



NEWS

THUNDERSTORM
PUMMELS MADISON

Trees down — See page, A2

ARTS

MADISON CAMPERS
ENJOY THEATRE CAMP

New Stage— See page, A9



Madison County's
leading newspaper.

MADISON COUNTY JOURNAL

Serving Madison, Ridgeland,
Canton, Flora, Gluckstadt

VOLUME 42 NUMBER 24

Copyright © 2023 Madison County Journal

MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

www.madisoncountyjournal.com

JUNE 15, 2023 ** \$1.00

GOVERNMENT

Ford calls out Steen as a Democrat

By DUNCAN DENT
duncan@onlinemadison.com

Madison state Rep. Jill Ford had some blunt criticism for the Madison County Board of Supervisors, specifically Board President Gerald Steen, at a lunch last week. Ford addressed a crowd at

the Grip N Grin political gathering at Mama Hamil's on Wednesday, June 7. Ford said it was time for people in Madison County to "open our eyes" and said she felt the Democrats had an outsized influence on the business of the county because of Steen.

She said District 1 Supervisor Sheila Jones and District 2 Supervisor Trey Baxter are "solid Republican votes" on the county board. "The other three supervisors are very disappointing to me," Ford said. Ford called Ridgeland's Steen of District 3 a "so-

called Republican" and said he sided with the other two supervisors who are Democrats on important issues. In a conversation with the Journal this week, Ford said Steen is the "swing vote" on the board for the Democrats. "Voting with the two Democrats is something that

he does on a regular basis," Ford said Tuesday. "Madison County has had enough. It is time we take our county back. They have pilfered through the county treasury and are dismantling our county piece by piece." Most recently she criticized Steen for voting to

rezone about 350 acres near the proposed Reunion interchange on Bozeman Road as a Highway Commercial District despite significant public opposition at the meeting saying he "voted for a developer over the people." See FORD, page A2

COURTS

Warnock federal trial continued to August

By MICHAEL SIMMONS
msimmons@onlinemadison.com

Former Madison County engineer Rudy Warnock's federal bribery and wire fraud trial has been continued for third time as his attorneys say they need more time to comb through thousands of pages of discovery presented by the prosecution.

U.S. District Judge Henry Wingate set the new trial date to Aug. 7.

The latest information filed on the docket last week was a request by Warnock to leave Alabama to travel to Panama City Beach, Fla., for a family vacation in July that was also approved by the court.

Warnock, who has been charged with bribery and wire fraud that allegedly occurred during his brief stint at Canton Municipal Utilities after he was fired by Madison County, was most recently scheduled to go to trial on June 5.

Warnock remains the only person implicated in the case who hasn't pleaded guilty after indictments were unsealed in November 2022.

Former Canton Municipal Utilities Chairman Cleveland Anderson and former Canton aldermen Andrew Grant and Eric Gilkey have all pleaded guilty to bribery charges stemming from Warnock's one-year stint at CMU from 2016 to 2017.

Their sentencing hearings, originally scheduled for May 24, have also been continued, presumably until Warnock's trial is completed, observers have said.

Warnock was indicted on two counts of conspiracy to

See WARNOCK, page A3



A rendering shows what the Aplós being constructed at Renaissance at Colony Park will look like once completed. The Mediterranean cafe will have patio seating and will be located near the Malco theater. No opening date has been announced, though likely this summer.

RENAISSANCE AT COLONY PARK

Aplós will have patio seating

By DUNCAN DENT
duncan@onlinemadison.com

RIDGELAND — Patio seating is coming to Aplós in front of the Malco Theater at the Renaissance, according to architectural drawings recently reviewed and approved by the city. "We are real excited about Aplós coming to the Renaissance," said Mayor Gene F. McGee.

During last Tuesday's regular meeting, Public Works Director Alan Hart presented drawings to aldermen that show outdoor patio seating. Hart said the Architectural Review Board had already approved the site plans and recommended approval as well. "I think it will be a nice addition," Hart said. Aplós is a fast-fine Mediterranean

restaurant whose cuisine focuses on casual eateries found throughout Italy, Greece and the Middle East. The popular Mediterranean eatery in Jackson will open a sister restaurant at the Renaissance at Colony Park, founder and CEO Alex Eaton had announced. The restaurant hopes to open this summer. The Renaissance location will include seating for between 150 and

200 diners and will also include carryout and delivery options. Eaton said takeout has been a big part of the Jackson business. He expects to hire a staff of about 50 employees and hopes to work with local schools to offer opportunities for students to work in his restaurants. Go to eataplos.com for more information.

FAMILY AFFAIR

Clark Beverage holds groundbreaking

By JOHN LEE
john@onlinemadison.com

Clark Beverage Group broke ground Tuesday afternoon on their new \$100 million facility in Madison County set to be completed in early 2025.

Madison County Mega Site officials announced in May that CBG would be building a new facility off of Mississippi 22 west of Canton.

The groundbreaking ceremony was held in the MCEDA office building due to inclement weather. The new facility will be located at the Madison County Mega Site, near the Amazon Fulfillment Center.

The company plans to relocate to the new facility from its

current location in Jackson. Multiple generations of the Clark family attended the groundbreaking ceremony along with city officials from across Madison County, including Canton Mayor William Truly, Canton aldermen, and Gluckstadt Mayor Walter Morrison.

Chief Operating Officer Ken Skutnik said it was an exciting day for the Clark family and the project has been in the making for two years.

"We offer our sincerest appreciation for everyone who has helped get us to this point," Skutnik said. "We couldn't have done it without the family, our board members, and our employees we work with every

day. We have over 1,200 employees across multiple states."

Clark Beverage Group is headquartered in Kentucky and began distributing Coca-Cola in 1903. The company now consists of three major businesses: CC Clark Inc., Clark Beverage Group, and Clark Distributing Company.

The company offers a large group of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverage brands such as Coca-Cola, Coors Light, Miller Lite, Heineken, Monster Energy, Body Armor Super Drink, Dr. Pepper, Samuel Adams, and Yuengling Beer in Kentucky, Alabama, Indiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. It

See CLARK, page A2



Multiple generations of the Clark family gather in celebration of the new Clark Beverage Group facility in Madison County. Standing, from left to right: Sam Clark, Houston Clark, Madison Clark, Bailey Clark, Wade Clark Thomas Clark, Dallas Clark, Morgan Clark-Schnur, Sean Schnur, Glenda Clark, Albert Clark, Cameron Clark, Meredith Clark, Harold Clark, Dinah Clark, Robert Clark, Carson Clark, Steve Clark, Kelly Clark, Natalie Underwood, Noel Underwood, and Joe Underwood (Kneeling) Cindy Clark and Leah Clark (Front) Sebi Clark, Hux Clark, Brynlee Clark, Avery Clark, Carter Clark, Carlisle Clark, and Nolan Clark. Not pictured are George, Kaitlyn, Summit, Woods Parker, Bays, Dallie Kate, Will, Afton, and Mamie Clark.

OPINION
Charles Hurt

Page A4

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES
Ligon Duncan

Page A5

OPINION
Rich Lowry

Page A4



Saturday storm batters Madison

A couple of trees blew over onto a house in Madison's Sherbourne neighborhood on Saturday. Madison the City took the brunt of damage from straight-line winds and a powerful thunderstorm that moved through Central Mississippi Saturday afternoon. Trees were uprooted in several neighborhoods and Strawberry Patch Park, which remains closed. Entergy Mississippi reported 24,000 customers lost power, with nearly 2,000 in Madison County that didn't have power restored until later on Sunday. Madison aldermen on Monday held a special called meeting to approve emergency cleanup work throughout the city.



(USPS 687-570)
The Madison County Journal is published every Thursday by the Madison County Publishing Co., Inc., 293 Commerce Park Drive, Ridgeland, MS 39157, James E. Prince III, president. Subscriptions are: \$42 per year in Madison and Hinds counties; \$46 in-state; \$52 out-of-state. Single copy price is \$1.00. Periodicals postage paid at Ridgeland, MS.
The Madison County Journal reserves the right to edit or reject any or all advertising.
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: The Madison County Journal, P.O. Box 219, Ridgeland, MS 39158.

Meet the Candidates

The Madison County Journal is authorized to announce the following candidates:

Tax Collector
Shelton Vance
(Republican)

District 25 State Senate
J. Walter Michel
(Republican)

Madison switching water bills to paper letters

By **JOHN LEE**
john@onlinemadison.com

MADISON — Water bills will go from a postcard to a letter format, the city has announced.

Instead of the postcard-sized bill, customers will receive their bill in an envelope on a full-sized piece of paper. Account numbers will remain the same, but customer numbers will change, officials said.

All bills can still be paid the same way by using a credit card online, mailing a check, bank draft, utilizing the drop-boxes located at the Public Services Complex or City Hall, or bringing a check or cash to

the Public Services Complex or City Hall to pay in person. For more information, contact City Hall at (601) 856-7116.

Ford

Continued from page A1

In that vote, Steen said it is up to the petitioner to demon-

strate that there is a change in the area and a need has been established. He said he felt the petitioner made a good case and that it was legal to grant the rezoning.

Steen said he would listen to anyone who comes before the board regardless of their political affiliation and makes his decisions based on what the law says.

"I don't look at who is sitting in front of the board," Steen said. "I try to determine if it is legal and if it is a good thing or the right thing to do for Madison County."

Another criticism included a vote for the redistricting of portions of Madison County that vastly increased District 4 Supervisor Karl M. Banks's district.

"Do you understand that is about a third of Madison County?" Ford asked at the luncheon.

Steen said he followed the advice of the board's legal counsel and the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District, which was contracted for the redistricting process.

Ford accused Steen of moving to move the County's judicial district from Rankin County to a possible split between Yazoo and Holmes Counties. Ford said she believed such a change would turn Madison County into "northeast Jackson."

"There have been private meetings with Gerald Steen and state leaders about splitting Madison County's judicial district," Ford said Tuesday. "It is time to shine the light on who is involved in these clandestine discussions."

Steen said judicial districting was a legislative matter. "I do not see the board

getting involved or requesting a change," Steen said. "Personally, I am satisfied with what we have now."

The final accusation from Ford concerned whether any public officials had taken money from former County Engineer Rudy Warnock who is accused in a federal bribery scandal.

"I challenge Gerald Steen, Mike Espy, Karl Banks, and Paul Griffin to take the lie detector test," Ford said. She added that Jones and Baxter have said they would be willing to.

Steen said he motioned to fire Warnock in 2013 and was part of the board that accomplished just that in 2016.

"That is on the record and I believe that speaks for itself," Steen said.

Clark

Continued from page A1

operates several locations in Mississippi (Jackson, Greenwood, Senatobia, Starkville) and serves over 5,800 cus-

tomers in the state alone.

The 400,000-square-foot facility will be state-of-the-art, and the company hopes for the building to be complete in the first quarter of 2025. It will have around 32,000 feet of office space and meeting rooms and will house all departments from sales to delivery to ware-

house operations. It will also have 195-200 truck and trailer parking spots, 300 small vehicle parking spots, and 41 loading docks.

For more information about Clark Beverage Group, visit their website at www.cclark.com.

SNORING SOLUTIONS
CPAP ALTERNATIVES
TMJ CARE

PAUL C. RILEY, DDS
Board Certified Orofacial Pain Specialist




Mississippi Orofacial Pain Specialists

108 South Maple St., Suite C, Ridgeland
(769) 567-2555 | www.mississippitmj.com

Do More
with a great rate

Take advantage of a limited-time offer:
10-month CD at 5.05% APY*

Make the most of your money!



Citizens National Bank
The Power of LocalSM
Member FDIC

601.693.1331

*Annual Percentage Yield (APY) of 5.05% for a 10-month term. The offer is accurate as of May 26, 2023 and exclusive to Citizens National Bank Philadelphia, Jackson, Hattiesburg, and DeSoto County locations. A \$2,500 minimum deposit required to earn stated yield. Available for personal and business money only. Not available to other financial institutions, public entities or brokered deposits. Limited time only. Rates are set by CNB and are subject to change at any time. Interest is paid quarterly. Substantial penalty for early withdrawal. Fees will reduce earnings. CD will automatically renew upon maturity at the rate and APY in effect at the time of renewal.

If you've got it, we protect it.



We have you covered with a full spectrum of quality personal and business solutions.

SPECIALIZING IN AUTO, HOME, AND BUSINESS INSURANCE



Steele Dehmer
Dehmer Insurance

601-624-7833
steele@dehmerinsurance.com
www.dehmerinsurance.com



DEHMER
INSURANCE AGENCY



Center Players' production continues

"Into the Woods" continues this week at Madison Square Center for the Arts, June 15-18. Tickets are available at the door, 30 minutes before showtime, for \$15 for adults and \$12 for students, seniors and military. Shows, produced by Center Players Musical Theatre are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, plus a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. In the show, Mahri McLean is Rapunzel, Benton Donahue as the Mysterious Man, Thomas Earl as The Baker and Genevieve Moore as The Baker's Wife.

Gluckstadt road work continues

By STAFF REPORTS
news@onlinemadison.com

GLUCKSTADT — Street rehabilitation work is scheduled to begin on June 14 in the Ridgeland Subdivision weather

permitting, officials said. "We ask that residents drive carefully around work crews and please refrain from parking vehicles on the street," officials said. "We expect this work to take several weeks to com-

plete." The city of Gluckstadt's contractor is ADCAMP. Contact Mike McCollum or William Hall at the City of Gluckstadt with questions, (769) 567-2306.

Warnock

Continued from page A1

commit bribery, one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and one count of wire fraud.

Warnock was indicted by a federal grand jury in December 2021, but the indictments were sealed until November 2022. Warnock pleaded not guilty at his initial appearance. He faces

up to 30 years in prison if convicted. Grant, Anderson and Gilkey are all facing a maximum penalty of five years in prison, according to the U.S. Justice Department.

"According to court documents, Warnock is charged with having directed payments and rewards to Anderson, Gilkey and Grant in exchange for preferential treatment that resulted in lucrative city engineering contracts for Warnock," a November 2022

press release from the Justice Department said. "The 'gratuities' supplied by Warnock included thousands of dollars in cash, concert tickets, and football tickets in New Orleans."

According to the indictment, around Dec. 23, 2016, a check in the amount of \$9,200 made payable to a J.M. was deposited and cleared an automated clearinghouse of the Federal Reserve Bank and both Gilkey and Grant were paid \$4,000 each.

Vote August 8th!

- ★ Committed to Transparent, Accountable, and Accessible Government
- ★ Committed to Funding and Supporting Law Enforcement in Keeping our Communities Safe
- ★ Focused on Proactive Maintenance and Repair of Existing Roads and Bridges
- ★ Smart Planning for Successful Future Growth
- ★ Dedicated to Communicating and Partnering with City Elected Officials and Madison County Schools

- Lived in or worked in Madison County for 15 years
- Conservative Republican, Christian, Committed to Family
- Married to wife, Chelsea, for 17 years with two daughters attending Madison County Schools

Endorsed by Mayor Mary Hawkins Butler, the entire Madison Board of Aldermen and Sheriff Randy Tucker!

www.caseybrannon.com

PAID FOR BY CASEY BRANNON FOR SUPERVISOR

Join our Ultimate or Supreme Club for the price of a SINGLE WASH!

Brandon
Old Fannin Rd.

Ridgeland
Lake Harbour Dr.

Gluckstadt
111 Dees Way

Madison
1109 US-51

Oxford
401 MS-6 West

Visit your local GoShine for details.



Opinion & Editorials

Founded 1982

MADISON COUNTY JOURNAL

"To glorify God, and enjoy Him forever."

JAMES E. PRINCE III
President and Publisher

MICHAEL SIMMONS
Associate Editor & Publisher

EDITORIALS

Dems and the Trump indictment

"All rise" calls the court to order, but Americans should not stand to honor what passes for "justice" in the fresh prosecution of former President Donald Trump.

The indictment of Mr. Trump by his political enemies in the Democratic Party reveals a level of lawlessness that no explanation can validate. As determined as Washington's governing elites are to shield their power, the people whom they serve are now called to demonstrate matching grit in announcing the hijacking of justice has gone too far.

President Biden's Department of Justice has ordered the arrest and appearance of Mr. Trump on Tuesday in federal court in Miami.

There can be no mistake that the move is meant to take out Mr. Biden's most potent rival in the 2024 presidential election.

Mr. Trump has reportedly been indicted on seven counts involving a violation of the Espionage Act related to his retention of classified documents at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida after he left office. The post-presidency possession of classified material — a common occurrence until now — is Democrats' most recent cudgel for beating back Mr. Trump's attempt to reenter the White House.

The Trump indictment coincided with the very day that FBI Director Christopher Wray surrendered to Republican lawmakers — under threat of contempt of Congress — a whistleblower statement alleging knowledge of a bribery scheme meant to net Mr. Biden \$5 million while he was vice president.

No one would regard the timing as coincidental but a naïf so utterly clueless as to notice no connection between the end of the night and the sunrise in the morning.

Summing up the juxtaposition of injustice, former acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker told Fox News on Fri-

day, "This proves there is not equal justice under the law."

The particulars of the double standard are breathtaking. In recent months, it has been discovered that Mr. Biden secreted boxes of political records, including classified material, at the Penn Biden Center in Washington, his home in Wilmington, Delaware, and the office of one of his attorneys in Boston. In addition, nearly 2,000 boxes of Biden documents stored at the University of Delaware have been declared off-limits for inspection.

In contrast to the authority Mr. Trump acquired as president, any failure on Mr. Biden's part to relinquish classified documents he possessed following his tenure as a senator and vice president would have violated the law. Where is a matching Biden indictment? Likely it is lodged where lost socks are never found.

The federal indictment generated by special counsel Jack Smith is simply the latest act in a seven-year campaign to halt Mr. Trump's efforts to disrupt the inner workings of the permanent state. It is of a piece with the FBI's unwarranted Trump-Russia collusion inquiry and Democrats' twin Trump impeachment failures, which nonetheless wounded the Trump presidency; the agency's underhanded Hunter Biden laptop cover-up, which shielded his father's 2020 presidential run from ballot-box blowback; and the Justice Department's cynical exonerations of Hillary Clinton, which held her untouchable for well-documented mishandling of classified information.

The Trump indictment confirms Democrats have commandeered the legal system. As Sen. Josh Hawley, Missouri Republican, tweeted: "If the president in power can jail his political opponents, which is what Joe Biden is trying to do tonight, we don't have a republic anymore."

His view should be echoed in a nationwide crescendo.

— *The Washington Times*

Deception-drenched FBI

"Fool me once, shame on you," the adage goes. "Fool me twice, shame on me."

There is plenty of disgrace to go around for schemes meant to deceive — once, twice and further occasions — on the part of the FBI. Americans may feel humiliated for getting repeatedly played. Still, it is the agency itself that is overdue for remorse — for applying wildly disparate standards in investigating Trump collusion and Biden bribery. Until the nation's so-called top law enforcement organization can prove its ethics are true, there is little reason to regard its words and deeds with anything but suspicion.

The FBI's roughshod treatment of Republican Donald Trump before, during and after his presidency has given new meaning to "the seven-year itch." The maddening national affliction, stretching from 2016 to the present, has gotten under the skin of House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jim Jordan, prompting his dogged pursuit of a long-overdue remedy.

Accordingly, Mr. Jordan has challenged Attorney General Merrick Garland in a June 1 letter to unbosom whether toxic influences from the FBI's Crossfire Hurricane investigation of alleged Trump-Russia collusion have seeped into special counsel Jack Smith's ongoing inquiry into Mr. Trump's handling of classified documents at his Mar-a-Lago estate.

Last month, special counsel John Durham released his final report on the Trump-Russia collusion investigation, concluding the operation was a product of the FBI's politicized bureaucracy. The repurposing of any material gathered during that debunked operation — rooted in agency collusion with Democrat Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign — should be off-limits, Mr. Jordan asserts.

"It is clear that Congress must consider

legislative reforms to the FBI, and the Committee has been engaged in robust oversight to inform those legislative proposals," the Ohio Republican said. "In the interim, however, due to the FBI's documented political bias, the Justice Department must ensure any ongoing investigations are not poisoned by this same politicization."

Among other things, the chairman asked Mr. Garland to reveal whether FBI employees involved in previous, unwarranted Trump investigations are working on Mr. Smith's inquiry. That they shouldn't be is equally evident.

Even as Mr. Jordan seeks transparency from the FBI's boss at the Justice Department, House Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer has pressed FBI Director Christopher Wray to produce material purportedly embarrassing to President Biden that an FBI whistleblower claims the agency has buried. The document, an FD-1023 form, contains allegations made by an FBI informant in June 2020 that Mr. Biden engaged in a bribery scheme as vice president to manipulate U.S. foreign policy in exchange for \$5 million to be paid to his family's businesses.

To be fair, Americans can draw no conclusion about the president's guilt or innocence from an unverified allegation. They cannot help but be appalled, however, at the absence of fairness in the FBI's apparent strategy to keep whistleblower accusations against Mr. Biden hidden from the public on the heels of shattering robust legal restraints to spy on Mr. Trump and fueling a furtive campaign to sabotage his presidency.

Until FBI leadership is purged of its malign political machinations, the agency whose ethics are mangled in deception deserves little but suspicion.

— *The Washington Times*

RICH LOWRY

Don't erase the Anglo-Saxons

It's official. The Anglo-Saxons are getting canceled.

The move comes more than 1,000 years too late for the previously ascendant Romano-British who couldn't resist these Germanic peoples who showed up on the shores of England beginning in the fifth century, but surely, they would appreciate the gesture.

As part of an effort to make its instruction more "anti-racist," Cambridge University is going to teach students that identities such as Anglo-Saxon are "constructed and contingent." The school's Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic is hoping to "dismantle the basis of myths of nationalism," and also is keenly aware of "recent concerns over use of the term 'Anglo-Saxon' and its perceived connection to ethnic/racial English identity."

To be honest, the Anglo-Saxons have been living on borrowed time for a while now.

In 2019, the International Society of Anglo-Saxonists — worried about their association with, yes, the Anglo-Saxons — changed their name to the International Society for the Study of Early Medieval England.

The change came after Mary Rambaran-Olm, the group's second vice president, resigned and denounced the organization for allegedly encouraging white supremacy. As *The Washington Post* put it, the group effectively conceded that "'Anglo Saxon' is code for whiteness."

There is no doubt that the term has been used by malicious and ignorant people over the years to make racist arguments and promote a simplified or outright false version of early English history. But that doesn't mean the Anglo-Saxons didn't exist or the term

The Anglo-Saxons gave us the most foremost language in the world, English, which derives from Old English or Anglo-Saxon.

must be banished.

For all that the "woke" scholars warn against anachronisms, they should be careful not to imply that the Anglo-Saxons came to England wearing white hoods.

To simplify, the island's defenses weakened after the Romans exited and tribes of Angles, Saxons and Jutes arrived and established dominance, although they'd subsequently be involved in desperate struggles for survival against Viking invaders.

The term Anglo-Saxon isn't exactly a neologism. The authoritative book by Nicholas J. Higham and Martin J. Ryan, "The Anglo-Saxon World," notes that it was in use by the eighth century, when writers on the continent apparently used it to distinguish between Saxons in England and those back on the continent. King Alfred the Great, one of the important figures in English history, called himself the "king of the Anglo-Saxons."

The opponents of the term argue that it was nonetheless used infrequently by the Anglo-Saxons. Okay, but how often did the Anglo-Saxons refer to themselves as "insular Saxons," a term that is proffered as more accurate and less problematic? (The terms "Saxons" and "Angles," by the way, were used quite a lot at the time.)

And if "Anglo-Saxon" is allegedly too white, does "early Medieval English," another allegedly better phrase, evoke a

kaleidoscopic multiracialism?

The Anglo-Saxon ascendancy ended in 1066, when the last Anglo-Saxon king, Harold, suffered a devastating defeat at the hands of the Normans, who were notably brutal and, one must say, as white as the Anglo-Saxons — but "Anglo-Norman" hasn't become politically incorrect.

The Anglo-Saxon contribution to English history isn't merely incidental, as Higham and Ryan write.

The name England means "land of the Angles."

The Anglo-Saxons gave us the most foremost language in the world, English, which derives from Old English or Anglo-Saxon.

They unified what came to be England as we know it, while the English monarchy dates to the Anglo-Saxon period.

The same is true of English Christianity, with the conversion of the Anglo-Saxons beginning in the sixth and seventh century.

The Anglo-Saxons set out the shires that were the units of local government until the lines were redrawn in the late 20th century.

What the academics hostile to their own field of study want to do is take a term that is readily recognized, broadly understood, and generates public interest, and replace it with something more obscure for no good reason.

It doesn't require a gauzily romantic view of the Anglo-Saxons to conclude that they deserve better than today's self-loathing Anglo-Saxonists.

Rich Lowry is editor of National Review, a leading conservative magazine founded by William F. Buckley.

CHARLES HURT

Trump impeachment circus goes on

"The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors." — Article II, Section 4, U.S. Constitution

You would think that after six years of fevered obsession with Impeachment, the folks in Washington might know an Impeachable offense when they saw one.

From the day Donald Trump was sworn in as president after the 2016 election, Democratic politicians and the media were singularly focused on reverse-engineering "high Crimes and Misdemeanors" to hang on Mr. Trump so that they could impeach him.

"The campaign to impeach President Trump has begun," *The Washington Post* declared on Jan. 20, 2017. When the presses first rolled on that issue of the paper, Mr. Trump had not even been sworn in yet.

"The effort to impeach President Donald John Trump is already underway," the *Post* explained. "At the moment the new commander in chief was sworn in, a campaign to build public support for his impeachment went live at [ImpeachDonaldTrumpNow.org](https://www.impeachdonaldtrumpnow.org), spearheaded by two liberal advocacy groups aiming to lay the groundwork for his eventual ejection from the White House."

The cause was immediately taken up by sitting members of Congress, and they never relented — even after he left office. So blind was their obsession with impeachment that Mr. Trump not only became the first president impeached twice on hotly partisan grounds but also made history as the first president ever impeached after he left office.

With so many experts on impeachment lying around the Capitol these days, you would think they might be quick to recognize an actual impeachable offense when it came along.

With so many experts on impeachment lying around the Capitol these days, you would think they might be quick to recognize an actual impeachable offense when it came along.

The problem for the Trump Lynch Mob was that no matter how hard they looked, they could never find an actual impeachable offense to hang on Mr. Trump. And the fact they impeached him even after he left office is final proof they never pretended to take the process seriously. It was all a partisan temper tantrum from day one.

Now comes a slew of charges against a live, sitting president that are such dead ringers for impeachable offenses that they actually made it into the Constitution by name.

Accepting millions of dollars in exchange for public action is the very definition of "Bribery." Selling out American policy to a foreign adversary in exchange for money is "Treason." You don't even have to get into the vagaries of "high Crimes and Misdemeanors" when you have "Bribery" and "Treason" staring you in the face.

The FBI has in possession credible testimony that President Biden — as vice president — accepted a \$5 million bribe from the head of a Ukrainian gas company in exchange for using U.S. influence to pressure the Ukrainian

government to quash an investigation into the company's corrupt practices. The same witness also claims that Mr. Biden's son Hunter was paid another \$5 million as part of the same scheme.

Dovetailing precisely with this evidence is actual video footage of Mr. Biden openly bragging how he had used his position as vice president to withhold \$1 billion in foreign aid to Ukraine unless the government fired the prosecutor investigating the company that paid his family millions of dollars in bribed.

"Well, son of a bitch," Mr. Biden marvels in the video. "He got fired!"

We also know for a fact that Hunter Biden was paid millions of dollars from the same Ukrainian gas company to sit on its board even though the younger Biden had no experience in the energy field and does not even speak Ukrainian. His only "expertise" was his father's position as vice president.

We also know for a fact that Hunter Biden had an arrangement with his father to pay him a significant cut of the bribes he collected from Ukraine, China, Mexico and even Russia.

No, these are not just "high Crimes" or "Misdemeanors." This is "Treason" and "Bribery."

Yet what are Democratic politicians and the media in Washington singularly focused on today? Mr. Trump's handling of records from his presidency since leaving the White House.

The Impeachment circus goes on. The only remedy for this innocent American citizen is the next election.

Charles Hurt is the opinion editor at The Washington Times.

BIBLE SELECTION

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

— **Psalm 19:1-2 (ESV)**

Cockrell tapped to lead MUES

By STAFF REPORTS
news@onlinemadison.com

Dr. Nicole Cockrell has been named principal of Mannsdale Upper Elementary School, which serves grades three through five in the western Germantown Zone. Cockrell is a familiar face to the Mannsdale Upper Elementary family, having served for the last six years at the campus as assistant principal and the previous three years as the school's literacy specialist.

"It is with such joy that I have the privilege to continue sharing in the learning and growth of the students, teachers, families, and community of MUES that I love and appreciate," says Dr. Cockrell. "Life is about accepting the challenges along the way, choosing to keep moving forward, and savoring the journey. I gratefully accept the challenge of continuing to move the mark at Mannsdale Upper, the first school in the state to be named a School of Innovation, and I will enjoy this journey with the people and

community I have grown so fond of over the years," says Cockrell.

Dr. Cockrell brings nearly two decades of experience in education to her new role. She began her teaching career in 2005 in Greenwood Public Schools and then Jackson Public Schools where she was promoted to instructional interventionist in 2013. The following school year she joined Madison County Schools as literacy specialist at MUES before being named assistant principal in 2017. During the 2022-2023 school year Dr. Cockrell was honored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals as Mississippi's National Outstanding Assistant Principal.

"Dr. Cockrell has distinguished herself as a caring and capable administrator," says Madison County Schools Superintendent Charlotte Seals. "Not only is she very intention-



Dr. Nicole Cockrell

al and data-driven in her approach to faculty development and school leadership, but also she has a real passion for inspiring a love of learning in children. We look forward to her building on the strong foundation at Mannsdale Upper Elementary."

A lifelong learner, Dr. Cockrell earned her doctoral degree in educational leadership from William Carey University in 2022. She holds a bachelor's degree from Delta State University and both a master's degree and specialist degree from Mississippi College. Dr. Cockrell and her husband Demetrous, a firefighter, have been married for twenty-three years. They have two sons, Demetrous, Jr., and Cameron, who are both graduates of Germantown High School, and a daughter, Caitlin, who is a freshman at Germantown High School.

Dr. Cockrell will begin serving as principal this summer.

Chisolm inducted into Phi Beta Kappa

By STAFF REPORTS
news@onlinemadison.com

Ashlyn Chisolm of Madison has been inducted into the Gamma of Mississippi Chapter of The Phi Beta Kappa at Mississippi State University.

Chisolm is a junior at Mississippi State University, majoring in psychology. She is the youngest daughter of Allen and Leah (Turcotte) Chisolm. She is also the granddaughter of Ernest C. Turcotte, Jr, the late Mrs. Eleanor J. Turcotte, of Clinton, and Billy and Sue Chisolm of Florida.

Phi Beta Kappa inductees are among the top 10% of their graduating class who have completed a broad range of liberal arts and sciences coursework, including foreign language and mathematics. Honored this spring with an induction ceremony and dinner sponsored by MSU's Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President, the 42 students were selected for their extraordinary academic achievement in the



Ashlyn Chisolm

arts and sciences. The Phi Beta Kappa Society was founded in 1776 and is the nation's most prestigious academic honor society. Mississippi State is among just 10% of U.S. colleges and universities granted PDK chapters. Noteworthy members include 17 U.S. presi-

dents, 42 U.S. Supreme Court justices and more than 150 Nobel laureates.

OBITUARIES

Charles Thomas McIntyre

Charles Thomas McIntyre, "Mac" passed away to be with the Lord Sunday, June 4, 2023, at the age of 94.

Mac was born in Jackson, Mississippi, January 20, 1929, to Cora Beatrice Mitchell McIntyre and William Burris McIntyre. Mac honorably served his country in the Marine Corps for 30 years.

Mac is preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Pat McIntyre, his parents, Cora and William McIntyre and his sister Billie Sue McIntyre Wright

DeVries. He is survived by his sister, Cora Patricia McIntyre Broadaway, nephews, David and Keith Broadaway, Ronnie Wright and nieces Lisa Broadaway Clark, Lori Ann Bolton, Michelle Wright Malouin.

Mac's three sons left to continue his legacy are Chuck McIntyre and wife Debra, John McIntyre and wife, Catherine, Gerald McIntyre, and wife Joni. Mac's grandchildren are Christopher Lloyd McIntyre, Chad Thomas McIntyre and wife Kristi, Brandon Lee McIntyre and wife Skyla, Mary Findley McIntyre, Laurel Bray McIntyre and Susanna Lee McIntyre; Kayla Nicole McIn-

tyre Hines and husband Kirkland Hines; Joshua Ryan McIntyre, and Justin Garrett McIntyre. Mac and Pat's great grandchildren are Heather McIntyre Johnson, Hunter McIntyre, Payden Ross McIntyre, Katie Lee McIntyre, Kayleigh McIntyre, Sarah McIntyre, Hayston and Hazel Kate McIntyre, Eleanor Grace Scribner and Elizabeth Coker Hines who will be born October 2023.

Mac's great, great grandchildren are Maddie and Mary Ellison Johnson.

Services were held at First Baptist Church, Canton, on June 9.

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

The end is not yet

Please turn with me in your Bibles to Matthew 24:1-14. In this passage, Jesus is explaining to the disciples and to us what we are to expect in this world, between the first coming of Christ and His ascension, and the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The disciples are looking around the temple mound and Jesus has already said some things to them that bother them and so they begin asking Him questions. And He says to them something that shakes them up and so they ask two questions. And so, verses 1-3 give you two questions which are asked by the disciples to the Lord Jesus. And those two questions actually reveal to you some mistaken thinking on the part of the disciples themselves, and we'll talk about that in a minute. The second part comes in verses 4-14, you see the response to the Lord Jesus Christ to these two questions. In that response, Jesus gives some very important pastoral council, not just to his disciples, but to every believer in every nation, in every generation between then and the second coming. And I'd like to look at these two parts in two points with you. First, that Christians must submit all their thinking to Christ. Second, that Christians must prepare for opposition not triumph until the coming of Christ.

I. Christians Must Submit all Their Thinking to Christ

First of all, let's look at verses 1-3: The disciple's mistaken understanding is shown in the very questions that they ask. And let me just propose to you that as we look at verses 1-3, one of the things we learn is this: Christians must submit all their thinking to Christ.

You see, Jesus had just said in His final public sermon, that God is going to leave the temple of Jerusalem desolate. This astounded those who heard it, including the disciples. Now here they are, and the disciples are walking amongst the temple mound. And so, they asked Jesus two distinct but related questions: They asked "when is this going to happen?" And, "what are going to be the signs?" And in this passage, we see Christ's response, and in that response, Jesus is concerned to correct their faulty understanding, but also to set forth his positive teaching about the end times.

So let me come back with what I said that we learned from this passage among other things. Christians must submit their thinking to Christ. There is nothing more important in living a healthy Christian life, than for us to deliberately submit our thinking to Christ. The disciples were mistaken in their thinking about what was just about to transpire. And so, it was vital that their thinking be corrected. If Jesus had allowed them to go on with their misunderstandings without attempting to correct them, they would have been utterly discouraged and totally despairing when the things came about that were going to come about.

And so, when our thinking is out of sync with the Scriptures, we are in no less danger than the disciples. When our thinking is out of sync with the Scriptures, we are vulnerable to discouragement, to despair, to temptation and to sin. And so, it must be among our great priorities to see that our thinking, our believing, is conformed to the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Scriptures. And there's nowhere more important for that to be the case than our thinking about the 'end times', because there's always someone peddling to you their version of the 'end times'. We must submit our thinking to what Jesus teaches.

And so, when our thinking is out of sync with the Scriptures, we are vulnerable to discouragement, to despair, to temptation and to sin. And so, it must be among our great priorities to see that our thinking, our believing, is conformed to the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Scriptures. And there's nowhere more important for that to be the case than our thinking about the 'end times', because there's always someone peddling to you their version of the 'end times'. We must submit our thinking to what Jesus teaches.

II. Christians Must Prepare for Opposition Not Triumph until The Coming of Christ

We see, in verses 4-14, Jesus' response. But in this response, He not only tells the disciples something that is important for them in the next few years, and He not only tells them about things that will happen in years to come – hundreds of years to come – He gives them an authoritative pastoral council which is immediately relevant to their daily living in their present time, and is immediately relevant to our daily living of the Christian life in our present time. It is authoritative pastoral council to Christians, all Christians, in every generation, in every nation between the two advents of Christ.

Now, I'd like you to see in these verses this grand theme: that the Christian must prepare for opposition – not triumph – until the coming of Christ. Christ has told us to prepare for opposition until He should come again. Let's look at the passage together. In verse 4-14, Jesus corrects the disciples' mistaken notions and He offers them some sober anecdotes for their false triumphs. They thought, "Okay, if Jerusalem is going to be destroyed, that means the judgment is going to come and if the judgment is going to come, that means that Christ is going to set up His glorious kingdom, and we're going to reign as kings with Him! Victory is come! Triumph is come!" The Lord Jesus wants to say to these disciples, "You have no idea what you are about to step into, and if you go into what you are about to step into, thinking that triumph is just around the corner, you're going to be utterly despairing." Jesus warns there will be opposition, persecution, and even wars. But that these things are to be expected.

And of course, it also means that we ourselves, if we are going to take encouragement of that, must be a part of that proclamation. The Lord Jesus, of course, before He ascends into heaven, will explicitly say to his disciples, "you are to preach My gospel to every creature." You are to go out into all the world proclaiming this gospel. And so, these four important practical pieces of instruction are embedded in the midst of this passage about the end times. Now, all of our end time thinking ought to be governed by the clear teaching of Scripture. It ought to be governed by Jesus' practical emphasis. We ought to take courage from the assurance of the final promise. We, ourselves, ought to determine to allow our thinking to be guided by Jesus' focus, by Jesus' emphasis, as we prepare for the end of time. We must simultaneously have a full and firm hope in his coming, His bodily, His physical return. May we be prepared to follow his directives in the meantime.

The Rev. Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III is Chancellor and CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary. He can be reached at 601-923-1600 or by email at jhyde@rts.edu.



Hire Mississippi.

Providing safe, reliable natural gas is our job. But fueling safe and thriving communities is our responsibility. That's why we work hard to ensure local suppliers and contractors have the opportunity to work with us.

If you are a Mississippi supplier or contractor interested in doing business with us, please register with us at atmosenergy.com/HireMississippi.



Your natural gas company

atmosenergy.com/HireMississippi



INVEST in the FUTURE of the CHURCH



When you give to Reformed Theological Seminary, you invest in students like these men and women, called and equipped to serve in God's kingdom in more than 65 countries around the world.

rts.edu/give

ARTS



Daniela Tiza, Milani Campbell, Ollie Roberson, Piper Roberson, and Ava Raby participated in the afternoon session. (Not pictured: Zipporah Lyles)



Madison campers take part in New Stage Theatre's First Stages Summer Camp morning session. Pictured, back from left, Roxi Mabry, Ryann Wieland, Emma Paadimitriou, and Gracyn Dilley (Front) Kennedy Bailess, Lilly Dennis, Elizabeth Amundson, and Eliza Jane Dukes.

Madison campers enjoy New Stage Theatre summer camp

By JOHN LEE
john@onlinemadison.com

New Stage Theatre's First Stages Theatre Camp has many Madison County participants. Campers are currently preparing for the camp's final performance, "Seussical the Musical Kids," on June 16 at 11 a.m.

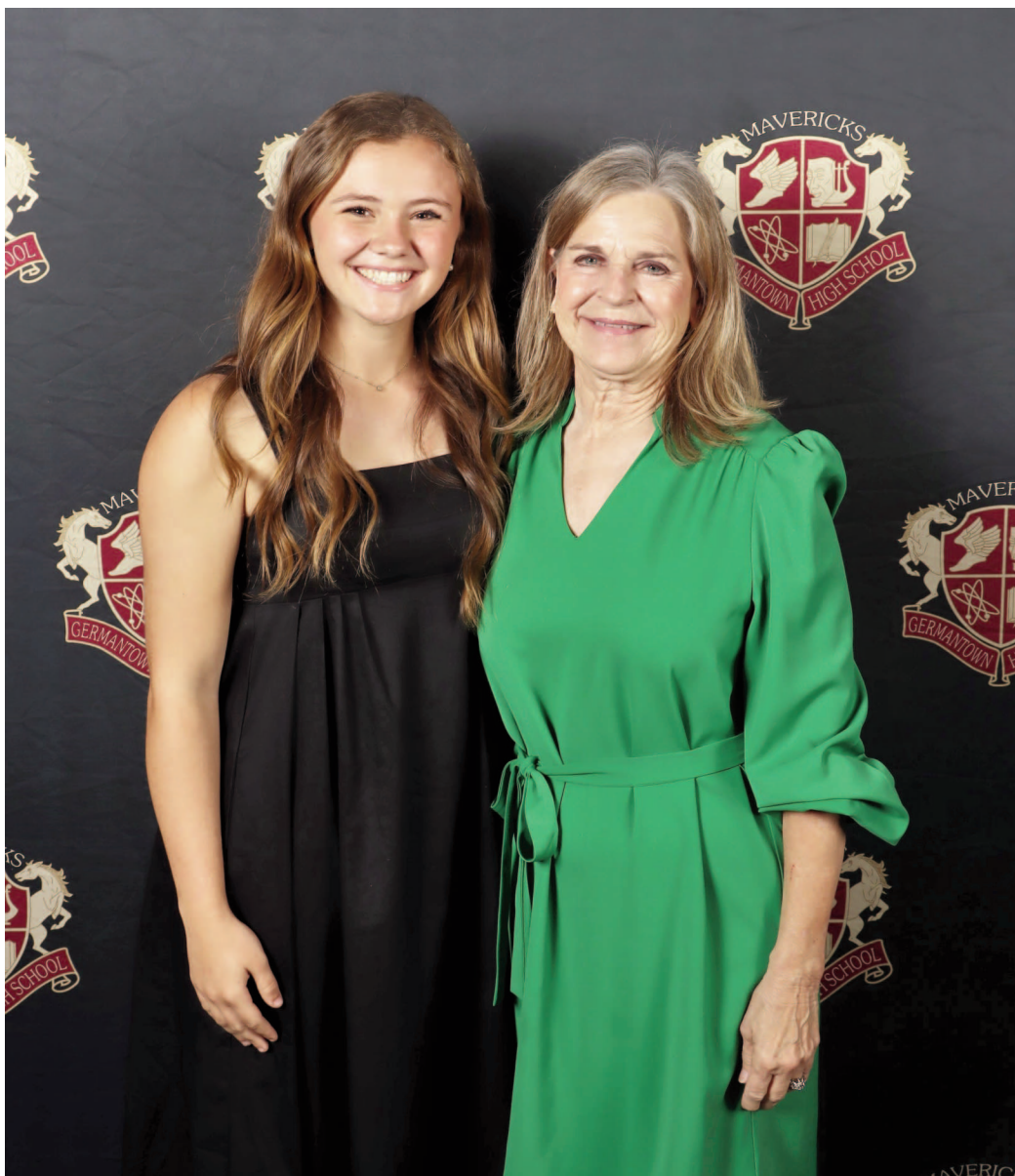
River Tillman, one of the Madison campers, said acting through the whole play has been his favorite part of the camp. "I have the role of a Who," Tillman said. "I have learned how to do a box step and about teamwork." Summer camp staff member and Madison resident

Claire Justice Porter said she believes in the importance of the camp and that it is a great way for kids to make friends from a variety of places. "It's an amazing way for kids to find their voices through a creative outlet," Porter said. "First Stages Camp offers young kids confidence that they can carry with them

for the rest of their lives." The First Stages Theatre Camp, which began on June 5 and runs through June 16, serves as an introduction to acting, singing, and dancing for students ages 7 to 11. The goal of the camp is to shape and share the creative experience by building a theatre vocabulary, performing in front of oth-

ers, and developing skills in storytelling and improvisation. Campers have received daily instruction in acting from experienced teachers and will show off skills they have learned with a performance of Seussical the Musical Kids. Madison County students participating in the summer camp include: Elizabeth

Amundson, Kennedy Bailess, Lilly Dennis, Gracyn Dilley, Eliza Jane Dukes, Roxi Mabry, Emma Paadimitriou, River Tillman, Milani Campbell, Zipporah Lyles, Ava Raby, Ollie Roberson, Piper Roberson, and Daniela Tiza.



DAR Good Citizen Award recipient

Annandale Chapter DAR Good Citizen Chairman, Debbie Cannon attended the Germantown Senior Class Day, where she presented Meg Glasgow with a Good Citizen certificate, lapel pin, and a monetary award for placing second in the Annandale Chapter Essay and Scholarship Contest. Pictured are Meg Glasgow and Debbie Cannon.



DAR Youth Citizenship recipients

The DAR Youth Citizenship Medal is for a boy or girl in grades 5 through 11. The medal is awarded to students who fulfill the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership, and patriotism. Debbie Cannon, Annandale Chapter DAR Good Citizen Chairman, presented to 10th grader Katie Grace Barbour and 11th grader Lola Williams at the MCHS Awards Day. Pictured are Lola Williams, Debbie Cannon, and Katie Grace Barbour.



DAR Good Citizen Award recipient

Annandale Chapter DAR Good Citizen Chairman, Debbie Cannon was honored to present Annandale's 1st Place Good Citizen certificate, lapel pin, and scholarship check to Ava Dear at Madison Central High School on Senior Class Day. The Good Citizen Award is presented to one senior annually based on a written essay and the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Ava was not only the Annandale Chapter 1st place winner but she went on to win the MSSDAR State Contest. Pictured are Debbie Cannon and Ava Dear.



The Madison Lion's Club is hosting their Annual 4-Man Scramble

Lake Caroline Golf Club
June 15, 2023 • 8:00AM

MILLION DOLLAR SHOOTOUT

One lucky golfer will get a shot at \$1,000,000!

HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZES:

2-Super Bowl Tickets | Trip for 2 to the Masters
Pebble Beach Golf Vacation for 2 | Golf Cart

1st Place Team - \$1,000 • 2nd Place Team - \$500 • 3rd Place Team \$ 250

Have some fun while supporting the Madison Lions Club by playing in our 4-Man Scramble! \$125 Entry Fee per Player - Includes 1 round of golf, cart fees & lunch

Have some fun while supporting the Madison Lions Club by playing in our 4-Man Scramble!

For more information, please call Betsy Landers at (601) 842-1564 or email betsylcdl@aol.com.

Make checks payable to:
Madison Lion's Club
P.O. Box 701, Madison, MS 39130





Business Alliance donates \$6000 to Gluckstadt Police for K9



Business Builders
Networking and more

Friday, June 23
9 a.m.
Hilton Garden Inn

Join our monthly networking group! At each meeting we hold roundtable discussions regarding a topic of the day that is relevant to business.

Summertime *Santa*
Month of July!

Follow us on

Sponsored by:

Robin Covington, Agent
WWW.RCOVINGTON.COM
901.998.4110

Become a member!
gluckstadtba.com

BENEFITS OF THE GLUCKSTADT MADISON BUSINESS ALLIANCE

- Increased Business Visibility on our Website
- Networking Opportunities
- Ribbon Cuttings, Ribbon Tyings and Groundbreakings
- Social Media Support and Promotion
- Events and more

On behalf of the City of Gluckstadt, I want to express my gratitude to the GMBA for its tireless efforts in support of the City, its businesses and residents. This donation (\$6000) is a perfect example of a private-public partnership working toward the common good. Thanks to all who made this happen.

Mayor Walter Morrison, City of Gluckstadt

#Growing Business
#Strengthening Community

www.gluckstadtba.com