel	\$ 7,475,616	\$ 6,450,616	\$ 7,759,234
Supplies	614,980	514,980	618,980
Other Services & Charges	2,523,323	2,635,973	2,131,959
Capital Outlay	158,200	158,200	92,145
TOTAL	\$ 10,772,119	\$ 9,759,769	\$ 10,602,318
Municipal Court:			
Personnel Services	\$ 348,753	\$ 319,109	\$ 349,635
Supplies	18,270	18,270	18,270
Other Services & Charges	89,963	89,963	165,733
Capital Outlay	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 456,986	\$ 427,342	\$ 533,638
Animal Shelter:			
Personnel Services	\$ 242,459	\$ 242,459	\$ 323,663
Supplies	71,142	71,142	71,142
Other Services & Charges	173,006	158,006	182,506
Capital Outlay	22,235	22,235	22,235
TOTAL	\$ 508,842	\$ 493,842	\$ 599,546
Fire:			
Personnel	\$ 3,100,928	\$ 2,925,928	\$ 3,657,387
Supplies	139,000	117,000	148,000
Other Services & Charges	268,496	243,496	355,496
Capital Outlay	25,500	25,500	137,420
TOTAL	\$ 3,533,924	\$ 3,311,924	\$ 4,298,303
Streets and Maintenance:			
Personnel	\$ 1,188,656	\$ 1,107,001	\$ 1,372,713
Supplies	354,200	354,200	354,200
Other Services & Charges	3,652,826	3,668,767	3,108,420
Capital Outlay	155,000	155,000	155,000
TOTAL	\$ 5,350,682	\$ 5,284,968	\$ 4,990,333

Sanitation	\$ 1,691,500	\$ 1,771,500	\$ 1,771,500
Building and Permits:			
Personnel	\$ 399,671	\$ 361,276	\$ 399,589
Supplies	10,250	10,250	10,250
Other Services & Charges	23,467	30,300	50,300
Capital Outlay	1,620	1,620	1,620
TOTAL	\$ 435,008	\$ 403,446	\$ 461,759
Code Enforcement:			
Personnel	\$ 79,032	\$ 79,032	\$ 81,395
Supplies	4,000	4,000	4,000
Other Services & Charges	5,200	12,700	12,700
Capital Outlay	1,500	1,500	1,500
TOTAL	\$ 89,732	\$ 97,232	\$ 99,595
Community Development:			
Personnel	\$ 355,378	\$ 355,378	\$ 391,967
Supplies	2,200	2,200	2,200
Other Services & Charges	119,475	119,475	119,475
Capital Outlay	3,500	3,500	3,500
TOTAL	\$ 480,553	\$ 480,553	\$ 517,142
Parks and Recreation:			
Personnel	\$ 635,717	\$ 630,707	\$ 573,954
Supplies	105,500	120,500	127,500
Other Services & Charges	198,865	223,815	123,290
Capital Outlay	25,000	25,000	35,000
TOTAL	\$ 964,882	\$ 1,000,022	\$ 859,744
Art Center:			
Personnel	\$ 57,005	\$ 54,390	\$ 56,061
Supplies	12,100	12,100	12,100
Other Services & Charges	93,865	93,865	93,865
Capital Outlay	1,500	1,500	1,500
TOTAL	\$ 164,470	\$ 161,855	\$ 163,526
Library and Culture:			
Personnel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	250	250	250
Other Services & Charges	182,500	182,500	182,500
Capital Outlay	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 182,750	\$ 182,750	\$ 182,750
Economic Development and Community Partners:			
Personnel	-	30,619	255,354
Supplies	4,800	4,800	4,800
Other Services & Charges	89,500	59,500	294,200
Capital Outlay	-	-	2,500
TOTAL	\$ 94,300	\$ 94,919	\$ 556,854
Land Purchase	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfers Out	\$ 900,000	\$ 975,000	\$ 950,000
Debt Service	\$ 1,340,961	\$ 1,447,661	\$ 1,398,038
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 29,359,192	\$ 28,330,962	\$ 30,496,182
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 5,877,496	\$ 7,063,655	\$ 7,092,661
TOTAL	\$ 35,236,689	\$ 35,394,617	\$ 37,588,843

**DEBT SERVICE
FISCAL YEARS 2021 & 2022**

	2021 ORIGINAL	2021 REVISED	2022 BUDGET
REVENUES:			
Interest Earned	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Ad Valorem Taxes	3,488,750	3,488,750	3,539,500
Other Financing Sources	900,000	975,000	950,000
TOTAL	4,390,250	4,465,250	4,491,000
Beginning Fund Balance	146,985	115,341	22,505
TOTAL	\$ 4,537,235	\$ 4,580,591	\$ 4,513,505
EXPENDITURES:			
Bonds Redeemed	\$ 2,694,800	\$ 2,694,800	\$ 2,773,200
Interest on Bonds	793,150	793,150	645,357
Interchange Project	1,039,980	1,070,136	1,069,646
TOTAL	4,527,930	4,558,086	4,488,203
Ending Fund Balance	9,305	22,505	25,302
TOTAL	\$ 4,537,235	\$ 4,580,591	\$ 4,513,505

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
FISCAL YEARS 2021 & 2022**

	2021 ORIGINAL	2021 REVISED	2022 BUDGET
REVENUES:			
Interest Earned	\$ 125,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 75,000
Bonds/Financing:			
Grants - Federal/State	7,475,000	1,000,000	5,725,000
Grants - City Hall Renovations	-	752,000	-
ARPA Funding	-	3,154,316	3,154,317
TOTAL	7,600,000	4,976,316	8,954,317
Beginning Fund Balance	8,151,317	9,194,546	6,538,862
TOTAL	\$ 15,751,317	\$ 14,170,862	\$ 15,493,179
EXPENDITURES:			
Bond Issue Projects:			
Hoy Road improvements	8,500,000	2,000,000	6,500,000
Madison Avenue Improvements	-	-	1,000,000
Street resurfacing	2,500,000	2,500,000	-
Roofing projects	1,250,000	1,280,000	-
Downtown Development (ARPA)	-	-	6,308,633
City Hall Renovations	750,000	752,000	-
Capital Projects	350,000	250,000	-
Operating Transfers Out	-	850,000	-
TOTAL	13,350,000	7,632,000	13,808,633
Ending Fund Balance	2,401,317	6,538,862	1,684,546
TOTAL	\$ 15,751,317	\$ 14,170,862	\$ 15,493,179

Germantown High Homecoming Court



9th Grade Homecoming Court

Pictured are Makenzie Anderson, Stacia Bennett, Mia Morgan Word, and Sophia Lin



10th Grade Homecoming Court

Pictured are Zoe Thigpen, Chloe Gray, Bria Robinson, and Kasi Culver



11th Grade Homecoming Court

Pictured are Nora Bailey Robertson, Eryn McDaniel, Jade Fleming, Lily Frazier, and Mary Kathryn Sheehan



12th Grade Homecoming Court

Pictured are Chloe Stewart, Arisa Washington, Mariyah Jackson, Essence Baker, Brianna Porter, Kate Guillory, and Perry DeLoach

Germantown's Steverson tapped for America's Softball Team

By STAFF REPORTS
news@onlinemadison.com

Germantown High School junior and standout catcher for the Lady Maverick Softball Team Kaleigh Steverson will be one of 12 athletes nationwide to represent the USA on America's Softball Team in Barcelona, Spain, in July 2022.

"This is a huge honor!" Steverson said upon learning she had been selected for the recently by a panel of college coaches. "I hope to repre-

sent the United States exceptionally well and make everyone proud."

America's Team partners with American Council for International Studies to offer the opportunity for athletes to travel overseas to expand their game and explore new cultures. Nominated athletes must possess a great attitude, strong academics, excellent character and a passion for the game of softball.

"I appreciate everyone who has helped me with my softball success thus far," said Steverson, a Madison

native and honor roll student. "You all mean the world to me! Playing in Spain is the trip of a lifetime. I'm blessed to be given this opportunity. I look forward to making new friends, competing against new talent and learning about the local culture."

Steverson has been the starting varsity catcher for the Lady Maverick Softball Team since ninth grade. She is primarily a catcher with a strong arm behind home plate. At 5-foot, 11-inches tall, she also does

well at first base, and she has no problem tracking a ball in the outfield.

She plays tournament softball under the nationally ranked Bombers organization, where she was awarded MVP as a catcher and nominated to play in the Texas All-Star games.

She made the competitive USA HPP Softball Team, the feeder team for the Junior Olympic Softball Team. From behind and at the plate as a Lady Maverick, she assisted

her team in winning 6A Region 4 District Championships. She was selected for the 6A All-District Team and was listed as one of the top five home run hitters in the state of Mississippi by MaxPreps.

Scorebook Live listed Steverson in the All-State Softball Team which features the best players from all six classifications of MHSAA competition.

Germantown's new Head Softball Coach, Andrea Cutts, recently awarded Steverson the "Maverick

of the Week" award for her leadership skills on and off the field.

When Steverson is not on the field playing, she volunteers her time with the Madison-Ridgeland Youth Club softball players.

Steverson has earned numerous scholarship offers from junior colleges, and she dreams of playing softball at a Division I University and "Who knows? Maybe the Olympics one day," she said.

Budget

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WATER AND SEWER FUND FISCAL YEARS 2021 & 2022

	2021 ORIGINAL	2021 REVISED	2022 BUDGET
REVENUES:			
Collections	\$ 4,767,500	\$ 4,350,000	\$ 4,564,000
Tie-on Fees	115,000	65,000	115,000
Interest Earned	55,000	30,000	55,000
Loan Proceeds	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	239,500	393,000	409,500
TOTAL	5,177,000	4,838,000	5,143,500
Beginning Fund Balance	599,203	741,424	533,607
TOTAL	\$ 5,776,203	\$ 5,579,424	\$ 5,677,107
EXPENDITURES:			
Personnel	\$ 816,898	\$ 808,149	\$ 950,172
Supplies	458,000	358,000	458,000
Other Services & Charges	1,591,235	1,590,451	1,583,259
Debt Service	1,046,217	1,046,217	1,048,698
Operating Transfers Out	125,000	125,000	125,000
Metro Sewer Charge	1,115,000	1,115,000	1,000,000
Capital Outlay	3,000	3,000	116,980
TOTAL	5,155,349	5,045,817	5,282,109
Ending Fund Balance	620,854	533,607	394,998
TOTAL	\$ 5,776,203	\$ 5,579,424	\$ 5,677,107

AIRPORT FUND FISCAL YEARS 2021 & 2022

	2021 ORIGINAL	2021 REVISED	2022 BUDGET
REVENUES:			
Aircraft Tax	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,350	\$ 4,500
Interest Earned	100	100	100
Income	150,472	133,961	135,961
Grants	257,000	268,875	32,000
TOTAL	411,572	407,286	172,561

	97,745	40,781	179,767
Beginning Fund Balance			
TOTAL	\$ 509,317	\$ 448,067	\$ 352,328

	44,025	60,425	60,425
EXPENDITURES:			
Other Services & Charges	\$ 44,025	\$ 60,425	\$ 60,425
Capital Outlay	257,000	207,875	-
TOTAL	301,025	268,300	60,425
Ending Fund Balance	208,292	179,767	291,903
TOTAL	\$ 509,317	\$ 448,067	\$ 352,328

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TRUST FUND FISCAL YEARS 2021 & 2022

	2021 ORIGINAL	2021 REVISED	2022 BUDGET
REVENUES:			
Interest Earned	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50
Operating Transfers In	-	-	-
TOTAL	50	50	50
Beginning Fund Balance	58,182	71,632	58,182
TOTAL	\$ 58,232	\$ 71,682	\$ 58,232

	13,500	13,500	13,500
EXPENDITURES:			
Claims	13,500	13,500	13,500
TOTAL	13,500	13,500	13,500
Ending Fund Balance	44,732	58,182	44,732
TOTAL	\$ 58,232	\$ 71,682	\$ 58,232

s/ Susan B. Crandall
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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Gunter eyeing Tulane for next chapter of his football career

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Madison Central High School senior tight end and football Team Captain Blake Gunter is committed to Tulane University not just for football, but also for the next chapter of his life.

Gunter grew up with a love for football and discovered he loves playing tight end while he was a student at Madison Middle School and that love has continued into his high school years at Madison Central.

"My favorite part of playing for Madison Central is the sense of community it has," Gunter said. "It's big but not too big. Everyone knows everyone, and you've got a lot of people who have your back and support you."

Gunter said the biggest highlight while playing for Madison Central is being named team captain by his teammates.

"Coach told me the vote was fairly unanimous," he said. "It is good to know that many people see me in that way. It is for sure my favorite part of my high school career."

Gunter is committed to Tulane and hopes to play tight end there as well. He said Tulane is the best situation for him out of the options he has



Blake Gunter

had, and it is a football program on the rise.

"I like the coaches at Tulane. They're good people," Gunter said. "I also think

I'll make an impact and it'll set me up for my future athletically and academically. I am not sure about my major, but I do plan on going to law

school after graduating. Everyone loves to say they'll go to the NFL which I would love to do, but I'd like to have something to fall back on as well, which would be law."

In his free time, Gunter enjoys playing poker with his friends, watching movies and working at Reunion Golf Course in Madison.

His favorites:
• Food: Sushi
• Movie: "Avengers: Endgame"
• Vacation spot: New Orleans

• Video game: NBA 2K19
"This is going to be an exciting year for us," Gunter said. "I believe we're the best team in the state. We are 3-1. Against Starkville, I think we shot ourselves in the foot too many times, but I still believe we're the best team in Mississippi and have a run in the playoffs."

Madison Central Head Football Coach Toby Collums said even though he has only been at Madison Central since

April, it did not take long for him to notice Gunter was a strong asset to the team.

"Blake is a mature kid," Collums said. "He is a very unselfish player and what all players should strive to be. That is reflected in his teammates voting him as team captain along with C.J. Barney."

Collums said choosing the team captain is based on how players carry themselves through spring practice, and Gunter got most of the votes for the team.

"His unselfishness and the way he can carry himself on and off the field is the best part of coaching him," Collums said.

Collums said the season, while great, has been challenging.

"We have some great kids that work hard," Collums said. "We were ranked No. 1 in the state until last week, but that's neither here nor there. It's all about how you finish. It's a tough schedule as always, which is the chal-

lenge. We play in a tough region with good teams. The main thing is our kids understand this is a long season, and week in and week out you have to be ready to play."

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