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STATEWIDE TREND

Sales tax collections exploded in cities

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@onlinemadison.com

A nearly 13% increase in sales tax returns countywide is part of a statewide trend since the last recession, a state economist says.

The Madison County Economic Development Authority is reporting positive growth in sales tax every single month for 2020-2021.

The report says the county had a total gain of \$3,372,541 increase. Madison County reported a total of \$29,634,102 in sales tax diversions compared to \$26,261,560 in sales tax diversions the previous fiscal year.

"This is great news for the county and we are excited to see how next year shapes up with all the developments that are taking place in Madison

County," said Lauren Scheel, chief operating officer at MCEDA.

Scheel said the results represent a relatively "large" increase and that last year's increase was 1.95% which MCEDA considers to be stable growth.

Scheel attributed the growth to increases in the population, business growth county-wide and other observable phenomena.

She said the county has seen a 15% increase in population over the past decade.

"Each year we have had more people which means more people spending money," Scheel said.

State Economist and Director of the University Research Center with Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning Corey Miller said the growth is part of

trends he has tracked and observed statewide and nationwide since the end of a recession recorded in March and April of 2020.

Miller said growth has been consistent since the following June and has certainly been true for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

"Growth has been pretty strong for about the past 12 months across the country," Miller said.

He listed contributing factors as "pent-up demand" fueled by federal assistance and increases in wages.

"Business owners have offered higher wages to get people into the workforce," Miller said.

District 4 Supervisor Karl Banks said growth in sales tax diversions goes to cities, but he was happy to see a significant See SALES, page A2

\$2.4 MILLION

Supes seek to widen Yandell

By SCOTT HAWKINS scott@onlinemadison.com

Madison County officials hope to widen Yandell Road from Madison Crossing Elementary School west to Westfalen Drive after supervisors agreed to apply for \$2.4 million in federal transportation funds for the project.

The stretch of Yandell Road is approximately 1 mile and would extend from Madison Crossing Elementary School to where the current three-lane ends almost at Westfalen Drive, County Engineer Tim Bryan told supervisors.

"This is basically from the school back to the west to where it is currently three-laned and provides some turn lanes into the school," Bryan said.

Supervisors unanimously agreed to apply for the \$2,432,333 federal transportation funds through the Jackson Metropolitan Planning Organization that oversees federal transportation funds in the area and the county's portion would be \$1,235,583.

The board also unanimously agreed to apply for \$1,943,476 federal transportation funds to improve the intersections of Robinson Springs Road at Mississippi 463 and Livingston Road at Mississippi 463. The county's portion would be \$1,093,869.

In other matters at the board's Oct. 18 meeting, supervisors:

- Agreed to hold a public hearing See YANDELL, page A3



Madison Central theatre students perform a scene during "Shrek the Musical." Pictured, from left: Elizabeth Wasson as Dragon, Omari Daniels as Donkey, James Covington as Shrek, and Nataleigh Nix as Fiona.

Madison Central performing 'Shrek'

By JOHN LEE john@onlinemadison.com

MADISON — Madison Central High School's auditorium has been transformed into the magical world of Shrek this week as the theatre department presents "Shrek the Musical."

Madison Central Theatre Director Leigha Nix and her students have worked since August to bring the story of the big green ogre and to life on stage.

"I think the kids have been really excited to take part in this and get back on stage with their friends," Nix said. "We have two different casts, and they've put in a lot of work over the past couple of months. We wanted to have two casts to give more students a chance of being in the musical."

Nix said the theatre program at Madison Central High School has grown substantially since she became the theatre director in 2000.

"The musicals here are the biggest thing we

do," Nix said. "This particular musical is an all-school musical, where any student, not just theatre students, can audition. We have a lot of actors and actresses in our two casts, and it's going to be a fun time."

James Covington, a senior at Madison Central, plays Shrek in the musical as part of the second cast. He said he decided to do the Shrek monologue while auditioning and found himself taking up the role of the main character.

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TREAT STREET

Township Jazz Festival this Saturday

By JOHN LEE john@onlinemadison.com

RIDGELAND — Township's 2021 annual Jazz Festival returns at 11 a.m. Saturday and will be headlined by legendary trumpeter Dr. Eddie Henderson.

Admission is free and other musicians who will be performing throughout the day include The Raphael Semmes Quartet, The Vamps, Thomas "Tiger" Rogers, The Coltrane Legacy Project and the Southern Comfort Brass Band. Henderson is set to perform from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The festival first started in 2008 and has continued to grow over the years. Past festivals have featured headliners such as Mose Allison, Jason Marsalis, Delfeayo Marsalis, Ezra Brown and Astral Project.

Tripp Douglas, owner of

Fusion Coffeehouse, the main sponsor of the festival, said the festivities are usually in April, but were delayed to this year due to the pandemic.

"We have traveling musicians coming, and we wanted to make sure everything was safe and to give people enough time to be vaccinated," Douglas said. "Musicians such as Eddie Henderson are coming from California."

Douglas said he and the rest of the sponsors are excited to have the festival as a fall event. He said they are coordinating with Township and combining the event with Treat Street, an annual event in the Township for children in which businesses offer discounts and candy for the children.

"What is unique about our festival is that jazz has a very eclectic and almost universal appeal," Douglas said. "What I

like seeing every year is the diverse mix of all ages and races of people coming out and enjoying a day of fresh air and music in a laid-back family-friendly environment. It was a challenge getting everything to come together this year, and it took a lot of courage, but I think it will all be worth it."

Covered seating is available, but people are encouraged to bring blankets and their pets.

"Most people are here to enjoy the day and casually enjoy the music," he said. "We know we're going up against college football and trick or treating, but at the end of the day, we're looking to put on a good event and get back on track. We hope to be back to our normal spring schedule in 2022."

Admission is free and food and beverage vendors including See JAZZ, page A3



Madison's Scarecrow Car Show

Rob Stringer works under the hood of his 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle during last week's Scarecrow Car Show on the grounds of the Montgomery House on Main Street in Historic Madison. Organizers said more than 438 vehicles registered for the show, which set a new record and plenty of spectators turned out throughout the event.



Family of Rosa Scott visits namesake's school

By JOHN LEE
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MADISON — Descendants of Rosa Scott, for whom the Madison ninth-grade Rosa Scott School is named, visited the school on Monday to present a biography of the school's namesake to the school library.

"It means so much to be able to share this information about Rosa Scott with this community and allow her legacy to live on," said Margaret Bernstein, a great-granddaughter of Scott. "We couldn't be more excited to meet all these people: members of the Rosa Scott community, past graduates, former principals, and more. It's so exciting."

Bernstein was one of 12 descendants of Scott, including grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, who along with school



Rosa Scott School Principal Brent Cofield shares a hug with Margaret Bernstein, great-granddaughter of Rosa Scott, the original founder of Rosa Scott School. Cofield also presented Bernstein with a photo of Scott.

officials and numerous community members, attended the Monday ceremony at Scott's graveside on the school grounds.

Scott, born in 1874, was a pioneer in Madison County education for the Black community. She served as principal at the middle school in Madison, for which she helped raise funds to build. At that time the school served an all-Black student body. Over the years, the school has changed, grown and become the ninth-grade school at 200 Crawford St. that bears Rosa Scott's name.

Following Scott's death in 1938 she was buried on the school grounds.

Bernstein said she and Scott's other 11 family members traveled from as far away as California, Ohio, Illinois and Mexico to attend Monday's

event. She said the reception they received was "completely worth the trip."

Bernstein said she felt special because her aunt, Rosa Mary Gaylor, wrote the biography of her great-grandmother and the family members wanted to offer it to the school.

Rosa Scott School Principal Brent Cofield said he was glad and honored that Scott's descendants came from so far away to visit the campus and present the biography to the school.

"The family reached out to me in early June and told me they wanted to come to visit to lay flowers on Mrs. Scott's grave and get a few pictures," Cofield said. "We wanted to do a little more than that, and pay our tributes to her legacy and remember what she has left on this campus, school and community."

Shrek

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"Being able to work with my friends and be in the theatre every day with my friends is

the best part of being Shrek," Covington said. "I love theatre. I've been doing it since sixth grade. Memorizing all the lines has been a challenge since there are a lot of lines. Shrek has one of the most fun parts, and I like him because he's a mix of a villain and a hero. He is seen as the big ugly ogre to

the world, but on the inside, he's a sweet and kind guy."

Wess Fowler, a senior at Madison Central, plays Pinocchio in the musical as part of the first cast and serves as stage manager along with the role.

"I love theatre, and I got started back in the eighth grade," Fowler said. "It's a lot of fun, and all of the roles in this musical are fun. I figured out I have a good falsetto voice

for Pinocchio since his voice is very high, and he's an interesting character because he mirrors Shrek and has a similar arc to him."

Fowler said that as a stage manager it is fun to work with people beyond just being another actor on stage.

"The most enjoyable part for me is, of course, the people," Fowler said. "That's always the best part of these

musicals. We have a great cast, and the people you hang out with and the friendships we share throughout this one body of work is great."

Performances for "Shrek the Musical" are 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28; at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30; and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, in the Madison Central auditorium at 1417 Highland Colony Parkway, Madison. Visit

www.madison-schools.com/Page/36591 to purchase tickets for the shows.

Two different casts of Madison Central students will perform in "Shrek the Musical." The first cast is performing at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28; and at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. The second cast is performing at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30; and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31.

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Sales

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increase in money coming back into the county.

"Sales tax diversions go to the cities so that is where the growth is," banks said. "Double digits is a big increase."

Canton saw the most growth for the year at 16.16% taking in \$3,647,266 in total sales tax diversions, a \$507,331 increase. Scheel said that in addition to the growth of the county Canton's increase could be attributed to the ongoing Amazon Fulfillment Center project nearby. She said a project that size means people working on the project are shopping, eating and staying in Canton.

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Canton Mayor Dr. William Truly could not be reached for comment.

Ridgeland took in the most money in sales tax diversions with \$15,004,260 for the fiscal year representing a gain of \$1,498,216 or an 11.09% increase over the previous year.

"I think this continues to show that the things we are doing to promote economic growth are paying off," McGee said.

McGee said that low taxes and excellent services like clean, well-kept streets and safety provided by the police and fire departments are contributing factors. He also said the measures they took to ensure businesses could modify their sales models, stay open and promote their businesses during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic ensured that businesses stayed open and instilled confidence in business owners that Ridgeland had their well being in mind.

Scheel said that all municipalities in Madison County saw double-digit growth except for Madison that was just short of 10% growth at 9.90% for the year.

Madison Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler attributed the growth to a strong culture of shopping at local brick and mortar stores keeping money circulating in the city.

"The city of Madison focuses on buying local," Hawkins-Butler said. "Those

sales tax dollars come back to enhance our quality of life in our city. The sales tax funds our public safety including police and fire, parks, infrastructure and other city departments. We are proud of our residents who choose to shop local and keep their tax dollars at home."

Hawkins-Butler said that in addition to tangible qualities such as good schools and services, intangible qualities such as strong faith and families keep the city going.

"First and foremost, Madison is the city that prayer is building, pride in our city, top-rated schools, safest city and family-oriented," Hawkins-Butler said.

In Flora, growth for the fiscal year was 14.56%, the second-highest in the county. Flora Mayor Les Childress echoed Scheel's assessment saying that they have seen people move into town and new businesses come with them.

"We have seen a lot of people moving back who were born and raised here," Childress said. "New businesses are welcome and we are glad they are here."

Childress said more options in town mean people are more likely to shop local.

Other boosts include the addition of Gluckstadt, which contributed a total of \$397,548 in sales tax diversion over August and September. Those were two months of revenue that would not

have been recorded last year. All city officials predicted further growth for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year.

"Next year will be a banner year, exceeding all expectations," Hawkins-Butler said.

McGee said that they continue to see new businesses inquire about places in Ridgeland. New businesses include a new Marriott brand hotel at the Township set to be finished in mid-November and a Chick-fil-a at the Renaissance Phase III development across the street from Costco set to be complete in February as well as other projects city-wide.

"From what I am seeing Ridgeland will continue to grow," McGee said.

Childress said that he knows of a number of "projects" in the works that he hopes to be able to announce towards the end of the calendar year or the beginning of next year.

"It is too early to announce anything but I think we have some things on the table that will be beneficial for the town," Childress said.

Miller said that on a national level slowed growth is possible as federal funds dry up and that some inflation is likely but that businesses are still offering higher wages to attract workers for the time being. He said that what he sees is "in general strong" but "how much longer does that continue?"

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Jag Singers Booster Club hosting golf tournament

By JOHN LEE
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The Madison Central High School Jag Singers Booster Club is hosting the inaugural Deep South Classic Golf Tournament on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at Whisper Lake Country Club to benefit the choral and theatre departments at Madison Central High School and Rosa Scott School.

The tournament begins at noon, with an 11 a.m. check-in and lunch on Tuesday, Nov. 2, said Becky Covington, treasurer of the Jag Singers. The tournament consists of 18 holes of golf and should last approximately four hours.

A team of four players costs

\$400, and the package includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, lunch, and prizes.

"Each team has a chance at a \$10,000 hole-in-one shot at hole nine, along with other cash prizes for the first, second and third-place teams," Covington said. "There's still time to register through the weekend if anyone else wants to participate."

The Jag Singers serve as the fundraising arm for the choral and theatre department at the schools, Covington said.

The fundraisers, such as the golf tournament, Covington said, make shows such as Madison Central's current production of "Shrek the Musical" possible.

"We decided to have it on

Nov. 2 since it's when the golf course was available to have the event, and most golf charity events are during the week," Covington said. "The tournament is to support the Jag Singers Booster Club since our students pay fees to participate in all of our choir events. This tournament is one of these fundraisers to raise some much-needed money for the program."

Covington said the tournament begins at noon, with an 11 a.m. check-in and lunch. She said the entire tournament is 18 holes of golf and should last around four hours.

To register, send an email to jagsingers@yahoo.com.

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ing on Dec. 6 to abandon Swamp Road.

- Agreed to renew the Divco Data contract for mailing services for the Tax Collector's Office.

- Approved an engineering contract with Mendrop Engineering Resources LLC. for services related to drainage improvements on Dewees Road for a fee not to exceed \$6,500.

- Approved advertising for paving of Dewees Road.

- Approved advertising for construction of traffic signals at Mississippi 22 and King Ranch Road.

- Approved requesting a modification in a grant's scope of work to allow for the instal-

lation of a pedestrian bridge at Sulphur Springs Park to provide for a fully continuous trail all the way around. The project is estimated to cost \$60,000 and will not change the amount of an existing grant request.

- Approved a resolution, at the request of the Town of Flora, to provide up to \$154,897 as matching funds for repairs and overlay of Pocahontas Road from Mississippi 22 to the town limits.

- Approved the final plat of Panther Crossing Subdivision.

- Approved and awarded a contract to the lowest bidder, Lane Line LLC, for \$149,830, for a countywide roadway striping project.

- Approved extending the lease of office space for the Madison County Drug Court with Key Drive Properties.

- Approved advertising a request for proposals for solid waste collection services and drop-off recycling services.

- Approved advertising for repairs to the Cobblestone Drive building.

- Sheriff Randy Tucker reappointed Joel Evans as a fire investigator.

- Approved the MegaSite Fire District to start meeting to fulfill their responsibilities, once the bonds are issued.

- Voted to appoint Calvin Garrett to the MegaSite Fire District Board.

Jazz

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Soulshine Pizza and Sombra will be on-site selling pizza, nachos and drinks such as margaritas, beer and bottled water. Guests are asked not to bring

ments or coolers.

For schedules and artist bios, visit the festival website at www.townshipjazzfestival.com. For more details on the Town-

ship Jazz Festival and sponsorship opportunities, email Douglass at tripp@fusioncoffeehouse.com or call Fusion Coffeehouse at 601-856-6001.

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Follow the truth

Freshness is nice. Familiarity is, too, but the capture of social media by so-called "progressives" has subjected Americans to a torrent of outlandish images and words informing them that the arc of history demands they abandon the way of life they hold dear. Now returns Donald Trump to the public eye with his signature appeal to not only hold fast but push back. The competition among media outlets for attention is already stiff, but if Mr. Trump is determined to mount a counterbalance to the lethal left, he is welcome back to the fray.

Last week, the former president announced his start-up of the Trump Media & Technology Group, which includes Truth Social, a media network meant for his followers and other free-thinkers who reject the ideological guardrails of trendy media bosses. Truth Media is expected to debut in November with the launch of an app, he said, and he promised to add woke-free entertainment content later.

"I created Truth Social and TMTG to stand up to the tyranny of Big Tech," said Mr. Trump in a statement. "We live in a world where the Taliban has a huge presence on Twitter, yet your favorite American president has been silenced. This is unacceptable. I am excited to send out my first Truth on Truth Social very soon."

Indeed, the former president was unceremoniously banned from Twitter — for life — following the Jan. 6 Capitol riot, while Afghan terror-mongers are free to tweet their depredations to a global audience.

Facebook suspended him for two years and YouTube indefinitely. It doesn't take a dipstick to gauge that media mavens like Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey are in the tank for the content which fueled the anti-American left's campaign to expel Mr. Trump from power.

The creeping influence of various cyber-platforms has hooked Americans on an addictive blend of gossip and pseudo-news that most loathe, but few can refuse. An NBC poll earlier this year found 66 percent of respondents said they check their social media accounts at least once a day. Glaringly, 64 percent admitted that daily use of social media has more ill effects upon society than good. Clearly, the digital atmosphere of envy and spite is poisonous to social well-being.

Will Truth Social prove a healthier choice? Predictions are risky, but there seems to be a market for a Trump brand of countervailing political perspective: Digital World Acquisition Corp., a company that is taking his digital platform public, saw its stock price enjoy an 800-plus percent spike, at least temporarily, during post-announcement trading.

It is long past time to return to reliance on media platforms committed to balanced news — like The Washington Times. If Donald Trump wishes to challenge the crowded field of left-loving social media, there is always room on the right for patriots whose hearts are tattooed with the right, white and blue.

— *The Washington Times*

Pounding public with COVID

Americans are overweight. It's an observation obvious to anyone taking the measure of fellow citizens trekking through a U.S. airport, sitting in a doctor's waiting room, or strolling through a city park. In a nation turned upside-down by the COVID-19 pandemic, precious little is uttered about the danger those extra pounds represent in the battle against the virus. Rather than leading a shame campaign against the unvaccinated, President Joe Biden should be reminding Americans that the most proactive defense against severe infection or death is a return to a healthy weight.

With the pandemic trampling daily routines of activity, diet, and sleep habits, 42 percent of U.S. adults have reported undesired weight gain, according to the American Psychological Association. The average gain of 29 pounds has earned the United States the dubious distinction of being the 12th fattest nation on the planet, says the World Population Review, with 36 percent of its adult population not simply overweight but extra-large.

Obesity has long been linked to various diseases, including diabetes, heart failure, and cancer. It's the leading cause of preventable death and, ominously, it is now closely associated with coronavirus death.

In a study of COVID-19 patients hospitalized between March and December 2020, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that 73 percent who succumbed to the virus were overweight. They included 46 percent who

were classified as obese — rating a body-mass index of 30 or higher. For a man and woman of average height, a weight of at least 203 and 174 pounds, respectively, fall in that category.

By comparison, 23 percent of patients with a healthy weight — up to 162 and 140 pounds for the average man and woman, respectively, died from COVID-19 complications. Only 3 percent of underweight individuals — those below 128 and 110 pounds — failed to survive.

The conclusion is clear: Extra pounds are extra rounds in the chamber when playing Russian roulette with the coronavirus, and a healthy weight beats the odds. Americans who intend to remain among the living should act accordingly.

Mr. Biden should do his part to encourage them. Rather than browbeating Americans — including those with natural immunity from a previous bout of COVID-19 — to get vaxxed, he should challenge all but the disabled and infirm to get off the couch, pick up a step-counting device and pound out 10,000 strides a day.

With TV cameras in tow, a brisk, daily, presidential constitutional along the National Mall adjacent to the White House would set a fine example for a portly public. Most voters generally despise his ultra-left-wing policies these days, but his svelte, 78-year-old physique is nothing if not an object of envy.

— *The Washington Times*

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Can Poland be Poland?

"Let Poland be Poland!" That was the call of American conservatives, four decades ago, when the Solidarity movement of labor leader Lech Walesa arose in the port city of Gdansk to demand their freedom of the Communist system imposed upon Poland by the Soviet Union after World War II.

A decade later, Poland broke free of the Soviet Bloc and Warsaw Pact, and later joined the European Union and NATO.

The question that has arisen today also has to do with issues of Polish identity and independence.

Specifically, can Poland be Poland — and still remain in the EU?

In recent years, the ruling Law and Justice Party has revised its governmental structures. The judiciary has been subordinated, brought under greater central supervision and control, and a disciplinary chamber has been established and empowered to remove judges.

Such action, says the EU Commission in Brussels, violates basic EU law, which applies to all member states and trumps national law.

Brussels wants the chamber abolished.

Moreover, on issues such as homosexuality, abortion and the media, the Polish government has taken stands more consistent with its Catholic traditions than with the social agenda of a secularized Europe.

The same holds true for the Hungary of Prime Minister Viktor Orban. Poland and Hungary are ostracized as "illiberal democracies."

At a rally of tens of thousands in Budapest Saturday, Orban told supporters that Washington, the EU in Brussels, and billionaire George Soros are using their money, media and networks to bring to power the Hungarian leftist opposition in next April's parliamentary elections.

"But what matters," said a defiant Orban, "is not what they in Brussels, in Washington and in the media, which is directed from abroad, want. It will be Hungarians deciding about

Can Poland be Poland — and stay in the EU?

their own fate.

"Our strength is in our unity ... We believe in the same values: family, nation and a strong and independent Hungary."

Let Hungary be Hungary.

In this social-cultural-moral clash inside the EU, outsider Vladimir Putin comes down on the side of the traditionalists and nationalists in countries where Christianity retains a hold against secularism.

This weekend, Moscow released excerpts of Putin's blistering attack on a woke West at last week's gathering of the Valdai Discussion Club in Sochi:

"We're surprised to see things happening in countries that see themselves as flagships of progress," said Putin. "The struggle for equality and against discrimination turns into aggressive dogmatism verging on absurdity."

"Opposing racism is a necessary and noble thing, but the new 'culture of abolition' turns into 'reverse discrimination' ... Here in Russia the absolute majority of our citizens don't care what color a person's skin is."

"People who dare to say that men and women still exist as a biological fact are almost ostracized ... not to mention the simply monstrous fact that children today are taught from a young age that a boy can easily become a girl and vice versa."

"Let's call a spade a spade: This simply verges on crimes against humanity under the banner of progress."

In the clash between Poland and the EU, German Chancellor Angela Merkel has urged that a solution be found acceptable to both, rather than engaging in a long and bitter battle that leaves one side victorious and the other estranged.

Yet, today, Poland is being threatened with economic sanctions, including a possible withholding of annual EU stipends and money set aside for EU nations to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

RICH LOWRY

The new missile gap

The Chinese have repeatedly made it plain that they intend to hold U.S. bases and our homeland at risk.

The Biden administration is hesitant to call our competition with China a new Cold War, even though Beijing has zero qualms about making the parallels with our decades-long struggle with the Soviet Union abundantly clear.

We are once again discussing a "Sputnik moment," a nuclear arms race, and a missile gap — all throwbacks to the 1950s-1980s — thanks to China's aggressive pursuit of military capabilities designed to deter and defeat the United States.

Whatever Beijing may say and however we may try to comfort ourselves with cushioning delusions, the Chinese have repeatedly made it plain that they intend to hold U.S. bases and our homeland at risk.

The example of Sputnik, the primitive Soviet satellite launched in 1957 that raised the prospect of the U.S. losing the space race, was on everyone's lips with a bombshell Financial Times report over the weekend.

According to the FT, the Chinese tested a nuclear-capable hypersonic missile that circled the Earth once before descending on its target, thus demonstrating "an advanced space capability that caught U.S. intelligence by surprise."

It's not clear why anyone would be shocked. It wasn't a secret that China and Russia were developing these technologies, and indeed, it wasn't a secret that China had leapt ahead of us.

(The Chinese, bringing the same transparency they've shown regarding the origins of COVID-19, say it was just a routine space launch.)

Hypersonic missiles bring a new element to the ever-evolving competition between missile

offense and defense.

As former state department official Christian Brose notes in his book "The Kill Chain," ballistic missiles travel fast but in a predictable parabolic path. Cruise missiles, on the other hand, travel relatively slowly but are maneuverable and therefore unpredictable.

Hypersonic missiles are both unpredictable and fast — six times faster than a Tomahawk missile.

That means they are uniquely suited to defeat our missile defenses. Not only can't we counter them, we can't track them adequately at the moment.

Over the summer, the head of North American Aerospace Defense Command — yes, that's NORAD of Cold War fame — said that the new missiles would pose "significant challenges to my NORAD capability to provide threat warning and attack assessment."

The FT reports that the test missile missed its target by roughly two dozen miles. That's a significant miss but wouldn't necessarily be that much comfort if the missile were carrying a nuclear payload. And the targeting will presumably be improved — that's one reason to carry out the test in the first place.

An MIT professor told the FT that just because China tested the capability doesn't mean that it will deploy it. But the history of

Responding to these threats, Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki is accusing the EU of "blackmailing" Poland and holding a "gun to our head."

"If you want to make Europe into a nation-less superstate," says Morawiecki, "first gain the consent of all European countries and societies for this."

Membership in the EU is popular in Poland, and the government has not threatened a walkout, a "Polexit," like the "Brexit" that British Tories voted for in 2016 and carried out.

Still, Brussels fears that successful Polish defiance of its demands could lead other EU nations to make demands, and the grand project of creating a European superstate, a One Europe whose member nations are accorded limited rights similar to those of the 50 states of the American Union, could collapse and fall apart.

National governments receive from membership in the EU not only the benefits of open markets, free trade and travel from one nation to another, but also, for nations like Poland and others in eastern and southern Europe, annual transfer of wealth from the EU.

The chokehold the EU has on its members is money. Brussels can cut off the funds transferred annually to Poland, as well as funds voted to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, together a goodly slice of Poland's GDP.

The questions raised by the rebellious Poles are fundamental: Which takes precedence, when they come into conflict, Poland's constitution and Poland's laws, or the laws of the European Union?

Conflict appears inevitable, and the Poles will ultimately have to decide whether their country and constitution transcend EU law, or the reverse is now true.

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expansionistic totalitarian states forbearing from fielding advanced weapons after pouring significant time and resources into developing them is not, to say the least, very encouraging.

It'd be best if we abandon all wishful thinking and admit the obvious.

We've had a zombie arms control policy focused on deals with Russia, while China has been aggressively adding new weapons and delivery systems.

We've allowed China to rob our technology and pour it into developing threats against us.

We've been much too slow in developing the next generation of weapons, including hypersonic missiles, and are modernizing our nuclear triad at a glacial pace while China is rapidly adding new capabilities.

The response to the new circumstances should reflect a Cold War-era urgency. The Biden administration has proposed more spending on hypersonic missiles, but the latest news should mean even more of an emphasis on their rapid deployment, so we can hold at risk Chinese assets and maintain our deterrence.

We should, with an eye to the growing Chinese missile threat, deploy missile-defense interceptors in Australia and more sensors in space, as well as work toward directed-energy weapons that would be the best counter to hypersonic missiles.

If we aren't going to call it a new Cold War, we must — or risk falling further behind — treat it as one.

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Christ Covenant School to add 9-12th grades in 2022

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RIDGELAND — Christ Covenant School associated with Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church at 752 S. Pear Orchard Road here will expand to include grades nine through 12, with the ninth-grade being added as early as August 2022, the school recently announced.

The new high school will be located on property adjacent to the back entrance, 441 Northpark Drive, that school leaders said is being secured for renovation and will be connected to the existing campus that currently includes preschool 3 through eighth-grade.

"We are pleased to announce the expansion of Christ Covenant school to include 9th-12th grades," the school stated in an Oct. 21 social media post.

"We look forward to continuing our Partnership with existing families as well as new families seeking a Christ-centered, more affordable, college preparatory High School setting for their children. We are grateful that the Lord sees it fit for this prayerfully considered endeavor to come to fruition. In the words of our faithful leader and Head of School, Cathy Haynie, 'It IS Time!'"

"#CommittedtoExcellence #CommittedtoChrist"

"Make me to know Your ways O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in the truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I will wait all the day long." Psalm 25:4-5"

The school said the plan is for the new facility to open in August 2023.

"Consideration to current eighth-grade families will be

given to determine the feasibility of offering a ninth-grade class within our current school structure and program on August of 2022," according to the school.

The project, school officials said, will be funded through a \$2 million gift for phase one.

"The school will raise funds for other projects to complement phase one, such as enhanced space for activities and athletics and for phase two, increased classroom space in the same vicinity," a letter from the school states.

The school offers Bible and traditional academics with both advanced coursework and learning support. Elective offerings include strategic use of technology to enhance the overall academic experience, school officials said.

For more information, contact the school at 601-978-2272.

R'land adds license plate cameras

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RIDGELAND — City officials will implement 12 new license plate reading cameras throughout town to help solve crimes following a successful pilot program of eight cameras implemented last year through a Georgia-based company.

On Oct. 19, the Ridgeland Mayor and Board of Aldermen approved the purchase of 12 additional Flock Safety Automated License Plate Reading cameras at the request of Police Chief John Neal.

Currently, the Ridgeland Police Department has eight Flock Safety cameras. The new agreement would bring the total number of Ridgeland PD's Flock Safety cameras to 20.

"We are adding an additional 12 around the city to give us 20 total," Neal said. "The new locations are still being decided. Our command staff is looking at crime trends and areas around the city where we will get the best use of the cameras' informa-

tion before we deploy them."

The agreement was for \$33,000, \$2,500 per camera as well as a \$250 installation fee apiece. The initial term is for 24 months and will include a \$30,000 yearly fee to the city. Neal said that the total yearly cost to the city for the 20 total cameras would be \$40,000.

Neal said that information gathered from the eight existing cameras has been used to solve several violent crimes including a murder reported in April and to recover stolen vehicles.

"While we don't track numbers, we have used them to help solve stolen auto cases, aggravated assault cases and they were beneficial in the investigation of the April 2021 murder on I-55 near the Renaissance," Neal said.

Kyndra Farley of Flock Safety said the Ridgeland Police Department is adding the cameras after seeing much success in the technology's use to solve and reduce crime.

"To proactively prevent crime from occurring in Ridge-

land," Farley said, "the cameras will send a real-time alert to law enforcement when a stolen car or known wanted felony suspect vehicle from a state or national crime database enters the jurisdiction. They can also send real-time alerts if a vehicle associated with a missing person in an AMBER or Silver Alert is detected."

Neal received approval to enter an agreement with the Georgia-based company last April. The agreement was for eight cameras installed throughout the city, specifically on Pine Knoll Drive and at the north and south ends of the Highland Colony Parkway.

Neal described Pine Knoll Drive as a weak area of enforcement that could benefit from increased policing.

Farley said that Flock Safety cameras are in use in more than 1,400 cities across 40 states, and the company works with more than 1,000 police departments. She said they have been shown to reduce crime by up to 70%.

OBITUARIES

Delta Stark

Delta Stark, 29, of Madison, passed away on October 25, 2021 at UMMC in Jackson, MS.

Delta was born on August 21, 1992 to Steve Saxton and Chris Milner in Flowood. She has resided in Madison all of her life. She graduated college from Mississippi State University before attending Life University where she earned her Doctorate Degree in Chiropractic. Delta was specially trained in prenatal and pediatric chiropractic and formed Germantown Family Chiropractic in 2017. She was the President of a non-profit, Better Birth Mississippi and a

member of First Ridgeland Baptist Church.

Delta is survived by her husband of 7 years, James Stark, daughter, Kaydince Stark; father, Steve Saxton (Kim); mother, Chris Milner (Sport), brothers, Justin Milner (Jamie), Walker Milner, A.J. Antonescu, and Brady Saxton; sister Kaylee Saxton; maternal grandmother, Amy H. Bowlin; paternal grandmother, Annette McGraw; paternal grandfather, Mike McGraw; grandmother, Pam Milner; grandfa-



Delta Stark

ther, Derrick Milner and grandmother in love, Brenda Milner.

She was preceded in death by maternal grandfather, Jerry Bowlin.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Natchez Trace Funer-

al Home in Madison and again on Thursday, two hours prior to the 2:00 pm church service at First Ridgeland Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Jessamine Cemetery in Ridgeland, MS.

Joan Markow

Joan Markow died peacefully on October 21, 2021, at age 89 at her home in Ridgeland, Mississippi.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John P. Cerul Sr. and Mary Cerul as well as her husband of 59 years, Peter J.

Markow Sr. She is sur-

vived by her brothers, John Cerul and Ed Cerul, and sister, Geri Rushford; children, Susan Skipper (Scott), Peter J. Markow, Jr. (Jenny), Greg Markow (Mary Ball), Paul Markow (Charlotte), Carolyn Billingsley (Morgan), Cathy White, Carl Markow (Michelle), and Mary Har-

ington (Hap), 19 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

A service for the family will be held at St. Richard Catholic Church.

Memorials may be made to St. Richard Catholic Church or Children's of Mississippi (Batson Children's Hospital).

Bobby Dale Crocker

Bobby Dale Crocker of Ridgeland, Mississippi passed away on October 21, 2021, at the age of 81.

He was born in Union, Mississippi on January 4, 1940 to Virner Otto Crocker and Edna Williamson Crocker and raised in Indianola, Mississippi. He was the middle child of eight children. He graduated from Linn High School in 1959 and enlisted in the United States Air Force. After the Air Force, he served the citizens of Greenville, Mississippi as a member of the Greenville Police Department for many years.

He worked in the Life Insurance industry for 30 years for both Woodmen of the World and the Independent Order of Foresters. He received his Fraternal Insurance Counselor (FIC) and Fraternal Insurance Counselor Fellow (FICF) designations.

Bobby was predeceased by four of his siblings, Agnes Crocker Roberson, Charles

W. Crocker, Charlene Crocker James and Virgie "Dolly" Crocker Smithhart.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Linda Crocker of Ridgeland, Mississippi, his son, Jimmy D. Crocker (Julie) of Little Rock, Arkansas, his grandchildren, Lindsay M. Crocker, of Homewood, Alabama and James Fuller Crocker of Mountain Brook, Alabama, his step-grandchildren, Kayla G. Carr of Gulfport, Mississippi and William "Clay" Carr of Auburn, Alabama, his three siblings, Brenda Crocker Groover (Joe), Vernice Crocker Few and Joe Lee Crocker, as well as many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service celebrating Bobby's life is being planned for a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to your favorite charity or The Bobby D. and Mary Linda Crocker Endowed Scholarship c/o Delta State University Foundation, Box 3141 DSU, Cleveland, MS 38733. This endowed scholar-

ship helps children from Washington and Sunflower County with educational expenses while attending DSU.

THE LORD'S DAY

Morning Worship
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11 a.m.

Sunday School
9:45 a.m.

Evening Worship
6 p.m.

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BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

God's law vs. human tradition: Part III

Please in your Bible to Matthew 5:27-32 as we continue our study of the Sermon on the Mount. In Jesus' day, there was a great deal of confusion and complexity to the teaching, even within the Synagogue, on the subject of divorce. And into that context, Jesus came and gave His instructions on marriage and on divorce. There have been many who have read Jesus' words here in Matthew 5 and have determined that Jesus is teaching that there is no divorce that is legitimate. On the other hand, there are others who have suggested that all remarriage is unbiblical. Still some will say that Jesus makes an allowance for divorcee here, but He makes no allowance for remarriage in this passage. While Jesus does not address everything that one could say about marriage, divorce and remarriage in this passage, His emphasis must be on our emphasis. And so I would like to attend to several of the great emphases that Jesus gives us in this passage. First, our attitude to adultery reflects itself in our view of marriage. Secondly, our view and practice regarding divorce is a measure of our attitude to God. And thirdly, our view and practice of remarriage is a measure of our attitude toward God.

I. Our Attitude to Adultery Reflects Itself in Our View of Marriage.

Jesus says in verse 31, "It was said, whoever sends His wife away, let him give her a certificate of divorce." Now Jesus introduces that phrase, "it was said", but the thing that He is referencing as being said, was not something that has been spoken in the annals of the ancient history in Israel. We know that this is, in fact, what was being taught by many of the Pharisees in Jesus' day. They went to Deuteronomy 24, verse 1 and following, and said that what Moses was teaching there is that a man must give his wife a certificate of divorce if he is going to divorce her. And they emphasized that a man had the right to do anything he wanted with regard to divorce. They claimed that he could divorce his wife for any reason. And so in that context, Jesus attacks the Pharisees' views of the seventh commandment.

And I want you to note just a few things about what Jesus does in these verses. First of all, the Pharisees were preoccupied with the issue of the grounds of divorce. Jesus, on the other hand, was preoccupied with the issue of the institution of marriage. The Pharisees were looking for the loopholes. But they did not take divorce seriously, ethically speaking. Jesus, on the other hand, takes divorce seriously. In fact, He calls unbiblical divorce adultery. It is a breaking of the seventh commandment, Jesus says. And so, having seen those things, and having seen that Jesus teaches that our attitude towards the seventh commandment reflects our view of the sanctity of marriage, let us look at two other things that Jesus teaches in this passage.

II. Our View and Practice Regarding Divorce is a Measure of Our Attitude to God.

In verse 32, Jesus says, "But I say to you that everyone that divorces his wife except for the reason of unchastity, makes her commit adultery." Jesus there teaches that our views and practices regarding divorce are a measure of our attitude to God. It is not just something that is a private matter. It is not even something that is just a matter between two people. It is a spiritual matter, and it is a matter that concerns our attitude to God. Do you see what Jesus is doing? They had strong views against adultery. They thought that they were not guilty of it. And so He says, "Well, even if you are not committing adultery yourself, if you have a low view of divorce and remarriage, then you are involved in adultery."

Jesus is speaking to a social situation in Israel where men would have been virtually the only one able to have a divorce. They would have been the only ones with the financial resources or the legal resources in order to have a divorce, and hence Jesus' words do apply to all those who are engaged in divorce in our society even though His words are directed to men. He is not just zeroing in on the men, with no other application anywhere else. But what does He mean when He says, "I tell you that everyone who divorces his wife except for the reason of unchastity makes her commit adultery"? Jesus is saying that anyone who initiates an unbiblical divorce is breaking the seventh commandment and involving others in it. Jesus makes it clear that unbiblical divorce does not solve sin, it complicates sin. It doesn't get you out of the difficult situation, it gets

you into a more difficult situation. In fact, Jesus is saying more than that. He is saying that the seventh commandment requires us to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond. Not merely to refrain from violating it, but actually to uphold the holiness of the marriage bond.

III. Our View and Practice of Remarriage is a Measure of Our Attitude Toward God.

Notice also in the second half of verse 32 that Jesus goes on to speak about remarriage. And again, He teaches that our views and our practices regarding remarriage are a measure of our attitude to God. He says, "whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery." Many have interpreted that to mean that Jesus is saying that there is no remarriage that is biblical. But this is not what Christ is saying. The point of Christ's statement is that our marital faithfulness reflects the heart. Our attitude to the marriage reflects our heart and it will come under divine scrutiny.

Jesus' teaching about divorce and remarriage in this passage could be summarized as follows. First of all, Jesus makes it clear that God's design is for permanent commitment in marriage. Notice also, in this passage, that Jesus teaches that unbiblical divorce complicates sin, rather than cures it. Jesus also makes it clear in the passage, that sexual immorality destroys the marital bond. It strikes so closely at what marriage is that it is a legitimate reason for ending a marriage. It is a legitimate ground on which to proceed with divorce. Finally, Jesus does not say that remarriage after a biblical divorce constitutes adultery. Jesus is speaking of someone who has sought an unbiblical divorce and that is what He means when He speaks in verse 32 about those who marry a divorced woman committing adultery. My friends, if we take seriously family values, we will take seriously our views of marriage and divorce and remarriage. May God make us holy in this area and thus cause us to be a witness to the world. And may He bind up the broken hearted and show His grace to them.

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2 new COVID deaths reported here

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Madison County recorded 102 new COVID-19 cases and two new deaths in the past week, according to the Mississippi State Department of Health's Wednesday, Oct. 27, COVID-19 report.

Madison County has now recorded 14,668 COVID-19 cases and 281 deaths since the pandemic began in March 2020, according to MSDH.

Madison County continues to have one of the state's highest vaccination rates with 65,867 or 62% of people having received one dose of a vaccine and 61,082 or 57% of people having received two doses.

Vaccines are currently being administered at Walgreens, Walmart, Kroger and CVS locations in Madison.

Madison County Schools reported eight total active district cases for the week of Oct. 18. The active case percentage

of the on-campus population is 0.1%. The school district recorded 15 people quarantining.

Statewide, since the pandemic began in March 2020, 288,875 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been recorded by the MSDH along with 214,791 probable cases, totaling 503,666 cases. There have been 6,737 confirmed COVID-19 deaths, along with 3,322 probable deaths, totaling 10,059 deaths.





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

Jesus, savior of sinners

Paul and Barnabas, having returned to Antioch from their first missionary trip, recounted to the church all that God had done in bringing many Gentiles to Christ through the preaching of the gospel. Sometime after this, men came down from Judea and began teaching that the Gentiles converts must be circumcised and keep the Law of Moses in order to be saved (Acts 15:1, 5).

Paul and Barnabas voice their strong opposition to this doctrine, and the issue ends up in Jerusalem for the apostles and elders to settle the matter. The issue is of the greatest importance because it pertains to how a sinful soul can be made right with God, or be accepted by God as righteous.

A sinner's need for salvation was agreed upon; the debate centered on what the gospel said about the way in which one might be saved. The ones who disagreed with Paul insisted that observance of the law was to be included in the terms of salvation. In direct contrast, Paul insisted that there is no hope of deliverance by merit or obedience, but only by the grace of God in Christ.

We see in verses 8-11 that the apostle Peter agreed with Paul and declared, "We believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus." In verse 12, Paul and Barnabas related to the assembly the powerful working of the Holy Spirit among the Gentiles. He did this to emphasize that the Spirit worked in connection with faith, not because of any righteousness of men.

James, the brother of Jesus, then stood up and quoted the prophet Amos to show that the Lord had promised to call Gentiles by his name, and did so through the promised Christ, a descendant of David (verses 16-17). James agreed that God's word emphasizes salvation is entirely by grace.

So the Jerusalem Council concluded the issue for all generations of Christians. A sinner can only be saved through faith in Christ alone. Even the faith in Christ itself is not meritorious; it looks away from any good in itself to the work Christ has done on the sinner's behalf. Faith unites us to Christ and his benefits. This is good news because Christ is sufficient for our great need.

Jesus is the savior of sinners. The Father

laid a cross upon him. He took the curse, the shame of our sin, and the wrath of God it deserved. He made an exchange with us, taking all the legal obligations of the law upon himself and thus cleansing us from all sin by his atoning death. He gave his life out of love for the purpose of gaining our love and devotion to the name of God.

Christ alone could pay the price of our sin. No man will be justified before God by his own righteousness or the works of the law. The hymn "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" states it well: "Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost; Christ's the rock of our salvation, his the name of which we boast. Lamb of God for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built."

The gospel teaches us the sinfulness and evil of sin. That is the first difference between a Christian and non-Christian. The non-Christian is not aware of his own inherent sinfulness. He doesn't see much wrong with him. He may think he is a fool at times for things he has done that have cost him pain, but he doesn't agree with God's condemnation of the world and of sin.

It is the Christian who sees the world under the just condemnation and wrath of God. He knows why there is misery in the world and why men bite and devour one another. It is due to sin. The world is under the power of the evil one, and Christ alone is the remedy to it.

I am a Christian; therefore I believe Christ died to make atonement for my sin. I know that this is the only way I could be delivered out of the condemnation of the world. Sin is so terrible only the death of Christ can deliver me. And he fully paid for all my sin. That is the gospel, the good news from God to sinners.

God gives salvation in Christ for his glory. He pours out his grace to sinners. Those in Christ are given eternal life and fellowship with the living God. They are called the children of God, and their names are written in the book of life. Therefore, exalt God's grace and make your boast in Christ.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

SIMMONS BANK PLAINTIFF VS. CASE NO. 21-162 WILLIAM PAUL RICHARDSON DEFENDANT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: William Paul Richardson whose last known residence was 2029 Cox Ferry Rd., Flora, MS 39071, but who whose present residence and post office address are unknown to Plaintiff after diligent search and inquiry You have been made a Defendant in this suit filed in this Court by Simmons Bank, seeking possession through replevin of that certain 2016 Dodge Ram Truck, VIN 3C6UR5CJ4G361575. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Complaint for Replevin (Immediate Seizure Not Sought) filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 5th day of January 2022, in the Circuit Courthouse located at Canton, MS 39046, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Complaint. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT, this the 20th day of October, 2021. Anita E. Wray, Circuit Court Clerk MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI BY: Dendy Blankenship D. C. (SEAL)

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on September 29, 1995, Jacob M. Ritchey executed a Deed of Trust to Ronald M. Kirk, as Trustee, which Deed of Trust secures an indebtedness therein described in favor of BankPlus, as Lender, and is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, in Book 951 at Pages 143-148 (Instrument No. 178142); and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 1999, J. M. Ritchey a/k/a Jacob M. Ritchey executed a Deed of Trust to Ronald M. Kirk, as Trustee, which Deed of Trust secures an indebtedness therein described in favor of BankPlus, as Lender, is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, in Book 1207 at Pages 689-695 (Instrument No. 297817), and is a renewal and extension of that Deed of Trust recorded in Book 951 at Pages 143-148 (Instrument No. 178142); and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2008, J. M. Ritchey aka Jacob M. Ritchey executed a Deed of Trust to Thomas Hudson, as Trustee, which Deed of Trust secures an indebtedness therein described in favor of BankPlus, as Lender, is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, in Book 2309 at Pages 376-383 (Instrument No. 562350), and is a renewal and extension of that Deed of Trust recorded in Book 1207 at Pages 689-695 (Instrument No. 297817); and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2009, J. M. Ritchey aka Jacob M. Ritchey executed a Deed of Trust to Thomas Hudson, as Trustee, which Deed of Trust secures an indebtedness therein described in favor of BankPlus, as Lender, is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, in Book 2501 at Pages 163-171 (Instrument No. 611232), and is a renewal and extension of that Deed of Trust dated April 11, 2008 and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, in Book 2309 at Pages 376-383 (Instrument No. 562350), and has been modified by Modification of Deed of Trust dated November 2, 2015 and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 3278 at Pages 416-419 (Instrument No. 773490) and by Modification of Deed of Trust dated September 7, 2018 and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 3650 at Pages 48-51 (Instrument No. 848200); and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid, BankPlus, the holder of said Deeds of Trust, as modified, and the notes secured thereby, appointed William R. Presson as Substitute Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument dated September 16, 2021 and recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi in T Book 4102 at Pages 782-786 (Instrument No. 936585); and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deeds of Trust, as modified, and the entire debt secured thereby, having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deeds of Trust, as modified, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, BankPlus, having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deeds of Trust, as modified, for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustee's fees and expenses of sale;

NOW THEREFORE, I, William R. Presson, Substitute Trustee in said Deeds of Trust, as modified, will on Thursday, the 18th day of November, 2021, offer for sale at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.), at the South front door of the County Courthouse located at 128 West North Street in the City of Canton, County of Madison, State of Mississippi, the following described property situated in the County of Madison, State of Mississippi, to-wit: All that property conveyed by W. C. Crule to J. M. Lawrence and C. R. Gartin by deed dated April 1, 1947, recorded in Book 36, Page 374, of the deed records of Madison County, Mississippi, which lies between a line twenty-one (21) feet South of the present building constructed on the North part of said property (said line being parallel to the South boundary of Peace Street), and the North line of the 15-foot alley off of the South end of said property, the lot hereby conveyed fronting thirty-nine (39) feet, more or less, on the East side of Union Street, and extending back (East) fifty-one (51) feet and nine (9) inches, more or less, subject to stipulations respecting party wall as set forth in Deeds of May 4, 1854, Book Q, page 451, and July 6, 1869, Book T, page 183, together with the building and improvements situated thereon.

The address of said property is 133 South Union Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046-4339. Although title is believed to be good, I

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will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 15th day of October, 2021.

/s/ William R. Presson William R. Presson Substitute Trustee for BankPlus

PREPARED BY: William R. Presson Mississippi Bar No. 4479 Office: 15 Northtown Drive, Suite B Jackson, Mississippi 39211-3048 Mail: Post Office Box 4170 Jackson, Mississippi 39296-4170 Telephone: (601) 991-1117 e-mail: wpresson@netdoor.com

PUBLISHED: October 28, 2021, November 4, 2021, and November 11, 2021

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, EX REL. MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT PLAINTIFF VS. Civil Cause No. 2021-1115 JH

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TO: Charvez Chavez Lockett and the unknown owner of Twenty-One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000.00) 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 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 19th day of October 2021.

ANITA WRAY MADISON COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

By: Monica Henderson D.C. Monica Henderson (SEAL)

INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi will receive written sealed bids until the hour of 2:00 p.m. CST, Thursday November 18, 2021 at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, located at 100 West School Street, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157 for the furnishing of all design, labor and materials and the construction of a Safety Net for Freedom Ridge Park with all related appurtenances. The Project Manual and Drawings are on file in the office of the Recreation and Parks at the City Hall. Contract Time will be as proposed by the Bidder and accepted by the Owner.

Copies of the electronic bidding/project manual and drawings may be obtained from the Department of Recreation and Parks Director at the City Hall, telephone (601) 853-2011, email john.north@ridgelandsms.org at no cost. Bidders may print the documents at their cost. Proposals must be submitted in duplicate on the form as shown in the project manual and must be accompanied by a bid bond guarantee of at least 5 percent of the base bid, all in accordance with the General Conditions or Modifications thereof. Proposals may also be submitted electronically by emailing proposals to city.clerk@ridgelandsms.org. Electronic submission must contain the following in the subject line: ELECTRONIC BID FOR SAFETY NET FOR FREEDOM RIDGE PARK.

Performance and Payment Bonds in the full amount of the contract will be required for contract security.

All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 p.m. CST, Thursday November 18, 2021 and considered by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at a Regular Meeting thereof to be held within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of bids.

Purchase will be made in accordance with the State of Mississippi purchasing Laws. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen reserve the right to reject any and all Bids.

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI, ON THIS THE 19th DAY OF OCTOBER 2021.

CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI By: Paula Tierce, City Clerk

(SEAL)

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

Notice is hereby given to those parties in interest that there will be a hearing on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. before the Zoning

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Board at the City hall, 100 W. School Street, Ridgeland, Mississippi, for the purpose of determining whether or not a Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit shall be granted to the owners of the described property in the City of Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi.

A parcel of land being part of Lot 7, Block 33, Highland Colony Subdivision, being situated in the E1/2 of Section 31, Township 7 North, Range 2 East, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the intersection of the South line of Lot 1, Block 33, Highland Colony Subdivision and the West right of way line of Pear Orchard Road (70 foot right of way), run North 00 degrees 12 minutes 56 seconds West along the said West right of way line of Pear Orchard a distance of 1056.72 feet to an iron pin marking the intersection of the North right of way line of Towne Center Boulevard (60 foot right of way) and the West line of said Pear Orchard Road; run thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 06 seconds West along the North right of way of said Towne Center Boulevard a distance of 125 feet to an iron pin, said iron pin marking the point of curvature of a curve bearing to the left having a radius of 637.77 feet and the central angle of 21 degrees 25 minutes 46 seconds and run a chord distance and bearing of South 79 degrees 04 minutes 13 seconds West, 237.15 feet to an iron pin on the said North line of Towne Center Boulevard and the point of tangency of said curve; run thence South 68 degrees 21 minutes 20 seconds West along the North right of way line of Towne Center Boulevard for a distance of 604.56 feet to the Southwest corner of the Richard S. and Elaine Garner property (Deed Book 0352) at Page 781) and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described: thence continue South 68 degrees 21 minutes 20 seconds West along the North line of said Towne Center Boulevard a distance of 173.53 feet to the point of curvature of a curve bearing to the right having a radius of 627.92 feet and a degree of curvature of 21 degrees 30 minutes 55 seconds and run along said curve a chord distance and bearing of South 70 degrees 38 minutes West a distance of 50.00 feet; thence leaving said North line of Towne Center Boulevard run North 00 degrees 02 minutes 12 seconds West a distance of 265.8 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 135.0 feet to the Northwest corner of the aforesaid Garner Property; thence South 21 degrees 39 minutes 48 seconds East along the West line of said Garner Property a distance of 199.44 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing 40.419 square feet or 0.928 acres, more or less.

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY AT RIGHT ANGLE A DISTANCE OF 175.0 FEET;

THENCE NORTHEASTERLY AND PARALLEL TO U. S. HIGHWAY NO. 51 FOR 150 FEET;

THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY AT RIGHT ANGLE FOR 175.0 FEET TO THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY OF U. S. HIGHWAY NO. 51

THEN SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY OF U. S. HIGHWAY NO. 51 FOR 150.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE TRACT LIES AND IS SITUATED IN LOT 4, BLOCK 26, HIGHLAND COLONY AND IS IN THE SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, CITY OF RIDGELAND, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AND CONTAINS 0.60 ACRES.

AND BEING THE SAME PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN WARRANTY DEED RECORDER IN BOOK 194 AT PAGE 338.

ATTEST: APPROVED: /s/ Paula Tierce Paula Tierce, City Clerk

October 25, 2021

Publish: October 28, 2021

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DIVERT OR WITHDRAW FOR BENEFICIAL USE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of October, 2020, Bear Creek Water Association Inc., P.O. Box 107, Canton, MS 39046, filed renewal applications for permits to continue to divert or withdraw the public waters of the State of Mississippi for beneficial use from the Sparta Aquifer System, in the county of Madison, for public supply purposes, subject to existing rights, the following amount of water at the indicated locations:

PERMIT# VOLUME RATE LOCATION MS-GW-15692 0.64 MG/D 1000 GPM NW, NE, S10, T07N, R02E

AND MS-GW-15693 1.15 MG/D 1500 GPM NE, NE, S29, T08N, R02E

Any person, firm, association, or corporation, deeming that the granting of the above application will be truly detrimental to their rights to utilize the waters of said source, may protest in writing to the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi, ATTN: Chris Hawkins, PO Box 2309, Jackson, Mississippi 39225, setting forth all reasons why said application should not be approved. Letters of protest must be received within ten (10) days of this publication. If not protested, a permit will be issued on or after ten (10) days following publication date.

If protested, the application will be taken for consideration by the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi in its offices at 515 East Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on or after, Tuesday, the 14th day of December, 2021, at which time all interested persons may appear and be heard by the Permit Board.

OFFICE OF LAND AND WATER RESOURCES Chris Hawkins, P.E. Chief, Permitting, Certification, and Compliance Division

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI THE MATTER OF MARGUERITE FORD, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2021-970B LOUIS F. FORD, Individually, and on behalf of all statutory wrongful death beneficiaries SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: All Unknown Heirs at Law and/or Wrongful Death Beneficiaries, under the Mississippi Wrongful Death Statute, of Marguerite Ford, deceased NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS THE PETITION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS:

A Petition to Determine Heirs and Wrongful Death Beneficiaries filed in this Court by Louis F. Ford, Petitioner, seeking the determination of heirs at law and wrongful death beneficiaries of Marguerite Ford, deceased, and any person with a claim as an heir at law and wrongful death beneficiary. You are summoned to appear and defend against said petition at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of December, 2021, before the Honorable Cynthia Brewer, at the Madison County Chancery Courtroom, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgement may be entered against you for things demanded in the petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal

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C. A. HALL, JR., ET. AL. TRACT TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF THE I.C.G. RAILROAD, THENCE RUN N 24 DEGREES 32' E - 110.98 FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE S 57 DEGREES 50' E - 182.04 FEET; THENCE N 32 DEGREES 10' E - 40.0 FEET; THENCE S 57 DEGREES 50' E - 20.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND BEING THE SAME PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 246 AT PAGE 332.

TRACT III

COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WITH THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U. S. HIGHWAY NO. 51 RUN THENCE NORTH-EASTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR 432.6 FEET TO A POINT, SAID POINT HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY AT RIGHT ANGLE A DISTANCE OF 175.0 FEET;

THENCE NORTHEASTERLY AND PARALLEL TO U. S. HIGHWAY NO. 51 FOR 150 FEET;

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PERMIT# VOLUME RATE LOCATION MS-GW-15692 0.64 MG/D 1000 GPM NW, NE, S10, T07N, R02E

AND MS-GW-15693 1.15 MG/D 1500 GPM NE, NE, S29, T08N, R02E

Any person, firm, association, or corporation, deeming that the granting of the above application will be truly detrimental to their rights to utilize the waters of said source, may protest in writing to the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi, ATTN: Chris Hawkins, PO Box 2309, Jackson, Mississippi 39225, setting forth all reasons why said application should not be approved. Letters of protest must be received within ten (10) days of this publication. If not protested, a permit will be issued on or after ten (10) days following publication date.

If protested, the application will be taken for consideration by the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi in its offices at 515 East Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on or after, Tuesday, the 14th day of December, 2021, at which time all interested persons may appear and be heard by the Permit Board.

OFFICE OF LAND AND WATER RESOURCES Chris Hawkins, P.E. Chief, Permitting, Certification, and Compliance Division

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI THE MATTER OF MARGUERITE FORD, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2021-970B LOUIS F. FORD, Individually, and on behalf of all statutory wrongful death beneficiaries SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: All Unknown Heirs at Law and/or Wrongful Death Beneficiaries, under the Mississippi Wrongful Death Statute, of Marguerite Ford, deceased NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS THE PETITION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS:

A Petition to Determine Heirs and Wrongful Death Beneficiaries filed in this Court by Louis F. Ford, Petitioner, seeking the determination of heirs at law and wrongful death beneficiaries of Marguerite Ford, deceased, and any person with a claim as an heir at law and wrongful death beneficiary. You are summoned to appear and defend against said petition at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of December, 2021, before the Honorable Cynthia Brewer, at the Madison County Chancery Courtroom, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgement may be entered against you for things demanded in the petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal

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of said Court, this 5th day of October 2021. By: /s/Ronnie Lott, Clerk of the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi

Notice of sale hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2001 Mercury MGL VIN # 2MEFM-75W61X604447. Date of sale: November 13, 2021 Place of sale: Freedom Retail Inc. 290 Commerce Park Dr., Ridgeland, MS 39157 Time of Sale: 8:00 AM Seller reserves the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES T. BRANCH, DECEASED, CAUSE NO. 21-961 Charlotte Dyess, Executrix NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 20th day of October, 2021 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, 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 pursuant to Miss. Code. Ann 91-7-151.

This the 21st day of October 2021. /s/ Charlotte Dyess Prepared by: Jeff Arnold (MSB# 104335) Attorney for the Executrix, Arnold and Associates, LLC, 306 Maxey Drive, Suite B, Brandon, MS 39042 Ph: 601-213-7581 Fax: 601-453-4882

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 12th day of October, 2021 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, upon the Estate of Donna Lucille Hodges Bennett, Deceased, in Civil Action No. 21-912 (C), notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present 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.

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Trick-or-treating dates, times set throughout Madison County

By STAFF REPORTS
news@onlinemadison.com

Madison and Flora are moving trick-or-treating to Saturday, Oct. 30, while Canton and Ridgeland are sticking with the 31st.

Gluckstadt officials are leaving it up to individual neighborhood homeowners associations

to set a date for trick or treating.

Madison

Officials in Madison said they changed the date of trick-or-treating to Saturday because people attend church on Sunday. However, officials said individual neighborhood organizations can make their own decisions.

Flora

Flora officials said the city is also moving trick-or-treating to Saturday not only because of Sunday church services but also because the 11th Annual Flora Car Show will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, with silent auctions, hospitality tents, vendors and games for the children. The car show will be held in down-

town Flora at 4849 Main Street.

Gluckstadt

City officials did not discuss the date for trick-or-treating and suggested people follow the times designated by individual neighborhood associations.

Ridgeland

Ridgeland city officials

decided to stick to the tradition of trick-or-treating on Oct. 31, but the city also is holding a community Trunk or Treat at Freedom Ridge Park from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, Oct. 28.

For more information about Oct. 28's Trunk-or-Treat, visit the Ridgeland Parks and Recreation Facebook page or call 601-

853-2011 for volunteer information.

Canton

Canton officials said the city is sticking to Oct. 31 for trick-or-treating but the city also is holding a community Trunk-or-Treat event from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at the Canton Community Center.

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Ad Placed By The Dossier, Abandoned Vehicle Specialist & Mobile Notary Service 601-622-2173 Legal Advertisement Public notice is hereby given that Kar Performance, will hold a public auction November 15, 2021 @ 5495 Suite A I-55 S. Frontage Rd., Byram, Ms. 39272 @ 10 am Pursuant to the Abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, House Bill 221, Laws of 1970, and House Bill 1902, Laws of 1995, the following vehicle will be sold: 2014 Chevy Camaro, VIN# 2G1FK1EJ9E9260057, Owner: Brittany Williams/Joseph McDonald, Lien holder: American Credit Acceptance, Owed: \$9,051.06, Repairs & Storage: Terms of the sale are cash and no checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. All sales are final. No refunds will be made. Said automobile will be sold in 'as is' condition with no guarantees.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Betty Jean Whitfield Case No 21-974-B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters of Administration on the Estate of Betty Jean Whitfield, deceased, having on the 11th day of October, 2021, been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in Cause Number 2021-974-B, 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 11th day of October, 2021.

/s/ Darren M. Sims
Darren M. Sims, Administrator
BENTLEY E. CONNER

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BRANTLEY B. PACE and WILLIAM PACE
Plaintiffs

v. Cause No. 2021-223

CELESTE LACHAPPELLE, INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS THE DULY APPOINTED EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES RUSSELL PACE, AND THE ESTATE OF JAMES RUSSELL PACE
Defendants

CONSOLIDATED WITH

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES RUSSELL PACE, DECEASED
Cause No. 2020-1095

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been issued on the 15th day of December, 2020, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executrix of the ESTATE OF JAMES RUSSELL PACE, DECEASED, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present such claims to the Clerk of such 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 6th day of October, 2021.

CELESTE LACHAPPELLE, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES RUSSELL PACE, DECEASED

s/Lacey L. Bailey
By: Lacey L. Bailey (MSB #103041)
PREPARED BY:
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PUBLICATION DATES: October 14, October 21, and October 28, 2021

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRA WHATLEY MILLER, DECEASED

45CH1:21-cv-000945
RONNIE DEAN O'NEAL, JR., EXECUTOR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having this day been granted by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor upon the Estate of Sandra Whatley Miller, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, for probate and registration, according to law, within ninety (90) days after the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

WITNESS my signature, this the 1st day of October, A. D., 2021.

/s/ Ronnie Dean O'Neal, Jr.

RONNIE DEAN O'NEAL, JR. - EXECUTOR

OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRA WHATLEY MILLER,

DECEASED

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT AND FIRST CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF DIANE W. BLANKENHORN, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-942 (C)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 8th day of October 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor under the Last Will and Testament of DIANE W. BLANKENHORN, 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 8th day of October, 2021.

/s/ David G. Blankenhorn
DAVID G. BLANKENHORN, Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Diane W. Blankenhorn, deceased
PUBLISHED:

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SOLICITOR

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF THE MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

estate of EDWARD Frank MEYDRECH,

DECEASED

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2021-768-B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 13th day of August, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Edward Frank Meydrech, Deceased,

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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 6th day of October, 2021.

/s/ Anne B. Meydrech
ANNE B. MEYDRECH
Executor
Estate of Edward Frank Meydrech, Deceased

A. M. EDWARDS, III (MBN 5478)
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE ESTATE OF DOROTHY EDMUNDSON KEETON, DECEASED
NO. 2021-904(B)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration have been granted on the 14th day of September by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor of the DOROTHY EDMUNDSON KEETON, 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 8th day of October, 2021.

Amanda Gail Keeton
Administrator of the Estate of Dorothy Edmundson Keeton, Deceased

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE ESTATE OF ROGER KIRK SMITHHART, DECEASED
NO. 21-785(C)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration have been granted on the 2nd day of September, 2021 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor of the ROGER KIRK SMITHHART, 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 8th day of October, 2021.

LYNNE ELLISON SMITHHART
Administrator of the Estate of Roger Kirk Smithhart, Deceased

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: HOLLIS E. LEE, DECEASED
LINDA LEE, PETITIONER
CAUSE NO.: 21-540

RULE 81 SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: The heirs at law of Hollis E. Lee, Deceased

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Determine Heirs at Law of Hollis Lee, before the Honorable Judge Cynthia Brewer on November 15, 2021, at 8:30 AM at the Madison County Chancery Court Building at 128 W North St, Canton, MS 39046. In case of your failure to appear and defend, a determination may be made in said Petition without your say in the matter. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court on this the ___ day of October, 2021.

MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK

By: Deputy Court Clerk

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(Seal)

Magistrate Dodd
IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE
AT MURFREESBORO
STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES,
PETITIONER CASE
NO. TC-1598

IN THE MATTER OF :
Nicholas Brian Tedford;
DOB: 04-23-2007
A Child under 18 years of age.

NOTICE TO Ms. Candice Stone (Mother), regarding the Child, Nicholas Tedford

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a Petition alleging that Ms. Candice Stone (Mother), has committed acts or failed to take actions that caused her Child, Nicholas Tedford, DOB: 04-23-2007 to be Dependent and Neglected as defined by T.C.A. § 37-1-102 (b)(13) etc.; further that disposition of the Child should be with a 3rd party and/or in State Custody. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown or you are avoiding service of process. You are hereby ORDERED to appear in the Juvenile Court of Rutherford County, 1710 South Church Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, 9:00 a.m. on December 1, 2021 before Magistrate Dodd, to personally answer the Petition for Dependency and Neglect. Failing to appear for the hearing on this date and time, without good cause, pursuant to the Rules of Juvenile Procedure and the Rules of Civil Procedure will result in the loss of your right to contest the Petition for Dependency and Neglect as to the Child, Nicholas Tedford. You may view and obtain a copy of the State's Petition, and any other subsequently legal filings at the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office, Rutherford County, Tennessee. It is further ORDERED that if Ms. Candice Stone (Mother) does not enter an appearance or otherwise answer the State's Petition, or any other pending petitions, that further personal service or service by further publication shall be dispensed with and service of any future notices, motions, orders or other legal documents in this matter may be made upon the Respondent by filing same with the Juvenile Court Clerk of Rutherford County, Tennessee.

Entered the 18th day of August, 2021.

/s/ Adam Dodd
HONORABLE Magistrate Adam Dodd
APPROVED FOR ENTRY:
/s/ Matthew F. Wright
Matthew F. Wright, BPR #021773
Assistant General Counsel for DCS
434 Jayhawk Court
Murfreesboro, TN 37128
615-217-8924

I/We, the member(s) of Latinos Taqueria LLC intend to make application for an On-Premise Retailer permit as provided for by the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, §67-1-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. If granted such permit, I or We propose to operate as a Limited Liability Company under the trade name of Latinos Taqueria LLC located at 862 Avery Blvd N, Ridgeland, MS 39157. The name(s), title(s), and address(es) of all owners/partners/officer(s)/members and/or majority stockholders/trustee of the above are as follows:

Name: Juan Carlos Garcia
Address: 333 Timber Ridge Drive, Ridgeland, MS 39157

If any person wishes to request a hearing to object to the issuance of this permit a request for a hearing must be made in writing and received by the Department of Revenue within (15) fif-

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teen days from the first date this notice was published. Requests shall be sent to: Chief Counsel, Legal Division Department of Revenue P. O. Box 22828 Jackson, MS 39225 Date of First Publication: 28th October, 2021

I, Jose T Solis intend to make application for a transfer for an Alcohol Processing permit as provided for by the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, §67-1-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. If granted such permit, I or We propose to operate as a Sole Ownership under the trade name of Santa Fe Grill & Cantina located at 731 S Pear Orchard Rd Ste 49 Ridgeland Madison. The name(s), title(s), and address(es) of all owners/partners/officer(s)/members and/or majority stockholders/trustee of the above are as follows:

Name: Jose T Solis
Address: 238 Bridgeford Boulevard, Ridgeland, MS 39157

If any person wishes to request a hearing to object to the issuance of this permit a request for a hearing must be made in writing and received by the Department of Revenue within (15) fifteen days from the first date this notice was published. Requests shall be sent to: Chief Counsel, Legal Division Department of Revenue P. O. Box 22828 Jackson, MS 39225 Date of First Publication: 28th October, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Prakash Agrawal has filed a petition with the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, MS, to request a Rezoning on property identified by tax parcel # 093D-18B-030/00.00 pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of Madison County, Mississippi, to amend the Zoning Maps and the Land Use Plan, adopted pursuant thereto, by rezoning R-2 Residential District to a R-3 High Intensity Residential District to-wit:

Legal Description
Madison County, Mississippi Parcel Number 093D-18B-030/00.00

A tract of land containing 23 acres more or less, described as:

Commencing 33 feet West from the Northwest corner of Lot 2, and running thence East with said lot 58.21 chains to the Public Road; thence North 19 degrees East 17.75 chains; thence West 59.35 chains to the I.C.R.R. (formerly the Miss. Central R.R.); thence with the line of said railroad to the Point of Beginning; being Lot No. 3 as assigned and allotted to Sherrod G. Luckett in the division of the estate of Emily Luckett, all of which will more fully appear by reference to the papers and plat filed in said division, being the same land conveyed by Sherrod G. Luckett to Nancy M. Luckett on June 1, 1868, by deed recorded in Book "R" at Page 606 in the Chancery Clerk's office of said County

LESS AND EXCEPT

That property contained in the prior paragraph which is 1.7 acres more or less and which is situated wholly within the City Limits of Canton, Mississippi as of September 14, 2021 and which, as of that date, is identified by Madison County, Mississippi Parcel 093D-18B-031/00.00.

Said above described tract of land being and lying in the NW 1/4 of Section 18, Township 9 North, Range 3 East, in

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said County and State.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Madison County, MS, will meet at 9 a.m. on November 18, 2021, at the Madison County Complex Building, in the Board Room, located at 125 West North Street, Canton, Madison County, MS to consider and act upon the petition, and will at such time, date and place, hold and conduct a public hearing at which all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on the matter of the petition, either in person, by petition, or by attorney.

BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, on this the 7th day of October 2021

/s/Scott Weeks, Zoning Administrator
Publish: October 28, 2021

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF GEOLOGY
Mining and Reclamation Division
P. O. Box 2279
Jackson, MS 39225
(601) 961-5527
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice No. 2076 October 18, 2021
Application No. A2076

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Office of Geology has received an Application for a Surface Mining Permit pursuant to Sections 53-7-27 and 53-7-29 of the Mississippi Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1977, as described below:

APPLICANT: Turkey Ridge Holdings, LLC, Richton 22 Mine 111 Carlyle Drive Madison, Mississippi 39110

LOCATION: Northwest corner of the Northwest ¼ of Section 1, Township 8 North, Range 1 East and the South ½ of the North ½ of Section 35, and the South ½ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 36 and all that part of the Southwest ¼ of Section 36 lying North of Highway 22 in Township 9 North, Range 1 East, Madison County (Lat. N32° 34' 54.5", W90° 9' 13.29")

DESCRIPTION: The operator proposes to open pit mine 330 acres to the total depth of 14 feet for borrow material. Sediment and erosion will be controlled by settling ponds, drainage ditches, and diversion berms. Reclamation will consist of 3 to 1 grassed and reforested slopes, and a pond.

This public notice is being distributed to interested persons and agencies to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the Office of Geology can be based. You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter. All agencies and persons shall have until November 1, 2021, to submit comments, recommendations, or evaluations to the Office of Geology. Comments by an agency shall include an enumeration of permits or licenses required under the agency's jurisdiction.

If further information is needed, an agency may be furnished a copy of the notice of intent or permit application. Any person may inspect the permit application on the MDEQ website at http://opc.deq.state.ms.us/geology_public_notice.aspx or at the Office of Geology, 700 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39202.

In the event comments are not received by November 1, 2021, the Office of Geology will consider that the agency has no comments, recommendations and/or evaluations that the agency deems necessary and proper based upon the effect of the proposed operation on matters within the agency's jurisdiction.

SERVICES

HouseKeeper, highly recommended. Pet Friendly Proof of COVID-19 vaccination. References available. Text or call 601-927-0809

CAREGIVER NEEDED

Unique opportunity to work as a Caregiver for an active Senior who enjoys life enrichment activities and stimulating convos. I am looking for a caring & compassionate person to care for my Mother. The right person will be outgoing, energetic, flexible, driver and adaptable. Work Schedule is 5 days a week and 5 hours per day. Salary is \$25/hr. Forward your email to Mark (chillingtong@gmail.com) for more details.

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WHERE YOU'LL KNOW YOU'RE HOME!

St. Richard Catholic School Open House
Tuesday, November 9th - 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

McGee receives award from tourism group

By STAFF REPORTS
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Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee received the 2021 Governmental Tourism Leadership Award from the Mississippi Tourism Association last week.

The award is given to a government entity that supports tourism and helps attract visitors while working with their tourism partners. Examples of government entities include but are not limited to state legislators and local government officials, such as mayors, aldermen/supervisors, city and county clerks, etc.

MTA recognized the impact and accomplishments of the state's tourism industry at its tourism awards ceremony held during the Governor's Conference on Tourism at the Jackson Convention Complex in Jackson October 20-22, 2021. This annual educational and professional development event brought together around 200 tourism industry professionals from across the state as well as tourism partners from the surrounding region.

The awards program allows MTA to recognize members who excel in various sectors of the industry. Awards were presented in 19 categories, each focusing on a different aspect of the hospitality industry or individual achievement.

The Ridgeland Tourism Commission exists because of



Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee accepts the 2021 Governmental Tourism Leadership Award from the Mississippi Tourism Association during the Governor's Conference on Tourism at the Jackson Convention Complex in Jackson held Oct. 20-22. Pictured from left are Craig Ray, director of

Visit Mississippi; Lisa Walters, City of Ridgeland; Chris Chapman, president and CEO of Visit Ridgeland; Jane McGee, first lady of Ridgeland; Mayor Gene McGee, City of Ridgeland; Laura Hipp, interim director of Mississippi Development Authority; Marlo Dorsey, MTA president.

Mayor Gene McGee's forward-thinking leadership and his persistence in having this destination marketing organization created by the Mississippi Legislature, MTA officials said.

"When he was elected in 1989, Ridgeland did not have a distinct identity," MTA officials said in a statement. "One of Mayor McGee's first goals was to remedy that by initiating and

overseeing Ridgeland's 20-mile multi-use trail system and four miles of bike lanes. His vision quickly became a reality as a transportation plan was created, funding was secured, and con-

struction was begun. Promotional efforts continue to this day. Under Mayor McGee's leadership, one of the first helmet laws in Mississippi was passed, and Ridgeland secured

the title of a Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Community.

"Mayor McGee also spearheaded two of Ridgeland's major retail districts, The Renaissance and Township, which now contribute to the image of Ridgeland as a premier shopping and dining destination for visitors. Throughout the pandemic, Mayor McGee not only kept the light burning but assisted in the opening of eight new restaurants in Ridgeland."

"It is truly an honor to celebrate these members who work tirelessly for their communities. The competition was strong, and that is a testament to the caliber of work being produced by our industry partners and the strength and competitiveness of Mississippi tourism," said MTA Executive Director Danielle Morgan.

Accolades earned by the City of Ridgeland under Mayor McGee's leadership include Mississippi's Healthiest Hometown, the Clarion-Ledger/Mississippi Municipal League Excellence Award, the Keep Mississippi Beautiful Hall of Fame, the Tree City USA Green Mayor Award: Green Award for Urban Forestry, and the Keep Mississippi Beautiful 2013 Local Government Award. Ridgeland was named one of America's 100 Best Places to Live by Money magazine.

2 Madison students selected to MSU Homecoming Court

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STARKVILLE — Two Madison residents were chosen by fellow Bulldogs to represent Mississippi State University on its 2021 Homecoming Court.

Lana Evans, a freshman biological sciences/pre-medicine major from Madison, and Annie Sieja, a senior mechanical engineering major from

Madison, are maids on the court for Smith Lyon and Hayden Tucker who will reign as MSU's Homecoming King and Queen.

MSU is celebrating homecoming during this week, culminating with the court presentation at halftime of the MSU football game against the University of Kentucky at 6 p.m. Oct. 30. Lyon is a senior marketing major from Greenwood, and Tucker is a

senior biochemistry/pre-medicine major from Brandon.

This year's Mr. and Miss MSU are Reese Dunne and Kelli Gill Hixson. Dunne is a senior mechanical engineering major from Starkville, and Hixson is a senior biological sciences/pre-dental major from Batesville,



Lana Evans



Annie Sieja

Arkansas. Each undergraduate class is represented by two maids: Senior Maids: Serena Liles, a biomechanical engineering and biological sciences/pre-medicine major

from Ocean Springs and Annie Sieja, a mechanical engineering major from Madison.

Junior Maids: Sara Frances Wolfe, a biochemistry/pre-dental major from Belden, and Lauryn Polito, a horticulture major from Trussville, Alabama. Sophomore Maids: Car-

ington Davis, an elementary education major from Columbus, and Mury Johnston, a biological sciences and fine arts major from Tupelo.

Freshman Maids: Lana Evans, a biological sciences/pre-medicine major from Madison, and Sydhia Ervin, a biomedical engineering major from Pinson, Alabama.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Goodloe embracing position this season

By JOHN LEE
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Canton Academy senior running back Marcus Goodloe said he and his teammates are making football more of a priority than any other season in the past.

"We've made it serious compared to previous years," Goodloe said. "All the guys love it, and they're giving their all. They're all fun and cool guys, and it's like a big family to me. All of them are my brothers, and it's my favorite part of playing for Canton Academy."

Goodloe began playing football in sixth grade and immediately chose to play running back since it was something he always wanted to do.

"I watched multiple different people play the position as I grew up, and it made the game look like a lot of fun," Goodloe said. "I love it, and it's something to take your mind off of other things, and you have fun while doing it."

Goodloe said he plans on playing college football, and while he is not certain which college he will attend, he is considering Southern Miss with a major in exercise science as a career if football does not work out.

He said his biggest highlight of playing for Canton Academy was winning the district championship against Benton Academy.

"Nothing else comes close to the feeling of excitement we all had when we won the district," Goodloe said. "It is by far the best moment I've had here."

- His favorites:
 - Hobby: Hanging out with friends
 - Vacation spot: Destin, Florida
 - Food: Shrimp Alfredo
 - Movie: "Facing the Giants"
 - Video game: "Madden NFL 2k22"

"I'm very appreciative of my coaches, we're blessed to have them this year, and I love all of them," Goodloe said. "We've had a few minor injuries this season, but we've fought through it and didn't let it get us down. Our goal is to keep getting better every week."

Canton Academy Head Coach Gage Posey said this is his first year to coach Goodloe



Marcus Goodloe

and said he is one of the most talented players he has ever coached.

"Marcus is exactly the type of player we preach about," Posey said. "He puts in the work. He has been a little banged up recently, and due to that, he missed a game. We felt that as a team, and that shows just how much of an influence he is to the rest of the players."

Posey said not only is Goodloe special when the ball is in his hands, but he is also one of the best defensive players in the association.

"He has a high football I.Q., and that resonates with the rest of the team," Posey said. "If any of them have any questions, they seek help from Marcus since he is able to answer them."

Posey said the team won the district championship this season for the first time in five years. Canton Academy is 8-2 and 4-0 in district play.

"We will be home for the first playoff game next week for the quarter-finals and play the winner of Hillcrest Christian and Sylva Bay," Posey

said. "The kids bought into what we were expecting of them this summer, which was to show up to summer workouts. We were wanting to build

a winning culture, and we are getting it. We credit that to senior leadership, Marcus included."

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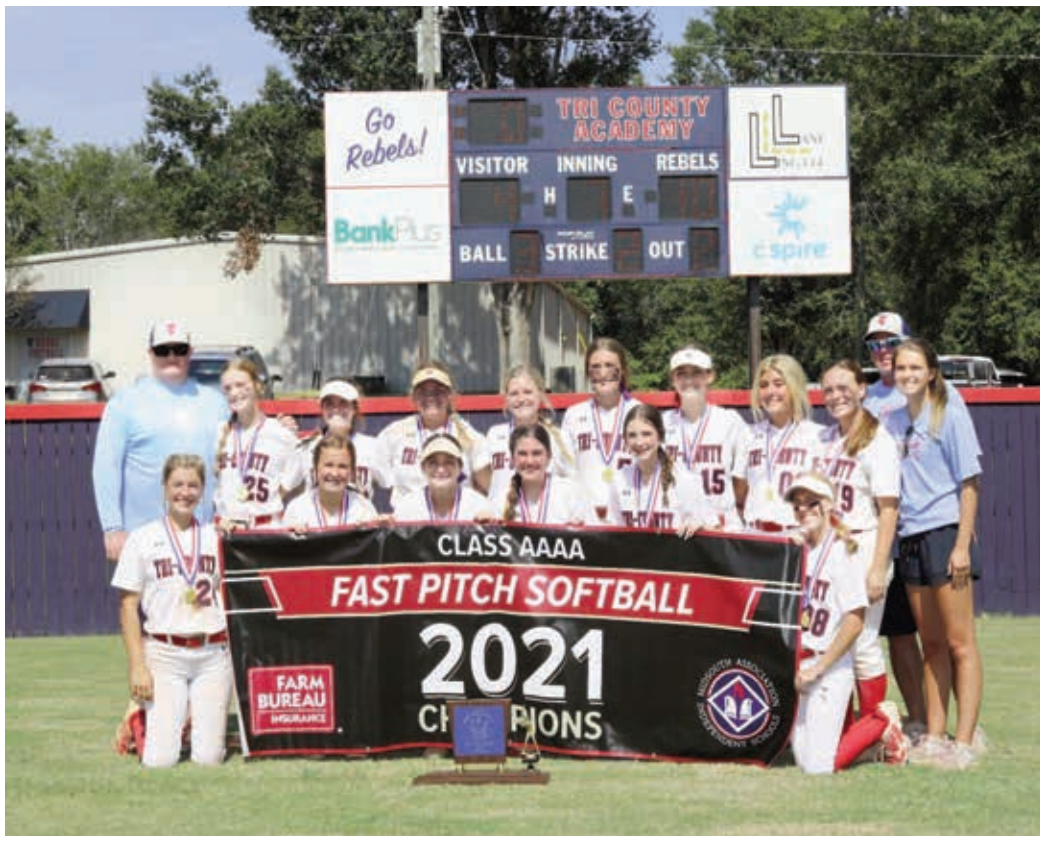
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SPORTS



Tri-County Academy won the 2021 MAIS Class 4A title to finish 28-8-1 on the year.

Tri-County wins softball state title

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The Tri-County Academy Lady Rebels softball team brought home the fourth state championship in program history after a five-year drought.

The Lady Rebels are the 2021 MAIS Class 4A State Champions with a 10-4 win over Clinton Christian Academy on Oct. 9 at Tri-County. They are 28-8-1 on the year.

"I had never even made it to the championship game before this year and it was different because this probably the biggest thing I have ever done in my life," said senior pitcher and Southwest Mississippi Community College commit A.L. Ainsworth.

Assistant Coach Jason Taylor said that he knew this group of girls was good and challenged them to prove that every game.

"From the get, we had a feeling we were the team to beat," Taylor said. "We told them the only team that can beat you is yourself."

The commanding win in Flora snapped a winning streak for Clinton Christian. Taylor said they were the three-time defending 4A champions.

"After the game, we told them that we never doubted them and to be proud of themselves," Taylor said. "We are proud of them. We were hard on those girls and they came to work."

Ainsworth said the game was "bittersweet." She has played softball since she was 6 years old and though she has plans to play at the next level, this team will always have a cherished place in her memories.

"This has just been the best team," she said. "I love those girls and coaches. We had great team chemistry. We always kept Jesus as No. 1, and I think that helped us go all the way."

Sophomore shortstop Madye Bath said that final strikeout felt like a dream. The first thing she did was give Ainsworth "the biggest hug ever" followed by a team hug. "We actually did it. We won

the state title," Bath said. "I have just loved bonding with these girls. They are best friends for life, sisters, family. It was unforgettable."

After all the confetti had fallen and hugging and crying had slowed down, Ainsworth said she took a moment to take it all in. She said she got her catcher, Anna Perry to suit up and take a few more pitches before she sat on the mound and talked to two Clinton Christian players she has known her whole life for at least an hour and a half while everyone else, fans, players, coaches and officials made their exit.

Ainsworth said that softball has been therapeutic for her.

"If I am having a bad day or going through some stuff I know I can just go to softball and focus on something else and get my mind off of stuff," Ainsworth said.

TCA softball previously had a run of state championships in 2014, 2015 and 2016.



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