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TEACHER CHARGED WITH SEXUAL BATTERY

School district sued over alleged abuse

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@onlinemadison.com

The guardians of a student at Old Town Middle School who was allegedly molested by a now former teacher there have filed a lawsuit against the Madison County School District alleging that school

officials attempted to cover up the incident.

The suit, filed in Madison County Circuit Court on Aug. 11, is against the alleged teacher, Marchenne Hatchett, 46, of Madison, and the school district.

Hatchett was arrested by Ridgeland Police for sexual battery following an investi-gation conducted by school

The alleged incident was said to have occurred on Feb. 23, at the school. He was subsequently indicted by a Madison County grand jury.

MCS Director of Communications Gene Wright issued a statement saying district officials could not comment further.

"The top priority of Madison County Schools is the safety and security of our students. In this case the district took immediate investigative action, placed the accused on administrative leave, and

notified local law enforcement," the statement said.

"The person in question is no longer employed by the district. The district cannot comment further on ongoing legal and personnel matters.

According to the suit, Hatchett was the teacher of the alleged victim, a 15-year-

old female who would have been 14 at the time of the alleged incident.

On that day in February, Hatchett led the girl out of the classroom to a teacher's lounge before exposing his genitals to her, according to

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CRIME

Yazoo men identified in Northpark shooting

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@onlinemadison.com

Authorities have issued warrants for four individuals from Yazoo County who were

involved in a gunfight at Northpark mall over the weekend. Warrants

have been issued for James Earl Cole, Jr., 20, Benton; Kyandre Rah-

keem Harris, 21, Yazoo City; Jamari Brown, 24, of Yazoo City; and Jalen Deonte Carter, 20, of Yazoo City,

Chief Brian Myers.

according to, Ridgeland Police Harris

James

Cole Jr.

"This is an ongoing investigation and we will update all See **CRIME**, page A9

GLUCKSTADT

GermanFest cancelled for revamping

By JOHN LEE

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Gluckstadt's 36th annual GermanFest has been canceled this year due to parking concerns and key players being absent, says Father Matthew Simmons at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Simmons said he eventually made the call to cancel the festival after concluding there would not be enough parking to accommodate everyone participating due to Gluckstadt's growth in the last year.

He said along with the parking situation, he also noted that people who played major roles in the festival's success last year would not be participating

We are not saying GermanFest is permanently canceled," Simmons said. "We're going to take this year to reevaluate and look into things like a workaround for the parking. I didn't want the event this year to be something that didn't go well for people who travel a long way to get here, and I didn't want us to not be ready for everything. Next

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Community Partners Director Amy Cummins speaks to the first 2023 Madison Mayor's Youth Council meeting where students got to know

each other and learned all about the inner workings of Community

FUTURE LEADERS

Madison Mayor's Youth Council eager to have community voice

By JOHN LEE john@onlinemadison.com

MADISON — Members of the Mayor's Youth Council are looking forward to having a voice in the community and playing a part in the city's future.

'The Mayor's Youth Council is a group of students who want to have their say in the community, since they are the future," said Amy Cummins, director of Madison Community Partners. "This council is a good way for members to share experiences with one another, such as things they have been a part of in the

Madison Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler says the Youth Council is a wonderful way to connect with the community's future leaders.

"We hope their participation will inspire them to become involved with their city," Hawkins-Butler said. "I have said many times that local government is the level of government where you can truly make a difference."

The Madison Mayor's Youth Council was formed in 2002. Cummins said the program aims to help members learn about every component of the city, from meeting the

mayor and the aldermen to observing Public Works, Community Development, Parks and Recreation, and

The council is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors, and members must either live in Madison or attend a school within the city lim-

There is also an application process that includes questions about what motivates applicants to join the council, what programs they would like to see come to the community, and possible community service projects they could help coordinate, she said.

Applicants must also get a letter of recommendation from someone like a youth pastor, teacher, or someone they've worked for that can attest their abilities.

The MYC gathered on Aug. 8 for their first 2023 meeting and spent time getting to know each other, learning about Community Partners, and discussing upcoming projects they want to do for the city.

Cummins noted one of the MYC projects last year was setting up superhero-themed scarecrows in front of the Red Caboose on Main Street last October. The council is currently brainstorming on what project they want to do this year.

Ellis Nichols, a senior at Madison Central, has been with the MYC since his sophomore year and said the council has been an integral part of his high school experience.

"Since my sophomore year, I have been able to meet with members of my community through MYC that actively contribute to the security and comfort of Madison," Nichols said. 'One of my biggest takeaways is truly being able to see and be a part of this amazing group of young leaders who strive to learn and give back to the incredible community that raised them.

Dottie Dowe, a sophomore at Madison-Ridgeland Academy, is experiencing her first year on the council and hopes to learn more about Madison and how leadership makes a difference in the city.

"I wanted to be a part of the Mayor's Youth Council because this is a way to learn and also contribute to our community," Dowe said. "The MYC gives opportunities to young people like me to make a positive impact right where we live.

Another first-year MYC member, Ford Stewart, is a senior at Madison Central and said he is looking forward to learning more about local

"The city of Madison is an excellent example that can be modeled across the country," he said.

The MYC will meet every month until April, going along with the school year, and Cummins said each meeting will have different guest speakers.

Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler is expected to speak at the next meeting, where students will get to ask her questions and hear about how she became the mayor.

"Members will be able to learn about every department in the city, including the police and fire departments," Cummins said. "There are many aspects to learn about. Last year we had a girl shadow the mayor for the day. Students will also attend board meetings and volunteer at city events, which in turn will earn them points. They have to have a certain amount of points by the end of April to stay in good standing and apply for next year's council. If they are seniors, they can apply for a \$1000 scholarship if they have a certain

amount of points.' For more information about the Mayor's Youth Council, contact Community Partners at (601) 856-

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St. Andrew's adds new turf, Jumbotron

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@onlinemadison.com

The St. Andrew's football team will take the field on a brand new turf surface complete with a new Jumbotron this season, school officials

St. Andrew's Episcopal School replaced Roger W. Stribling Field's natural grass surface with an artificial turf field at the school's North Campus, St. Andrew's spokesman Emily Gordon "The new field will elevate
St. Andrew's athletics to a
higher standard with a surface

higher standard with a surface that is the best product available on the market," Gordon said.

The school looks forward

to opening the field on Aug. 25, at 7 p.m. when the Saints face off with the West Lincoln Bears out of Brookhaven. This will be both teams' first full game of the season.

Gordon said the school

community will come together to "celebrate and bless" the new addition with a family tailgate and Saints Celebration, a spirited event that recognizes all St. Andrew's athletes.

The school will also unveil its new digital scoreboard and Jumbotron.

Head Football Coach Johnny Nichols said these additions will make St. Andrew's facilities among the best in the state.

"The new turf and the new



St. Andrew's Episcopal School installed new turf and a new Jumbotron at their football field over the summer. They host their first game on the new field on Aug. 25 against the West Lincoln Bears.

Jumbotron will give our St. Andrew's student athletes and coaches, as well as our entire school family and community, the opportunity to play on and attend games at one the best facilities in the area," Nichols said. "It's an exciting time for St. Andrew's athletics."

The new field includes the latest in advanced technology to support safety and temperature control with a surface that will be cooler than other turf fields, Gordon said.

She said Director of Athletics DeWayne Cupples and the school believe the turf will raise the quality of the athletic field space to equal that of the state-of-the-art Athletics and Recreation Center, which opened in 2017.

Cupples led a team that researched turf fields during the 2022-2023 school year to select the new playing surface.

In addition to the scoreboard and field, the football team will be wearing Guardian Caps, a padded, soft-shell cover worn over the helmet, during all practices designed to absorb impact and reduce the risk of concus-

Guardian, the manufacturer of the caps, says the caps can reduce impact by up to 33 percent. Gordon said Guardian caps are already mandated by the National Football League for high-contact positions at practices during the 2023 season and some NFL teams have been requiring all players to wear them, regardless of position.

The caps were provided to St. Andrew's by St. Andrew's parents Dr. Jack Moriarity, a neurosurgeon, and Dr. Risa Moriarity, a professor of emergency medicine at UMMC. Dr. Jack Moriarity is a trained unaffiliated neurotrauma consultant (UNC) for the NFL.

When Coach Nichols asked Dr. Moriarity for suggestions on how to improve player safety, Moriarity reached out to his friend and colleague Dr. Allen Sills, chief medical officer of the NFL and parent of a St. Andrew's graduate. Dr. Sills strongly recommended the caps for St. Andrew's players, Gordon said.



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EDITORIALS

Postal chief fails to deliver

It's not for nothing that the U.S. Postal Service has become every taxpayer's idea of what inefficient, bloated government bureaucracies look like. Anyone who has stood in line at the post office for more than five minutes knows this to be true.

—The Louis DeJoy, the packing and shipping company executive whom then-President Donald Trump appointed post-master general in May 2020, was supposed to be the man with the skills and expertise to set things right. Instead, he appears to have become a captive of the organization he was brought in to save.

A hybrid organization, the Postal Service is a government-sponsored enterprise that Congress wants to operate like a private corporation. While it does have a few private sector-like features, the Postal Service runs up annual deficits on a scale that would crush a real business.

It is admittedly costly and labor-intensive for the Postal Service to do what the law requires: provide mail and package delivery to almost every address in the United States, six days a week.

That's not something private sector competitors such as UPS and FedEx are required to do.

Mr. DeJoy raised hopes and distinguished himself from predecessors by developing a workable plan to restore the Postal Service to financial viability over 10 years. He even persuaded Congress to endorse it after a fashion because it took a potential federal bailout off the table.

Unfortunately, his plans must be lost in a drawer somewhere in the L'Enfant Plaza headquarters building. The Postal Service's financial performance over the last two years shows no sign of improvement, with billions in red ink accumulating quarter upon quarter.

Instead of cutting costs and generating efficiencies by partnering with the private sector wherever possible, Mr. DeJoy's course of action looks more like empirebuilding. Considering that labor accounts for more than 70% of total Postal Service costs, the correct play is to allow things to "right-size" through attrition as the volume of mail going through the system continues to declines as the public uses text messaging and email instead of letters to conduct business.

Mr. DeJoy's latest move converted 125,000 postal workers to full-time status, which the postal chief argues will stabilize the workforce and save money by reducing overtime costs. Combine this with spending billions to construct new, possibly redundant facilities, and the dream of true reform appears to be gone.

Economist Ed Hudgins suggests that instead of stabilizing the workforce, Mr. DeJoy should have called it "locked in as a permanent expense," given that it's "virtually impossible to lay off or fire permanent unionized employees when economic or technological conditions change."

Judging by these actions, Mr. DeJoy has no intention of dismantling the Postal Service as his critics on the left have charged. Instead, he's going too far in the other direction. Rather than take the tough steps needed to turn the Postal Service into a viable enterprise, the focus has been on serving the interests of the postal unions

It would be better for Mr. DeJoy to remember his customers are those who use and pay for the Postal Service, not the institution itself, and to find those lost plans that would put the organization on a firmer financial footing.

— The Washington Times

Answers on Biden

Evidence-backed allegations sit in full public view that the president allowed the Biden "brand" to be marketed for the enrichment of his family. Americans need a fuller accounting of these questionable activities before deciding whether he deserves a second presidential term.

With Democrats united in an effort to protect the president, it falls to Republicans to follow the money. The House Committee on Oversight and Accountability published a 19-page memorandum Wednesday detailing first son Hunter Biden's business relationships with individuals from Ukraine, Russia and Kazakhstan. Those dealings, which raked in more than \$20 million for the Bidens, reportedly featured liaisons with now-President Biden while he served as vice president.

President Biden's critics have railed against the shady optics of Hunter's hiring in 2014 by the Ukrainian energy company Burisma with an annual salary of \$1 million, which was followed by the then-vice president's threat to withhold \$1 billion in U.S. loan guarantees for Ukraine unless a prosecutor investigation allegations of corruption at Burisma was fired.

Lawmakers have produced bank records authenticating Hunter's Burisma riches. Added to his father's triumphant "Well, son of a b——. He got fired" recount of his strong-arm tactics for a Council on Foreign Relations audience, it's hard to see this as effective marketing for the Biden brand.

Likewise, a February 2014 wire transfer of \$3.5 million to Hunter from Yelena Baturina, the billionaire widow of former Moscow Mayor Yury Luzhkov, jumps out from the committee-produced bank records. Several months later, the elder Mr. Biden attended a private dinner at Cafe Milano in Washington where the wealthy woman was also a guest.

And Hunter, the committee reported, met in Washington with Kazakh oligarch Kenes Rakishev, a close associate of Kazakhstan's prime minister, in February 2014. Two months later, Mr. Rakishev wired \$142,300 to Hunter's firm, which was used to purchase a Porsche for Hunter.

In June, the Kazakh government hosted a business meeting with executives from Burisma and a Chinese state-owned firm. In short order, Joe Biden was photographed with the Kazakhs in Washington.

Hunter flew high as an international dealmaker, but his best work — a sweetheart deal over tax fraud and gun charges back home — was shot down last month in a Delaware courtroom. With the appointment Friday of U.S. Attorney David Weiss as special counsel — the very same government attorney who attempted to keep him out of jail — Hunter could only be relieved.

There is little expectation now that evidence presented by Hunter's former business partner Devon Archer would lead Mr. Weiss to make the case that the Biden progenitor's fame was the key to the family's fortune.

As for the president, he has claimed that any suggestion of a connection between his official acts and his son's business is not true. The more the coincidences pile up, the less plausible the claims become.

Fortunately, congressional investigators are busy tracing the distribution of Hunter's millions to family bank accounts to see where the trail leads, and they already have an idea where that might be.

"This is always going to end with the Bidens coming in front of the committee," Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer told Fox Business on Thursday. "We are going to subpoena the family."

Americans deserve to know whether Joe Biden's public office was the key to peddling the Biden "brand."

— The Washington Times

RICH LOWRY

Illegal immigration failure

The public intellectual Irving Kristol famously said that the definition of a neoconservative is "a liberal who has been mugged by reality."

By the same token, the definition of a convert to immigration restrictionism is a bigcity mayor dealing with a surge of illegal immigration in his city.

In his desperate pleas for federal help to deal with about 100,000 migrants who have come to New York City since the spring of 2022, Mayor Eric Adams is vindicating the hawkish position on immigration with almost every utterance.

All that it has taken to explode the lazy cliches that have defined the progressive position on the issue is a heavy flow of illegal immigration.

If immigration is an unalloyed good, this influx should be a boon to New York City and its future. Why stop at 100,000 if the city could have 200,000, or 300,000? If immigration has no cost, why is New York spending \$5 billion this year absorbing this flow?

According to Adams, New York City "is being destroyed by the migrant crisis."

There you have it — immi-

There you have it — immigration, in and of itself, has the power to bring a great city to its knees.

Long gone are the days when Adams pledged during his campaign to "lift up immigrants as high as Lady Liberty lifts her torch in our harbor, as a beacon of hope for all who come to our shores." Now, he sounds a lot like Donald Trump, or a late Roman

How Eric Adams has vindicated immigration restrictionism.

emperor getting undone by an influx of Vandals and Goths.

New York has been actively discouraging immigrants, or, to use the progressive line, "slamming the door on new migrants." Flyers distributed by the city at the border say, "Housing in NYC is very expensive," and no one can say that isn't truth in advertising. "Please consider," the message pleads, "another city as you make your decision about where to settle in the U.S."

In other words, why not try Philadelphia?

What Adams is learning is that the key questions when it comes to immigration are: how many, from where, with what skills, and what will they do once here.

The fact is — as border areas already realized — low-skilled migrants with few connections in the community showing up en masse constitutes an intolerable fiscal and social burden.

It is true that there are unique circumstances at play for Adams. Asylum seekers can't work until their applications have been considered for six months; New York City has a right-to-shelter law that has added to the expense.

If asylum seekers, many of whom are making bogus claims, were instantly handed work permits, though, it'd be another incentive for illegal immigration. And even places

without New York's shelter laws are strained by the arrival of the Biden-era illegal immigrants and have been declaring states of emergency.

The wave of migrants over the last couple of years aside, immigrants to the U.S. are heavily reliant on public resources since they tend to be poor and have low levels of education. An analysis of Census Bureau data by the Center for Immigration Studies shows that 58% of households in New York State headed by immigrants use at least one welfare program. Even if illegal immigrants aren't technically eligible for some of these programs, their U.S.born children are. And as we see in the current crisis, if people show up who need housing, medical care, and education, no one is simply going to say no.

To his credit, Mayor Adams has been focusing more attention on the federal failures at the border, but a key component of the Adams immigration plan was blocking federal enforcement.

Now, immigration enforcement by the feds isn't such a bad thing. What New York City is seeking, after all the rote invocations of the Statue of Liberty, is fewer migrants competing with people already living in the city for resources and attention.

That really shouldn't be too much to ask. Welcome to reality, Mayor Adams.

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CHARLES HURT

Beach bumming 'Bidenomics'

You might be tempted to dismiss President Biden's latest press mishap as just another desperation story in the dog days of summer. But the story is actually a perfect encapsulation of his presidency.

Reporters gathered outside his palatial beach house in Delaware to ask Mr. Biden if he had anything to say about the rising death toll from wildfires in Hawaii. At deadline, 96 people are dead.

Staring somewhat blankly, Mr. Biden responded: "No. No comment."

Then he grinned and climbed into the back seat of his Secret Service Suburban.

It is entirely possible that Mr. Biden did not hear the question or did not understand the question.

Certainly, no president would intend to so cavalierly dismiss the desperate suffering of so many Americans in such a major catastrophe. And then add a smile for a cruel exclamation point.

(The White House press office later issued a statement claiming that the president was actually mourning with the people of Hawaii — despite all appearances.)

Let's not forget that the presidency of George W. Bush effectively ended in August 2005 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, when Mr. Bush was perceived to dismiss the suffering of so many Americans.

The picture of him looking out the window of Air Force One at the devastation below became a symbol of his supposed indifference.

This was of course entirely

This was, of course, entirely unfair — a figment of the dishonest media still angry that Mr. Bush had won reelection the previous year.

The truth was that the Bush administration had done all it

Mr. Biden never seems to have any idea what anybody is talking about.

could under the circumstances, and Mr. Bush opted against landing in New Orleans because he did not want his arrival to interfere with rescue and survival operations.

Mr. Bush was guilty only of putting his concern for actual victims ahead of a symbolic "photo op" for himself. For that, the leftist media crucified him.

So, Mr. Biden's August indifference is not without precedence in politics.

And again, to be fair, it is entirely possible that Mr. Biden did not hear or comprehend the question. But that is precisely the point.

The press had to distort and rip out of context the picture of Mr. Bush in order to blame him for Hurricane Katrina. The most devastating way to read the situation with Mr. Biden today is to actually put it into proper context and consider it fairly.

Mr. Biden never seems to have any idea what anybody is talking about.

Just last week, he was asked by a meteorologist how to stem the flow of illegal immigrants into the country. Mr. Biden replied that he wanted to replace all the lead pipes in America, presumably to make our country more hospitable to the migrants streaming across the border illegally.

Or perhaps Mr. Biden did not want to answer the question about the rising death toll in Hawaii simply because he did not have an answer since he had not consulted his White House press department on what he should say.

This leads to an even larger, graver question: Who the hell is

running the country? If Mr. Biden cannot respond to a simple question about the death of 96 people without being told what to say, then who is doing to thinking inside the White House?

The whole reason we have a "president" and hold elections is so that voters know who is doing the thinking inside the White House.

Then there are all the other optics involved in Mr. Biden's casual "no comment" dismissal.

It comes as Mr. Biden concludes a 10-day beach vacation — a reminder that Mr. Biden has spent nearly 40% of his presidency on vacation. As Mr. Biden brushed away the questions and smiled, he was dressed casually in a golf shirt and black baseball cap.

At least he wasn't wearing his ridiculous aviator glasses.

Such brazen laziness is never a good look for any president at any time. But it is particularly galling considering how many Americans are struggling to take just one week of vacation thanks to "Bidenomics" while their president takes months and months of vacation.

Putting the whole scene into further context, Mr. Biden was outside his \$3 million beach house — not to be confused with his million-dollar mansion in an exclusive suburb of Wilmington. These are the kinds of homes normally bought up by titans of Wall Street, not lifelong politicians surviving on a government paycheck and a teacher's salary.

But this is our country under Bidenomics.

You toil away as the bills pile up while President Biden lounges at the beach, laughing off the death and misery of regular Americans.

Charles Hurt is the opinion editor at The Washington Times.

BIBLE SELECTION

"And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.

- Revelation 3:14,20 (ESV)

Man arrested for stealing trailer

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@neshobademocrat.com

GLUCKSTADT — A Southaven man was arrested Friday for stealing a trailer at a business here, Gluckstadt police

The man, Rodney Duke Spencer, 20, was arrested and charged with larceny.

Spencer was picked up in Southaven on Friday, Aug. 11, and was picked up Monday from the Desoto County Detention Center by GPD, Assistant

Police Chief Barry Hale said.

"Thank you for all the hard work by our officers and detectives for getting this subject identified and to the Southaven Police Department for help in capturing Mr. Spencer," Hale said.

He had his initial appearance on Wednesday morning and was given a \$30,000 bond on the charge of grand larceny.



Rodney

aged, Hale said.

Spencer The investigation is ongoing at this time with more suspects to be identified in the future," Hale said.

Spencer remains in custody in the Madison County Detention Cen-

On July 2, Spencer allegedly took a trailer loaded with detailing equipment from 396 Business Park Drive after the fence it was stored behind was dam-

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

The Madison County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2024 on September 5, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Chancery/Administrative Office Complex, 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi.

The Madison County Board of Supervisors, exclusive of the Madison County School District, is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$150,160,796.16. Of that amount, 41.6 percent or \$62,498,075.16 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy. For next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$198,547,064.24. Of that amount, 33.6 percent or \$66,672,054.36 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

The Madison County Board of Supervisors, inclusive of the Madison County School District, is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$346,834,302.57. Of that amount, 43.9 percent or \$152,454,689.16 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy. For next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$389,207,823.22. Of that amount, 37.5 percent or \$145,943,721.48 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

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For next fiscal year, the Madison County Board of Supervisors plans to increase your ad valorem tax millage rate in the Southwest Madison Fire Protection District by 2.0 mills, a total increase of \$37,261, in additional ad valorem tax collections. This increase means that you will pay more in ad valorem taxes on your real property.

A millage rate of 36.13 mills will produce the same amount of revenue from ad valorem taxes as was collected in the 2023 fiscal year. The millage rate for the 2023 fiscal year was 38.13.

The decision to not increase the ad valorem tax millage rate for fiscal year 2024 above the current fiscal year's ad valorem tax millage rate means you will not pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental property outside of the Southwest Madison County Fire Protection District, unless the assessed value of your property has increased for fiscal year 2023.

Any citizen of Madison County, Mississippi is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for fiscal year 2024 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

Witness the signature of said Board of Supervisors, this the 7th day of August 2023.

The Madison County Board of Supervisors Gerald Steen, District 3 **Board President**

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

The son of man will judge (By works!)

Please turn with me in your Bibles to Matthew 25:31-46. In this passage I see three sections, in verses 31 through 33, you'll see the context of the final judgment set by the Lord Jesus Christ. In verses 34 through 40 you will see Jesus' account of what he's going to say to His people on the last day. And then in verses 41 to the end of the chapter, you're going to see what Jesus is going to say to those who either claim to be His disciples, but were not truly, or those who never claimed to be His disciples at all. You're going to see what he says to those on His left. These are the three sections of the passage. I'd like to look at them with you.

I. The Scene of The **Final Judgment**

First, look at verses 31 -33. In this passage, Jesus teaches that when He comes again, He will come as Judge of all. Now this whole message which Jesus gives us has much symbolic language, but it is not like the parables that have gone before it. Jesus is describing for us what will really happen at His glorious appear-

Jesus shows us that He is going to be enthroned as King, and He is going to assume the role of absolute judge. And we must all come to grips with this claim of deity by the Lord Jesus Christ and by the nature of His second coming. When He comes again, He is not coming in a state of humiliation. He will not come a second time as the suffering servant. He comes as the judging King of the world. And we must not miss the bluntness of Jesus' claim. Jesus' claim to divinity is unmistakable here.

I want you to understand that for believers this is going to be the ultimate consolation. You're going to be standing there before the arraigned hosts of heaven, and the people who have aweit on the earth in all of time, and you're going to be standing for the judgment day; and you're going to look up there and the one who is going to be accounted with the job of judging is going to be the one who loved you so much that He died for your sins. Then you're going to breathe a sigh of relief, and you're going to say, "This court is stacked. My Judge is my Savior." And it is going to be the almost incredibly consoling experience that

you've ever experienced. But for the unbeliever, it is going to be the most terrifying day in their life. And suddenly they are looking up there, and the one who is the judge is the one who they are indifferent to. And the terrifying thought is going to cross their mind. T'm in trouble." And it's going to be too late.

You see that last day we stand, and we see the Lord Jesus as Judge. Well, believer, what a consolation that is going to be. For everyone who is not embraced, what a consternation that is going to be, an eternal consternation. For the Lord Jesus sets before us the grand truth, and we must come to grips with it. We cannot trifle with it. We cannot be on the fence about this. We are either for it, or we are against. We either embrace it, or we don't. It's that simple.

II. Jesus Describes the Judgment of the Right-

And so, Jesus goes on to say what He's going to say to His comforted disciples on those last days. You see it in verses 34 - 40, as He describes His judgment of the righteous. And then he says, interestingly, that their kindness to persecuted messengers of the Lord Jesus Christ is the evidence of true love for Christ. They will be judged according to their neighbor love for Christians in need. Now note this passage does not speak of salvation by works. God favors these people before the foundation of the world, before they existed, and, therefore, before they've done any work. So, salvation can't be based on their work.

These people simply love the Lord Jesus Christ, and because they love the Lord Jesus Christ, because the Lord Jesus loved them, they love His people. And, they have lived lives of neighbor love toward Christians in need because they

love the Lord Jesus Christ. This passage emphasizes that Christian love towards Christians is the measure and evidence of true love for Christ, and hence salvation. And more specifically, this passage says that love for Christians who are in a special need is a measure of our love for the Lord Jesus Christ. By the way in passing, this passage does not teach that by caring for the poor we earn salvation. There are lots of people out *jhyde@rts.edu*.

there who'd like to tell us that. Build a house for the poor, give money to the poor, go get saved. But in this passage, He's not talking about generic care for the poor. Jesus is talking about caring for persecuted messengers of the Lord Jesus Christ and for lonely Christians. In other words, He's saying to Christians, the way you relate to Christians in need is going to be the basis on which I show the evidence of your true love for Me.

III. Jesus Describes the **Judgement of the Wicked**

And then Jesus speaks to those on His left. On the left are those who are false believers, those who are unbelievers. They are commanded to depart from God's presence. They didn't want God's presence in life, they didn't want to fellowship with Him forever. Depart from Me. Secondly, they are sent to the same place of punishment created by God for the devil and his fallen angels. It shows us a picture of just how serious God takes sin.

Some people might say, "I never outright denied the deity of Christ, I never denied Christian doctrine.' It doesn't matter. You did not love the brethren. The Lord Jesus is showing just how serious it is not to love the brethren. Isn't it interesting that what He is accusing them of in the passage is not the sin of commission, it's the sin of omission. He's not saying, on last day, I'm really going to nail to the wall all those people who have done super, horrible crimes. He says, "Those will be judged and condemned and cast out, who do not love the brethren, the least of these, my brethren.' And notice they are condemned because of what they failed to do as much as for what they did wrong. We must note that sins of omission are highlighted in the condemnation of those on Jesus' left. They failed to love lowly and needy Christians, and hence, they show that in fact they did not love Jesus Christ. May we be those who truly love the Lord Jesus, and love His people.

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









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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MAD-

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GAIL BOWEN BENSCOTTER FORE, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2022,770 B

MAX EDWIN BENOIST, JR. PETI-TIONER

VS

THE KNOW AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF GAIL BOWEN BENSCOTTER FORE, DECEASED

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF GAIL BOWEN BENSCOTTER FORE, DECEASED, WHOSE POST OFFICE AND STREET ADDRESS, AFTER DILLGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY REMAIN UN-

You have ben made Respondents in the Petition filed in the Court by Max Edwin Benoist, Jr., Administrator of the Estate of Gail Bowen Benscotter Fore, deceased, seeking to determine heirship. Respondents other than you in this action are not know, if any.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Determine Heirs filed herein against you in this action at 8:44 a.m. on the 15th day of September, 2023, before the Honorable James Walker, Chancellor, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

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

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court this the 8th day of August, 2023.

Ronny Lott, Madison County Chancery Clerk

BY: Kim Sievers D.C.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 21st day of March, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in Cause No. 2023-119C, to Jim Howard Still, Sr. upon the estate of Karen Payne Still, deceased, 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. This 21st day of March, 2023.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: GURSAHIB SINGH, A MINOR CAUSE NO.: 23-687 SEWA SINGH , PETITIONER RULE 81 SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: HAWINDER SINGH WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

NOTICE TO PARTY OF INTEREST

THE COMPLAINT WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Jasvir Kaur, Petitioner, seeking custody of your biological child, Gursahib Singh, An eleven (11) year old unmarried

YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and defend against said Complaint at 1:30 PM on the 10th day of October 2023 at the courthouse at the Chancery Court of Madison County, located at 146 W Center Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046, Before the Honorable Judge James C. Walker, Chancellor and in your failing to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or things demanded in the Complaint or Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you so desire. If you choose to file an answer the original must be filed with the Madison County Chancery Clerk, Canton, Mississippi. Issued under my hand and the seal of

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this <u>3rd</u> day of <u>August</u> 2023. Ronny Lott Chancery Clerk,

Madison County, Mississippi

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY ALICE JONES WILLIAMS, DECEASED COREY WILLIAMS, PETITIONER NO. 23-744 B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of administration having been granted on July 26, 2023, to the undersigned by the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, upon the estate of Mary Alice Jones Williams, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of Mary Alice Jones Williams, deceased, to have same probated and registered by the clerk of the above named court within ninety (90) days from the 10th day of August, 2023, which is the date of first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred.

barred.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, August 3, 2023.
Corey Williams, Administrator,

Estate of Mary Alice Jones Williams, Deceased

By: /s/ John R .Reeves John R. Reeves, MSB#4699 Law Offices of John R. Reeves, P.C. 355 South State Street Jackson, Mississippi 39201 601-355-9600

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOSEPH FRANCIS HOLLIER, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2023-741 (B)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 31st day of August, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor under the Last Williand Testament of Joseph Francis Holliand

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er, 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 10th day of August, 2023.

/s/ Susan Hollier McMichael
SUSAN HOLLIER McMICHAEL, Executor under the Last Will and Testament
of Joseph Francis Hollier, deceased

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SOLICITOR

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO LEVY A TWO (2) MIL INCREASE FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION AND FOR THE OPERATION, SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE NEWLY ENLARGED SOUTH-WEST MADISON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, pursuant to §19-5-189(2)(c) MS Code of 1972 (Annotated), which sets forth the process of levying millage increases for the purpose of supporting the operation, support, and maintenance of fire protection districts in the state of Mississippi ("fire millage"): and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2023, the Madison County Board of Supervisors approved the Petition for Annexation presented to it by the South-West Madison County Fire Protection District to incorporate the proposed annexed area, shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, into the boundaries of the South-West Madison County Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2023, after being duly noticed, a public hearing was conducted by the Madison County Board of Supervisors for the purpose of receiving public input regarding enlargement of the boundaries, by annexation, of the South-West Madison County Fire Protection District and there being no objection being registered or heard on the matter, the Madison County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to approve said annexation, finding that the annex ation by the fire protection district was justified by public convenience and necessity, and that the action was sound and desirable (see July 3, 2023 minutes of Madison County Board of Supervisors, attached herein as Ex-

WHEREAS, after finding that the annexation was well taken, and to support the operation and maintenance of the newly enlarged South-West Madison County Fire Protection District and its need for additional revenues the Madison County Board of Supervisors has determined that a two (2) mil increase for fire protection is necessary and appropriate, increasing the current millage of 5.62 to 7.62 mils; and that such an increase in fire millage for the purposes of fire protection in the newly enlarged jurisdiction of South-West Ma Protection District should be adopted by approval of the Resolution herein.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in order to defray the cost of fire protection in the newly enlarged territory of the South-West Madison County Fire Protection District., and in order to support the operation of the fire district, as a whole, the Madison County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to this Resolution, notices its Intent to Levy a Two-Mil Increase upon the users and patrons, and all who are otherwise affected, impacted and serviced by the offering of fire protection from the South-West Madison County Fire Protection District, the effect of which is to increase the fire millage from 5.62 mils,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be published once per week, for a period of three (3) weeks, in a newspaper having a general circulation within the county, and by the posting of same at three (3) public places, for a period of twenty-one (21) days during the time of its publishing in the newspaper.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO LEVY A TWO-MIL INCREASE TO SUPPORT THE OPERATIONS OF THE NEWLY ENLARGED JURISDICTION OF THE SOUTH-WEST MADISON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT was made by Supervisor Steen and seconded by Supervisor Banks, and said RESOLUTION OF INTENT was APPROVED, by the following vote:

District 1 Supervisor Sheila Jones AYE District 2 Supervisor Trey Baxter AYE

District 3 Supervisor Gerald Steen

AYE
District 4 Supervisor Karl Banks
AYE
District 5 Supervisor Paul Griffin

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF

MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

District 5 Supervisor Paul Griffin YE

NAVIDAD IBARRA CAMPOS PETITIONER VERSUS CAUSE NO. 22-1101

ALEJANDRO AMBRIZ CRUZ MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF VITAL STAT-ICS RESPONDENT

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICA-TION

NAVIDAD IBARRA CAMPOS TO: ALEJANDRO AMBRIZ CRUZ Whereabouts unknown

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by NAVIDAD IBARRA CAMPOS, Petitioner, seeking custody of your children, B.G.A.C., a two (2) year old female, L.G.A.I., a fifteen (15) year old female, and V.C.A.I. an eleven (11) year old female. YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and defend against said Complaint at 9:00 AM on the 28 th day of September 2023, in the courtroom of the Chancery Court of Madison County, at the Courthouse located at 146 W Center Street, Canton, MS 39046

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and in case of your failing to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or things demanded in the Complaint or Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you so desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of

said Court , on this the _____ day ____ , 2023.

RONNY LOTT, MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK, CANTON, MS

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF

MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: MEHTAB SINGH, A MINOR
CAUSE NO.: 23-686
SEWA SINGH, PETITIONER

D.C.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

RULE 81 SUMMONS

TO: HAWINDER SINGH WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

NOTICE TO PARTY OF INTEREST

THE COMPLAINT WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You have been made a Respondent

in the suit filed in this Court by Jasvir Kaur, Petitioner, seeking custody of your biological child, Mehtab Singh, a seven (7) year old unmarried male YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and defend against said Complaint at 1:00 PM on the 10th day of October 2023 at the courthouse at the Chancery Court of Madison County , located at 146 W Center Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046. Before the Honorable Judge James C. Walker, Chancellor and in your failing to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or things demanded in the Complaint or Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you so desire . If you choose to file an answer the original must be filed with the Madison County Chancery Clerk, Canton, Mississippi.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this <u>3rd</u> day of August 2023.
Ronny Lott
Chancery Clerk,

SLEDGE'S WRECKER SERVICE LLC.

Madison County, Mississippi

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

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

2003 HONDA CIVIC VIN# 1HGEM22903L033926 2018 DODGE JOURNEY VIN# 3C4PDCEG7JT381246 2004 NISSAN ALTIMA VIN# 1N4BL11D14C182583 2002 BUICK LESABRE VIN# 1G4HP54K42U219378

Date of Sale: AUGUST 31 , 2023 Time: 9:30 am Place: 308 N Wheatley Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ENLARGING, EXTENDING AND DEFINING THE CORPORATE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF GLUCKSTADT. MADISON COUNTY.

CAUSE NO. 45CH1:23-cv-00726

MISSISSIPPI

CITY OF GLUCKSTADT, MISSISSIP-PI PETITIONER

CITY OF MADISON, MISSISSIPPI CITY OF CANTON, MISSISSIPPI DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE COM-PLAINT IN THE NATURE OF A PETI-TION FOR RATIFICATION, APPROV-AL AND CONFIRMATION OF AN ORDINANCE ENLARGING, EXTENDING AND DEFINING THE CORPORATE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF GLUCKSTADT, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

TO ALL PARTIES INTERESTED IN, AFFECTED BY OR HAVING OBJEC-TIONS TO, OR BEING AGGRIEVED BY THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED ORDINANCE:

Notice is hereby given under Miss. Code Ann. §§ 21-1-31 and 21-1-15 to all concerned that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi, did at a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen held on July 11, 2023, duly and legally adopt an Ordinance Enlarging, Extending and Defining the Corporate Limits and Boundaries of the said City of Gluckstadt, Madison County, Mississippi, a copy of said Ordinance being made a part hereof by reference, and which is available to the public for viewing at the Gluckstadt City Hall . A map of the proposed annexation areas is also available for public viewing at City Hall. And you and each of you concerned are hereby notified that the said City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi, has filed its Complaint in the Nature of a Petition in the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, praying that the aforesaid Ordinance be approved, ratified

and confirmed by said Court. You are further hereby notified that the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, has set for hearing this cause upon the Complaint/Petition and Exhibits thereto at 8:45 o'clock a.m. on the 25 th day of September, 2023, at the Madison County Chancery Courthouse in Canton, Mississippi, and all persons interested in, affected by, or having objections to, or being aggrieved by said proposed enlargement and extension of the city limits and boundaries of said City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi, as proposed in said Ordinance, are hereby notified to appear at said hearing and present to the said Court your objections, if

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any, to the approval, ratification and confirmation of said Ordinance enlarging, extending and defining the corporate limits and boundaries of the said City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi.

The Ordinance provides that, the City of Gluckstadt shall make the following improvements in said annexed territory to be completed within a reasonable time, not to exceed five (5) years from the effective date of the Ordinance unless delayed by war or military preparedness:

(a) Improve existing streets and drainage where necessary and economically feasible and legally permissible; (b) Install or facilitate the installation of water lines, water service, sewage disposal lines and sewage treatment facilities where necessary and economically feasible and legally permissible; (c) Install street lighting, where necessary and economically feasible and legally permissible:

(d) Said services shall be furnished in the same manner as such services are being furnished to the present citizens of the municipality where necessary and economically feasible and legally permissible.

The Ordinance further provides t hat the City of Gluckstadt shall furnish to the said annexed territory where legally permissible the following municipal and public services in the same manner and to the same extent as such services are being furnished to the present citizens of the municipality, such services being on the effective date of the Ordinance, to-wit: a) Police Protection;

b) Planning and Zoning;c) Fire Protection;d) Garbage removal;

e) Trash and other debris removal;f) Animal Control;

g) Maintenance of existing streets rights of way and drainage structures and facilities;

h) Code enforcement; i) Building inspections and building code enforcement;

j) The right to exercise the ballot in municipal elections upon registering and meeting all statutory and, constitutional requirements and, if required and the use and benefit of all other municipal services and facilities furnished by the City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi to all of the present citizens of the municipality;

k) Engineering services;l) Access to the City's social service programs.

A full description of the territory proposed to be incorporated, referred to as the proposed annexation area or "PAA," as required under Miss. Code Ann. § 21-1-15, follows. T he Ordinance provides that, Public convenience and necessity requiring the same, that the corporate boundaries and limits of the City of Gluckstadt, which lies Madison County, Mississippi, be and the same are hereby extended and enlarged so as to embrace the following adjacent unincorporated lands and territory in Madison County, Mississippi, to-wit:

CITY OF GLUCKSTADT PROPOSED CORPORATE LIMITS 2023 ANNEXATION AREA

Beginning at the point of intersection

of the Western right-of-way line of

Bozeman Road as now exists with the

South boundary of Section 30, Town-

ship 8 North, Range 2 East, Madison on the current City of Madison Corporate Limits, said point also being the POINT OF BEGINNING: run thence Northerly and Northeasterly along the Westerly right-of-way line of Bozeman Road to a point, said point being on the current City of Gluckstadt Corpo rate Limits; run thence East along the current City of Gluckstadt Corporate Limits to a point on the Southeasterly right-of-way line of Bozeman Road; run thence Northeasterly along the Southeasterly right-of-way line of Boz eman Road and along the current City of Gluckstadt Corporate Limits to the point of intersection with the South erly right-of-way line of Gluckstadt Road; run thence Easterly along the Southerly right-of-way line of Gluck stadt Road and along the current City of Gluckstadt Corporate Limits to its point of intersection with the West Line of the East ½ of the East ½ of Section 30, Township 8 North, Range 2 East; thence run Southerly along the West Line of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of said Section 30 and along the current City of Gluckstadt Corporate Limits to the Southwest corner of the East ½ of the East ½ of said Section 30; run thence Easterly along the line between Sections 30 and 31, Sec tions 29 and 32, and Sections 28 and 33, all in Township 8 North, Range 2 East, and along the current City of Gluckstadt Corporate Limits to a point on the Westerly right-of-way of a rail road; run thence Southwesterly along the Western right-of-way line of said railroad and along the current City of Gluckstadt Corporate Limits to its point of intersection with a Northweste rly extension of the Northern boundary of that certain property conveyed by Quitclaim Deed from Elias H. Dabit to Ibrahim H. Dabit, as described in a deed recorded in Deed Book 2207 at Page 0539 thereof in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County at Canton, Mississippi; run thence South 66° 27' 40" East to and along the Northern boundary of said Dabit property and along the current City of Gluckstadt Corporate Limits to a point on the Westerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 51; thence contin ue South 66° 27' 40" East and along the current City of Gluckstadt Corpo rate Limits to a point on the Easterly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 51 run thence Southwesterly along the said Easterly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 51 to a point, said point be ing the Southwest corner of that certain property conveyed by Warranty Deed from Twin Cedars Development Inc. to First Independent Methodist Church of Madison, as described in a deed recorded in Deed Book 2167 at Page 0193 thereof in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County at Canton, Mississippi; run thence Easterly along the South boundary of said Church property to a point on the East line of Section 33, Township 8 North Range 2 East; run thence Southerly along the East line of said Section 33 to the Southeast corner of said Section 33 and the Southwest corner of Sec tion 34, Township 8 North, Range 2 East, said point also being on the current City of Madison Corporate Limits:

run thence Westerly along the South

line of Sections 33 and 32, Township

8 North, Range 2 East, and along the

current City of Madison Corporate Lim

its to the Southeast corner of Section

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31, Township 8 North, Range 2 East; run thence Northerly along the East line of said Section 31 and along the current City of Madison Corporate Limits to its intersection with the West right-of-way line of Interstate 55; run thence Southwesterly along the said West right-of-way line of Interstate 55 and along the current City of Madison Corporate Limits to its intersection with the South line of Section 31, Township 8 North, Range 2 East; run thence Westerly along the South line of said Section 31 and along the current City of Madison Corporate Limits to the East right-of-way line of Bozeman Road; run thence Northerly along the said East right-of-way line of Bozeman Road and along the current City of Madison Corporate Limits to its intersection with the North boundary line of said Section 31; run thence Westerly along the North boundary line of said Section 31 to the West right-of-way line of Bozeman Road, said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING.

T he Ordinance further provides that the corporate boundaries and limits of the City of Gluckstadt, lying and being in Madison County, Mississippi, as enlarged, extended, and fixed by the Ordinance shall be as follows, to-wit:

CITY OF GLUCKSTADT
EXISTING CORPORATE LIMITS
WITH
PROPOSED ANNEXATION AREA

Commence at the NW corner of the

South 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 15, Township 8 North, Range 2 East, Madison County, Mississippi; thence run Easterly along the North line of said South 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of said Section 15 for a distance of 1,650 feet (25 chains); thence run Southerly along a line that is parallel to the West line of said Section 15 for a distance of 2,640 feet (40 chains), more or less, to a point on the South line of the North 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of said Section 15, said point being the POINT OF BEGIN-NING, and lying on the corporate limits of the City of Canton; thence run Westerly along said South line of the North ½ of the Southwest ¼ of said Section 15 for a distance of 492 feet (7.45 chains) to a point; thence run Northerly along a line that is parallel to the West line of said Section 15 for a distance of 627 feet (9.5 chains) to a point; run thence Westerly along a line that is parallel to said south line of the North $\frac{1}{1/2}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 15 for a distance of 831 feet, more or less, to a point on the East boundary of the property conveyed to John Srite, et al, by Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 289 at Page 546 in the records of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County (Srite Property); run thence Northerly and Westerly along the East, Northeast and North boundaries of the Srite Property to the Northwest corner of the Srite Property on the East rightof-way line of Old Jackson Road; run thence due West to a point in Section 16, Township 8 North, Range 2 East that is on the West right-of-way line of said Old Jackson Road, as said West right-of-way line was established by the instrument recorded in Deed Book 496 at Page 016 in the records of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County; run thence Northerly along said West right-of-way line of Old Jackson Road to its intersection with the South rightof-way line of Sowell Road (a/k/a NeuMarkt Drive), as said South rightof-way line was established by the instrument recorded in Deed Book 522 of Dog 200 in the Chancery Clerk of Madison County; run thence Westerly along said South right-of-way line of Sowell Road (a/k/a NeuMarkt Drive) to its intersection with the East right-of-way line of Interstate Hwy. No. 55; run thence Southweste rly along said East right-of-way line of Interstate Hwy. No. 55 in said Section 16 to the intersection of said East rightof-way line of Interstate Hwy. No. 55 with the South line of said Section 16; thence run Westerly along the South line of said Section 16 to the intersection of said South line of said Section 16 with the West right-of-way line of Interstate Hwy. No. 55; continue thence Westerly along the South line of said Section 16 for a distance of 1,719.55 feet to a point; thence run in the West Half of Section 16, Township 8 North, Range 2 East, as follows:

thence run North 00 degrees 01 minutes 24 seconds West for a distance of 46.21 feet to a point on the North rightof-way line of Church Road; continue thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 24 seconds West for a distance of 432.30 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the right subtending a central angle of 61 degrees 14 minutes 53 seconds and having a radius of 620.00 feet; thence run Northeasterly along this curve to the right clockwise for an arc distance of 662.77 feet (chord bearing and distance: North 30 degrees 36 minutes 03 seconds East, 631.66 feet) to the point of tangency of this curve; thence run North 61 de grees 13 minutes 29 seconds East for a distance of 149.57 feet to a point on the West right-of-way line of Calhoun Station Parkway, said point being in a curve to the left subtending a central angle of 04 degrees 48 minutes 19 seconds and having a radius of 1,630.00 feet; thence run Northweste rly along said West right-of-way line of Calhoun Station Parkway and along this curve to the left counterclockwise for an arc distance of 136.71 feet (chord bearing and distance: North 31 degrees 10 seconds 48 minutes West, 136.66 feet) to the point of tangency of this curve; thence run North 33 degrees 34 minutes 58 seconds West along said West right-of-way line of Calhoun Station Parkway for a distance of 365.46 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the right subtending a central angle of 28 degrees 06 minutes 28 seconds and having a radius of 1,970.00 feet; thence run Northwesterly along said West right-of-way line of Calhoun Station Parkway and along this curve to the right clockwise for an arc distance of 966.43 feet (chord bearing and distance: North 19 degrees 31 minutes 44 seconds West 956.77 feet) to a point; leaving said West right-of-way line of Calhoun Station Parkway, thence run North 89 degrees 38 minutes 53 seconds West for a distance of 228.70 feet to a point; thence run North 00 degrees 21 minutes 07 seconds East for a distance of 160.00 feet to a point; thence run North 89 degrees 38 minutes 53 seconds West for a distance of 80.00 feet to a point; thence run North 00 degrees 21 minutes 07 seconds East for a distance of 40.00 feet to a point; thence run North 89 degrees 38 minutes 53 seconds West for a distance of 200.00 feet to a point; thence run North 00 degrees 21 minutes 07 seconds East for a distance of 815.91 feet to a point;

thence run North 53 degrees 40 min-

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utes 32 seconds East for a distance of 103.21 feet to a point on a curve to the right subtending a central angle of 32 degrees 51 minutes 29 seconds and having a radius of 340.00 feet; thence run along this curve clockwise for an arc distance of 194.98 feet (chord bearing and distance: North 19 degrees 14 minutes 41 seconds West, 192.32 feet) to a point; thence run North 75 degrees 41 minutes 34 seconds West for a distance of 376.33 feet to a point; thence run North 59 degrees 42 minutes 56 seconds West for a distance of 361.74 feet to a point; thence run North 89 degrees 54 minutes 13 seconds West for a distance of 44.70 feet to a point on the West line of Section 16, Township 8 North, Range 2 East, that is 3,909.36 feet North 00 degrees 05 minutes 47 seconds East of the Southwest corner of said Section 16; thence run North 00 degrees 05 minutes 47 seconds East along the West line of said Section 16 for a distance of 1,319.40 feet to a concrete monument marking the corner common to Sections 8, 9, 16 and 17, Township 8 North, Range 2 East; thence run Easterly along the South line of said Section 9 to the SW corner of the East ½ of the SE ¼ of said Section 9; thence run Northerly along the West line of the East 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 9 to the NW corner of the East ½ of the SE ¼ of said Section 9; thence, leaving the corporate limits of the City of Canton, run Northerly along the West line of the East 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 9 to a point on the North right-of-way of Stout Road; thence run Westerly and following along the North right-of-way of said Stout Road to its point of intersection with the West line of Section 8, Township 8 North, Range 2 East; thence run Southerly along the West line of said Section 8 to the SW corner of said Section 8; thence run Easterly to the NW corner of lot 140 of Grayhawk Part Three-A Subdivision as shown on the plat thereof as recorded in the land records in the office of the Chancery Clerk for Madison County, Mississippi in Plat Cabinet E at page 161A; thence following along the North boundary of said Grayhawk Part Three-A run South 89 degrees 52 minutes 17 seconds East a distance of 878.00 feet; thence following along the East boundary of said Grayhawk Part Three-A run South 00 degrees 21 minutes 02 seconds East a distance of 947.76 feet to the SE corner of lot 131 of said Grayhawk Part Three-A, said point also being the NE corner of lot 124 of Grayhawk Part Two-B Subdivision as shown on the plat thereof as recorded in the land records in the office of the Chancery Clerk for Madison County, Mississippi in Plat Cabinet E at page 147B; thence following along the East boundary of said Grayhawk Part Two-B run South 00 degrees 21 minutes 02 seconds East a distance of 668.17 feet; thence continuing along the East boundary of said Grayhawk Part Two-B run South 00 degrees 00 minutes 30 seconds East a distance of 660.26 feet to the SE corner of lot 110 of said Grayhawk Part Two-B, said point also being the easternmost corner of lot 379 of Grayhawk Part One-A Subdivision as shown on the plat thereof as recorded in the land records in the office of the Chancery Clerk for Madison County, Mississippi in Plat Cabinet E at page 134B; thence following along the East boundary of said Grayhawk Part One-A run South 00 degrees 00 minutes 30 seconds East a distance of E4.74 foot: thoron the SE boundary of said Grayhawk Part One-A run South 39 degrees 00 minutes 02 seconds West a distance of 475.38 feet to a point; thence following along the boundary of Grayhawk Part One Subdivision as shown on the plat thereof as recorded in the land records in the office of the Chancery Clerk for Madison County, Mississippi in Plat Cabinet E at page 105B run South 24 degrees 57 minutes 41 seconds West a distance of 60.00 feet to a point; thence following along the boundary of said Grayhawk Part One run South 65 degrees 02 minutes 19 seconds East a distance of 126.76 feet to a point; thence continuing along the boundary of said Grayhawk Part One run South 21 degrees 40 minutes 53 seconds West a distance of 611.30 feet to a point; thence leaving said Grayhawk Part One and following along the South boundary of Germantown, Part III Subdivision as shown on the plat thereof as recorded in the land records in the office of the Chancery Clerk for Madison County, Mississippi in Plat Cabinet D at page 3 run South 70 degrees 31 minutes 32 seconds East a distance of 217.29 feet to a point; thence South 64 degrees 12 minutes 31 seconds East a distance of 216.60 feet to a point; thence South 65 degrees 28 minutes 08 seconds East a distance of 219.98 feet to a point; thence South 70 degrees 00 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 215.57 feet to a point; thence South 82 degrees 32 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 263.63 feet to the Southeast corner of lot 64 of said Germantown, Part III Subdivision, said point also lying in common with an Eastern boundary of Timber Ridge of Wellington Part Three-A Subdivision as shown on the plat thereof as recorded in the land records in the office of the Chancery Clerk for Madison County, Mississippi in Plat Cabinet E at page 177B; then following along the Eastern boundary of said Timber Ridge of Wellington run South 16 degrees 01 minutes 34 seconds West for 8.95 feet; thence run Southwesterly along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 50.00 feet, a delta angle of 168 degrees 32 minutes 10 seconds, a chord bearing of South 15 degrees 08 minutes 18 seconds East, a chord length of 99.50 feet, and an arc length of 147.08 feet, for a distance of 147.08 feet to a point; thence run South 00 degrees 03 minutes 15 seconds East for 377.78 feet to a point; thence run South 89 degrees 50 minutes 16 seconds West for 249.83 feet to a point; thence run South 00 degrees 02 minutes 35 seconds East for 853.71 feet to a point on the Southeast corner of a common area within said Timber Ridge of Wellington; thence run due South to a point on the South right-of-way of Stribling Road (aka Stribling Road Extension), said point also lying on the North boundary of Northwind of Wellington Part Two-A Subdivision as shown on the plat thereof as recorded in the land records in the office of the Chancery Clerk for Madison County, Mississippi in Plat Cabinet E at page 163A; thence run Easterly along the North

said Northwind of Wellington Part
See **LEGALS**, page A7

boundary of said Northwind of Wel-

lington Part Two-A Subdivision to the

Northeast corner thereof; thence fol-

lowing along the East boundary of

Mississippi Book Festival this Saturday at Capitol

news@onlinemadison.com

The Mississippi Book Festival is excited to welcome literature lovers of all ages to its 9th annual "literary lawn party" this Saturday, August 19th. A day filled with author panel discussions, live music, food, art, and activities for all ages, this free event located on the State Capitol grounds in Downtown Jackson will offer something for everyone to enjoy.

Many acclaimed authors will be in attendance this weekend including Lois Lowry. Richard Ford, Richard Russo, James McBride, Ann Patchett, and Harrison Scott Key. Lowry, a two-time Newbery Medal recipient for her works Number the Stars and The Giver joins the festival in conversation with Margaret McMullan to discuss Lowry's new book The Windeby Puzzle.

From poetic prose to pulsepounding page-turners, the day will be filled with incredible discussions spanning the entire literary landscape. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Ford will join us in conversation with Mississippi Book Festival founding director Holly Lange about his latest release, Be Mine. Also in attendance will be acclaimed history authors Jeff Shaara and Simon Winchester to discuss their latest releases, The Old Lion: A Novel of Theodore Roosevelt and Knowing What We Know respectively. National Book Award-winner James McBride joins us in conversation with

book fest alum and Jacksonnative Kiese Laymon about McBride's latest novel, The Heaven and Earth Grocery

There will be plenty of activities for children and young adult readers as well. Comic book lovers will be excited for this year's KidNote speaker, New York Times #1 Bestselling novelist and poet Jason Reynolds, with his latest,

Miles Morales Suspended: A Spiderman Novel. 2023 Miss Mississippi Vivian O'Neal will be at the Kids Tent helping children do a crown craft at 9:45 a.m. and reading her book, Josiah's Big Day, at 10:45 a.m. Young Adult readers are invited to attend the panel featuring Jerry Craft, Janae Marks, and Doan Phuong Nguyen. The festival will also feature activities

such as Story Time in the Kids

Tent, MPB Kids Club, Rocky's House, and more!

Book lovers across the state and beyond won't want to miss this one-of-a-kind event to collectively celebrate the magic and wonder of books. "We are thrilled to have everyone out for the 9th Annual Book Festival this weekend," said Executive Director Ellen Daniels. "Each year has managed to be even more exciting and memorable

MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CHRISTINE C. WATSON-LEE, DE-

CEASED CAUSE NO. 2023-697 -C

SUMMONS STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF MADISON TO: THE UN-

KNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW CHRISTINE

C. WATSON-LEE, DECEASED You

have been made a Defendant in the

Petition filed in this Court Dietries W.

Codjoe, Petitioner, seeking authority

to determine the heirs-at-law of Chris

tine C. Watson-Lee, Deceased. You

are summoned to appear and defend

against the Petition filed against you in

this action and show cause, if you can,

that you are an heir-at-law of Christine

C. Watson-Lee, deceased, at 9:00

o'clock a.m. on the 21st day of Sep-

tember 2023 in the Courtroom of the

Honorable Robert G. Clark, III at the

Yazoo County Chancery Courthouse

at Yazoo City, Mississippi, and in case

of your failure to appear and defend a

judgment will be entered against you

for the money or other things demand-

ed in the petition. You are not required

to file an answer or other pleading, but

you may do so if you desire. Issued

under my hand and seal of said Court,

this the 26th day of July, 2023. RON-

NIE LOTT CHANCERY CLERK (Seal)

By: /s/ Kim Sievers D.C. Submitted by:

Bob Waller (MSB# 6912) WALLER &

WALLER Post Office Box 4 Jackson,

MS 39205-0004 (601) 354-5252 bob-

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF

IN RE: KARANDEEP SINGH, A MI-

MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

PALWINDER SINGH, PETITIONER

CAUSE NO.: 23-688B

RULE 81 SUMMONS

ADDRESS UNKNOWN

YOUR RIGHTS.

Petition.

Ronny Lott

Chancery Clerk,

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

JAGDEEP SINGH

NOTICE TO PARTY OF INTEREST

THE COMPLAINT WHICH IS AT-

TACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS

IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE

IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT

YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and

defend against said Complaint at 9:00

AM on the 5th day of September 2023

at the courthouse at the Chancery

Court of Madison County, located

at 146 W Center Street, Canton, Mis-

sissippi 39046 and in your failing to

appear and defend, a judgment will be

entered against you for the money or

things demanded in the Complaint or

You are not required to file an answer

or other pleadings, but you may do so

if you so desire . If you choose to file

an answer the original must be filed

with the Madison County Chancery

Issued under my hand and the seal of

said Court, this 30th day of June, 2023.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

LAWRENCE CHARLES TRUSS

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICA-

THE MOTION TO DETERMINE HEIRS

WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUM-

MONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU

MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION

You are summoned to appear and de-

fend against the Motion to Determine

Heirs which is filed against you in this

action at 10:00 a.m. on the 5th day

of September, 2023, in the Madison

County Chancery Court in Madison

Issued under my hand and seal of said

Court, this the _ 31st _ day of July,

RONNY LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK

MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF

MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

RITA CARPENTER____D.C.

TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

The known and unknown heirs

MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Clerk, Canton, Mississippi.

Madison County, Mississippi

CAUSE NO. 2022-00139

of Lawrence Charles Truss

Notice to Defendant:

County, Mississippi.

MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

By: _ /s/ Kelsey Rodriguez _

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RONNY LOTT,

Deputy Clerk

than the last, and it is the support from our community. sponsors, and volunteers who make it so. We have worked on this event for an entire year and can't wait to celebrate with everyone this weekend!

The Mississippi Book Festival is free and open to the public. For more information on year's festival,

msbookfestival.com.

Search continues for

By DUNCAN DENT

RIDGELAND — Police are

The man, Jason Joseph Alexander, is described as a white male, about 5'11" tall, weighing about 150 pounds, according to Lt. Brett Bertucci, Criminal Investigations Division Commander with the

'Family members say he suffers from a medical condition that may impair his judg-

Alexander is believed to be in the Jackson metro area but has ties to Florida, Bertucci said. He was last seen in a 2016



with love you."

Anyone with information

as to the whereabouts of Jason Joseph Alexander is asked to contact the Criminal Investigation Division of the Ridgeland Police Department at (601) 856-5210 or Central Mississippi Crime Stoppers at 601-355-TIPS (8477) or www.centralmscrimestoppers.com to be eligible for a reward.

Public Notices Two-A run South 00 degrees 16 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 1,495.05 feet to the Southeast corner of said Northwind of Wellington Part Two-A, said point also being the Northeast corner of the Wellington Part One-A Subdivision as shown on the plat thereof as recorded in the land records in the office of the Chancery Clerk for Madison County, Mississippi in Plat Cabinet E at page 107A; thence following along the East boundary of said Wellington Part One-A run South 00 degrees 16 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 1,063.02 feet to a point; thence run Westerly to the Northeast corner of Lot 146 of Ridgefield Part Five Subdivision as shown on the plat thereof as recorded in the land records in the office of the Chancery Clerk for Madison County, Mississippi in Plat Cabinet E at page 64B; thence following along the North boundary of said Ridgefield Part Five run South 89 degrees 30 minutes 38 seconds West for 333.72 feet to a point; thence run South 89 degrees 30 minutes 38 seconds West for 15.00 feet to a point on the Northeast corner of Ridgefield Part Four Subdivision as shown on the plat thereof as recorded in the land records in the office of the Chancery Clerk for Madison County, Mississippi in Plat Cabinet E at page 15A; thence following along the North boundary of said Ridgefield Part Four run South 89 degrees 30 minutes 38 seconds West for 1420.01 feet to a point; thence run South 00 degrees 15 minutes 21 seconds East for 3.52 feet to a point: thence run South 89 degrees 48 minutes 00 seconds West for 45.94 feet to the Northwest corner of said Ridgefield Part Four Subdivision, said point also being the Northeast corner of lot 59 of the Ridgefield Part Two Subdivision as shown on the plat thereof as recorded in the land records in the office of the Chancery Clerk for Madison County, Mississippi in Plat Cabinet D at page 124; thence along the North boundary of said Ridgefield Part Two run South 89 degrees 48 minutes 00 seconds West for 690.13 feet to a point; thence along the West boundary of said Ridgefield Part Two run South 00 degrees 24 minutes 49 seconds East for 335.91 feet to a point; thence run South 00 degrees 06 minutes 26 seconds East for 621.00 feet to the Southwest corner of lot 18 of said Ridgefield Part Two; thence run Southerly to a point on the Southeast corner of that certain parcel conveyed house Creek, LLC as shown on the Warranty Deed as recorded in the land records in the office of the Chancery Clerk for Madison County, Mississippi in book 2739 at page 977; thence along the South boundary of said Stillhouse Creek, LLC property run South 89 degrees 53 minutes 06 seconds West for 1,241.85 feet; thence along the West boundary of said Stillhouse Creek, LLC property run North 00 degrees 14 minutes 02 seconds East for 1,096.74 feet to a point on the Northwest corner of said property; thence run Westerly to the Southeast corner of lot 72 of Stillhouse Creek. Phase 2 Subdivision as shown on the plat thereof as recorded in the land records in the office of the Chancery Clerk for Madison County, Mississippi in Plat Cabinet E at page 110B; thence run North 89 degrees 46 minutes 03 seconds West for 186.6 feet to a point; thence run North 01 degrees 39 minutes 00 seconds East for 168.36 feet to a point; thence run North 01 degrees 39 minutes 00 seconds East for 34.92 feet to a point; thence run North 89 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West for 409.20 feet to a point; thence run North 00 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds East for 12.49 feet to a point: thence run North 89 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West for 150.00 feet; thence run South 00 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds West for 7.43 feet; thence run North 89 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West to a point on the Easterly right-of-way of Catlett Road; thence run due West to a point on the West line of Section 19, Township 8 North, Range 2 East; thence run Southerly along the West line of said Section 19 to the SW corner of said Section 19, said corner also being the NW corner of Section 30, Township 8 North, Range 2 East; thence run Southerly along the West line of said Section 30 to a point lying 3,304.5 feet due North of the SW corner of said Section 30; thence run due East for 1,306.57 feet to a point; thence run South 00 degrees 39 minutes 50 seconds West to a point on the Northwesterly right-of-way line of Bozeman Road; thence run Southwesterly and Southerly along the Northwesterly and Westerly right-of-way line of Bozeman Road to its intersection with the North line of Section 31, Township 8 North, Range 2 East and the present corporate limits of the City of Madison, Mississippi; thence run Easterly along the North line of said Section 31 and along the present corporate limits of said City of Madison to a point on the Easterly right-of-way of Bozeman Road;

thence run Southerly along the Easter-

ly right-of-way of Bozeman Road and

along the present corporate limits of

said City of Madison to the South line

of said Section 31; thence run Easterly

along the South line of said Section 31

and along the present corporate limits

of said City of Madison to the Westerly

right-of-way of Interstate 55; thence

run Northeasterly along the Westerly

right-of-way of Interstate 55 and along

the present corporate limits of said

City of Madison to the East line of said

Section 31: thence run Southerly along the East line of said Section 31

and along the present corporate limits

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of said City of Madison to the South east corner of said Section 31, said point also being the Southwest corner of Section 32, Township 8 North, Range 2 East; thence run Easterly along the South line of Sections 32 and 33, Township 8 North, Range 2 East and also along the present corpo rate limits of said City of Madison to the Southeast corner of said Section 33; thence leaving the present corporate limits of the City of Madison, Mississippi run Northerly along the East line of said Section 33 to its intersection with the South boundary of that certain property conveyed by Warranty Deed from Twin Cedars Development Inc. to First Independent Methodist Church of Madison, as described in a deed recorded in Deed Book 2167 at Page 0193 thereof in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County at Canton, Mississippi; thence run West erly along the South boundary of said First Independent Methodist Church property to a point on the Easterly right-of-way of U. S. Highway 51; thence run Northeasterly along the Easterly right-of-way of said U.S. Highway 51 to the Northwest corner of Lot 10 of Wildwood Subdivision as recorded in Plat Cabinet D, Slides 97 and 98 in the land records maintained by the Chancery Clerk for Madison County, Mississippi; thence, following along the boundary of said Wildwood subdivision, run South 70 degrees 26 minutes 25 seconds East a distance of 493.19 feet; thence run North 15 degrees 42 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 437.20 feet: thence run North 11 degrees 37 minutes 02 seconds East a distance of 148.26 feet; thence run North 89 degrees 44 minutes 18 seconds East a distance of 459.38 feet; thence run South 88 degrees 49 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 661.28 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 25 of said Wildwood subdivision, said corner also being the Northwest corner of Lot 99A of Twin Cedars Phase III subdivision as recorded in Plat Cabinet D Slide 56 in the land records maintained by the Chancery Clerk for Madison County, Mississippi; thence, following along the boundary of said Twin Cedars Phase III. run North 89 degrees 17 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 119.11 feet; thence run North 89 degrees 16 minutes 37 seconds East a distance of 374.62 feet; thence run North 89 degrees 07 minutes 45 seconds East a distance of 236.31 feet; North 89 degrees utes 03 seconds East a distance of 221.49 feet; thence run North 88 degrees 30 minutes 20 seconds East a distance of 372.77 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 96 of said Twin Cedars Phase III; thence run South 89 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds East to a point on the Easterly right-of-way line of Clarkdell Road; thence run Northerly along the Easterly right-ofway of said Clarkdell Road to its point of intersection with the Southerly rightof-way of Yandell Road; thence run Easterly along the Southerly right-ofway of said Yandell Road to a point lving due South of the Southeast corner of "The Doraleen Miller Morrison Revocable Trust" property conveyed by Quit Claim Deed recorded in Book 440 at Page 470 in the records of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County (Morrison Property); thence run due North to and along the East line of said Morrison Property to its point of intersection with the North line of the South ½ of Section 23, Township 8 North, Range 2 East; thence run Westerly along the North line of the South 1/2 of said Section 23 to the West line of said Section 23; thence run Southerly along the West line of said Section 23. said line also being the East line of Section 22, Township 8 North, Range 2 East, to the Northeast corner of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 22; thence run Westerly along the North line of the South ½ of the North ½ of the NE 14 of the SE 14 of said Section 22 to the Northwest corner of the South 1/2 of the North ½ of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of said Section 22; thence run due North a distance of 512.02 feet to a point; thence run North 69 degrees 15 minutes 23 seconds West to a point on the Easterly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 51; thence run Northeasterly and along the Easterly right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway 51 to a point on the Northerly right-of-way of Sowell Road (aka East Sowell Road); thence run Westerly to and along the Northerly right-of-way of Sowell Road (aka West Sowell Road) to its intersection with the East line of that property conveyed by Warranty Deed from Michael W. Ulmer and Nancy L. Ulmer to High Hopes Farm, LLC as recorded in Book 2799 at Page 223 in the records of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County (High Hopes property); thence run Northerly and along the East boundary of said High Hopes property for 600 feet; thence run due West to a point lving due North of the Northeast corner of that portion of the Canton Corporate limits lying in Section 15, Township 8 North, Range 2 East; thence run due South to the said Northeast corner of that portion of the Canton Corporate limits lying in said Section 15; thence following along the Corporate Limits of the City of Canton run

more or less, to a point on the South line of the North 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of said Section 15, said point being the POINT

Southerly along a line that is parallel to

the West line of said Section 15 for a

distance of 2,640 feet (40 chains),

Given under my hand and seal of of-

fice this, the 27 th day of July 2023.

OF BEGINNING.

DECEASED PROBATE NO. 2023-776 B

SALLY HUBBARD TOWNS,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 31st day of July, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the under-

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signed Executor of the Estate of Sally Hubbard Towns, 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 4th day of August, 2023.

Jane Hubbard Anderson, Executor of the Estate of Sally Hubbard Towns, Deceased

Richard A. Courtney, MSB #7722 Philip A. Buchanan, MSB #102626 Attorneys for Executor COURTNEY ELDER LAW ASSOCI-

7708 Old Canton Road 4400 Old Canton Road, Suite 220 Jackson . Mississippi 39211 Telephone: (601) 987-3000

LEGAL NOTICE MADISON, MISSISSIPPI REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR **ENGINEERING SERVICES**

The City of Madison requests proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide engineering services for work related to the implementation of approved FY 2023 Mississippi Municipal and County Water Infrastructure Program project(s). You are invited to submit a proposal, in accordance with this request, to the Office of the City Clerk, City of Madison, 1004 Madison Avenue, Madison, Mississippi 39110 no later than 10:00 a.m. local time on uesday, September 12, 2023

The Engineer will be responsible for performing all engineering services through project closeout in accordance with federal, state and local laws, regulations and policies. The scope of work includes but is not limited to the following: 1) prepare plans and specifications, 2) distribute bid documents, 3) assist in bid opening and prepare bid tabulation, 4) assist in the execution of construction contracts 5) hold pre-construction conference, and 6) perform construction inspection including periodic reports to the City and

The City of Madison is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The City encourages (MBEs) and Woman-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs) to submit proposals. The City also encourages Section 3 eligible businesses to submit proposals. Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended (12 U.S.C. 17010) requires, to the greatest extent feasible, that the City and its contractors that participate in the above referenced Program give opportunities for job training and employment to lower income residents of the City of Madison. Section 3 also requires that contracts for work in connection with the Section 3 area be awarded to Section 3 eligible business

All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked with the following language: "Proposal for Mississippi Municipal and County Water Infrastructure Program Engineering Services." Proposals will be evaluated on the following factors: Qualifications (40 points), Experience (40 points) and Capacity for Performance (20 points). To be evaluated properly, the following must be addressed in detail:

Qualifications - List of qualifications of persons to be assigned to project; Experience - Information regarding the firm's experience and the projects previously undertaken, including the type and amount of grants awarded, the project activities, and the status of the projects;

Capacity for Performance - Identify the number and title of staff assigned to provide services

The City will designate a selection committee to evaluate each proposal. The selection committee may hold proposals for a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days for the purpose of reviewing the content of the proposals and investigating the qualifications of the individuals, firms and assigned personnel. The City reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals.

Subject to Mississippi Municipal and County Water Infrastructure Program award(s) and the removal of all environmental conditions, the City will award a contract with the qualified individual or firm whose proposals has the highest number of cumulative points issued by the selection committee and determined to be the most advantageous to the City, price and other factors considered. The contract will include scope and extent of work and other essential requirements. An individual contract will include scope and extent of work and other essential requirements. An individual contract will be executed for each awarded project, and the contract will be on a fixed price basis. The City has the authority to terminate the selection at any time

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

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man missing since May Mississippi

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continuing their search for a 33-year-old man reported missing here in May.

Ridgeland Police Department.

ment," Bertuccis said.

black Hyundai Elantra with

tag 8126. MAL

Bertucci said he has a tattoo on his right wrist the

Jason Alexander

Festival

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year, we'll have more time to identify people in key roles for GermanFest and figure out the parking situation.'

Simmons said he and the rest of the people at St. Joseph are thankful for the support of the festival in past years from the general population.

We're hopeful we can bring GermanFest back next year," he said. "A lot of people involved have a long history here and have a lot of expertise. We're all open to ideas on how

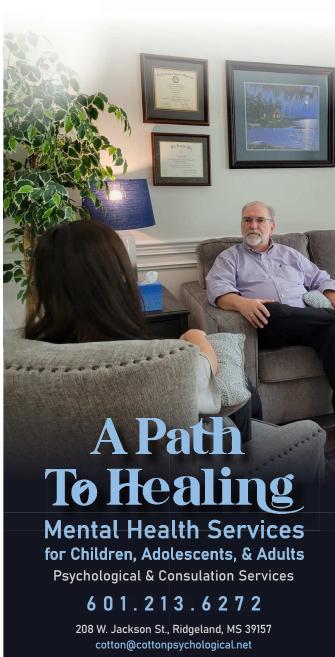
we can make this work."

Church member Kerry Minninger said in a Facebook post on Monday that sauerkraut a staple at GermanFest every vear, will still be available and to expect more information

"We would like to thank everyone who has supported our GermanFest over the past 30 years," Minninger said. "Due to the tremendous growth in the City of Gluckstadt, we decided to take a year off in order to evaluate how we can update our festival and share our heritage with the surrounding community.'

For more information, call St. Joseph Catholic Church at (601) 856-2054.







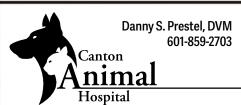


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Resist the devil and follow Jesus

In Daniel chapter seven, we are given vivid images of the kingdoms of men and the kingdom of God. There are great contrasts made to shape our understanding. The kingdoms of men are depicted as various beasts to convey the dark side of human government. The "little horn" in verse 8 points ahead to the anti-Christ, who will lead the last, most terrible kingdom on earth.

The last beast will be characterized by blasphemy and persecution of the saints of the Most High (verses 21 and 25). The visions teach us that the beast, though terrible, has a sudden, permanent end when God issues judgment from His throne (verses 10-11). Conversely, we are also taught that the saints, though having to endure suffering on earth, will inherit the kingdom of God forever (verse 18)

These truths emphasize the need we have for faith. It is helpful to have a summary of the contrasts between the anti-Christ and Christ our Lord. The vanity of the anti-Christ is emphasized: he had "a mouth speaking great things" (verse 8), and "he shall speak words against the Most High" (verse 25). Daniel's attention in verse 11 is drawn to the "sound of great words." Anti-Christ is full of boasts.

Christ, on the other hand, was a pattern of humility before God, though He was in very nature God. Jesus, though He was rich, became poor that we by His poverty may become rich. He took the form of a servant. He told His people to "learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart." As His sheep, we are to follow our Lord in this way.

The anti-Christ also has a spirit of deception. He will "think to change the times and the law" (verse 25). He is a liar, but a very effective one. The devil comes as an angel of light. He would change the word of God and the very nature of things God made.

The Lord Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. He came to testify to the truth and fulfill the law of God. Believing in Christ sets us free from the bondage of sin, death, and the power of the devil. Those deceived by the devil seek their hopes in this world. Christians are deceived when they forget their hopes are built on a crucified Christ and hopes fulfilled by a glorified Christ.

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in the next, keep a Christian pure in heart and lively in his service to Christ. We follow the pattern of the anti-Christ when we detract from Christ's glory for our own. We have nothing we haven't received from God. There is no grace we have merited or deserved. God has lavishly blessed us with all that we have in spirit and truth. Our boast is in God alone.

The anti-Christ would have dominion over all and he "devours the whole earth" and he is destroyed (verse 26). Christ's Kingdom is forever and it shall be given to

The spirit of anti-Christ deceives men it is good to be free from God's reign over But Christ came to make peace between God and man, and to teach us all good from resisting God. So we must resist the devil and follow the Lord Jesus.

All those who are not in Christ have the same destiny as the anti-Christ. The images in Daniel 7 are a warning and an appeal from God. If you don't know Christ you are running out of time. Now is the time to call upon Him. "The court sat in judgment" (verse 10) are awakening words.

If you know Christ, remember that you can't live a fruitful life for Christ simply with the thought of avoiding judgment. We serve that which we love. The passage is a call to grasp ahold of Christ, see how great a Savior He is, and how blessed it is to follow Him. It is good to make this present world a pilgrimage to being welcomed by Christ into His kingdom.

Christ in this world and glorified with Christ

The greatness of Christ is contrasted with the evil of the anti-Christ. Daniel saw, "with the clouds of heaven there came one like the Son of Man" (verse 13). Clouds point to the majesty of God (Psalm 97). When He was on trial, Jesus testified that He would return to earth one day in the clouds (Matthew 26). Daniel 7 looks to Christ's ascension into heaven in the clouds after He rose from the dead.

(Daniel 7: 23) for a short time. His rule is an evil one. Then his dominion is taken away, the saints of the Most High (verse 27).

because the power of sin would persuade us us. Men resist God's sovereignty over them. comes from God. Conversely, all evil comes

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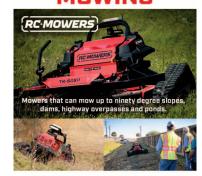


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media outlets as information becomes available," Myers

The warrants stem from an incident reported on Saturday, Aug. 12, at 4:13 p.m. when RPD officers were dispatched to Northpark after 911 calls in ref-



Jamari Brown

erence to a fight with possible shots fired, Myers said. Upon arrival, eyewitnesses advised that a group of six young men began fighting in the Food Court and



Deonte Carter

fired. The situation was brought under control promptly and part of Northpark was closed until the scene could be processed and cleared, according to Myers. One bystander was injured but refused medical treatment.

one shot was

Ridgeland PD was later advised that an individual had arrived at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Yazoo City with a gunshot wound to the hip. Investigators responded and spoke with the victim with the assistance of Yazoo City Police Department personnel. Myers said the investigation then issued the warrants on the four young men.

Myers said officers are working with mall personnel to ensure Northpark Mall is a safe place to shop.

"Northpark is a major shopping destination in the State of Mississippi and the men and women of the Ridgeland Police Department remain dedicated to the safety of shoppers at Northpark," Myers said.

Debt Service

Balance at End of Year

School

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court documents.

Hatchett allegedly forced the victim to perform a sexual act and said; "My wife does not please me anymore, now you have to.'

The suit claims Hatchett then warned the student not to tell anybody so that Hatchett could avoid "getting into trouble." The two then reportedly returned to the classroom.

After the incident, it came to the administrator's attention that students were gossiping about the alleged incident. School administrators investigated the incident by interviewing Ahtchett's students.

Hatchett was removed from school property by what the lawsuit refers to as "private security" following the investigation.

The suit says the mother was then informed of the incident and she called law enforcement.

The suit alleges MCS officials should have "known of Hatchett's proclivities for sexual abuse towards minors" and "failed to take any reasonable steps to prevent Hatchett from committing sexual abuse" on school district property.

Hatchett's criminal trial is slated for September.

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